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(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 270601, BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1

COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) FROM 280600 TO 282130, COMPANY K AND L WERE ENGAGED WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 285690). AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY SUPPORTED THE CONTACT, RESULTING IN 52 NVA KILLED. SEVEN MARINES WERE KILLED AND 27 MARINES WERE WOUNDED. (LATE ENTRY) FROM 281200 TO 281800, THE 3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 52 ROUNDS OF 130MM ARTILLERY FIRE. AN AO ADJUSTED NAVAL GUNFIRE AND CALLED IN AIR STRIKES ON THE ENEMY'S GUN POSITION, (YD 235867). SIX SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RESULTED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 281320, AN AO DIRECTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON AN EVADING ENEMY FORCE. FOUR NVA WERE KILLED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 281300, COMPANY I FOUND 55 RUSSIAN ROCKETS, ONE 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUND AND ASSORTED MEDICAL SUPPLIES. (LATE ENTRY) FROM 281400 TO 281640, AN AO CALLED FIXED WING AIRCRAFT IN ON AN ENEMY FORCE IN BUNKERS (YD 284690). 24 NVA WERE KILLED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 291505, AN AO

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OBSERVED ROCKET SITES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 294747; YD 294751). THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 29 INDIVIDUAL SITES THAT WERE ALL UNOCCUPIED. RESULTS OF THE SWEEP OF LAM XUAN VILLAGE (YD 288684), CONDUCTED ON THE 29TH OF JANUARY, WERE 11 AK-47, SIX CKKC, THREE RPD LIGHT MGS ONE RADIO, 23 GAS MASKS, DOCUMENTS, AND ASSORTED AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED. FOUR OTHER UNRELATED CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY RESULTED IN FOUR NVA KILLED AND ONE WEAPON CAPTURED. THREE MARINES WERE WOUNDED EVACUATED. DURING THE PERIOD, TEN ENEMY BODIES AND FIVE WEAPONS WERE FOUND. TWO PW/NVA WERE CAPTURED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
7/15 KIA	94/106 KIA (CONF)
30/71 WIA (EVAC)	(ADJUSTED
	2/3 NVA/PW
	4/7 DETAINEES
	25/28 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FIVE INFANTRY

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(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MRINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 301630, BTL 3/1 ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE (YD 2876672). AIR STRIKES WERE INEFFECTIVE DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY. COMPANIES L AND M CONDUCTED AN ATTACK ON THE ENEMY POSITION, SECURING THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE OBJECTIVE AT 312145. ENEMY RESISTANCE CEASED EXCEPT FOR SNIPER FIRE WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO COME FROM ACROSS THE BEN HAI RIVER. DURING THE ACTION 11 USMC WERE KIA AND 48 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) ON 1 FEBRUARY, WHILE CONDUCTING AN 81MM MORTAR MISSION, A MISFIRE RESULTED IN THREE USMC WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 010030, COMPANY L (YD 271668) RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND THREE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) BETWEEN 010800-010930, TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED (YD 292667) AND LATER RECLASSIFIED AS PW/NVA. IN THE SAME VICINITY, A

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SEARCH REVEALED 30 NVA BODIES, TEN INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, ONE RPG-7, ONE 82MM MORTAR TUBE, ONE 12.7MM MACHINE GUN, AND ONE COMPLETE RADIO. (LATE ENTRY) AT TWO SEPARATE TIMES ON 1 FEBRUARY, COMPANY K (YD 286687) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF TEN ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. FIVE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUTED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011700, DURING A POLICE OF THE BATTLE AREA (YD 286687) 14 NVA BODIES, ONE INDIVIDUAL WEAPON AND SEVEN CREW SERVED WEAPONS WERE FOUND. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011730, WHILE MOVING THROUGH A HEDGEROW, A MARINE DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (YD 286676). TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATE. (LATE ENTRY) ON 1 FEBRUARY, COMPANY I FOUND ONE NVA BODY, ONE AK-47 RIFLE AND ONE CHICOM LIGHT MACHINE GUN (YD 284685).

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
12/27 KIA	45/151 KIA (CONF)
61/132 WIA (EVAC)	2/5 NVA/PW
	2/9 DETAINEES
	23/51 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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LITTLE OR NO CONTACT. UNITS AT THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE REPORTED THAT 56 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE IMPACTED IN THEIR AREAS. UNITS IN OPERATION HUE CITY REPORTED SIGNIFICANT ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY WITH ONE ATTACK BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE.

IN THE ESTABLISHED TACTICAL AREAS, ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY IS DROPPING OFF SHARPLY FROM THE PAST FEW DAYS. FRIENDLY

UNITS REPORTED A TOTAL 10 INCIDENTS.

THE ENEMY CONTINUES HIS HARASSMENT OF GVN FORCES. AT 0200, THE ENEMY ATTACKED THREE PF PLATOONS NORTHWEST OF TAM KY, IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. FURTHER SOUTH, IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY AND 200 LABORERS ATTACKED A PF UNIT JUST NORTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY IN A POSSIBLE FORAGING ATTEMPT.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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(LATE ENTRY) AT 021300, A NAVY LANDING CRAFT RECEIVED SEVEN ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE (YD 282657) AND MACHINE GUN FIRE (YD 265635). RIVER TRAFFIC WAS SECURED AT 021500.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 86 MISSIONS EXPENDING 458 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/26 KIA

0/118 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/172 KIA (CONF)

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

1/75 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/15 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 020355, COMPANY K BEGAN RECEIVING 70 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY, RPG BT

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AND MORTAR FIRE FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK. COUNTER
ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED AND FLARE SHIPS
WERE ON STATION AT 0530. COMPANY
M, WITH TANK SUPPORT MOVED TO REINFORCE COMPANY K. HEAVY
MORTAR AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE
VILLAGES OF LAM XUAN AND MAI KA TAI. A LARGE NUMBER OF
NVA WERE OBSERVED MOVING NORTHWARD OUT OF LAM XUAN.
DURING THE ACTION FIVE NVA WERE KILLED AND THREE
USMC WERE KILLED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY
3/30 KIA 5/156 KIA(CONF)
0/133 WIA(EVAC) 0/5 NVA/PW
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0/9 DETAINEES
0/51 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G AND COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011400 THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES (YD 105718) DIRECTED AIR STRIKES ON A BUNKER COMPLEX. ONE NVA WAS KBA, TWO BUNKERS WERE DAMAGED, AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011525, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES (YD 128673) RECEIVED ONE MORTAR ROUND FROM (YD 1267) COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. TWELVE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011540, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES (YD 114701) RECEIVED 192 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR AND 152MM ARTILLERY FIRE. FIVE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS CONDUCTED

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(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. THE VIETNAMESE BASE COMMANDER AT COASTAL DIVISION II REPORTED A VC COMPANY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY (YD 325637). THEY WERE REPORTED ARMED WITH .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS AND B-40 ROCKETS AND ARE OCCUPYING FORTIFIED POSITIONS. AT 0930, A COMPANY C AMBUSH CALLED ARTILLERY FIRE AND ENGAGED FOUR TO FIVE ENEMY WHO HAD MOVED AROUND THEIR POSITION (YD 297747). ONE USMC WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. A TPG STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED ON AN ENEMY MORTAR POSITION (YD 2762). FIVE NVA WERE KIA. AT 1053, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CP AND THE CUA VIET PORT FACILITIES (YD 349693) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 45 ROUNDS OF ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED AND SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA 122 AND VMA-311 FLEW FIVE SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND THREE DIRECT AIR

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SUPPORT (THREE TPG) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 74 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1565 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	5/177 KIA (CONF)
1/119 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/75 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/15 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 021200, COMPANIES K AND M CONTINUED THEIR ATTACK AGAINST AN UNKNOWN SIZED ENEMY FORCE IN FORTIFIED POSITIONS (YD 285690). GUNSHIPS AND MORTARS WERE UTILIZED IN SUPPORT OF MARINE UNITS. DURING THE ACTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY A
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TOTAL OF 133 NVA WERE KIA; 6 PW/NVA WERE CAPTURED AND 48 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, FOUR CREW SERVED WEAPONS AND ONE RADIO WERE CAPTURED. SIX USMC WERE KIA AND 31 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
6/36 KIA	133/289 KIA (CONF)
31/164 WIA (EVAC)	6/11 NVA/PW
	7/16 DETAINEES
	52/103 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO,

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2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F, G, AND COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 020200, THE CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (YD 129589) AND CAP-1 (YD 123593) BEGAN RECEIVING SATCHEL CHARGES AND MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. A FLARE SHIP WAS CALLED AND ARRIVED ON STATION AT 020245. REINFORCEMENTS WERE DISPATCHED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. THE ENEMY BEGAN TO BREAK CONTACT AT 0500. SWEEPS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE AREAS NORTH AND WEST OF THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WHILE REINFORCEMENTS FROM DONG HA ASSISTED WITH MED EVACS. CASUALTY STATISTICS ARE INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE CUMULATIVE LOSSES AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IT WAS REPORTED THAT IN EXCESS OF 50 ENEMY WERE KIA AND 20 DZ'S AND 50 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. AT 020700, WHILE SWEEPING NORTH OF THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, ENGAGED 15 NVA (YD 120596). EIGHT NVA WERE KILLED, TWO PW/NVA WERE CAPTURED, AND TWO WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS (ON 1 AND JANUARY) SWIMMERS WERE

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4/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH
AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/36 KIA

0/289 KIA (CONF)

0/104 WIA (EVAC)

0/11 NVA/PW

0/16 DETAINEES

0/103 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS
(2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D
BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION,
9TH MARINES, WITH COMPANIES F AND G AND COMPANY K, 3D
BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE
ENTRY) AT 020215, THE COMBINED ACTION COMPANY AT CAM LO (YD
129579) RECEIVED A MORTAR ATTACK CONSISTING OF 100 TO 150
ROUNDS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK FROM AN UNKNOWN

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NUMBER OF ENEMY UTILIZING RPG, RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND SMALL
ARMS FIRE. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTACT AND
SPOOKY ARRIVED ON STATION. REINFORCEMENTS WERE DISPATCHED
FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES;
AND DONG HA. THE ENEMY ACTION WAS DESCRIBED AS INTENSE UNTIL
ABOUT 020615, AT WHICH TIME THE CONTACT WAS LIMITED TO SCATTERED
SMALL ARMS FIRE. DURING THE ACTION 96 NVA WERE KIA AND 22
PW'S, 42 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 14 CREW SERVED WEAPONS WERE
CAPTURED. TWO USMC AND ONE USA WERE KIA AND 18 USMC WERE
WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 020925, COMPANY A,
4TH MARINES (YD 113600) ENGAGED A MACHINE GUN POSITION LOCATED
IN A BUNKER COMPLEX. TANKS WERE USED TO OVERRUN THE BUNKERS.
A SWEEP OF THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY RESULTED IN SIX PW'S AND
THREE AK-47 RIFLES CAPTURED. DURING THE CONTACT TWO USMC WERE
KIA AND EIGHT USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY)
AT THREE SEPARATE TIMES ON 2 FEBRUARY, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST
MARINES AT A-4 (YD 114701) RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 345 ROUNDS OF
MIXED ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE. IN THREE ADDITIONAL AND
UNRELATED INCIDENTS ON 2 FEBRUARY ONE PW/NVA AND TWO WEAPONS
WERE CAPTURED AND TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

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0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED.

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/36 KIA

0/289 KIA (CONF)

0/164 WIA (EVAC)

0/11 NVA/PW

0/16 DETAINEES

0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS (2 BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G, AND COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 1 JANUARY A 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES LP ACCOUNTED FOR ONE NVA KIA. (LATE ENTRY) AT 030410, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES OBSERVED LIGHTS (YD 128786) (YD 100790). ARTILLERY MISSIONS AND TPO STRIKES WERE DELIVERED ON THE POSITIONS, RESULTING IN TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. (LATE ENTRY) AT 030800, A HOI CHANH TURNED HIMSELF INTO A PATROL FROM CAM LO.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-323, VMFA-122, VMF(AW)-235, AND VMA-211 FLEW TEN DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 22 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 350 MISSIONS EXPENDING 3768 ROUNDS. USS HAYNE, USS MCCORMICK, USS EDWARDS AND USS MAULEY FIRED 19 MISSIONS EXPENDING 724

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DANANG AREA AND THE CENTER OF PRESNET ENEMY ACTIVITY MAY HAVE SHIFTED TO THIS AREA. AN ENGAGEMENT WITH AN ESTIMATED TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 1ST VC REGIMENT, WHICH BEGAN ON 6 FEBRUARY, CONTINUED ON THE 7TH, RESULTING IN 187 ENEMY KILLED AND 144 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, THE ENEMY AVOIDED GROUND CONTACT WITH MARINES CONDUCTING LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS AND LIMITED HIS ACTIVITY TO ROCKET, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE. PLACING 600 ROUNDS OF FIRE ON UNITS IN THE AREA. AN ENEMY COMPANY IS NOW REPORTED IN CONTROL OF LANG VEI CAMP.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ANPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRE 56 MISSIONS EXPENDING 582 ROUNDS.

