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OPERATION NUTCRACKER TERMINATED OPNS
AT 061545H FEB 68

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#1,045
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AND H AND 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WITH COMPANY A) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN HUE CITY WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. THE MARINES CONTINUE TO MEET ENEMY RESISTANCE IN HEAVY HOUSE TO HOUSE FIGHTING. (LATE ENTRY) AT 051632, COMPANY G, 5TH MARINES SECURED A HOSPITAL THAT HAD BEEN UNDER ENEMY CONTROL. A SEARCH OF THE HOSPITAL REVEALED 76 NVA KIA AND 42 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED. IN SECURING THE HOSPITAL FIVE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 051645, COMPANY H, 5TH MARINES (YD 776218) RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND B-40 ROCKETS FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION WITH BUNKERS ON THREE SIDES (YD 776216). SMALL ARMS AND 92MM TANK FIRE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE ENEMY AND THE POSITION WAS ASSAULTED. THREE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED, WHILE 25 NVA WERE KIA AND 25 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 051700, COMPANY A, 1ST MARINES (YD 771217) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND B740 ROCKET FIRE (YD 771216). RECOLILLESS RIFLE, TANK, AND ARTILERY FIRE WAS RETURNED RESULTING IN FOUR SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND NINE NVA KIA. DURING THE ACTION

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ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 18 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. IN SEVEN ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS 17 ENEMY BODIES WERE FOUND, 44 ENEMY WERE KIA, TWO PW NVA WERE CAPTURED, 11 WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED, ONE USMC WAS KIA, AND 18 USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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| USMC | ENEMY |
| 2/23 KIA | 171/685 KIA (CONF) |
| 44/159 WIA (EVAC) | 2/4 NVA/PW |
| | 3/35 DETAINEES |
| 73/123 WEAPONS CAPTURED | |
| (ADJUSTED) | |

(9) OPERATION NUTCRACKER (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 041122, THE 7TH MARINES (-) (REIN) WITH THREE COMPANIES (COMPANIES H AND M, 7TH MARINES AND COMPANY L, 5TH MARINES) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF DANANG WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 4 FEBRUARY, IN THREE SMALL AND UNRELATED CONTACTS FOUR VC WERE KIA AND ONE DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC
NONEENEMY
4/4 KIA (CONF)
1/1 DETAINEE

(10) OPERATION DINOSAUR (2D BRIGADE, ROKMC)

(A) THE 2D BRIGADE, ROKMC WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST, 2D, AND 3TH BATTALIONS) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR TACR IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. AT 0305, THE ARTILLERY BATTALION (BY 106513) RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKET FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN ENEMY POSITION. FIVE ROKMC WERE KIA AND SEVEN ROKMC AND TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. AT 0745, THE 10TH COMPANY (BT 162573) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY WHILE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. THREE VC WERE KIA AND ONE CARBINE, 18 TEAR GAS GRENADES, AND 19 HE GRENADES WERE CAPTURED. AT 1100, THE 11TH COMPANY (BT 154583) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. DURING THE ACTION 50 VC WERE KIA, TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, AND SIX WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. IN THE SAME VICINITY (BT 153583), AT 1255, THE 11TH COMPANY ENGAGED ANOTHER ENEMY FORCE.

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THIRTEEN VC WERE KIA AND FOUR WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. AT 1125, THE 10TH COMPANY (BT 161577) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC RESULTING IN 79 VC KIA AND NINE WEAPONS CAPTURED. AT 1345, A ROKMC CO DIRECTED ARTILLERY FIRE ON 20 VC (BT 128595) RESULTING IN 12 VC KIA. IN 11 ADDITIONAL AND UNRELATED INCIDENTS FIVE VC WERE KIA, FOUR DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, AND THREE WEAPONS AND 4 ROCKETS WERE CAPTURED. THREE ROKMC WERE KIA AND SEVEN ROKMC AND ONE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DINOSAUR, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF FMAV FLEW TWO SORTIES. FMAV HELICOPTERS FLEW 93 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 71 PERSONNEL AND 11 TONS OF CARGO. ROKMC ARTILLERY FIRED 47 MISSIONS EXPENDING 1729 ROUNDS. USS WAKKE (DD 7723) FIRED TWO MISSIONS EXPENDING 59 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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| ROKMC | ENEMY |
| 8/27 KIA (ADJUSTED) | 102/120 KIA (CONF) |
| 14/145 WIA (EVAC) | (ADJUSTED) |
| (ADJUSTED) | 8/10 VC/PW |
| USMC | 12/35 DETAINEES |

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RECOILESS RIFLES AND MORTARS. THE PRISON WAS SECURED AT 062030, RESULTING IN 62 NVA KIA, 6 DETAINEES APPREHENDED AND 30 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, FOUR CASES OF GRENADES AND 20 DEMOLITION CHARGES CAPTURED. IN 14 ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS ON THE 6TH, IN THE SAME GENERAL VICINITY (YD 7621, YD 7721) 53 NVA WERE KIA, 17 BODIES WERE FOUND, AND 20 WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. SIX USMC WERE KIA AND 19 USMC WERE WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

7/30 KIA

163/848 KIA (CONF)

28/187 WIA (EVAC)

0/4 NVA/PW

(ADJUSTED)

8/42 DETAINEES

59/182 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(9) OPERATION NUTCRACKER (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 061545, THE 7TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

WITH THREE COMPANIES (COMPANIES H AND M, 7TH MARINES AND COMPANY L, 5TH MARINES) TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF DANANG WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

ENEMY

NONE

0/4 KIA (CONF)

0/1 DETAINEES

(10) OPERATION DINOSAUR (2D BRIGADE, ROKVC)

(A) THE 2D BRIGADE, ROKVC WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST, 2D, AND 5TH BATTALIONS) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR TAOR IN QUANG NAM

PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. BETWEEN 0915 AND 1110, THE 10TH COMPANY HAD THREE HEAVY CONTACTS WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF (BT 160572,

BT 155570, BT 155579). DURING THE ACTION, 39 NVA WERE KIA AND FOUR WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

WERE SUSTAINED. IN FIVE SEPARATE AND UNRELATED INCIDENTS, 17

ENEMY WERE KIA, FOUR DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, THREE

WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED AND ONE ROKMC WAS WIA AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DINOSAUR, FMAW

HELICOPTERS FLEW 288 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 90 PERSONNEL AND

221 TONS OF CARGO. ROKC ARTILLERY FIRED 41 MISSIONS EX-

PENDING 1292 ROUNDS. USS WALKER (DD-723) FIRED 15 MISSIONS EX-

PENDING 286 ROUNDS.

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