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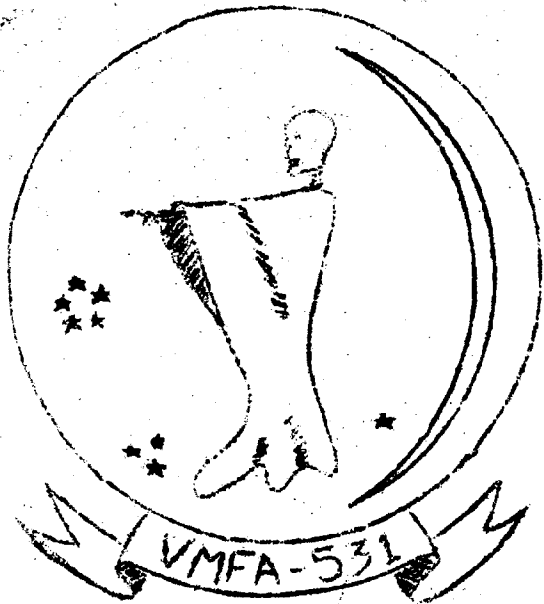
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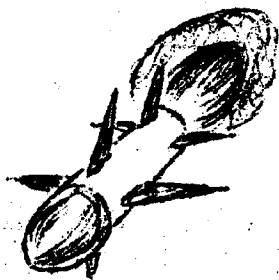
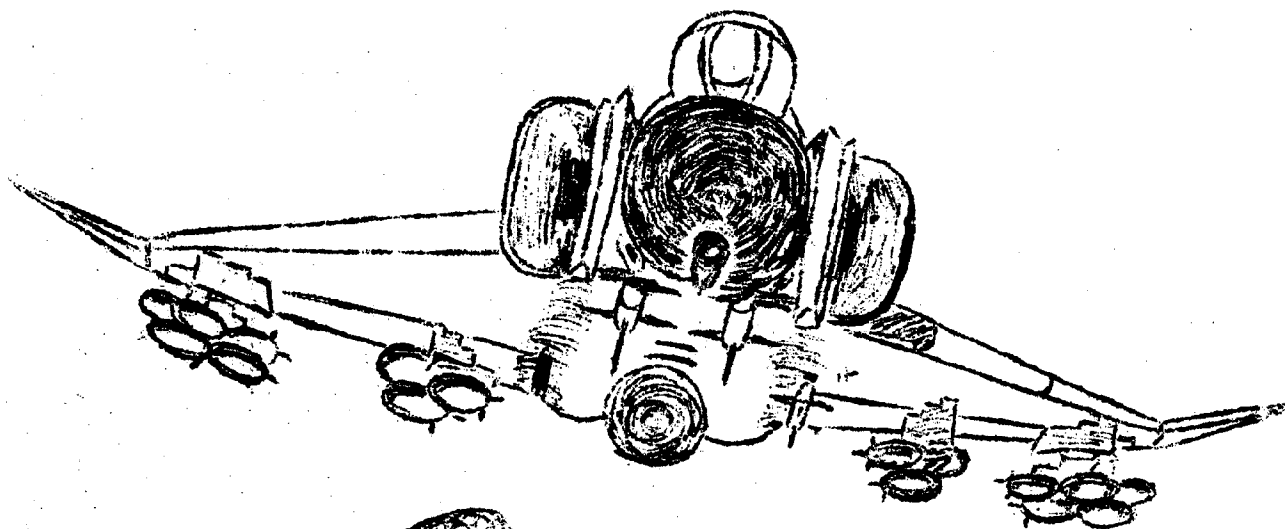
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FOR PERIOD 1 THRU 30 JUNE 1965

DATE OF SUBMISSION - 1 JULY 1965

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM C. MCGRAW, JR. COMMANDING

LOCATION - 1-14 JUNE 1965 - DA NANG AIRBASE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
15-30 JUNE 1965 - NAS ATSUGI, JAPAN

2400 30 JUNE 1965 - SQUADRON DEACTIVATES FOR ROTATION TO CONUS

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 1 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from night CAS MSN # 97831. Flare A/C did not assign tgt. Negative ordnance expended. 4.0 hrs in 2 sorties.

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN #97798 to a landing zone 150°/65 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, negative ordnance expended. 3.9 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-237).

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN #97800 to a landing zone 222/10 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, negative ordnance expended. 4.8 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-238).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #97798A on 3 VC villages 152°/57 NM Da Nang. 6 MK-81, 9 LAU-10 expended destroying 10 buildings and damaging 5. 3.9 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-236).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #97837 on a VC hamlet 149°/62 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-81, 2 MK-82, 2 MK-83, 14 LAU-10 expended destroying 9 buildings and damaging 5. 5.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-239).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #97797 on VC entrenchments in a tree-line 149°/57 NM Da Nang. 12 MK-81, 8 LAU-10 expended saturating area. 2.2 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-240).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #97797 on a VC hamlet and VC entrenchments 153°/63 NM Da Nang. 6 MK-82, 11 MK-81 11 LAU-10 expended destroying 19 structures and saturating trenchline. 3.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-241).

Two A/C returned from scramble MSN #97797 to a position 235°/28 NM Pleiku. FAC(A) was late getting airborne and flight was returned due to low fuel state. No ordnance expended. 2.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-242).

Two A/C returned from MSN # 97797A which relieved previous flight. Target was VC troops in mountain jungle which had ambushed ARVN unit. 8 MK-82, 5 LAU-10 expended with unknown damage due to jungle canopy. 3.5 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-243).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	25	25
TOTAL HOURS	34.1	34.1

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOC's outstanding - 45
 JP-4 used - 53,089 gallons
 Ordnance expended - 47 LAU-10, 33 MK-81, 2 MK-83, 16 MK-82

ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel strength - MCO 42, MCE 352, NO 1, NE 2

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 2 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from night strike MSN # 97845 under the flares on buildings and area along a river bank 160°/61 NM Da Nang. Small arms fire received from target area. 8 MK-82, 5 LAU-10 expended with unknown results. TOS 0110-0138. 2.4 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-244).

Two A/C returned from night strike MSN #97846 under the flares on wooded area with buildings 160°/60 NM Da Nang. Small arms received from target area. 8 MK-82, 8 LAU-10 expended with unknown results. TOS 0150-0230. 2.5 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-245).

Two A/C returned from flaming arrow scramble MSN #97945 to a rendezvous point 153°/40 NM Da Nang. FAC(A) never arrived and flight returned expending no ordnance. 3.1 hrs in 3 sorties. (S2-246).

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN # 97945A to a landing zone 151°/39 NM Da Nang. Fire was received from a ridgeline ½ mile east of target. 2 MK-83, 1 MK-82, 1 LAU-10 expended neutralizing fire. 3.0 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-247).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #97947 on a VC position on a heavily wooded hillside 152°/60 NM Da Nang. 6 MK-81 6 MK-82 16 LAU-10 expended saturating area. 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties. (S2-248)

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #97948 on VC troops in a tree line along stream 150°/92 NM Da Nang. 11 MK-82 5 MK-81 11 LAU-10 expended neutralizing small arms fire received from target area. KBA's to be reported by ground forces. 4.8 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-249).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN# 97984 on a VC village 145°/62 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-82 4 MK-81 7 LAU-10 expended destroying 15 structures and 10 more left burning. 1.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-250).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #97985 on a wooded knoll in mountain valley. 6 MK-82, 8 LAU-10 expended with unknown results as FAC(A) diverted prior to damage assessment. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties.