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(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/26 KIA

0/120 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/190 KIA (CONF)

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/75 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 041120, COMPANY L (YD 278679) RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND TWO USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. AT 041715, COMPANY I (YD 282688) RECEIVED 14 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, FIVE USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. AT 051530, COMPANY I (YD 276605) RECEIVED MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA AND SEVEN USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. IN FOUR BT.

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UNRELATED INCIDENTS ON THE 4TH, FOUR BODIES WERE FOUND AND ONE PW/
NVA AND SIX WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

2/40 KIA (ADJUSTED) 4/299 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)

14/120 WIA (EVAC) 1/12 NVA/PW
(ADJUSTED)

1/17 DETAINEES

6/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS, 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH
MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO,
2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G AND COMPANY
K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY

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OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE
CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASSIONS ON 4 FEBRUARY,
THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES (YD 114701) RECEIVED A TOTAL
OF 14 ROUNDS OF MIXED RECOILLESS RIFLE AND ARTILLERY FIRE.
NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE WERE REPORTED. BETWEEN041320 AND 041332, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES AT C-2
RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 77 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY FIRE
RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA AND EVACUATED.AT 050745, COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES WHILE
CONDUCTING A ROAD SWEEP (YD 236616) CAME UNDER HEAVY
SMALL ARMS, RPG, AND MORTAR FIRE. REINFORCEMENTS WERE
MOUNTED OUT FROM THE 9TH MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH
MARINES AT 050920. THE FORCE FROM THE 9TH MARINES
CAME UNDER HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE. AT 051100,
GUNSHIPS ARRIVED ON STATION TO DELIVER SUPPRESSIVE FIRE.
CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 051215. DURING THE
ACTION ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 11 USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED.
ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.AT 051030, A PATROL FROM THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
(YD 099679) FOUND AND DESTROYED 175 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR

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CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE AO.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/40 KIA

0/179 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

5/304 KIA (CONF)

0/12 NVA/PW

0/17 DETAINEES

0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED
(ADJUSTED)

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP
BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND
G; AND COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI
PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 061000.

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COMPANY H, 4TH MARINES FOUND AN NVA ASSEMBLY AREA (YD-
156563) APPARENTLY USED ON THE NIGHT OF THE ATTACK ON THE
CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. THE AREA WAS USED BY AN
ESTIMATED 300-400 ENEMY AND WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MANY
TRAILS, CAMOUFLAGED CUTTINGS AND EXCELLENT AMBUSH SITES.
(LATE ENTRY) AT 061330, COMPANY F, 1ST MARINES FOUND A
DESERTED COMPANY SIZE ENEMY BASE CAMP CONTAINING 32 ROUNDS
OF 82MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, ONE 60MM MORTAR ROUND, AND SIX
TROOP BUNKERS. ALL BUNKERS AND ORDNANCE WERE DESTROYED.
(LATE ENTRY) AT 070510, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
(YD 114701) OBSERVED AN ENEMY CONVOY (YD 083781) AND
DIRECTED AIR STRIKES ON THE POSITION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
(LATE ENTRY) AT 070955, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
(YD 114701) RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE. COUNTER
BATTERYFIRE WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN THREE SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS (YD 066725). (LATE ENTRY) BETWEEN 071240 TO
071900, COMPANY K, 3D MARINES (YD 207720) RECEIVED HEAVY
SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF
ENEMY (YD 203719). COMPANIES L AND M, 3D MARINES REIN-
FORCED COMPANY K. COMPANIES K AND M ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER

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WHILE MARINE ARTILLERY CONTINUED ITS ATTACK ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE DMZ AREA, 19 ROUNDS OF ENEMY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 061520, THE CUA VIET FACILITY RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF 140MM ROCKET FIRE. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 061600, COMPANY C, 1ST MARINES REPORTED FINDING FOUR NVA BODIES (YD 296748). (LATE ENTRY) AT 061727, YFU-72 PROCEEDING TO DONG HA RECEIVED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE MORTAR FIRE AT (YD 260643). A PATROL BOAT AND AN LVTH-6 RETURNED FIRE (YD 275651) WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS. THREE USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 071615, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY C, 1ST MARINES (YD 297744) RECEIVED 60MM MORTAR FIRE. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGES WERE REPORTED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 071746, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION

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RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF 140MM ROCKET FIRE WITH NO CASUALTIES.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 AND VMA(AW)-242 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED NINE TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 53 MISSIONS EXPENDING 832 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	4/194 KIA (CONFL)
3/123 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/75 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 6 AND 7 FEBRUARY, A TOTAL OF FIVE NVA WERE KIA IN FOUR SCATTERED BT

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 THE 9TH, MARINE ELEMENTS WERE REPORTED WITHIN 200 METERS OF THE PHU CAM RIVER IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE CITY. A TOTAL OF 13 ENEMY KILLED AND 24 WEAPONS CAPTURED WERE REPORTED BY MARINES IN HUE CITY ON THE 9TH, BRINGING THE ENEMY LOSSES TO MARINE UNITS IN HUE TO 1,053 ENEMY KILLED, SIX CAPTURED AND 341 INDIVIDUAL AND 25 CREW SERVED WEAPONS SEIZED.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION: NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MAINRES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 58 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1133 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/26 KIA

ENEMY

0/194 KIA

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0/120 WIA (EVAC)
 (ADJUSTED)

0/1 NVA/PW

SALINE

0/2 VC/PW

0/75 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

✓ (2) OPERATION: SALINE (3RD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/40 KIA

0/179 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/304 KIA

0/12 NVA/PW

0/17 DETAINEES

0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION: KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND

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OTHER AREAS OF THE DMZ REGION WERE RELATIVELY CALM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. CON THIEU REPORTED RECEIVING FOUR ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR, NONE OF WHICH INVOLVED FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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ON THE 10TH, THE SITUATION IN OPERATION HUE CITY REMAINED VIRTUALLY THE SAME WITH NO REPORTED DIFFICULTY. MARINES REPORTED 29 ENEMY KILLED AND 12 WEAPONS CAPTURED AND FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AS 20 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

TWELVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI AIRFIELD, AT 2340 ON THE 10TH, HAS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES RECEIVED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ROCKET AND MORTAR ROUNDS. LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY, PHU LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE, INCOMING CEASED AT 0035. INITIAL CASUALTY REPORTS LIST 10 MARINES WITH MINOR WOUNDS.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C

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OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-311 FLEW FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SIX TONS-OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 51 MISSIONS EX-303NDING 702 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	0/194 KIA
0/120 WIA(EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/75 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

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(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0729 KIA

07304 KIA

07182 WIA(EVAC)

0712 PW/NVA

0717 DETAINEES

0789 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 080724, COMPANIES K AND M, 3D MARINES (YD 205723) SWEEP THE AREA OF A CONTACT ON THE 7TH IN WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD BATTALION ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY. DURING THE SWEEP COMPANIES K AND M EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH THE ENEMY AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 080900. MARINE CASUALTIES FOR THIS OPERATION ON THE 7TH AND 8TH WERE 25 KIA AND 13 WIA AND EVACUATED. ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE NOT KNOWN. AT

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081047, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES (YD 114701) RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 307 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1880 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FROM 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED ONE MISSION EXPENDING THREE ROUNDS. USS JOHNSTON (DD-821), USS MANLEY (DD-940), USS MANSFIELD (DD-728) AND USS CONE (DD-866) FIRED 19 MISSIONS EXPENDING 298 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

25/137 KIA

07889 KIA

13/737 WIA(EVAC)

0738 NVA/PW

071 VC/PW

0796 DETAINEES

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071 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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051710, LCU-1574 AND YFC-17 RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE (YD 273648). TEN USMC WERE KIA AND EVACUATED (NOT INCLUDED IN STATISTICS). AT 080815, COMPANY C (YD 296708) KILLED ONE NVA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 36 MISSIONS EXPENDING 615 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	5/199 KIA
0/120 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/75 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 030936.

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COMPANY L (YD 286673) RECEIVED 100 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY. EIGHT USMC WERE KIA AND EVACUATED. AT 081445, AN LVT DETONATED A MINE (YD 316688). FOUR USMC WERE KIA AND EVACUATED. FOUR ADDITIONAL AND UNRELATED CONTACTS BETWEEN THE 8TH AND THE 10TH RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY KIA AND SIX USMC KIA BY MORTAR FIRE AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/39 KIA	2/306 KIA
18/120 WIA (EVAC)	0/12 NVA/PW
	0/16 DETAINEES (ADJUSTED)
	0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANIES F AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 091410, COMPANY G, BT

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 BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INCLUDED FIVE ENEMY KILLED,
 IN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, TWO FIRES AND THREE SAMBANS
 DESTROYED.
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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST ANTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-311 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE. 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 19 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 171 PERSONNEL AND THREE TONS OF CARGO. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 13 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1620 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
0726 KIA
07120 WIAENEMY
07199 KIA
071 NVA/PW

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072 VC/PW
0775 DETAINEES
0719 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
0739
07203 VIA(EVAC)ENEMY
07306 KIA
0712 NVA/PW
0716 DETAINEES
0789 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH

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 LIGHT CONTACT. THERE WERE SIX REPORTS ON 11 FEBRUARY OF~~SECRET~~

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1/120 WIA (EVA)

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/75 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/39 KIA

0/306 KIA

0/203 WIA (EVA)

0/12 NVA/PW

0/16 DETAINEES

0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G, AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN

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QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. THERE WERE TWO REPORTS OF INCOMING ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE RECEIVED BY THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AT A-3 (YD 173421) TOTALLING 31 ROUNDS OF MIXED 85MM AND 105MM ARTILLERY. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. ONE NVA WAS KIA BY THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122 AND VMFA-323 FLEW THREE SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SIX TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 250 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1793 ROUNDS. USS HAMNER (DD-718) USS MANLEY (DD-940) AND USS CONE (DD-866) FIRED 28 MISSIONS EXPENDING 615 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/173 KIA

1/1033 KIA

2/783 WIA (EVA)

0/38 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

0/98 DETAINEES

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0/26 KIA
0/120 WIA (EVAC)

0/100 KIA
0/1 NVA/PW
0/2 VC/PW
0/75 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. ONE NVA WAS KIA.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY
0/39 KIA 1/307 KIA
0/203 WIA (EVAC) 0/12 NVA/PW
0/16 DETAINEES
0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO,

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2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 130038, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES AT CON THIEN RECEIVED SEVEN ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE, COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(C) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-211, VMFA-314, VMFA-122 AND VMF(AW)-235 FLEW FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (THREE TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED NINE TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155. GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 279 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2072 ROUNDS. USS HAMNER (DD-718), USS MANLEY (DD-940) AND USS CONE (DD-866) FIRED 28 MISSIONS EXPENDING 718 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY
0/173 KIA 0/1063 KIA
0/763 WIA (EVAC) 0/34 NVA/PW
0/1 VC/PA

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THE 255 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES FLOWN BY 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FIXED WING PILOTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF FORCES IN I CTZ DELIVERED 336 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN OF THESE SORTIES, WHICH PLACED OVER 220 TONS OF ORDNANCE ON ENEMY TARGETS, WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE OPERATION SCOTLAND AREA. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IN THE KHE SANH AREA INCLUDED TWO TANKS AND A .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN POSITION DESTROYED. SORTIES FLOWN IN THE REMAINDER OF I CTZ RESULTED IN 3 ENEMY KILLED, NINE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, FOUR SECONDARY FIRES, AND NINE BUNKERS DESTROYED.

1ST MAW HELICOPTER PILOTS FLEW 1,580 SORTIES, LIFTING 1,515 TROOPS AND 445 TONS OF CARGO. ARMED HELICOPTER PILOTS FLEW 244 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND ARVN FORCES.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3DD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE

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3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTH-EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 31 MISSIONS EXPENDING 427 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/26 KIA

0/120 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/199 KIA

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

2/77 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SALINE, FIXED WING AIR-

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CRAFT OF VNA(AW)-533 FLEW ONE DAS (TPQ) SORTIE WHICH EXPENDED

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RESULTS OF ORDNANCE.