5 VMFA-513 A/C arrived Da Nang.

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	22	47
TOTAL HOURS	23.4	57.5

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 14 of 15

AACP's outstanding - 48

JP-4 used - 44,702 gallons

Ordnance expended - 56 LAU-10, 15 MK-81, 44 MK-82, 2 MK-83

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 3 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C departed Da Nang for Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha.

Two A/C returned from night strike MSN #97973 under flares on two VC villages 155°/55 NM Da Nang. Both villages left burning. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended. TOS 0100-0150. 2.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-252).

Two A/C returned from night strike MSN #97974 under flares on VC village 152°/64 NM Da Nang. One confirmed structure destroyed, remaining unobserved. 8 MK-82 and 3 LAU-10 expended. TOS 0153-0215. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-251).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #98009 on VC village 152°/60 Da Nang. Several structures left burning. 4 MK-79 and 8 LAU-10 expended. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-254).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #98010 on VC village 160°/65 NM Da Nang. 15 structures destroyed, unknown damage. 4 MK-82 1 MK-79 5 LAU-10 expended. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-255).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN# 98015 on VC village 150°/62 NM Da Nang. 10 structures destroyed 5 damaged. 7 MK 82 expended. 4.3 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-256).

Three A/C returned fro helo escort/CAS MSN #98014 151°/61 NM Da Nang. 7 MK-81 expended on VC troop concentration crossing river into hills. FAC unable to determine damage. 4.8 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-257).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #98011 on VC village 152°/60 NM Da Nang. 10 MK-82, 2 MK-81 and 10 LAU-10 expended destroying 17 structures and damaging 5. 3.0 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-259).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #98012 on VC village 147°/56 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-82, 4 MK-81 and 9 LAU-10 expended, destroying 23 structures and damaging 10. 2.7 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-258).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	21	69
TOTAL HOURS	23.4	80.9

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOCP's outstanding - 47
 JP-4 used - 44,702 gallons
 Ordnance expended - 43 LAU-10, 4 MK-79, 13 MK-81, 45 MK-82

ADMINISTRATIVE - Office Hours held by CO - 2 violations of Art 86.
 Two aircrews departed for NAS Atsugi, Capt PURDHOMME, CAPT CAUGHNOR, CWO MOREAU, CWO STONE.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 4 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from night strike MSN # 98013 under flares on two VC companies in stream bed 160°/58 NM Da Nang. Several KBA's reported by controller but unable to determine actual number. 7 MK-82 and 5 LAU-10 expended. TOS 0235H-0308H 2.8 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-260).

Two A/C returned from night strike MSN # 98013B under flares on VC troop concentrations along river 160°/58 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-82 and 7 LAU-10 expended, results unobserved. TOS 0307H-0353H. 2.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-262).

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98229 to a landing zone 240°/6 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 3.0 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-261).

One A/C returned from helo escort/TPQ-10 MSN #98230A. Neg helo escort assistance required so A/C drop 2 MK-82 under TPQ control of Landshark B on area 253°/15 NM Da Nang. Results unobserved. 1.9 hrs in 1 sortie (S2-263).

One A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98230A to landing zone area 170°/35 NM Da Nang. Neg assistance required, no ordnance expended. 1.9 hrs in 1 sortie (S2-264).

One A/C returned from helo escort/TPQ MSN #98230B. Neg assistance required in LZ. A/C dropped 5 MK-81 under TPQ control of Landshark B. Results unobserved. 2.0 hrs in 1 sortie (S2-266).

Two A/C returned from helo escort/TPQ MSN #98230C. Neg assistance required in LZ, 332°/12 NM Da Nang. A/C dropped 8 MK-82 under TPQ control of Landshark B. Results unobserved. 3.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-265).

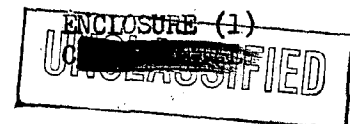
Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98232. Neg assistance required in LZ 240°/17 NM Da Nang. No ordnance expended. 2.4 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-267).

Two A/C scrambled on flaming arrow MSN #98228 to bivowac area 205°/6 NM Hue Phu Bai, containing 2 VC companies. 4 MK-82 and 4 LAU-10 expended with unknown KBA/WBA. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-268).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #98137. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended on VC troops on a wooded hillside. Results unobserved due to tree canopy. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-269).

Two A/C scrambled on flaming arrow MSN # 98228B. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended on VC troops in a jungle ravine, 215°/17 NM Hue Phu Bai. Results unobserved due to tree canopy. 2.3 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-270).

Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98233. No assistance required in LZ, 145°/90 NM Da Nang. A/C expended 8 MK-81 and 7 LAU-10 on VC assembly area 154°/85 NM Da Nang. Results not observed due to tree canopy. 3.2 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-271).



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Two A/C returned from night flare MSN #98228C. 3 MK-82 and 3 LAU-10 were expended on wooded mountain side south of Nga Ba outpost, 285°/28 NM Da Nang. Results not observed. TOS 2225H-2300H. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-272)

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	25	94
TOTAL HOURS	30.2	111.1

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
AOCF's outstanding - 48
JP-4 used - 43,597
Ordnance expended - 42 LAU-10, 13 MK-81, 44 MK-82

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1 Officer (Capt ONEAL) and 19 enlisted departed to NAS Atsugi to transfer A/C.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 5 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98310 on VC village 155°/108 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 14 LAU-10 were expended, destroying 8 structures and damaging 6.4 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-273).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98311 on VC structures and troops in jungle 200°/85 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-82, 3 MK-79 and 14 LAU-10 expended, destroying 5 structures and damaging 3. Area saturated with unknown KBA/WBA. 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-274).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98311A on VC village and ambush site 202°/13 NM Da Nang. 13 MK-82, 12 LAU-10 and 4 AERO-7D expended destroying 6 structures, damaging 3, and saturating entrenchments. 4.4 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-275).

Three A/C returned from CAS MSN #98313 on VC village 240°/8 NM Da Nang. 3 MK-82, 4 MK-81 and 9 LAU-10 were expended destroying 4 structures. 3.0 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-276).

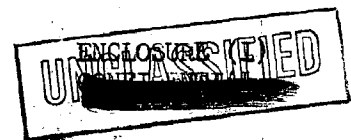
Three A/C returned from strike MSN #98314 on VC bivowac area 289°/9 NM Da Nang. 11 MK-82, 7 LAU-10 and 4 AERO-7D expended with unknown KBA/WBA. 2.4 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-277).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	18	112
TOTAL HOURS	20.2	131.3

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOCP's outstanding - 57
 JP-4 used - 36,937 gallons
 Ordnance expended - 51 MK-82, 4 MK-81, 7 AERO-7D, 56 LAU-10, 3 MK-79.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Major General WALT, CG III MAF visited squadron area & tent camp 1530-1650.

Major J. R. SHERMAN received promotion to present rank to rank fr 1 June 1965.



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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 6 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - 3 A/C depart Da Nang for NAS Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha.

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #98346 on VC caves & troops on a wooded hillside 276°/9 NM Da Nang. 1 MK-82, 8 MK-81 & 8 LAU-10 expended, results undetermined. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-278).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98344 on VC structures in a wooded area 286°/41 NM Da Nang. 12 MK-82, 8 LAU-10 and 3 AERO-7D expended, damaging 5 structures. Further damage not visible. 3.7 hrs in 4 sorties. (S2-270).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98343 on VC structure and shelter area 160°/30 NM Da Nang. 11 MK-82 and 9 LAU-10 expended, saturating the area and destroying 1 structure 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-280).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98348 on VC structures 170°/25 NM Da Nang. 15 MK-82, 1 MK-81 and 12 LAU-10 expended destroying 4 structures. 3.7 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-281).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98347 on VC structures in bivowac area 143°/59 NM Da Nang. 7 MK-82, 8 MK-81 & 13 LAU-10 expended. One group of structures 50% destroyed, 4 secondary explosions, and entire area left burning.

3.7 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-282).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	18	130
TOTAL HOURS	17.1	148.4

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15

AACP's outstanding - 51

JP-4 used - 33,514 gallons

Ordnance expended - 46 MK-82, 17 MK-81, 50 LAU-10, 3 AERO-7D.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Major O. E. CORY - TAB complete

Three aircrews departed for Atsugi

MAJ CORY

MAJ SHERMAN

CAPT HANNA

MAJ HENSON

CWO WENRICH

CWO FRAZIER

T. A. CRICKON tr to USNH Yokosuka Japan while sk.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 7 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from area search and attack MSN #95505 on VC staging and troop rest area 260°/15 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended. Results unobserved due to tree canopy. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-283).

Two A/C returned for Area Search and Attack MSN #98504 on VC staging and troop rest area 260°/15 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-82 and 6 LAU-10 expended. Area saturated but damage undetermined due to tree canopy. 2.1 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-284).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98506 on VC bivowac area along stream bed 270°/13 NM Da Nang. 6 MK-82 and 5 LAU-10 expended. Area saturated but damage undetermined. 1.4 hrs in 2 sorties. (S2-285).

Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98507 148°/33 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 3.7 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-286).

Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN # 98507A to 150°/40 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 3.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S-2-287).

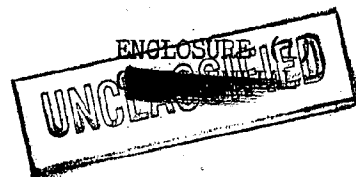
Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98481 on VC structures 165°/122 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 10 LAU-10 expended, destroying 8 structures and damaging 11. 5.5 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-288).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98482 on VC village of 6-8 structures 270°/20 Da Nang. 16 MK-82 expended. Area saturated but damage undetermined. 6.9 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-289).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98508 on VC barracks in a bivowac area 200°/85 NM Da Nang. 12 MK-82 expended, with results unknown due to weather. 4.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-291).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	24	154
TOTAL HOURS	29.8	178.2

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOCF outstanding - 53
 JP-4 used - 50,830
 Ordnance expended - 66 MK-82, 29 LAU-10



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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 8 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from Search and Attack MSN #98515 to VC training area 260°/13 NM Da Nang. 7 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended. Area saturated but results unknown. 1.7 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-290).

Two A/C returned from Search and Attack MSN #98516 to VC bivowac area 270°/8 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 were expended. Results unobserved due to tree canopy. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties.

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98597 on 2 VC companies trenches and foxholes 100°/90 NM Bien Hoa. 16 MK-82 and 7 LAU-10 were expended. Results unobserved. 7.2 hrs in 4 sorties (S-2-293).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #98596 on VC troop concentrations along a wooded creek 170°/270 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-82, 8 MK-82 and 7 LAU-10 expended. One structure damaged and unknown KBA/WBA. 5.4 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-294).

Two A/C returned from Search and Attack MSN #98517 on trail complex and suspected VC concentration 245°/17 NM Da Nang. 2 MK-82 expended, results unobserved. 1.6 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-295).

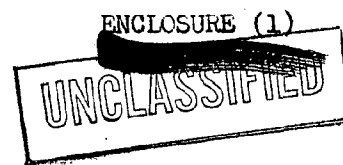
One A/C returned from night TPQ MSN #98518. MSN aborted due to weather. 1.0 hrs in 1 sortie (S2-296).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	14	16.8
TOTAL HOURS	18.9	197.1

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOCF's outstanding - 54
 JP-4 used - 19,470
 Ordnance expended - 41 MK-82, 4 MK-81, 30 LAU-10

Five A/C delivered to Kisarazu from NAS Atsugi, A/C transfer to VF-151 aboard USS Midway,

ADMINISTRATIVE - LCPL RUPE to sk USNH Da Nang.



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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 9 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Four A/C returned from strike MSN # 98698 on suspected VC concentration 296°/77 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 16 LAU-10 expended on target. Results unobserved. 4.4 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-297).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98699 on troops in wooded area. 2 A/C aborted due to mechanical trouble. 7 MK-82 expended on target. Results unknown. 5.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-298).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98733. FAC(A) did not assign target. No ordnance expended. 4.1 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-299).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	12	180
TOTAL HOURS	13.1	210.2

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 12 of 15
AOC's outstanding - 56
JP-4 used - 23,840 gallons
Ordnance expended - 23 MK-82, 16 LAU-10

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 10 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98824. Helos not airborne by bingo time. No ordnance expended. 4.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-300).

Four A/C returned from flaming arrow scramble MSN #98823 on wooded area along river 140°/30 NM Tan Son Nhut. 16 MK-82 and 16 LAU 10 expended. Results unknown due to tree canopy. 7.2 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-301).

Two A/C returned from flaming arrow scramble MSN #98823A on wooded area along river 148°/30 NM Tan Son Nhut. 8 MK-82 and 8 LAU-10 expended. Results unknown due to tree canopy. 3.6 hours in 2 sorties (S2-302).

Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98825 to LZ 185°/9 NM Quang Ngai. No assistance required no ordnance expended. UH-1B received small arms fire but FAC(A) would not clear flight to fire. 3.4 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-303).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98819 to VC resupply & staging area 255°/19 NM Da Nang. 2 MK-77 and 2 MK-82 were expended. One A/C aborted due to system malfunction. Results unknown due to tree canopy. 4.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-304).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #98820 on 6 bunkers and a VC assembly area in woods 297°/77 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 15 LAU-10 expended. 6 bunkers destroyed. 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties. (S2-305).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	16	196
TOTAL HOURS	26.8	237.0

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOCF's outstanding - 57
 JP-4 used - 38,267
 Ordnance expended - 42 MK-82, 39 LAU-10 2 MK-77

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 11 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C departed Da Nang for Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha.
 Two VMFA-513 A/C arrived Da Nang.