(1) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/39 KIA

0/203 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/307 KIA

0/12 PW/NVA

0/16 DETAINEES

0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS

(2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. ((LATE ENTRY) AT 132045, A PATROL FROM COMPANY M, 3D MARINES AMBUSHED 20 NVA (YD 190726). SEVEN ENEMY WERE KIA AND ONE USMC WAS KIA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED AND RECLASSIFIED PW/NVA AND AN ASSORTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT WAS FOUND. FOUR ADDITIONAL ENEMY WERE KIA ON THE 13TH AND 14TH. ON THE 13TH, THE 3D

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BATTALION, 3D MARINES AT A-3 RECEIVED 90 ROUNDS OF MIXED 60MM AND 105MM FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WIA AND EVACUATED. ON THE 14TH, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES AT CON THIEU RECEIVED 21 ROUNDS OF MIXED 60MM AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE. ON THE 15TH, THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES RECEIVED 17 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE. ONE USMC FROM COMPANY H, 4TH MARINES AND ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WERE KIA ON 14 FEBRUARY WHEN THE CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. ON 15 FEBRUARY THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES FOUND AND DESTROYED 18 ENEMY BUNKERS AND TWO ENEMY MORTAR PITS (YD 0965). FIVE ADDITIONAL DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED AND ONE PW/NVA WAS CAPTURED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-211, VMFA-122, AND VMF(AW)-235 FLEW

FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT

(TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 130 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 74 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 253 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2207 ROUNDS. USS HAMNER (DD-718) USS MANLEY BT

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INCLUDING 566 NIGHT OPERATIONS, DURING THE PERIOD. TWENTY NINE ENEMY CONTACTS WERE MADE, RESULTING IN 38 ENEMY KILLED AND THREE WEAPONS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE TWO USMC AND ONE USA KIA AND ONE USMC AND SIX USA WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY IN OPERATION HUE CITY, ALL MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE REPORTED LIGHT ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY. THE ENEMY CONTINUES HIS HARASSMENT OF UNITS IN THE PHU LOC AND DANANG AREA WITH SPORADIC MORTAR, SMALL ARMS FIRE AND MINES.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE PERIOD, AN LCM-8 LOADED WITH FUEL WAS DESTROYED BY ENEMY RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE JUST NORTH OF THE PERFUME RIVER BRIDGE IN THE EARLY EVENING OF 17 FEBRUARY.

PRISONER INTERROGATIONS SUGGEST THAT ENEMY FORCES, TOTALLING BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR REGIMENTS, ARE DEPLOYED IN THE QUANG TRI, DONG HA, CUA VIET, HAI LANG AREA AND ARE ASSUMING AN ATTACK POSTURE.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

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(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 FLEW TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 41 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1267 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26	0/199
0/120 WIA	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/77 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND

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DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/39 KIA	0/307 KIA
0/203 WIA (EVAC)	0/12 PU/NVA
	0/16 DETAINEES
	0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G; AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON THE 15TH CON THIEN RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF MIXED 60MM AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS FIRED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN. THE BATTALION FOUND AND DESTROYED EIGHT ENEMY BUNKERS. TWO SMALL AND UNRELATED CONTACTS RESULTED IN FIVE ENEMY KIA AND TWO

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WEAPONS CAPTURED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 AND VMFA-323 FLEW SEVEN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED EIGHT TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 20 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 68 PERSONNEL AND 33 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY;; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 277 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2315 ROUNDS. USS WALKER (DD-723), USS MANLEY (DD-940) AND USS CONE (DD-866) FIRED 23 MISSIONS EXPENDING 517 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/175 KIA	5/1049 KIA
0/784 WIA (EVAC)	0/40 NVA/PW
	0/1 VQ/PW
	0/104 DETAINEES
	0/2 RETURNEES
	0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
	2/184 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION LANCASTER II (3D MARINE DIVISION)

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LITTLE ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED IN 1 CTZ EXCEPT AT HUE, WHERE ENEMY LOSSES TO MARINES WERE 99 DEAD. DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF 18 FEBRUARY, THE ENEMY ATTACKED PHU BAI WITH 30 TO 40 RDS OF ROCKET FIRE.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTH-EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 59 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1032 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26	0/199 KIA (CONF)
0/120 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC//PW
	0/77 DETAINEES

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0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/39 KIA	0/307 KIA (CONF)
0/203 WIA (EVAC)	0/12 NVA/PW
	0/16 DETAINEES
	0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121, VMA-211, AND VMA-311 FLEW FIVE DIRECT AIR

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0/26 KIA
0/120 WIA (EVAC)

0/199 KIA (CONF)
0/1 NVA/PW
0/2 VC/PW
0/77 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 160707, BLT 3/1 COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF THE CUA VIET INLET AND ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH A POSSIBLE COMPANY SIZE FORCE (YD 328637). AT 161500, COMPANY L (YD 328637) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AND A FIRE FIGHT DEVELOPED. AT 161715, COMPANY L, SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND ONTOS, CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF THE VALLEY. COMPANY I ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS TO THE SOUTH, COMPANY K TO THE EAST AND PATROL BOATS BLOCKED THE RIVER ESCAPE ROUTES TO THE NORTH. AT 161945, COMPANY L (YD 355630) OBSERVED 12 NVA ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE RIVER. SIX NVA WERE KILLED AND ONE PW/NVA WAS CAPTURED.

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AS THE SWEEP CONTINUED TWO ADDITIONAL NVA WERE KILLED. DURING THE OPERATION TWO MARINES WERE KILLED AND THREE MARINES WERE WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
2/41 KIA	8/315 KIA (CONF)
3/206 WIA (EVAC)	1/13 NVA/PW
	1/17 DETAINEES
	0/89 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3RD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3RD BATTALION, 3D MARINES; COMMAND GROUP BRAVO, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES F AND G AND COMPANIES H AND K, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 AND VMA-311 FLEW THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FOUR TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH
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0/126 WIA (E)

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/77 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG

TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT

170700, COMPANY K COMMENCED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION

IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 316633). AS THEY MOVED

NORTHWARD HEAVY RESISTANCE WAS MET. TANKS CAME

UP IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY K. INITIAL RESULTS OF

CASUALTIES REPORTS 25 NVA KIA AND 14 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

(LATE ENTRY) AT 171100, COMPANY K (YD 317631)

EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN

A STONE HOUSE. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 11 USMC WERE

WIA AND EVACUATED. IN THREE ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS

FOUR NVA WERE KIA, ONE PW/NVA WAS CAPTURED, AND ONE

USMC WAS WIA BY A MINE AND EVACUATED.

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(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

1/42 KIA

12/218 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

31/346 KIA (CONF)

1/14 NVA/PW

5/22 DETAINEES

18/107 WEAPONS

CAPTURED

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(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BAT-

TALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND

3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES H, I, K,

AND M) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN

NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT

CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 17 AND 18 FEBRUARY THE

FOLLOWING DISPLACEMENTS TOOK PLACE. COMMAND GROUP

ALPHA, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES

J AND M DEPARTED OPERATION LANCASTER II AND CAME

UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 9TH MARINES,

JOINING OPERATION KENTUCKY. COMMAND GROUP BRAVO,

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COMPONENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY; AND BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES FIRED 76 MISSIONS EXPENDING 528 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	0/199 KIA (CONF)
0/120 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/77 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 191730, COMPANIES I AND K ENCOUNTERED LIGHT RESISTANCE FROM A VILLAGE (YD 345635) RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA AND NINE USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) BETWEEN 191800 TO 192400 COMPANIES I,

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K, AND L (YD 345635) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN A VILLAGE. INITIALLY THE CONTACT CONSISTED OF LIGHT SNIPER FIRE, BUT LATER INCREASED WITH THE ENEMY EMPLOYING SMALL ARMS, RECOILLESS RIFLES AND RPG'S. BY 2300, THE RESISTANCE HAD BEEN REDUCED TO SMALL POCKETS OF ENEMY WITHIN THE VILLAGE. INITIAL CASUALTY RESULTS WERE NINE NVA KIA AND TWO 82MM RECOILLESS GUNS AND ONE 82MM MORTAR CAPTURED. THREE USMC WERE KIA AND EIGHT USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
4/46 KIA	14/360 KIA (CONF)
17/235 WIA (EVAC)	0/14 NVA/PW
	0/22 DETAINEES
	14/121 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BT

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 ALTHOUGH THE EXACT CENSUS IS NOT KNOWN AS YET,
 THE ESTIMATED REFUGEE POPULATION AT PHU BAI IS
 OVER 17,000.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE ABOVE ARE
 CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3E.

D. DEPLOYMENT OF RLT - 27

ON 22 FEBRUARY, EIGHT DAYS AFTER RECEIVING ORDERS TO DEPLOY TO VIETNAM, THE FINAL AIRCRAFT LOAD OF RLT-27 PERSONNEL AND CARGO DEPARTED EL TORO, CALIFORNIA. A TOTAL OF 97 AIRCRAFT WERE EMPLOYED TO MOVE THE 3,349 MEN AND 1,195 TONS OF CARGO OF RLT -27 FROM THE WEST COAST TO DANANG. ON 21 FEBRUARY, USS THOMASTON LSD-23 COMPLETED LOADING THE SEA SAIL OF RLT - 27 AT SAN DIEGO, AND DEPARTED FOR VIETNAM ON 22 FEBRUARY.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY

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 C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF PERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY; AND BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES FIRED 48 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1017 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/26 KIA	0/199 KIA (CONF)
0/120 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/77 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) BETWEEN 191700 AND 201200, COMPANIES I, K, AND L

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(Y) 300334) CONTINUED A DETAILED SEARCH IN THE AREA WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF LE XUYEN. DURING THE SEARCH, 10 UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE WAS ENGAGED, RESULTING IN EIGHT NVA KIA, SEVEN PW/NVA CAPTURED, AND NINE USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WAS CAPTURED: TWO 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, ONE 82MM MORTAR, TWO LIGHT MACHINE GUNS, SEVEN INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 20 MORTAR ROUNDS, NINE RPG ROUNDS, TWO CLAYMORES, AND ASSORTED INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. IN ONE ADDITIONAL INCIDENT, ONE NVA WAS KIA.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/46 KIA	0/369 KIA (CONF)
	7/21 NVA/PW
9/235 WIA (EVAC)	7/29 DETAINEES
	12/133 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY

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OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-211, AND VMA-311 FLEW THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, EXPENDING FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 31 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 106 PERSONNEL AND NINE TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 244 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1583 ROUNDS. USS HALL (DD-945) AND USS JOHNSTON (DD-521) FIRED 14 MISSIONS EXPENDING 254 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/185 KIA	0/1118 KIA (CONF)
0/807 WIA (EVAC)	0/40 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	0/104 DETAINEES
	0/2 RETURNEES
	0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/186 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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MARINES: 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY; AND BATTERY C,
BATTALION, 11TH MARINES FIRED 74 MISSIONS EXPENDING
110 155 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/26 KIA

2/122 WIA(EVAC)

ENEMY

0/199 KIA (CONF)

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/78 DET (ADJUSTED)

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINU-
ED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN
QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/46 KIA

0/235 WIA(EVAC)

ENEMY

0/369 KIA (CONF)

0/21 NVA/PW

0/29 DETAINEES

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0/133 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION
4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

(LATE ENTRY) ON 21 FEBRUARY, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST
MARINES AT CON THIEN RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 55 ROUNDS OF
152MM ARTILLERY AND 49 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR FIRE.
ONE USMC WAS WIA AND EVACUATED. IN TWO SEPARATE
INCIDENTS ONE NVA BODY WAS FOUND AND ONE VC WAS KIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER
BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY
FIRED 271 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2146 ROUNDS. USS JOHNSTON (DD-521
AND USS HULL (DD-945) FIRED
41 MISSIONS EXPENDING 248 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH
 NEGATIVE CONTACT. 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION RECEIVED
 A TOTAL OF 88 ROUNDS OF 100MM OR LARGER ARTILLERY
 FIRE DURING FOUR SEPARATE INCIDENTS. FOUR USMC WERE KIA
 AND TWO USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. TWO SEPARATE
 RIVER CONVOYS ENROUTE FROM CUA VIET TO DONG HA RECEIVED
 SMALL ARMS AND RPG FIRE (YD 280660). ONE LCM WAS
 DAMAGED AND TOWED TO DONG HA. ARTILLERY FIRE WAS
 DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY POSITION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON,

A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH
 MARINES; 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY; AND BATTERY
 C, 1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES FIRED 103 MISSIONS,
 EXPENDING 546 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
 4/30 KIA
 2/126 WIA (EVAC)
 (ADJ)

ENEMY
 0/199 KIA (CONF)
 0/1 NVA/PW
 0/2 VC/PW

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0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
 0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED
 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG
 TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.
 COMPANY M RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 56 ROUNDS OF
 ARTILLERY, INCLUDING 31 ROUNDS OF 130MM. NO
 CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE WERE SUSTAINED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
 0/46 KIA
 0/235 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY
 0/369 KIA (CONF)
 0/21 NVA/PW
 0/29 DETAINEES
 0/133 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D
 BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 108 MISSIONS EXPENDING 650 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0730 KIA	07199 KIA (CONF)
07126 MIA (EVAC)	071 NVA/PW
	072 VC/PW
	0778 DETAINEES
	072 CIVIL DEFENDENTS
	079 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0746 KIA	07369 KIA
07235 MIA (EVA)	0721 PW/NVA

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0729 DETAINEES

07133 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATED CONTACT. AT 1015, A PATROL FROM COMPANY D, 4TH MARINES KILLED TWO NVA AND CAPTURED ONE PISTOL (YD 164670). AT 1110, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES (YD 114701) RECEIVED 27 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN. AT 1115, ELEMENTS OF THE BATTALION FOUND AND DESTROYED 12 RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS (YD 110678). FROM 1330 TO 1715, THE BATTALION RECEIVED A TOTAL 510 ROUNDS OF MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE AND SIX ROUNDS OF POSSIBLE ROCKET FIRE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN. TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND BT.

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PANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) FROM 241217 TO 241258, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION (YD 349694) RECEIVED 18 ROUNDS OF 100MM ARTILLERY. FOUR USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. AT 241626, A NAVY RIVER CONVOY (YD 300660) RECEIVED HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE. COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 230 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1367 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/30 KIA	0/199 KIA
4/130 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/78 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. NINETEEN DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
0/46 KIA	0/369 KIA
0/265 WIA	0/21 PW/NVA
	19/48 DETAINEES
	0/133 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 241045, AN AMBUSH FORCE OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES KILLED FOUR NVA (YD 162670). AT 241700, THE BATTALION, AT C-2, RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF 82MM
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TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 12
TRANSPORTING 85 PERSONNEL AND 16 TONS OF CARGO.
ATTACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH
MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN
COMPANY FIRED 90 MISSIONS EXPENDING 984 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/30 KIA	0/199 KIA
0/130 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/78 DETAINEES
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG
TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SALINE, FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 AND VMA-211 FLEW FIVE SORTIES
CONSISTING OF FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ONE DIRECT

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AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS
OF ORDNANCE. BDA WAS
ONE BUNKER DAMAGED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/46 KIA	0/372 KIA
0/236 WIA (EVAC)	0/21 NVA/PW
	0/71 DETAINEES
	0/133 WEAPONS CAPTURED
	(ADJUSTED)

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION,
4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. THREE
WEAPONS AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF ASSORTED EQUIPMENT
WERE CAPTURED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

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REPORTED BEING ENGAGED BY A BATTALION SIZED ENEMY FORCE.

IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, NEAR QUANG NGAI CITY, AN ESTIMATED ENEMY BATTALION ENGAGED AN RF COMPANY, TWO PF PLATOONS AND AN RD TEAM. ELSEWHERE IN THE 1 CORPS TACTICAL ZONE

ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY WAS LIMITED TO HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE, AND MININGS INTERSPERSED BY SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION, WITH COMPANY C, 3D MARINES, CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 250910, A NAVY CONVOY (YD 250654) RECEIVED ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, RPG AND MORTAR FIRE. ARTILLERY AND 106MM FIRE WAS RETURNED, BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN. AT 251130, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF 100MM ARTILLERY FIRE; THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON,

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FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 AND VMA-211 FLEW THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1PG) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 94 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 994 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/30 KIA	0/199 KIA
0/130 WIA (EVAC)	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/78 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. THREE UNRELATED SMALL CONTACTS RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY KIA AND ONE USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. THREE DETAINEES WERE BT

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(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/46 KIA	2/372 KIA (ADJ)
1/236 KIA (EVAC)	0/21 PW/NVA
	3/372 DETAINEES
	(ADJUSTED)
	0/133 WEAPONS
	CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES, WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 251053, THE 2D BATTALION,

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1ST MARINES (YD 114701) RECEIVED 25 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE, OF WHICH 13 WERE DUDS, AND 50 ROUNDS OF MEDIUM OR HEAVY ARTILLERY. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED, BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN. AT 1200, AN OBSERVER SAW FIVE ENEMY

GUNS DESTROYED BY A TPO AIR STRIKE (YD 060781).

THREE TIMES ON THE 26TH, THE BATTALION RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE, TOTALLING 205 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE. IN EACH INSTANCEN COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED, BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN.

AT 0855, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES (YD 134646) RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF 130MM ARTILLERY. TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND EVACUATED. AT 1215,

THE 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES DIRECTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON ACTIVE ARTILLERY POSITIONS ((YD 055605 AND 007600) RESULTING IN TWO CONFIRMED AND ONE POSSIBLE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ON THE 26TH, ELEMENTS OF THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES AND THE DONG HA COMBAT BASE RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED, BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT

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PANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. TWICE ON THE 27TH THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CP RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE TOTALING 13 ROUNDS OF 100MM ARTILLERY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 FLEW FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW SIX SORTIES TRANSPORTING EIGHT TONS OF CARGO. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 68 MISSIONS EXPENDING 852 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/30 KIA

0/130 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/199 KIA

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/78 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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✓ (2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 271500, COMPANIES L AND M (YD 288673) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AND SEVERAL ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE. FIVE NVA WERE KIA, TWO WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED, TWO USMC WERE KIA AND SEVEN WERE WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 FLEW TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED EIGHT TONS OF ORDNANCE. BDA WAS NINE STRUCTURES DESTROYED, AND FOUR STRUCTURES AND ONE BUNKER DAMAGED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 68 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 12 PERSONNEL AND FIVE TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

2/48 KIA

7/243 WIA (EVAC)

5/377 KIA

0/21 NVA/PW

0/71 DETAINEES

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(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

AT 0830, AND AMBUSH PATROL OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES (YD 102643) KILLED TWO NVA AND CAPTURED THREE WEAPONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS A 60MM MORTAR.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-311 AND VMFA-314 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1PO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 17 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 23 PERSONNEL AND 19 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER

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BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY; AND 3TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 236 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1235 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 11 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 57 ROUNDS. USS HULL (DD-545), USS CORDELOU (DD-881) AND USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) FIRED 29 MISSIONS EXPENDING 597 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

1/188 KIA

1/823 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

2/1129 KIA

0/41 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

0/105 DETAINEES

0/2 RETURNEES

0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

3/201 WEAPONS

CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION LANCASTER II (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (BKT 2/4 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES; AND

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION WITH COMPANY C OF THE 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. ON THE 28TH, THREE NAVY RIVER CONVOYS RECEIVED ENEMY MORTAR AND RPG FIRE. TWO USN WERE KIA AND SIX WERE WIA (NOT INCLUDED IN STATISTICS).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON,

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED SIX TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 12 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 11 PERSONNEL AND SIX TONS OF CARGO. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 76 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 642 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

0/30 KIA

0/130 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/199 KIA

0/1 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

0/78 DETAINEES

0/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

✓(2) OPERATION SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) BATTALION LANDING TEAM 3/1 CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 280720, COMPANY M RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. FROM 281445 TO 281650, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY K ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY IN FORTIFIED POSITIONS (YD 286703). FIXED WING AIR STRIKES AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORTED THE CONTACT, WHICH RESULTED IN FIVE NVA KIA.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/49 KIA (ADJ)

ENEMY

5/382 KIA

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0/255 KIA (EVAC)

(ADJ)

0/21 NVA/PW

0/71 DETAINEES

0/135 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. LATE ENTRY) AT 281155, THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES RECEIVED 35 ROUNDS OF 105MM ARTILLERY. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN. AT 281207, AN EIGHT INCH HOWITZER MISSION ON FOUR ACTIVE ARTILLERY PIECES (YD 136801) RESULTED IN SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ON THE 29TH, THE

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3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 35 ROUNDS OF ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT KNOWN. FOUR DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122, VMFA-314, AND VMF(AW)-235 FLEW FOUR SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (ONE TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 10 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 30 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 20 PERSONNEL AND 10 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 202 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1539 ROUNDS. USS HULL (DD-945), USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) AND USS BORDELON (DD-881) FIRED 19 MISSIONS EXPENDING 24 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/188 KIA

ENEMY

0/1130 KIA (ADJ)

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ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES CONDUCTING SWEEP OPERATIONS, FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH-EAST OF HUE, ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED 25 ENEMY IN TRENCHES. THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AT 1945 LEAVING BEHIND 10 OF THEIR DEAD.

IN SCATTERED CONTACTS, ON THE 1ST, MARINE ELEMENTS CONDUCTING CLEARING OPERATIONS EAST OF THE CITADEL REPORTED 26 ENEMY KILLED. THERE WAS NO REPORT OF FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

THUS FAR IN OPERATION HUE CITY MARINES HAVE KILLED 1927 VC/NVA AND CAPTURED 10 PRISONERS AND 653 WEAPONS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE 141 USMC KIA AND 853 USMC AND TWO USN WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

E. LAM SON 187

AT 0830, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST ARVN REGIMENT IN OPERATION LAM SON 187, NINE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF DONG HA CITY, ATTACKED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. ARTILLERY SUPPORTED THE ARVN FORCE UNTIL THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AT 1300. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 189

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KILLED AND 46 WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE SEVEN KIA AND 24 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 3/1 AND 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER AT 290600. AT 290600, OPERATIONS NAPOLEON AND SALINE WERE COMBINED UNDER CONTROL OF THE 3D MARINES. CASUALTIES FOR OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE ARE THE COMBINED CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR OPERATIONS NAPOLEON AND SALINE.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/79 KIA	0/584 KIA
0/386 WI (EVAC)	0/22 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW

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0/148 DETAINEES

0/155 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES: 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES: 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES: AND 3D

BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. ON THE 29TH, THE 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF THE CAM VU AREA EAST OF CAM LO WITH LIGHT CONTACT. ONE PW/NVA AND ONE WEAPON WERE CAPTURED, 102 VIETNAMESE WERE DETAINEED, ONE USMC WAS KIA AND A SECOND WAS WIA AND EVACUATED. A TOTAL OF 33 ROUNDS OF 100MM ARTILLERY WERE RECEIVED BY THE BATTALION DURING THE SWEEP. ONE ADDITIONAL DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED AND RECLASSIFIED A PW/NVA.

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122, VMFA-314, VMFA-323, VMA-211 AND VMA(AW)-533 FLEW EIGHT DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (501) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 24 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

HELICOPTERS FLEW 34 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 37 PERSONNEL AND 43 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 250 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2023 ROUNDS. USS HULL (DD-945), USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) AND USS BORDELON (DD-881) FIRED 17 MISSIONS EXPENDING 186 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

1/189 KIA

1/824 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/1130 KIA

2/43 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

103/216 DETAINEES

0/2 RETURNEES

0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

1/203 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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A MINIMUM OF ENEMY INTERFERENCE.

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE SCOTLAND AREA REMAINS LIMITED TO HARASSING ARTILLERY, MORTAR, AND ROCKET FIRE, AND SMALL SIZE PROBES AGAINST THE PERIMETER.

C. AMBUSH NEAR CON THIEN

AT 1030, AN AMBUSH PATROL FROM 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES OBSERVED AN NVA PATROL OF UNDETERMINED SIZE APPROACHING THEIR POSITION. WAITING UNTIL THE ENEMY ENTERED THE KILLING ZONE, THE MARINES THEN TOOK THE NVA UNDER SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY DIRECTING ARTILLERY FIRES AGAINST ESCAPE ROUTES. RESULTS WERE 10 NVA KILLED AND TWO WEAPONS CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES.

D. OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE

ELEMENTS OF 3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, CONTINUING THE SEARCH OF MAI XA THIA, THE FORTIFIED VILLAGE IN WHICH HEAVY ENEMY CONTACT WAS MADE ON THE 1ST, REPORTED THE DISCOVERY

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OF 25 ADDITIONAL NVA BODIES AND THE CAPTURE OF ANOTHER PRISONER. TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES FOR THE ENGAGEMENT THUS FAR, ARE 106 NVA KILLED AND 4 PRISONERS AND 8 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES, WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 3/1 AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE COA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 010001, AN AMBUSH RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES RESULTING IN TWO USMC KIA AND EVACUTATED (YD 318701). (LATE ENTRY) AT 010649, A USN SWIFTBOAT ENGAGED AND OVERTOOK A VC SAMPAN (YD 330715). THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION DISPATCHED A PATROL TO SEARCH THE BEACHED SAMPAN. THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE

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FOUND: 13 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 112 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AND 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AMMUNITION, 102 MORTAR FUZES AND IGNITERS, 1600 FIRING DEVICES, 1400 ROUNDS OF 12.7MM AMMUNITION, 630 BLOCKS OF TNT, 2800 ROUNDS OF 7.62, AND 14 RPG ROUNDS. (LATE ENTRY) AT 010545, THE 3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WITH THE COMPANIES I AND M (YD 281668 AND YD 287674) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS, RPG, MORTAR, AND ARTILLERY FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN FORTIFIED POSITIONS. COMPANIES K AND L JOINED THE ATTACK WHILE ALL AVAILABLE SUPPORTING ARMS WERE UTILIZED, INCLUDING TANKS. FINAL RESULTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, AS THE BATTALION CONTINUES TO SWEEP THE AREA OF CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 011514, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CP RECEIVED SEVEN ROUNDS OF 100MM OR LARGER ARTILLERY FIRE, WOUNDING TWO MARINES WHO WERE EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/ SALINE, FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 10 SORTIES. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH

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MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 68 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 725 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS:	DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC	ENEMY
0/77 KIA	0/584 KIA (CONF)
4/390 WIA (EVAC)	0/22 NVA/PW
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/149 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL
	DEFENDANTS
	13/168 WEAPONS
	CAPTURED (ADJ- USTED)

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES, WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY)

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FACTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, 26 ENEMY WERE KILLED.

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

ON THE NIGHT OF 3 - 4 MARCH, COINCIDING WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAO DONG PARTY, THE ENEMY ATTACKED TWO PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS, SIX DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, AND EIGHT FRIENDLY MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN I CORPS WITH MORTARS AND ROCKETS.

REPORTS FROM PRISONERS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS SUGGEST THE PRESENCE OF A SIZEABLE ENEMY FORCE WEST AND NORTHWEST OF HUE. THESE FORCES MAY BE PREPARING TO RENEW THE ATTACK ON THE ANCIENT CAPITAL CITY.

ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WAS MINIMAL, WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ROUNDS IMPACTING NEAR THE LCU RAMPS AT DONG HA.

ENEMY TROOP MOVEMENT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ENEMY ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY. TWO BATTALION SIZED ENEMY FORCES WERE SEEN MOVING ALONG TRAILS. ONE WAS IN THE KHE SANH AREA WHILE THE OTHER WAS NEAR CON THIEN.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE REPORTING PERIOD THE ENEMY CONDUCTED A SERIES OF COORDINATED ROCKET, MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACKS THROUGH-

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OUT THE SOUTHERN THREE PROVINCES OF THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. COMPLETE AND DETAILED INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT, HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REVEALS THAT THERE WERE 16 SEPARATE ATTACKS.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 3/1 AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NEAR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTH-EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) S EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 68 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1054 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

25/102 KIA

89/479 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

39/623 KIA

3/25 NVA/PW

0/2 VC/PW

3/152 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

7/175 WEAPONS

CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (12D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 2 MARCH, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES AT A-4 RECEIVED 51 ROUNDS OF

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MEDIUM ARTILLERY FIRE. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED.

AT 031155, COMPANY K, 3D MARINES ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED SIZE ENEMY FORCE (YD 192720). CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 1630, RESULTING IN NINE NVA KIA, ONE PW/NVA CAPTURED, ONE USMC KIA AND FIVE USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. BETWEEN 1250 AND 1630, COMPANY L, 3D MARINES WAS IN CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. FIXED WING STRIKES SUPPORTED THE CONTACT, WHICH RESULTED IN 26 NVA KIA, ONE USMC KIA, AND SEVEN USMC WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-115, VMFA-122, AND VMA-121 FLEW NINE SORTIES CONSISTING OF FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 14 TONS OF ORDNANCE. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 44 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 39 PERSONNEL AND 31 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; 1T

BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY; AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED SEVEN MISSIONS EXPENDING 48 ROUNDS.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY

THE ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF 4 MARCH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED ALMOST EQUALLY AT

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U. S. AND AT SOUTH VIETNAMESE INSTALLATIONS, WITH COMPARATIVELY LIGHT CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE RESULTING.

ENEMY ARTILLERY, MORTAR, AND ROCKET FIRE ON BASES IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE REMAINED LIGHT DURING THE PERIOD. ENEMY ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WERE DETECTED ON 3 MARCH, 21 KILOMETERS WEST OF KHE SANH, AND AN UNEVALUATED REPORT WAS MADE OF ENEMY PLANS TO USE APC'S DURING THEIR NEXT ATTACK ON DANANG. ACCORDING TO A CAPTURED DOCUMENT, THE ENEMY CONSIDERS THE HUE AREA TO BE CRUCIAL TO HIS INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ENEMY UNITS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE CONTINUE TO THREATEN RENEWED ATTACKS IN THE HUE/PHU BAI AREA.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES, WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 3/1 AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH

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SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) FROM 030700 TO 031200, BLT 3/1 SEARCHED THE AREA OF CONTACT AROUND THE VILLAGE OF MAI XA THI. A TOTAL OF 83 NVA BODIES WERE FOUND ALONG WITH 22 WEAPONS, TWO RPG ROUNDS, AND 28 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AMMUNITION. DURING THE SWEEP A TOTAL OF FOUR PW'S WERE CAPTURED. ALSO DURING THE PERIOD ONE SMALL CONTACT ACCOUNTED FOR ONE NVA KIA. (LATE ENTRY) 031020, THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION REPORTED THAT AN LVT DETONATED A MINE (YD 290657). SIX USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED AND THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED SLIGHT DAMAGE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE, FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 112 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 12 PERSONNEL. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 50 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 526 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

07/102 KIA

89/712 KIA

67/465 WIA (EVAC)

3/29 NVA/PW (ADJUSTED)

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1/3 VC/PW
 4/156 DETAINEES
 0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
 20/198 WEAPONS
 CAPTURED
 (ADJUSTED)

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES, WITH FOUR INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
 4TH MARINES; 3DD BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D
 BATTALION, 4TH MARINES). CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH
 SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 031445, ELEMENTS
 OF COMPANY K, 3D MARINES AND COMPANY C, 4TH MARINES
 WITH TANKS IN SUPPORT ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED 50 NVA
 IN PREPARED POSITIONS (YD 194723 TO 197724). FOL-

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LOWING A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ARTILLERY PREPARATION,
 THE ENEMY POSITIONS WERE ASSAULTED AND OVERRUN.
 DURING THE ACTION 39 NVA WERE KIA; 14 WEAPONS, NINE
 BOXES OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, AND MISCELLANEOUS
 782 EQUIPMENT WERE CAPTURED; AND FIVE USMC WERE WIA
 AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 031400, COMPANY L,
 3D MARINES REINFORCED A PATROL WHO HAD MADE CONTACT
 WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD 154735). IT WAS
 LATER DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS AN ESTIMATED NVA
 BATTALION. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE UTILIZED
 IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTACT WHICH TERMINATED AT 031615.
 DURING THE CONTACT A TOTAL OF 115 NVA WERE KIA. AT
 041016, COMPANY I, 4TH MARINES (YD 107605) RECEIVED
 30 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE AND FOUR ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY
 FIRE RESULTING IN THREE USMC KIA AND 16 USMC WIA
 AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,
 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMFA-122, VMFA-
 314, VMFA-323, VMA-121, VMA-211, AND VMA-311 FLEW
 16 SORTIES, CONSISTING OF 4 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND

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SEVERAL WOMEN AND A PF SERGEANT WERE FOUND JUST NORTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY. THE GROUP STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN BEATEN BY ENEMY SOLDIERS WHO WERE MOVING NORTH WITH A STRENGTH OF 200 MEN. A MACV ADVISOR REPORTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS WERE HIDING IN TUNNELS IN THIS SAME GENERAL AREA. SUBSEQUENT SEARCH ALONG THE SUSPECTED ROUTE OF TRAVEL USED BY THE ENEMY, REVEALED A SAND TABLE MODEL OF AN ARMY LANDING ZONE. PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING LATE FEBRUARY STATED THAT THE QUANG NGAI CITY AREA WOULD BE ATTACKED IN EARLY MARCH. AT 040210, MARCH, QUANG NGAI CITY WAS ATTACKED BY 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE IN ADDITION TO MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 23 WIA AND 70 PERCENT OF THE ADVISORY COMPOUND DESTROYED. ELSEWHERE IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY WAS MINIMAL WITH HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE, MINES AND GRENADES COMPRISING THE ENEMY INVOLVEMENT WITH FREE WORLD FORCES.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 2/4 AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. ON 5 MARCH, BLT 3/1 CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 4TH MARINES AND JOINED OPERATION LANCASTER II. BLT 2/4 JOINED THE OPERATION FROM OPERATION LANCASTER II AND CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 3D MARINES.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE, A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINS AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 61 MISSIONS EXPENDING 509 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/102 KIA

0/485 WIA(EVAC)

ENEMY

0/712 KIA

0/29 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

0/156 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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FIRE ON THE DAI LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, COASTAL GROUP 16, FIVE MILES
DUE EAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY, WAS ATTACKED

BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE
UTILIZING SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND MORTARS.

AGENT REPORTS SUGGEST THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH NVA DIVI-
SION HAVE DEPLOYED TO THE VICINITY OF QUANG TRI CITY FOR
OFFENSIVE ACTIONS.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE
DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; BLT 2/4) AND
THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET
RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFI-
CANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 051205, COMPANY A,
3D MARINES RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN
ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON IN HOUSES AND BUNKERS

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(YD 260630). ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED
ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL
051830, RESULTING IN NINE NVA KIA, ONE WEAPON CAPTURED,
FIVE USMC KIA AND 14 USMC WIA AND EVACUATED. (LATE
ENTRY) AT 060730, ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/4 CONDUCTED A
SWEEP OF AN AREA WHERE CONTACT WAS MADE THE PREVIOUS
NIGHT. ELEVEN NVA BODIES AND NINE WEAPONS WERE FOUND.
(LATE ENTRY) BETWEEN 061300 AND 061600, COMPANY A,
3D MARINES FOUND 8200 POUNDS OF RICE WHILE SEARCHING
THE VILLAGE OF DAI DO (YD 254628). DURING ONE OTHER
CONTACT FIVE USMC WERE WIA BY INCOMING MORTAR AND
RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-
SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-242, VMA-121,
VMA-211 AND VMA-311 FLEW SIX DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
(DPS) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 15 TONS OF ORDNANCE
BDA WAS 22 STRUCTURES, ONE BUNKER AND TWO AN POSITIONS
DESTROYED. FNAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 39 SORTIES, TRANS-
PORTING 55 PERSONNEL AND 17 TONS OF CARGO. A
DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH
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MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 553
MISSIONS EXPENDING 1748 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

5/107 KIA

20/505 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

21/734 KIA

0/32 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

0/167 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

12/211 WEAPONS

CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES: 1ST BATTALION,

4TH MARINES: 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES: AND 3D BATTALION,

4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS

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IN NORTHERN GUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

IN ONE SMALL CONTACT THREE NVA WERE KIA AND ONE USMC
WAS WIA AND EVACUATED.(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121, VMFA-115, VMFA-314,VMFA-323, AND VMF(AW)-242 FLEW NINE SORTIES CONSISTING
OF FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT

(TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 28 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

BDA WAS EIGHT KBA, ONE MORTAR POSITION AND EIGHT

BUNKERS DESTROYED AND FOUR BUNKERS AND TWO TRENCHES

DAMAGED. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 69 SORTIES TRANSPORT-

ING 162 PERSONNEL AND 16 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D

BATTALION, 12TH MARINES: 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER

BATTERY: 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY: 1ST BATTALION, 40TH

ARTILLERY AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 469

MISSIONS EXPENDING 2844 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM

GUNS OF 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED THREE

MISSIONS EXPENDING NINE ROUNDS. USS COCHRAN (DDG-21), USS

NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) AND USS BORDELON (DD-881) FIRED 50

MISSIONS EXPENDING 854 ROUNDS.

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1, 3, AND 6 FLEW 323 ARMED HELICOPTER SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY FORCES IN I CTZ.

C. OPERATION WHEELER/WALLOWA

IN OPERATION WHEELER/WALLOWA AREA, 12 KILOMETERS EAST NORTHEAST OF NUI LOC SON, ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAL DIVISION ATTACKED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT 1015. THE USA SOLDIERS, SUPPORTED BY AIR, ARTILLERY AND ARMED HELICOPTERS CONTINUED THE ATTACK UNTIL 1930, WHEN THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 129 KILLED AND SIX CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED. USA CASUALTIES WERE 10 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS DURING THE DAY, AMERICAL UNITS CAPTURED OVER 12 TONS OF RICE.

D. ARTILLERY ATTACK AT CUA VIET

AT 0905 ON THE 10TH, THE NAVAL SUPPLY ACTIVITY AND THE LST RAMP AT CUA VIET INLET RECEIVED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER AND CALIBER OF ARTILLERY ROUNDS. INITIAL REPORTS REVEAL THAT AN AMMUNITION DUMP HAS EXPLODED AND CAUSED SEVERAL FIRES AND THE LST

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NAPOLEON/SALINE

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RAMP IS REPORTED 85 PERCENT DAMAGED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE ONE KIA AND 23 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN I CORPS REMAINED LIGHT. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF ENEMY MORTAR, ARTILLERY, AND ROCKET FIRE FELL ON BASES IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ENEMY FOOD STOCKS WERE DEPLETED BY THE LOSS OF MORE THAN 30,000 POUNDS OF RICE FOUND IN CACHES THROUGHOUT I CORPS. DURING THE MORNING OF 10 MARCH, DOUG HA COMBAT BASE RECEIVED SEVENTY ROUNDS OF 140MM ROCKET FIRE.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMIRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTH EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH

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LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 081630, ONE LVT SUPPORTING BLT 2/4 DETONATED A MINE (YD 269640) WHICH KILLED ONE MARINE, WOUNDED TWO AND CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE. AT 081230, WHILE SWEEPING A VILLAGE, COMPANIES E AND G ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY IN A TRENCH LINE (YD 257648). FIFTEEN NVA WERE KIA, SIX WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED AND EIGHT MARINES WERE WIA AND EVACUATED. ON THE 9TH, BLT 2/4 FOUND ONE NVA KIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 77 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1112 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
1/124 KIA	16/803 KIA (ADJ)
10/598 WIA(EVAC)	0/32 NVA/PW
	0/3 VC/PW
0/163 DETAINEES	

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0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/245 WEAPONS
CAPTURED
(ADJUSTED)

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED AND RECLASSIFIED ONE RETURNEE AND ONE CIVIL DEFENDANT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242 AND VMFA-115 FLEW SIX DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 22 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 96 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 137 PERSONNEL AND 35 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY AND 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED RT