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98854 on VC gun emplacements at edge of bivowac area 97°/60 NM Pleiku. 12 MK-82, 3 MK-81 and 12 LAU-10 were expended. 16 structures destroyed, 1 gun emplacement destroyed and one secondary explosion observed. 5.6 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-306).

Two A/C returned from helo escort MSN #98858 in vicinity 190°/28 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 2.8 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-307).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98855 on VC troop positions 160°/143 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 15 LAU-10 expended on target. Unknown KBA/WBA. 6.0 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-308).

One A/C returned from helo cap MSN #98858 to LZ 190°/28 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 1.8 hrs in 1 sortie. (S2-309).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #98862 on bunkers, foxholes and scattered structures 297°/80 NM Da Nang. 16 MK-82 and 15 LAU-10 expended, destroying 30-40 foxholes, 12 bunkers and 2 structures. 5.4 hrs in 4 sorties. (S2-310).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	15	211
TOTAL HOURS	21.6	258.6

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 12 of 15
 AOCF's outstanding - 53
 JP-4 used - 37,578 gallons
 Ordnance expended - 44 MK-82, 3 MK-81, 42 LAU-10

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1 enl depart for NAS Atsugi
 2 Aircrews depart for NAS Atsugi

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 12 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C depart Da Nang for Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha. Two VMFA-513 A/C arrive Da Nang RVN.

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN #99041 to LZ area 290°/77 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-82 8 MK-81 and 10 LAU-10 expended on tree line on east side of LZ. Damage unknown. 3.9 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-311).

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN #99042 to LZ area 291°/78 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-82 and 5 LAU-10 expended on north side of LZ. 3 structures destroyed. 4.4 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-312).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #99043 on VC grenade factory 262°/28 NM Da Nang. 4 MK-77 and 6 LAU-10 expended. One secondary explosion observed. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-313).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #99678 on concrete bunker & 6 VC structures 340°/15 NM Chu Lai. 4 MK-81, 7 MK-82 and 4 LAU-10 expended. Targets destroyed. 4.5 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-314).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #99677 on 15 VC structures 298°/77 NM Da Nang. 12 MK-82 and 7 LAU-10 expended. Three structures destroyed, 1 left burning, other damage unknown. 4.5 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-315).

Three A/C returned from helo escort MSN# 99039 to evacuated outpost 180°/15 NM Hue Phu Bai. 8 MK-82 and 11 LAU-10 expended. 20 structures destroyed. 3.8 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-316).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	18	229
TOTAL HOURS	23.1	281.7

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 12 of 15
 AOCF's outstanding - 30
 JP-4 used - 38,369 gallons
 Ordnance expended - 35 MK-82, 12 MK-81, 43 LAU-10, 4 MK-77

ADMINISTRATIVE - Two aircrews departed for NAS Atsugi by F4B.
 Four officers & 52 enlisted departed for NAS Atsugi by KC-130.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 13 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C depart Da Nang for NAS Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha.
 Two VMFA-513 A/C arrived Da Nang RVN.

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #97721 on VC troops in trenches and foxholes 297°/37 NM Hue Phu Bai. 16 MK-82 expended on target. Area saturated, damage unknown. 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties. (S2-317).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #99722 on 2 VC battalions in wooded area. 4 MK-81, 5 MK-82 and 12 LAU-10 expended. Damage unknown due to tree canopy. 4.0 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-318).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #97713 on VC bivouac area including approximately 15 structures, 280°/31 NM Da Nang. 8 MK-81 and 7 LAU-10 expended on target. 4 structures destroyed and 6 damaged. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-319).

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	10	239
TOTAL HOURS	10.0	291.7

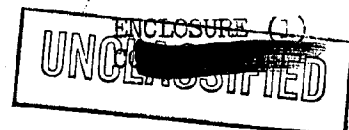
LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15

AACP's outstanding - 1

JP-4 used - 25,615

Ordnance expended - 21 MK-82, 12 MK-81, 19 LAU-10

ADMINISTRATIVE - 3 officers and 59 enlisted departed for NAS Atsugi.



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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 14 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Two A/C departed Da Nang for NAS Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Nakhon Phanom.
 Two VMFA-513 A/C arrived Da Nang RVN.

Three A/C returned from helo cap MSN #99953 to LZ 141°/44 NM Da Nang. No assistance required, no ordnance expended. 4.5 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-320).

Three A/C returned from strike MSN #99960 on VC pillboxes and bunkers, 146°/51 NM Da Nang. 5 MK-81 and 8 LAU-10 expended, damage unobserved. 3.9 hrs in 3 sorties (S2-321).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #99945 on VC bivouac area 085°/32 NM Pleiku. 9 MK-81 and 9 LAU-10 expended. One structure destroyed and two damaged. 7.1 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-322).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #99946 on VC structure 090°/38 NM Pleiku. 7 MK-81 and 15 LAU-10 expended. Four structures destroyed, 1 secondary explosion. 5.8 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-323).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #99047 on 3 VC battalions 160°/25 NM Pleiku. 7 MK-81 and 15 LAU-10 expended, damage not observed. 6.0 hrs in 4 sorties (S2-324).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN #99968. Flight aborted due to fire warning light in one A/C. 2.0 hrs in 2 sorties (S2-325).

VMFA-531 chopped from FMAW (ADV) to MAG-11 142400H.

	TODAY	MONTHLY
TOTAL SORTIES	20	259
TOTAL HOURS	29.3	321.0

LOGISTICS - A/C availability - 13 of 15
 AOC's outstanding - 10
 JP-4 used - 110,305
 Ordnance expended - 28 MK-81, 47 LAU-10

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1 officer, 80 enlisted transferred to VMFA-513
 6 officers, 106 enlisted returned to NAS Atsugi via KC-130.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 15 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - Final two VMFA-531 A/C depart Da Nang for NAS Atsugi via Cubi Pt and Naha. One A/C RON Naha with utility Hyd failure. 18 enlisted returned to NAS Atsugi.

16 JUNE 1965

One A/C departed Atsugi for Naha with parts to repair downed A/C. Two A/C then return from Naha. 5.6 hrs in 3 sorties. All personnel now at NAS Atsugi.

18 JUNE 1965

Four A/C flew local GCI training MSN at NAS Atsugi. 6.3 hrs in 4 sorties. Transferred 2 corpsmen to MABS-11 this Gru for du.

22 JUNE 1965

One A/C flew local exercise hop. 1.6 hrs in 1 sorties.

25 JUNE 1965

Five A/C flew local GCI training flight. 6.8 hrs in 5 sorties. This terminates flight operations for this squadron.

30 JUNE 1965

Total flight hours for month - 318.7 hrs. Squadron disbands as of 2400. Relieved by VMFA-115.