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VANS, TWO FUEL TANKS, A 30-TON CRANE, THREE FORK LIFTS AND AN ARTILLERY PIECE DESTROYED. NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PORT FACILITY WAS SUSTAINED, HOWEVER, AND THE RAMPS WILL BE USE-
 ABLE WHEN THE DEBRIS HAS BEEN CLEARED FROM THEM. MEANWHILE, THE LST'S ARE BEING UNLOADED IN THE ADJACENT BASIN.
 HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

DURING FEBRUARY, MARINE HELICOPTERS OF III MAF AND THE TWO SPECIAL LANDING FORCES FLEW 32,455 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN I CTZ. THESE SORTIES RESULTED IN THE HELILIFT OF 41,159 TROOPS AND A RECORD 7,724 TONS OF CARGO. THE PREVIOUS RECORD MONTH FOR CARGO LIFTED WAS DECEMBER 1967, WHEN MARINE HELICOPTERS TRANSPORTED 7,650 TONS. TWO REASONS FOR THIS NEW RECORD WERE THE INCREASED AIRLIFT RESUPPLY EFFORT FOR THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE AND THE HELICOPTER MOVEMENT OF REFUGEE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THE HUE/PHU BAI AREA.
 ENEMY ACTIVITY

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MUCH OF THE ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY CENTERED IN THE DONG HA - CUA VIET AREA. APPROXIMATELY 200 ROUNDS OF ROCKET, MORTAR, AND ARTILLERY FIRE WERE RECEIVED AT DONG HA, AND ENEMY FIRE ON CUA VIET RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE FROM SECONDARY FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. A LARGE ENEMY FORCE WAS CONTACTED AT 1107, FIVE MILES NORTH OF DONG HA. IN THE KHE SANH AREA, 250 ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRE FELL ON THE BASE, BUT LITTLE ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED. A PRISONER CAPTURED ON 6 MARCH TOLD OF SEEING AMERICAN PW'S TAKEN DURING THE HUE FIGHTING IN EARLY FEBRUARY. ENEMY TRUCK TRAFFIC CONTINUES ON ROUTE 547, DESPITE DAMAGE TO THE ROAD BY AIR STRIKES.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION, CONTINUED SEARCH, DESTROY, AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/
SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-211 FLEW ONE DIRECT
AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED TWO TONS OF
ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/124 KIA

0/598 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/803 KIA

0/32 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

0/163 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/245 WEAPONS CAP-
TURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES, WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BAT-
TALION, 4TH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

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FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242,
VMFA-122, AND VMA-211 FLEW SEVEN DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
(TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 17 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/219 KIA

0/938 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/1424 KIA

0/44 NVA/PW

0/1 VC//PW

0/246 DETAINEES

0/3 RETURNEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/221 WEAPONS CAP-

TURED

(3) OPERATION LANCASTER II (3D MARINE DIVI-
SION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES, WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (BLT 3/1; 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES; AND
2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DES-
TROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT
CONTACT. FIVE UNRELATED CONTACTS RESULTED IN TWO
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UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AND INSUFFICIENT TRANSPORT-
ATION TO DISTRIBUTE RELIEF SUPPLIES.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE
DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4)
AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET
RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPLOEON-
SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 FLEW TWO
CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED TWO TONS OF
ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 23 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 25
PERSONNEL AND 28 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/124 KIA

0/803 KIA

0/598 WIA

0/32 NVA/PW

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(EVAC)

0/3 VC/PW

0/163 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/245 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINEW WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D
BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122 AND VMA(AW)-242 FLEW
TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1PQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED
10 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/219 KIA

0/1424 KIA

0/938 WIA

0/44 NVA/PW

(EVAC)

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CONTACT WITH AN ENEMY FORCE EIGHT KILOMETERS NORTH OF DONG HA COMBAT BASE. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING HEAVY ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY, THE ARVN ELEMENTS, SUPPORTED BY EXTENSIVE USMC ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE, CONTINUED THE ATTACK UNTIL THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ON THE 12TH, CONDUCTING SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF THIS CONTACT, THE ARVN FOUND 194 BODIES AND CAPTURED 57 WEAPONS. TOTAL ARVN CASUALTIES WERE 31 KIA AND 85 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

ARVN FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN I C12, 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY, ATTACKED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AND KILLED 60 VIET CONG AND CAPTURED 16 WEAPONS BEFORE THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINE AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 100900, THE CUA VIET PIER RECEIVED ONE ROUND OF ARTILLERY FIRE WHICH IMPACTED ON SIX PALLETS OF 105MM AMMUNITION. ENSUING SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS DESTROYED THE OUTER ONE THIRD OF THE PIER. TWO FIREFIGHTING BOATS ARRIVED AT 101300 TO FIGHT FIRES ON THE PIER AND HAD ALL FIRES UNDER CONTROL AT 101800. LST 839, AT THE RAMP AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, WITHDREW TO MID-STREAM AND SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE WAS REPORTED: 33 PERCENT OF THE BLADDER FARM DESTROYED, ONE CRANE AND THREE COMMUNICATION VANS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, ONE USN KIA AND 25 WIA. AT 111320, A CRANE DETONATED A MINE (XD 990499). NINE USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED AND THE CRANE WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

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0/124 KIA
9/607 WIA
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0/603 KIA

0/32 NVA/PW
0/3 VC/PW
0/163 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/245 WEAPONS
CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BAT-
TALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 AND VMA(AW)-242
FLEW THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH
EXPENDED 16 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

0/219 KIA

0/938 WIA
(EVAC)

ENEMY

0/1424 KIA (CONF)
(ADJUSTED)

0/44 NVA/PW (ADJUSTED)

0/1 VC/PW (ADJUSTED)
0/246 DETAINEES
(ADJUSTED)

0/3 RETURNEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/221 WEAPONS
CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION LANCASTER II (3D MARINE
DIVISION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (BLT 3/1; 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES; AND
2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION LANCASTER
II, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-533 AND
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 FLYING IN SUPPORT OF III MAF GROUND UNITS FLEW
 1,147 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 1,963 PERSONNEL AND
 209 TONS OF CARGO.

C. STING RAY OPERATIONS

AT 2200 ON 12 MARCH, TWENTY-EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTH OF
 DANANG, A STING RAY TEAM FROM 1ST RECONNAISSANCE
 BATTALION SIGHTED A 75-MAN NVA UNIT MOVING IN
 A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE TEAM ADJUSTED
 ARTILLERY FIRES ON THE ENEMY UNIT, KILLING AT
 LEAST 26 NVA.

D. ARVN OPERATIONS

THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT TERMINATED PHASE II
 OF OPERATION LAM SON 193 AT 1830. THE TWO-DAY
 OPERATION, CONDUCTED NINE KILOMETERS NORTH OF
 DONG HA, ACCOUNTED FOR A TOTAL OF 305 ENEMY
 KILLED, 11 ENEMY AND 54 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND
 19 CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED.

EAST OF HUE, ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARVN
 DIVISION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS,
 AND IN FOUR CONTACTS DURING THE AFTERNOON.

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 KILLED 44 ENEMY AND CAPTURED TEN WEAPONS.

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

ALONG THE DMZ, 285 ROUNDS OF MIXED ROCKET,
 MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE FELL ON THE NORTHERN COMBAT BASES, WITH
 THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE REPORTING, 205 ROUNDS.

THE ENEMY IS INCREASING HIS PROPAGANDA BROADCASTING IN THE I
 CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. AT THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE, THE 37TH ARVN
 RANGER BATTALION REPORTED THE NVA WERE
 BROADCASTING PROPAGANDA THROUGH LOUD-
 SPEAKERS, ENCOURAGING ARVN PERSONNEL TO DESERT.

THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, ENEMY
 INITIATED ACTIVITY WAS MINIMAL, CHARACTERIZED BY HARASSING SMALL
 ARMS FIRE AND MININGS.

FIELD AGENT REPORTS FROM THE QUANG NGAI AREA REPORT THE
 ENEMY MIGHT BE PREPARING TO FORAY INTO RICE GROWING
 AREAS TO PROCURE FOOD.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE
 DIVISION)

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(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY
NS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND BLT 2/4)
1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE COA VIET
RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-
SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 AND VMFA-122
FLEW FOUR SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUP-
PORT AND TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH
EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. BDA WAS 10 STRUCTURES
AND THREE BUNKERS DESTROYED, ONE TRENCH DAMAGED AND
ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BAT-
TERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF
THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 176 MISSIONS,
EXPENDING 2507 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/124 KIA	0/803 KIA
0/607 WIA (EVAC)	0/32 NVA/PW

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0/3 VC/PW
0/163 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/245 WEAPONS
CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION,
4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BAT-
TALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT
CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON THE 12TH, THE 3D BATTALION,
3D MARINES RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS OF 130MM ARTILLERY.
COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT ENEMY CASUAL-
TIES WERE NOT KNOWN. AT 122205, A LARGE SECONDARY
EXPLOSION (YD 073652) RESULTED FROM A TPO
STRIKE. ON THE 13TH, ONE USMC WAS WIA BY A MINE AND EVACUATED
AND THREE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-533, VMA(AW)-242,
VMF(AW)-235, VMA-121, VMA-211, VMFA-115, VMFA-314
AND VMFA-323 FLEW 13 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES,
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ACTIONS, RESULTING IN SIX NIGHT AND 13 DAY CONTACTS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 46 ENEMY KILLED AND SIX WEAPONS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE SEVEN USMC WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

F. ENEMY ACTIVITY

ENEMY ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA WHERE A MARINE HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ENEMY ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE ON BASES IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE DECREASED SOMEWHAT, WITH 213 ROUNDS RECEIVED DURING THE DAY. SHORTLY AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE ENEMY MADE AN EARLY MORNING ROCKET ATTACK ON THE QUANG TRI AIRFIELD.

AN NVA RETURNEE HAS ELABORATED ON THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF MISSILES OR LARGE FREE ROCKETS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI. SEE SPECIAL INTEREST.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY

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BATTALION (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 FFLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/134 KIA (ADJ)	0/818 KIA (ADJUSTED)
0/610 WIA (EVAC)	0/32 NVA/PW
(ADJ)	
	0/3 VC/PW
	0/163 DETAINEES (ADJ)
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/250 WEAPONS CAPTURED
	(ADJ)

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST BATTALION BT

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- CONTINUES TO BRING CONCRETE RESULTS, WITH A 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, A CHINESE MACHINE GUN, FOUR OTHER WEAPONS AND 47 ITEMS OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE TURNED INTO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION BY CIVILIANS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

- C. COUNTERGUERRILLA OPERATIONS

- MARINE UNITS TASKED WITH THE SECURITY OF DANANG, CONTINUED TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE COUNTER GUERRILLA OPERATIONS AROUND THE BASE. DURING THE PERIOD, III MAF FORCES CONDUCTED 636 SMALL UNIT PATROLS, 435 AMBUSHES AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS, 435 OF WHICH WERE NIGHT OPERATIONS. CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE ENEMY 33 TIMES ON THE 15TH, RESULTING IN 19 ENEMY KILLED.

- D. ENEMY ACTIVITY

- ENEMY ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WAS LIMITED TO ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE ON MARINE BASES. ENEMY TRAFFIC CONTINUES ON ROUTE 547 AND ON 16 MARCH INCLUDED POSSIBLE ENEMY TANKS. SCATTERED SMALL UNIT ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY

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- TROOPS WERE REPORTED IN ALL PROVINCES OF I CORPS. THE ENEMY BATTALION SEEN 12 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG ON 14 MARCH IS NOW REPORTED TO HAVE LOST 100 DEAD AFTER ARTILLERY FIRE WAS PLACED ON THE UNIT.

- 3. III MAF

- A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

- (1) OPERATION NAPOLINE-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)
- (A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 140900, A U.S. ARMY HUEY COBRA ENGAGED AND KILLED 7 NVA (YD 272698). AT 141050, THE CUA VIET PORT COMPLEX RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF SUSPECTED 140MM FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN ONE USMC KIA AND TWO WIA AND EVACUATED. AT 141410, COMPANY H FOUND 11 ENEMY KIA, A SMALL QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION AND 250 POUNDS OF RICE (YD 297747). FOUR ADDITIONAL AND UNRELATED CONTACTS RESULTED IN ONE

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NVA KIA, TWO WEAPONS CAPTURED AND SIX DETAINEES APPREHENDED. FOUR OF THE DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED PW/ NVA AND TWO WERE RECLASSIFIED INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-

SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121, VMA-211, AND VMA(AW)-242 FLEW FIVE SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 13 TONS OF ORDNANCE. III MAF HELICOPTERS FLEW 11 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 17 TONS OF CARGO. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND A PLATOON OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 81 MISSIONS EXPENDING 555 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
1/135 KIA
2/619 WIA (EVAC)
(ADJUSTED)

ENEMY
20/844 KIA (ADJUSTED)
4/36 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW
6/169 DETAINEES

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2/257 WEAPONS CAPTURED
(ADJUSTED)

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-242, AND VMFA-115 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 64 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 78 PERSONNEL AND 26 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 362 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1254 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED FOUR MISSIONS EXPENDING NINE ROUNDS. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 17 MISSIONS EXPENDING 180 ROUNDS.