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COMBAT SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 1-14 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - TOTAL COMBAT SORTIES - 259
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS - 321.0
TOTAL COMBAT SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF USMC - 64
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS IN SUPPORT OF USMC - 87.4
TOTAL COMBAT SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF 2ndAIRDIV - 194
TOTAL COMBAT HOURS IN SUPPORT OF 2ndAIRDIV - 233.6

LOGISTICS - AVERAGE A/C AVAILABILITY - 14 of 15
AVERAGE AOCPS OUTSTANDING - 51
TOTAL JP-4 USED - 600,715 GALLONS
BRAVO COST PER FLIGHT HOUR - \$173.00
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - AERO-7D - 10
LAU-10 - 559
MK-77 - 6
MK-79 - 7
MK-81 - 154
MK-82 - 518
MK-83 - 4

ADMINISTRATIVE - AVERAGE STRENGTH - MCO - 46
MCE - 361
NO - 1
NE - 2
CIV TECH REPS - 2

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TOTAL COMBAT RECAP FOR PERIOD 13 APRIL - 14 JUNE 1965

OPERATIONS - TOTAL COMBAT SORTIES - 970
 TOTAL COMBAT FLIGHT HOURS - 1,232
 TOTAL COMBAT MISSIONS - 333
 TOTAL SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF USMC - 275
 TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS IN SUPPORT OF USMC - 370
 TOTAL SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF 2NDAIRDIV - 681
 TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS IN SUPPORT OF 2NDAIRDIV - 847

INTELLIGENCE - TOTAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM COMBAT OPERATIONS, PERIOD 13 APRIL THROUGH 14 JUNE 1965.

STRUCTURES DESTROYED	913
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	168
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	32
VIET CONG KBA	300
VIET CONG WBA	127
RADIO SITES DESTROYED	1
BOATS DESTROYED	3
COASTAL SUPPLY CAVES DESTROYED	2
AAA SITES DESTROYED (37 MM DRV)	1
AA AW SITES DESTROYED (HVV MG)	14
MORTAR POSITIONS DESTROYED	3
VIET CONG ARMORIES DESTROYED (MORT./MG/GRENADE)	2
BUNKERS DESTROYED	28
TRENCH LINES NEUTRALIZED	5
.30 CAL MG'S	3
AW/AR'S	3
RIFLES/PERSONAL WEAPONS	103
FOXHOLES/ENTRENCHED POSITIONS DESTROYED	40
RICE MILLS DESTROYED	5
RICE STORAGE HOUSES DESTROYED	4
STORED RICE DESTROYED	37,500 KILO'S
VIET CONG TRADING AGENCY DESTROYED	1
VIET CONG WEAPONS REPAIR SHOP	2
IN ADDITION:	

92 REFUGEES WITH 100 HEAD OF CATTLE DETAINED BY THE VIET CONG WERE RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL AS A DIRECT RESULT OF 3 AIR STRIKES.

FIRST VIET CONG CASUALTY OF III MAF LANDING AT CHU LAI WAS KBA ACCREDITED TO VMFA-531 PHANTOMS AS A RESULT OF STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF LANDINGS.

DURING QUANG NGAI BATTLE 28 MAY THROUGH 7 JUNE 1965 ON ONE NIGHT STRIKE CONDUCTED UNDER PARA-FLARE ILLUMINATION IN ADDITION TO VIET CONG CASUALTIES INCLUDED IN ABOVE TOTALS, 30 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER AMMO BEARERS FOR VIET CONG WERE KBA/WBA AND ANOTHER 100 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER AMMO BEARERS FOR VIET CONG DESERTED.

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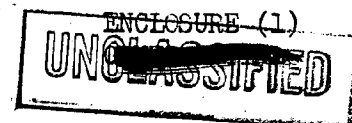
DUE TO THE TYPE OF TERRAIN AND LACK OF ANY FRIENDLY FORCES IN MANY STRIKE AREAS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMPRISES ONLY APPROXIMATELY 50% OF ACTUAL DAMAGE/CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE VIET CONG. DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS NOT CONFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT SOURCES ARE NOT COMPLIED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS.

(NOTE: THIS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS INCOMPLETE AND MAY BE UPGRADED AS DELAYED CONFIRMED REPORTS FROM VARIOUS FIELD SOURCES ARE RECEIVED AND COMPLIED).

LOGISTICS - AVERAGE A/C AVAILABILITY - 92.5%
AVERAGE ACCP'S OUTSTANDING - 37
TOTAL GALLONS JP-4 USED - 1,996,631
BRAVO FUNDS EXPENDED - \$204,305
AVERAGE BRAVO COST PER FLIGHT HOUR - \$165
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - AERO-7D - 405
LAU-10 - 1102
MK-77 - 14
MK-79 - 68
MK-81 - 1733
MK-82 - 755
MK-83 - 12

DOLLAR COST OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED - \$2,453,284

ADMINISTRATIVE - AVERAGE STRENGTH - MCC - 45
MCE - 362
NO - 1
NE - 2
CIV TECH REPS - 2



OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTED: D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT, USMC

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FM: CG FNAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FNAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAINGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOG INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-234 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR NIGHT CAS MSN 97831

- A. 1 JUN 65, 97831, CHIEFTAIN 81 AND 82, VMFA-531
- B. 2 FLD, 451, 454, NIGHT CAS
- C. NO TGTS
- D. N/A
- E. 0135 DANANG
 0145-0315
 0334 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. NO, FLARE A/C DID NOT HAVE A TGT
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. ST. SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT. COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-236 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97798A

- A. 1 JUN 65, 97798A, CHIEFTAIN 14 THRU 16, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 454, 456, 468, ID I CORPS
- C. BS 502 798, 3 V.C. VILLAGES IN 3/4 MILE AREA OF COORD, 152 DEGREES/57NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0802 DANANG
 0845-0902
 0920 DANANG
- F. 6 X 250GP BOMBS, 37 X ZUNI RKTS, 10 BLDGS DESTROYED, 5 DAMAGED, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/CANDY, RAAB/CUSICK, SHERMAN/MOREAU
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

W. R. Hartley
 DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSCT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-237 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 97798

- A. 1 JUN 65, 97798, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 13, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 447, 451, 453, LZ PREP
- C. BS 602 720, HELO LZ, 150 DEGREES/65NM ING
- D. UNK
- E. 0742 DANANG
 0750-0845
 0900 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. PRUIHOMME/HENSON, DUSSE/FULLER, DOWLING/COX
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

GR-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OF IMMEDIATE ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIPGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-238 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN ~~97850~~ 9780

- A. 1 JUNE 1965, ⁹⁷⁸⁰⁰~~97850~~, CHIEFTAIN, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 1448, 452, 457, HELO ESCORT
- C. AT 930 650, HELO LZ, 222 DEGREES/10NM DNG
- D. IN HELO QZ AT COORD
- E. 0617 DANANG
 0620-0745
 0753 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES,
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/SCHWARZ, SLONE/MARSHALL, CORY/FRAZIER
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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DRAWN: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARITACRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-239 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97837

- A. 1 JUN 65, 97837, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 44, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 486, 462, 451, 447, ID I CORPS
- C. BS 545 814/BS 543 834, V.C. HAMLET, 149 DEGREES/62NM DNG
- D. 5 KILOS WEST OF TGT
- E. 1015 DANANG
 1030-1117
 1138 DANANG
- F. 4 X 250GP BOMBS, 2 X 500GP BOMBS, 2 X 1000GP BOMBS, 54 ZUNI RKTS, 9 BLUGS DESTROYED,
 5 DAMAGED, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 21/22
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. HANNA/MENRICH, DOMSEE/STONE, SMITH/STRAYHORN, HANKE/TREMPER
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOTS G-3

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OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

C F Williams

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATREHU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MAFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-240 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97797

- A. 1 JUNE 65, 97797, CHIEPTAIN 01-02, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 452, 458, ID I CORPS
- C. BS 570 880, VC POSITIONS IN TREE LINE, 119 DEGREES/57 NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 112h DANANG
1138-1215
1230 DANANG
- F. 12 X 250, 31 X ZUNE, AREA COMPLETELY SATURATED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
- H. NONE, NO
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, CAUCHRON/BOROUGHES
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., AGOFS G-3

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 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIBRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MAPFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-241 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97797,

- A. 1 JUNE 65, 97797, CHIEFTAIN 03,04,05,06
- B. 4 F4B, 464, 468, 454, 486, ID
- C. RS 520 880, VC HAMLET AND VC TROOPS, 153 DEGREES/60NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1240/1210 DANANG
 1208/1220
 1225/1240
 1240/1300 DANANG
- F. 6 X 500 LB GP, 11X250LB GP, 45 ZUNIS, 19 STRUCTURES DESTROYED - AREA SATURATED
- G. YES
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. CORY/FRAZIER, SLONE/MARSHALL, SHERMAN/JOHNSON, FREDERICK/STEINKEN
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOPS G-3

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OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. E. JOHNSON, CWO., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIROU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATK RON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-242 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR FLAMING ARROW MSN 97797

- A. 1 JUN 1965, 97797, CHIEFTAIN 17-18, VMFA-531
- B. 2 FLB, 443, 456, FLAMING ARROW (GAS)
- C. NO TGTS - BRIEFED TGT WAS YA 960 060, UNK, 215 DEGREES/28NM PLEIKU
- D. UNK
- E. 1715 DANANG
1740-1800
1833 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. NO, FLIGHT REACHED BINGO FUEL AT TIME FAC(A) ARRIVED ON STATION
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/LAWRENCE, GOWELL/TREMPER
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *W. D. Johnson* W. D. JOHNSON, CWO., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAP
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITTATIRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-243 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR FLAMING ARROW MSN 97797A

- A. 1 JUN 65, 97797A, CHIEFTAIN 71-72, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 451, 484, (CAS) FLAMING ARROW
- C. YA 980 340, VC IN ROLLING WOODED AREA, 223/26NM PLEIKU
- D. UNK
- E. 1800 DANANG
1830-1915
1953 DANANG
- F. 8 X MK-82, 19 ZUNI, NOT OBSERVED, JUNGLE CANOPY
- G. YES, NO K 40
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, RAAR/COX, PEACOCK CONTROL WAS OUTSTANDING AS USUAL
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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W. D. JOHNSON, CWO, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIROU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-244 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97845

- A. 2 JUN 65, 97845, CHIEFTAIN 51 AND 52, VMFA-531
- B. 2 FEB, 486, 462, ID
- C. BS 490 760, BLDGS AND AREA ALONG RIVER BANK, 160 DEGREES/61NM DNG
- D. 2NM NORTH
- E. 0055 DANANG
0110-0138
0205 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 20 X ZUNI RKTS, NOT OBSERVED, NIGHT MSN UNDER FLARES
- G. YES. SMOKY PURPLE
- H. NONE
- I. BS 490 760, SA, L, INACC, YES, 420, 2000, 340, NONE, CLR
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCCRAW/GANDY, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

CP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *for C Williams*
W. D. JOHNSON, CWO, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIKRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-245 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97846

- A. 2 JUN 65, 97846, CHIEFTAIN 61 AND 62, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 457, 464, ID
- C. BS 535 750/BS 475 800, WOODED AREAS, ONE WITH BLDGS, 160 DEGREES/60NM DNG
- D. REPORTED EARLIER NW OF NO. 1, S OF NO. 2
- E. 0140 DANANG
0150-0230
0255 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 31 ZUNI RKTS, NOT OBSERVED, NIGHT UNDER FLARES
- G. YES. SMOKY PURPLE
- H. NONE
- I. BS 535 750 POSSIBLE, SA, L, INACC, NO, 480, 2000, 340, NONE, CIR
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. PRUDHOMME/HENSON, DUSSE/STOWELL
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOTS G-3

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DRAFTER: C. P. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMFW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMFW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCEN ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATACON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-246 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR FLAMING ARROW PEN 97945

- A. 2 JUN 65, 97945, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 13, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4E, 452, 462, 486, FLAMING ARROW
- C. NONE, N/A, 153 DEGREES/40NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0903 DAWANG
 0915-0915
 1008 DAWANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. CORRELL/FRAZIER, CORT/FULLER, DORSEE/STONE, FLIGHT LAUNCHED AS FLAMING ARROW BUT NO
 CONTROLLER APPEARED AT RNDZ OR TGT AREA
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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DEAFER: S. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USA.

FM: CG DMW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDJ TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG DMW (REAR)
CG III MAF
HAWAII ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARITIME FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VITA-531 MSG NR S2-247 JUN 65
DEFENDING FOR HELO ESCORT AND CAS MSN 97945A

- A. 2 JUN 65, 97945A, CHIEFTAIN 14 THRU 16, VITA-531
- B. 3 FIB, 454, 456, 453, HELO ESCORT AND CAS
- C. IN 370 100, TOP OF RIDGE LINE WITH V.C. WPN POSITIONS, 151 DEGREES/59NM ONE
- D. 1/2 MILE E OF TGT
- E. 1007 BANANG
1055-1128
1055 BANANG
- F. 2 X 1000LB GP BOMBS, 1 X 500LB GP BOMB, 1 X ZUNI RTTB, AREA NEUTRALIZED, NO MORE TARGETS
REMOVED FROM POSITIONS
- G. YES, CLEARED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/SWAYNOR, SHERMAN/MOREAU, HETZKO/LAWRENCE
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAN, LT COL., AGOFS G-3

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SECOND AIR DIV 408 TSW
SECOND AIR DIV 409 USE TSW

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N ANDO INTL
DISBURSED FIVE THREE ONE

ATTENTION: WMA-521. MSG NR 82-700 JUN 65
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FROM: H. L. LEAHY, 1ST COL., AGOFS G-3

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W. COLLIER, ASST. DIR.