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SUPPLIES FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED, THE VC WOULD DELIVER

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

ENEMY INITIATED GROUND ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE WAS MINIMAL FOR THE PERIOD, CHARACTERIZED BY HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE, MININGS AND SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE. ENEMY GUNNERS IN PROXIMITY TO THE DMZ AREA FIRED APPROXIMATELY 650 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY, ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE AT THE COMBAT BASES AND UNITS CONDUCTING SWEEP OPERATIONS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ROUNDS WAS RECORDED BY TWO MARINE COMPANIES JUST WEST OF GIO LINH. 400 ROUNDS OF 105MM HOWITZER FELL IN THEIR AREA. AGENT AND PRISONER INTERROGATION REPORTS CONTINUE TO SUGGEST AN ENEMY THREAT TO THE DANANG AND QUANG TRI CITY AREAS.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4)

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AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 131840H, ELEMENTS OF THE 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES ATTEMPTED A SWEEP OF LAM XUAN (YD 258689) AND MET WITH STIFF ENEMY RESISTANCE CONSISTING OF ARTILLERY AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. RESULTS OF THE ENGAGEMENT WERE 31 NVA KIA. 20 USMC WERE KIA AND 30 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) IN FIVE OTHER SCATTERED CONTACTS, THREE WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED AND MISCELLANEOUS AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT WAS CAPTURED. AT 0335, BLT 2/4 RECEIVED EIGHT ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE (YD 297696). ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-242 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. 4.2" MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN PLATOON FIRED 81 MISSIONS EXPENDING 532 ROUNDS.

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(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
20/155 KIA
31/650 WIA(EVAC)

ENEMY
35/879 KIA
0/36 NVA/PW
0/3 VC/PW
2/171 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
3/260 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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- (2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)
(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0945, ELEMENTS OF 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE

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- DURING THE PERIOD SIX DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY ENEMY MORTAR FIRE AND EVACUATED.

- (B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMFA-122, VMFA-314, VMFA-323, VMA-121, VMA-211 FLEW 17 SORTIES CONSISTING OF SIX CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 11 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 29.7 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS FOUR BUNKERS DESTROYED AND ONE TRENCH DAMAGED. MAG-16 AND MAG-36 HELICOPTERS FLEW 45 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 50 PERSONNEL AND EIGHT TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY(SP); A DETACHMENT OF THE 5TH, 155 GUN BATTERY (S); THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY; AND THE 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY FIRED 286 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1555 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED FOUR MISSIONS EXPENDING 26 ROUNDS. THE USS CAMBERRA (CAG-2), USS NEWPORT NEWS

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THE DAY. TOTAL RESUPPLY FOR THE DAY AMOUNTED TO 267 TONS OF CARGO AND 93 MARINE AND ARVN REPLACEMENTS.

FIXED WING ATTACK SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE COMBAT BASE TOTALED 310. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR THESE INCLUDED OVER 43 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 28 SECONDARY FIRES, AND 19 BUNKERS, ONE BRIDGE, AND SEVEN WEAPON POSITIONS DESTROYED.

C. ENEMY ORDNANCE CACHE DESTROYED

LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER ADJUSTED AN ARTILLERY MISSION AGAINST AN ENEMY POSITION 16 MILES SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY, IN ENEMY BASE AREA 123. THE MISSION RESULTED IN TEN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, ONE OF WHICH PRODUCED A COLUMN OF SMOKE SOME 400 FEET HIGH AND LEFT A CRATER 25 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 15 FEET DEEP. IN ADDITION, THE FAC OBSERVED NUMEROUS ROUNDS OF TRACER AMMUNITION IGNITING.

D. ARVN OPERATIONS

JUST PRIOR TO NOON ON THE 16TH, ELEMENTS OF THE 20

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ARVN REGIMENT CONDUCTING A COMBAT PATROL TWO KILOMETERS NORTH OF DONG HA, GAINED CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. THE ARVN TROOPS ATTACKED, EMPLOYING AIR AND ARTILLERY IN SUPPORT. THE FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL 1800, WHEN THE ENEMY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE IMPENDING DARKNESS TO BREAK CONTACT AND WITHDRAW. A SUBSEQUENT SWEEP OF THE AREA TURNED UP 25 DEAD AND FIVE WEAPONS LEFT BEHIND BY THE ENEMY.

E. ENEMY ACTIVITY

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE, FREE WORLD FORCES IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE REPORTED ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY AS LIGHT, CHARACTERIZED BY HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE AND MININGS, INTERSPERSED WITH MORTAR FIRE. IN THE KHE SANH VALLEY AREA, THE COMBAT BASE RECEIVED 500 ROUNDS OF ENEMY FIRED MUNITIONS.

3. IIIMAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)
(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY

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(1) 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BCT 2/4) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE COA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ENEMY CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN COMPANIES E AND H, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES AND NVA FORCES (YD 258689) HAVE BEEN UPDATED. AN ADDITIONAL TEN NVA WERE KIA, RESULTING IN 41 NVA KIA. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REMAINED THE SAME.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/ SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121 FLEW THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 24 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 26 PERSONNEL. A DETACHMENT FROM MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY (-) FIRED 73 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 381 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

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0/155 KIA	0/889 KIA (ADJUSTED)
0/650 WIA (EVAC)	0/36 NVA/PW
	0/3 VC/PW
	0/171 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/260 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3RD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-242, VMFA-122, AND VMFA-314 FLEW FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 14 TONS OF ORDNANCE. 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 26 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 12 PERSONNEL AND FIVE TONS OF CARGO. THE 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP); THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY AND A DETACHMENT

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128 TACTICAL SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY FORCES AT KHE SANH, DELIVERING OVER 248 TONS OF ORDNANCE ON ENEMY POSITIONS. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 157 MISSIONS, EXPENDING OVER 2,700 ROUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE COMBAT BASE. OBSERVED DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ENEMY POSITIONS BY AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY FIRES INCLUDED 20 ENEMY KILLED, 13 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES, AND THREE ARTILLERY POSITIONS DESTROYED.

GROUND ACTIVITY AT KHE SANH CONSISTED OF AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT BY AN NVA BATTALION ON THE 37TH ARVN RANGER BATTALION'S SECTOR OF THE PERIMETER. (SEE MY PREVIOUS REPORT). KHE SANH COMBAT BASE RECEIVED 127 ROUNDS OF ENEMY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE DURING THE DAY, RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA AND NINE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

1ST MAW HELICOPTER PILOTS FLEW 26 RESUPPLY SORTIES AND USAF TRANSPORT PILOTS FLEW 23 (14 OF WHICH WERE AIRDROP AND FIVE WERE LOW ALTITUDE PARACHUTE EXTRACTION (LAPE)) DELIVERING A TOTAL OF 292 TONS

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OF SUPPLIES TO THE COMBAT BASE.

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AT 1440, COMPANY D, 3D BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY, CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS 17 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY, ATTACKED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AT 1700, LEAVING BEHIND 11 OF THEIR DEAD AND 11 WEAPONS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION APOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-242, VMA-121,

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AND VMA-211 FLEW FIVE SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 15.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED. MAG-16 AND MAG-36 HELICOPTERS FLEW 46 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 20 PERSONNEL AND 17.1 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/155 KIA	2/891 KIA (ADJUSTED)
(ADJUSTED)	
0/673 WIA (EVAC)	0/36 NVA/PW
(ADJUSTED)	

0/3 VC/PW
0/171 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/260 WEAPONS
CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 151150, A ROAD SWEEP TEAM FROM COMPANY K, 4TH MARINES DETONATED A MINE (YD 220635) AND THREE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 171405, ENGINEERS AT A-2 POSITION DETONATED A MINE RESULTING IN TWO USMC WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122, VMA(AW)-242 AND VMA-121 FLEW FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 8.5 TONS OF ORDNANCE. MAG-16 AND MAG-36 HELICOPTERS FLEW 27 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 66 PERSONNEL AND 19.8 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/219 KIA	0/1424 KIA (CONF)
5/945 WIA (EVAC)	0/44 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW

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WING RESPONDED WITH TWO TACTICAL RADAR BOMB DROP
SORTIES, PLACING THREE TONS OF BOMBS IN THE TARGET
AREA. ALTHOUGH BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS UNKNOWN,
NO FURTHER ENEMY MOVEMENT WAS DETECTED AFTER THE
AIR STRIKES.

D. SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

III MAF FORCES CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 629 SMALL
UNIT PATROL AND AMBUSH OPERATIONS, OF WHICH 358
WERE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT. THESE OPERATIONS RE-
SULTED IN 30 DAY AND NINE NIGHT CONTACTS WITH THE
ENEMY, AND ACCOUNTED FOR 29 ENEMY KILLED AND ONE
PRISONER AND 12 WEAPONS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CAS-
UALTIES WERE ONE USMC AND ONE USA KIA AND FIVE
USMC AND 10 USA WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE
DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4)

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AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND
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RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-
SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-211, VMA-311,
VMA(AW)-242, VMA-533 AND VMF(AW)-235 FLEW NINE
SORTIES CONSISTING OF SIX CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND
THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH
EXPENDED 25.3 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA
WAS ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW
16 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 220 PERSONNEL.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/155 KIA	0/891 KIA
0/673 WIA (EVAC)	0/36 NVA/PW
	0/3 VC/PW
	0/171 DETAINEES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/260 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

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MORNING HOURS OF 21 MARCH, PLACING MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE ON THE PHU BAI AIRFIELD AND NEARBY UNITS, AND MORTAR FIRE ON A COMMAND POST THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF PHU BAI.

3. 111 MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES, WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA(AW)-533 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 11.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY (-) AND A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 12TH MARINES FIRED 65 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 520 ROUNDS.

RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

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0/155 KIA

0/673 WIA (EVAC)

0/891 KIA

0/36 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

0/171 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/260 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES, WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-311, VMA(AW)-242, VMA(AW)-533, VMFA-115, VMFA-122 AND H&MS-11 FLEW SEVEN SORTIES, CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 19.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS FIVE BUNKERS DESTROYED AND TWO BUNKERS DAMAGED. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 51 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 84 PERSONNEL AND 19.8 BT

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AT 0557, THE NIGHT DEFENSIVE PERIMETER OF 2D MAF, 101ST AIRBORNE WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY SAPPER BATTALION. THE ENEMY DIRECTED SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND RPG FIRE INTO THE FRIENDLY ARTILLERY POSITION WITHIN THE PERIMETER. THE US ARMY TROOPS, EMPLOYING M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, AND SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND 4.2 MORTAR FIRE, REPELLED THE ATTACK, FORCING THE ENEMY TO BREAK CONTACT AND WITHDRAW AT 0600. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 22 KILLED, AND NINE WEAPONS, 26 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR AMMUNITION AND SEVEN BLOCKS OF TNT CAPTURED. US ARMY CASUALTIES WERE SEVEN KIA AND SEVEN WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

AIR OPERATIONS

FIXED WING PILOTS OF THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FLEW 242 TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SORTIES DELIVERING 487 TONS OF ORDNANCE ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN LAOS AND NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INCLUDED 63 ENEMY KILLED, 16 SECONDARY

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EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES, 12 BUNKERS AND THREE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS DESTROYED.

1ST MAF HELICOPTER PILOTS FLEW OVER 1300 SORTIES, LIFTING 10000 PERSONNEL AND 270 TONS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND ARVN FORCES IN I CTZ

ARMED HELICOPTER PILOTS OF MAG-16 AND MAG-36 FLEW 217 TACTICAL SUPPORT SORTIES, ACCOUNTING FOR 45 ENEMY KILLED, ONE TRUCK DESTROYED AND TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

AT 220915, THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION REPORTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 100 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FROM THE QUANG DIEN DISTRICT TOWN (YD 6834), EIGHT MILES NORTH-WEST OF HUE CITY, WERE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST VC TERRORISM. THEY WERE REPORTED TO BE CARRYING BANNERS AND WAVING SOUTH VIETNAMESE FLAGS. THE DISTRICT CHIEF IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A DEMONSTRATION HAS EVER BEEN CONDUCTED.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

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(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMIRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE COA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED ONE TON OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
07155 KIA	07891 KIA
07673 WIA(EVAC)	0736 NVA/PW
	073 VC/PW
	07171 DETAINEES
	072 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	07260 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2). OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES, 1ST BATTALION,

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4TH MARINES, 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON THE 19TH, THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES AT C-2 RECEIVED 13 ROUNDS OF 102MM ARTILLERY FIRE CAUSING THREE USMC TO BE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 201055, A KILLER TEAM OF THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 20-30 NVA (6 YD 159655). AS A RESULT TEN WERE KIA AND TWO WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242, VMA(AW)-242, VMA-121, AND FMA-211 FLEW 11 SORTIES CONSISTING OF SIX CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FIVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 20 TONS OF ORDNANCE. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 71 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 142 PERSONNEL AND 26 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
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BYPASS ROUTES TO THE WEST AND NORTH OF THE CITY.