THE CC FILM (ADV)

ASSIGN: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USE TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USE TSN

TO: FMHQ (REAR)
FM III MAF
REARDECK ONE ONE
E ABON INTEL
HAGERSHORN FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VUEL-531 MSG NR S2-249 JUN 65
DECLASSIFY FOR ID NEN 97948

A. 2 JUN 65, 90948, CHIEFTAIN 91 THRU 94, WHPA-531
 B. 4 PHE, 151, 151, 153, 152, ID I CORPS
 C. BS 800 350, V.C. TROOPS IN TREE LINE AND ALONG STREAM, 150 DEGREES/92NM DNG
 D. NONE
 E. 1000 DANANG
 F. 1000-1500
 G. 1500 DANANG
 H. 12 X 500LB OF BOMBS, 5 X 250LB OF BOMBS, 12 X 75MM ARTS, PAC INFORMED KBA'S WOVIA B.
 I. REPORTED LATER
 J. NO, PRIMARY TGT IN SMOKE, BUT DIVERTED TO ANOTHER TGT, BIRD DOG 26
 K. V.C. TROOPS AT 1500 HRS AT BS 800 300
 L. YES, BA, LT, INACC, NO, 500, 1000, 360, NONE
 M. NONE
 N. YES
 O. SARGENT/CREWCH, BOWLING/COX, GAUCHRON/BOROUGHES, PRUDHOMME/HENSON
 P. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT. COL., ACOFS G-3

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88. Palmer
 DRAFTED: J.J. PALMER, LCPL, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND ATR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (READ)
 CG III MAP
 MARATHON ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARPATATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-250 JUN 65
 BREWSTER FOR ID MSN 97984

- A. 2 JUN 65, 97984, CHIEFTAIN 12-1 THRU 12-2, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 443, 447, ID I CORPS
- C. BS 715 790, V.C. VILLAGE, 145 DEGREES/62 NM DNG
- D. NONE
- E. 1745 DANANG
 1800
 1815
 1830 DANANG
- F. 4 X 500 LB GP BOMBS, 4 X 250LB BOMBS, 28 X ZEPH'S, 15 STRUCTURES DESTROYED,
 10 ON FIRE, EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN
- G. YES, BIRD DOC 28
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. YES
- L. CORY/CUSICK, HAMKE/SCHWARZ
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT COL., ACCPS G-2

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CITE/CING

OF IMMEDIATE ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-251 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR NIGHT ID M3N 9797h

- A. 3 JUN 65, 9797h, CHIEFTAIN 111-112, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 186, 182, NIGHT ID VC VILLAGE
- C. BS 136 753, VC VILLAGE, 152 DEGREES/61MM DNG
- D. NONE
- E. 0131 DANANG
 0153-0215
 0230 DANANG
- F. 8 X MK-82'S, 12 X 20MM, 1 HOUSE KNOWN DESTROYED, THE REST UNOBSERVED
- G. YES
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SHERMAN/FULLER, RAAB/GUSICK
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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COMMOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

C. F. Williams
 DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARATCRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFTTATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-252 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR NIGHT ID EBN 97973

- A. 3 JUN 65, 97973, CHIEFTAIN 101-102, VMFA-531
- B. 2 PLB, 452, 458, NIGHT ID VC VILLAGES
- C. BS 485 805, 2 VC VILLAGES, 155 DEGREES/55NM DNG
- D. NONE
- E. 0050 DANANG
 0100-0150
 0210 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500 LB GP, 29 X ZUNES, BOTH VILLAGES ENTIRELY ON FIRE, 50 STRUCTURES DESTROYED.
- G. YES, SMOKEY ORANGE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE OBSERVED
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. HANNA/WENRICH, DOKSEE/CUMMINGS
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

CP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. D. JOHNSON, CWO., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-253 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR BLUE BLAZER MSN 97985

- A. 2 JUN, 97985, 13-1 AND 13-2, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 154, 168, ID
- C. BS 502 900, WOODED KNOLL IN VALLEY, UNK
- D. UNK
- E. 1817 DANANG
 1829-1850
 1915 DANANG
- F. 6 MK-52, 31 ZUNI, UNK - FAC WAS DIVERTED BY AOC PRIOR TO ASSESSING
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 28
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/JOHNSON, GOWELL/FAVARON,
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

W. R. Hartley
DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, CTSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIORU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-254 JUNE 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98009

- A. 3 MAY 65, 98009, CHIEFTAIN 61-63, VMFA-531
- B. 3 FIB, 454, 452, 458, ID
- C. BS 510 730, VC VILLAGE, 152DEB/60NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1114 DANANG
1125
1150
1215 DANANG
- F. 4 PK-79, 31 ZUNIS, UNKNOWN NUMBER BUILDINGS BURNING
- G. YES, BIRDDOG 23
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, RAAB/CUSICK, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACCFS G-3

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OUTGOING

O' IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIORU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-255 JUNE 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98010

- A. 3 JUNE 65, 98010, CHIEFTAIN 71-73, VMFA-531/VMFA-513
- B. 3 F1B, 458, 150105, 150468, ID
- C. BS 473 767, VC HAMLET (APPROX 100 STRUCTURES), 160DEG/65NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1158 DANANG
 1210
 1231
 1255 DANANG
- F. 1 MK-82, 1 MK 79 NAPALM, 20 ZUNI, 15 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, UNK STRUCTURES DAMAGED,
 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, FIRES BURNING THRU OUT AREA
- G. YES, BIRDDOG 23
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/GANDY, FREDERICK/STEINKEN, HANKE/SCHWARZ
- M. ST.SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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URGENT

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARATGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-256 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT/INTERDICTION MSN 98015

- A. 3 JUN 65, 98015, CHIEFTAIN 11-13, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 462, 468, 486, HELO ESCORT/INTERDICTION
- C. BS 585 745, VILLAGE, FLAT OPEN TERRAIN, 150DEG/62NM DNG
- D. IN LZ, BS 530 750, BS 380 700
- E. 1348 DANANG
 1357
 1455
 1513 DANANG
- F. 7 MK-62, 10 BLDGS DEST, 5 DAMAGED
- G. NO, BIRD DOG DIVERTED FLIGHT WITH DEADLOCK APPROVAL TO ID TGT, DEADLOCK/BIRD LOG 24
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, CORY/TREMPER, DOWLING/CUMMINGS
- M. CURRY: NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSE NR S2-257 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98014

- A. 3 Jun 65, 98014, CHIEFTAIN 21-23, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 456, 464, 451, HELO ESCORT/CAS
- C. RS 388 823, VC CONCENTRATION CROSSING RIVER INTO HILLS, 151DEG/61NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1609 DANANG
 1642
 1735
 1745 DANANG
- F. 7 500 LB GP BOMBS, UNKNOWN, FAC NO EVALUATION
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 26
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/GANDY, DE E/STCWEEL, SMITH/STRAYHORN
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *W. R. Hartley* W. R. HARTLEY, GYSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-258 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID/CAS MSN 98012

- A. 3 Jun 65, 98012, CHIEFTAIN 91-93, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 452, 486, 462, ID/CAS
- C. BS 545 854, VC VILLAGE, 147DEB/56NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1845 DANANG
1900
1920
1939 DANANG
- F. 8X500 LB GP, 4X250 LB GP, 36 ZUNI, 23 BLDGS DEST, AT LEAST 10 DAMAGED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/HENSON, CORY/FRAZIER, SHERMAN/FULLER
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS E-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *W. R. Hartley* W. R. HARTLEY, *USMC*, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-259 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98011

- A. 3 JUN 65, 98011, CHIEFTAIN 81-83, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 468 454 453, ID/CAS
- C. BS 575 850, VC VILLAGE, 152 DEG/60NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1817 DANANG
1833
1855
1915 DANANG
- F. 10 X 500 LB GP, 2 X 250 LB GP, 40 ZUNI, 17 STRUCTURES DEST, 5 DAMAGED, VILLAGE ON FIRE
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 27
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SLONE/MARSHALL, HANNA/TREMPER, DOKSEE/BOROUGHES
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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SPACED