C. GROUND ACTIVITY I I I C I Z

GROUND ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT I C I Z WAS RELATIVELY LIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS REPORTING SCATTERED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS WHICH RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 183 ENEMY KILLED, AND SEVEN PRISONERS AND 34 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 180645, BLT 2/4 WITH COMPANIES E, G, AND H COMMENCED AN ATTACK ON ENEMY FORCES LOCATED IN FORTIFIED POSITIONS

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(YD 274678). PRIOR TO THE GROUND ATTACK, THE OBJECTIVE WAS PREPARED BY TWO AIR STRIKES, ARTILLERY, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE. COMPANIES E AND H RECEIVED

HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND ROCKET FIRE FROM THE FORTIFIED POSITIONS AND THE ADVANCE WAS HELD UP WHILE AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. THE ATTACK WAS RESUMED AND THE OBJECTIVE WAS SECURED AT 1845. DURING THE CONTACT, 130 NVA WERE KIA, FOUR DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, AND FOUR PW/NVA WERE CAPTURED. 21 WEAPONS WERE ALSO CAPTURED, INCLUDING ONE 60MM MORTAR, 74 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR, AND 66 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AMMUNITION. FIFTEEN USMC WERE KIA AND 71 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. IN OTHER CONTACTS TWO NVA WERE KIA AND SEVEN USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-115 AND VMA-211 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 4.6 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA

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WAS OFF STRUCTURE AND TWO BUNKERS DESTROYED. A
DETACHMENT OF A MORTAR BATTERY OF THE 12TH MARINES,
AND SIX LAV-6 OF THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY
FIRED 140 MISSIONS EXPENDING 729 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

15/170 KIA

132/1023 KIA

78/751 MIA (EVAC) 4/43 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

7/178 DETAINEES

21/281 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH FOUR INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES; 1ST
BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES;
AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH
AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI
PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. IN THREE SMALL AND
UNRELATED INCIDENTS THREE WEAPONS WERE
CAPTURED AND ONE DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED AND.

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LATER RECLASSIFIED AS A CIVIL DEFENDANT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY,

FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AV)-235, VMFA-122, AND
VMA-211 FLEW FIVE SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE
AIR SUPPORT AND THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (ONE TPQ)
SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 10.6 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

FMAV HELICOPTERS FLEW 12 SORTIES TRANSPORTING EIGHT

PERSONNEL AND TWO TONS OF CARGO. 2D BATTALION, 12TH
MARINES; 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY; A DETACHMENT OF THE

5TH 155GUN BATTERY, AND THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH

ARTILLERY FIRED 490 MISSIONS EXPENDING 2654 ROUNDS.

OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF THE 8TH BATTALION, 4TH

ARTILLERY FIRED TWO MISSIONS EXPENDING 21 ROUNDS.

USS CANBERRA (CAG-2), USS HULL (DD-894), USS

COCHRANE (DD-621) AND USS HOLLISTER (DD 788) FIRED

43 MISSIONS EXPENDING 505 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/219 KIA

0/1434 KIA

0/950 MIA (EVAC) 0/44 NVA/PW

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 DEFEATED FOUR
 AND ARMS EFFORTS BY THE ENEMY TO
 ACHIEVE A VICTORY IN NORTHERN I CTZ.

○ C. GROUND OPERATIONS

○ III MAF AND ARVN FORCES CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE
 LARGE UNIT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND
 COUNTERGUERRILLA PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ON THE
 23D, AS THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO AVOID DECISIVE COM-
 BAT. HOWEVER, OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BY III MAF AND
 ARVN FORCES THROUGHOUT I CTZ, RESULTED IN 160 ENEMY
 KILLED AND 17 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

○ D. ENEMY ACTIVITY

○ ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL FOR
 THE PERIOD. THE ENEMY FIRED 726 ROUNDS OF MIXED ARTILLERY
 ROCKET AND MORTAR AT ALLIED FORCES AND COMBAT BASES IN THE
 DMZ AREA. THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE REMAINED THE PRIME
 TARGET OF ENEMY GUNNERS AS 636 ROUNDS FELL THROUGHOUT THE
 VALLEY AREA.

○ IN THE REMAINDER OF THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, ENEMY
 INITIATED ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT AND SCATTERED, CHARACTERIZED

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 BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, MININGS AND SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

○ (1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

○ (A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4)
 AND THE 1ST AMIRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND
 DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET
 RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

○ (B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-
 SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122 FLEW ONE
 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS
 OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST
 BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN
 COMPANY FIRED 60 MISSIONS EXPENDING 421 ROUNDS.

○ (C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/170 KIA	0/1023 KIA
0/751 WIA (EVAC)	0/40 NVA/PW
	0/3 VC/PW

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0/178 DETAINEES

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0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/281 WEAPONS
CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. -(LATE ENTRY) AT 221700, COMMAND GROUP ALPHA OF THE 2D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WITH COMPANIES G AND H CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 4TH MARINES AND JOINED OPERATION LANCASTER II. AT 230130, AN OP FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES OBSERVED LIGHTS ON A THREE-TO-TEN TRUCK CONVOY (YD 173829). AT THE SAME TIME A SOUND DETECTION DEVICE INDICATED VEHICULAR MOVEMENT FROM THE SAME LOCATION. AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS DELIVERED ON THE POSITION RESULTING IN A LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED

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WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242, VMFA-115 AND VMA-121 FLEW SIX SORTIES CONSISTING OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 15 TONS OF ORDNANCE. BDA WAS TEN BUNKERS DESTROYED. 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS FLEW 17 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 31 PERSONNEL AND 24 TONS OF CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY; 1ST BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY; AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED 302 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1593 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF THE EIGHTH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED EIGHT MISSIONS EXPENDING 51 ROUNDS. USS CANBERRA (CAG-2), USS HULL (DD-945), AND USS COCHRANE (DDG-21) FIRED 23 MISSIONS EXPENDING 124 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/229 KIA	0/1434 KIA
0/950 WIA (EVAC)	0/44 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	0/264 DETAINEES
	0/3 RETURNEES

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1ST CAVALRY DIVISION IN THE VICINITY OF CAMP EVANS RECEIVED MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY RESULTED IN THREE SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS.

IN THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY WAS AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL, CHARACTERIZED BY HARASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE, GRENADES, AND MINES.

A LATE REPORT OF INTEREST WAS RECEIVED INVOLVING AN ENEMY ATTACK ON NUI LOC SON HAMLET IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE ON THE NIGHT OF 23/24 MARCH.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT

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CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 220945, A PATROL FROM COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD 264649). THE ENEMY EMPLOYED SMALL ARMS, ROCKETS, AND MORTARS. FIVE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED DURING THE ACTION.

(LATE ENTRY) AT 221140, COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES OBSERVED SIX NVA (YD 302704). ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS CARRYING A LARGE CYLINDER. A MORTAR MISSION WAS DIRECTED ON THE VICINITY AND ONE ENEMY WAS HIT.

IN THE SAME LOCATION AT 1315, FIVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED WITH A WATER BUFFALO LOADED WITH EQUIPMENT. A MORTAR MISSION WAS FIRED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. (LATE ENTRY) AT 222130, AN AMBUSH PATROL FROM COMPANY E, 4TH MARINES EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE (YD 294667). TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMF(AW)-235 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED TWO TONS OF ORDNANCE. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST

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BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND THE 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN
COMPANY FIRED 27 MISSIONS EXPENDING 123 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/170 KIA
7/758 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/1023 KIA
0/43 NVA/PW
0/3 VC/PW
0/178 DETAINEES
0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/281 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION,
3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG
TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE INCOMING FIRE. (LATE

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ENTRY) ON 23 MARCH, C-2 AND A-2 POSITIONS RECEIVED
A TOTAL OF 53 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR AND ARTILLERY
FIRE. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 14 USMC WERE WOUNDED
AND EVACUATED. AT 240900, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH
MARINES AT CON THIEN DIRECTED 90MM FIRE ON SIX NVA
CARRYING A RECOILLESS RIFLE. THREE NVA WERE KIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT OF H&MS-11 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED ONE TON OF ORDNANCE. BDA
WAS SIX BUNKERS DESTROYED. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW
54 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 61 PERSONNEL AND 14 TONS OF
CARGO. THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES; 1ST EIGHT INCH
HOWITZER BATTERY; 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY; 1ST BATTALION,
40TH ARTILLERY AND 8TH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY
FIRED 272 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1302 ROUNDS. OF THESE,
THE 175MM GUNS OF THE EIGHTH BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY
FIRED ONE MISSIONS EXPENDING TWO ROUNDS. USS CANBERRA,
(CAG-2), USS HULL (DD-945), AND USS COCHRANE (DDG-21)
FIRED 20 MISSIONS EXPENDING 224 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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C. OPERATION KENTUCKY

AT 1805, A 3D MARINE DIVISION RECONNAISSANCE TEAM, OPERATING SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF CAM LO IN THE OPERATION KENTUCKY AREA, OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 250 NVA MOVING IN A NORTHERNLY DIRECTION. THE TEAM ADJUSTED ARTILLERY FIRES ON THE ENEMY, KILLING 25.

D. OPERATION JEB STUART

ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMObILE) IN THE OPERATION JEB STUART AREA, SIX KILOMETERS EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY, ATTACKED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. THE US ARMY FORCES, SUPPORTED BY ARMED HELICOPTERS, CONTINUED THE ATTACK THROUGHOUT THE DAY UNTIL THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT, LEAVING 52 OF THEIR DEAD BEHIND. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 10 USA KIA AND 26 USA WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

FURTHER SOUTH IN THE OPERATION JEB STUART AREA, US ARMY FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF HUE CITY, MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT 1630.

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THE USA, SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND ARTILLERY, CONTINUED THE ATTACK UNTIL 1830 WHEN THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 27 KILLED AND TWO WEAPONS CAPTURED WHILE USA CASUALTIES WERE TWO KIA AND FOUR WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

E. ENEMY CASUALTIES

DURING THE DAY, III MAF AND ARVN FORCES CONDUCTING LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT 1 CTZ, ACCOUNTED FOR 235 ENEMY KILLED AND 10 PRISONERS AND 33 WEAPONS CAPTURED.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 240001, COMPANY B, 3D MARINES, OBSERVED 75 PERSONS, BY RADAR, IN A TREELINE AROUND

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THE VILLAGE OF NHI HA (YD 282712). ARTILLERY AND

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TPQ MISSIONS WERE DIRECTED ON THE POSITION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. DURING THE PERIOD FIVE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-115, VMFA-323, VMFA-122 AND VMA-211, FLEW SIX DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, EXPENDING 12 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/170 KIA

0/758 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

0/1023 KIA

0/40 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

5/183 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/281 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KENTUCKY (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES) CONTINUED

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SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 241700, COMPANIES E AND F, 1ST MARINES DEPARTED OPERATION KENTUCKY AND CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 4TH MARINES IN OPERATION LANCASTER II. AT THE SAME TIME COMPANY L, 1ST MARINES JOINED OPERATION KENTUCKY FROM OPERATION LANCASTER II. (LATE ENTRY) AT 241910, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES AT CON THIEN OBSERVED LIGHTS AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF DUST (YD 146787). A 90MM FIRE MISSION WAS DIRECTED ON THE POSITION, RESULTING IN TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. (LATE ENTRY) AT 242200, THE 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES OBSERVED LIGHTS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO CONVOYS (YD 186793 AND YD 168823). ARTILLERY AND TPQ MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED, RESULTING IN FOUR SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS (YD 168823).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION KENTUCKY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-323 AND HRMS-11 FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW TWO SORTIES TRANSPORTING FOUR PERSONNEL AND SEVEN TONS OF CARGO.

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ARTILLERY, MORTAR, AND ROCKET FIRE RECEIVED BY MARINE BASES IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. EARLY MORNING ATTACKS WERE MADE ON A MARINE UNIT SOUTHEAST OF DANANG AND TWO LANDING ZONES IN THE DUE PHO AREA, AND ON 31 MARCH, SIMILAR ATTACKS WERE MADE ON PHU LOC AND ON TWO BRIDGES SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI. THE BRIDGES, BOTH ON NATIONAL ROUTE ONE BETWEEN PHU BAI AND PHU LOC, WERE DESTROYED, WITH THE ESTIMATED DATE OF REPAIR 2 APRIL.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND BLT 2/4) AND THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SECURITY OPERATIONS FOR THE CUA VIET RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 281700H COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES DISCOVERED THREE FRESH GRAVES (YD 275675). ONE GRAVE WAS OPENED

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AND ONE NVA KIA WAS FOUND. THE REMAINING GRAVES WILL BE OPENED ON 29 MARCH.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NAPOLEON-SALINE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122 AND VMFA-115 FLEW FOUR SORTIES CONSISTING OF THREE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED NINE TONS OF ORDNANCE. REPORTED BDA WAS FOUR STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND FIVE DAMAGED. FMAW HELICOPTERS FLEW SIX SORTIES TRANSPORTING 12 TONS OF CARGO. A DETACHMENT OF MORTAR BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION, 12TH MARINES AND 1ST ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY FIRED 81 MISSIONS EXPENDING 471 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/170 KIA

0/764

ENEMY

1/1026 KIA

0/40 NVA/PW

0/3 VC/PW

0/187 DETAINEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/282 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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