3 JUN 65 04:40 JMW

DRAWN: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-260 MAY 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSG 98013

- A. 1 JUN 65, 98013, CHIEFTAIN 01 AND 02, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 458, 486, NIGHT ID UNDER FLARES
- C. BS 337 602, 2 V.C. COMPANIES IN STREAM BED, 160 DEGREES/58NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0227 DANANG
0235-0308
0324 DANANG
- F. 7 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 20 ZUNI RKTS, UNK, CONTROLLER STATED V.C. HAD KIA'S AND UNABLE TO REFR THEM
- G. YES, SMOKEY ORANGE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. DOWLING/FRAZIER, HANKE/SCHWARZ
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOPS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP. IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-261 MAY 65
DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98229

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98229, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 43, VMFA-531
- B. 3 FLB, 451, 452, 456, HELO ESCORT MSN
- C. AT 935 665, HELO LZ, 240 DEGREES/6NM DNG
- D. IN HELO LZ
- E. 0608 DANANG
0609-0701
0710 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK/OVERPAY
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. HANNA/WENRICH, CORY/TREMPER, HANKE/FRAZIER
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

GP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-262
 DEBRIEFING FOR NIGHT ID MSN 98013B JUN 65

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98013B, CHIEFTAIN 03-04, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 458, 468, NIGHT ID UNDER FLARES
- C. BS 325 600, TRAIL ALONG RIVER, 160 DEGREES/58NM DANANG
- D. NONE
- E. 0255 DANANG
 0307-0353
 0412 DANANG
- F. 4 X 500 LB GP, 28 X ZUNI, NOT OBSERVABLE
- G. YES, SMOKEY ORANGE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-263 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT/RADAR BOMBING MSN 98230A

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98230A, CHIEFTAIN 52, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F4B, 462, HELO ESCORT/RADAR BOMBING
- C. BT 090 130/ZC 149 698/ZC 185 660, HELO LZ/WOODED HILLY TERRAIN, 170 DEGREES/35NM DNG - 253 DEGREES/15NM DNG
- D. IN LZ
- E. 0620 DANANG
 0630/0740
 0738/0757
 0811 DANANG
- F. 2 X 500LB GP BOMB EXPENDED ON RADAR BOMBING, NONE ON HELO ESCORT MSN, UNOBSERVED, DROP FROM 15,200FT
- G. NO, AFTER HELO MSN LANDSHARK REQ RADAR DROP, FANG 7/LANDSHARK B
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. RAAB/CUSICK
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFIATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-264 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98230A

- A. 4JUN 65, 98230A, CHIEFTAIN 51, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F4B, 473, HELO ESCORT
- C. BT 090 130/ZC 148 640, HELO LZ AND TPQ TOT, 170 DEGREES/35NM DNG - 215 DEGREES/18NM DNG
- D. IN HELO LZ
- E. 0735 DANANG
 0741-0855
 0927 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, FANG 7 AND LANDSHARK B
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/LAWRENCE
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARA/GRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-265 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT/TPQ MSN 982300

- A. 4JUN65, 982300, CHIEFTAIN 55-56, VMFA-531
- B. 2 FIB, 472, 458, HELO ESCORT/TPQ
- C. HELO ESCORT, BT 130150, TPQ-ZC 185660, ZC 138678, TPQ-TGT UNK HELO ESCORT-
 NO DROP, - 232 DEGREES/12 NM DNG, 243 DEGREES/20 NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0914 DNG
 1020-1035
 1046 DNG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP, UNOBSERVED
- G. YES, FANG 7 AND LANDSHARK B
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- JL. NONE
- K. YES
- L. DUSSE/STOWELL, SMITH/STRAYHORN
- M. WITUCKI, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-266 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT/RADAR BOMBING MSN 98230B

- A. 4JUN65, 98230B, CHIEFTAIN 53, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F4B, 452, HELO ESCORT/RADAR BOMBING
- C. BT 120 140/2G 146 9 AREA, HELO LZ/146 9 AREA, 170 DEGREES/35 NM DNG,
 245 DEGREES/15 NM DNG
- D. IN HELO LZ
- E. 0750 DANANG
 0757/0942
 0935/0950
 0952 DANANG
- F. 5 X 250 LB GP ON RADAR BOMBING, NO DROP ON HELO ESCORT, UNOBSERVED, DROPPED
 FROM 17,200
- G. NO, AFTER HELO MSN LANDSHARK B DIVERTED A/C TO RADAR BOMBING, FANG 7/
 LANDSHARK B
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SLOVE/MARSHALL
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (HEAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAINGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MAFFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-267 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT AND TPQ MSN 98232

- A. 1 JUN 65, 98232, CHIEFTAIN 71 AND 72, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 451, 456, HELO REPORT AND TPQ
- C. AT 860 750, HELO LZ AND OPEN AREA, 240 DEGREES/17NM DNG
- D. IN LZ AT COORDS
- E. 1050 DANANG
 1100-1158
 1200 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, LANDSHARK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR DOWLING/FRAZIER
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GR-4

RELEASING: R. J. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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CP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASCC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-268 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS MAF SCRAMBLE MSN 98228

- A. 1 JUN 65, 98228, CHIEFTAIN 01 AND 02, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F1B, 151020, 1458, CAS MAF SCRAMBLE
- C. YD 820 065, 2 V.C. COMPANIES IN BIVOUAC AREA IN MOUNTAINOUS WOODED TERRAIN, 205 DEGREES/
 6NM HUE PHU BAI
- D. 1 MI N OF TGT
- E. 1340 DANANG
 1350-1420
 1435 DANANG
- F. 4 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 15 ZUNI RKTS, NUMBER V.C. KBA OR WBA UNKNOWN
- G. NO, ONE AIRBORNE ABORT DUE TO MECHANICAL, MORTGAGE 14A
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, SLONE/MARSHALL
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1stLt, USMC R

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARAIRCRI ONE ONE
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-269 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MISSION 98137

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98137, CHIEFTAIN 31-32, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4b, 015, 468, INTERDICTION I CORPS
- C. YD 820 050, VC TROOPS ON WOODED HILLSIDE
- D. UNK
- E. 1355 DNG
 1410
 1435/1500
 1455/1511 DNG
- F. 8 X 500 LB GP, 32 ZUNI, UNOBSERVED TREE CANOPY
- G. YES
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. RAAB/PUTNAM, MCGRAW/CUMMINGS. CHIEFTAIN 31 STAYED TGT AREA TO GUIDE NEXT STRIKE
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *R. L. Lamar* WITUCKI, (CAPT., USMC)

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-270 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS MAF SCRAMBLE MSN 98228B

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98228B, CHIEFTAIN O3 AND O4, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 486, 464, INTERDICTION MAF SCRAMBLE
- C. YD 830 070, TROOPS IN JUNGLE RAVINE, 215 DEGREES/7NM PHU BAI
- D. UNK
- E. 1451 DANANG
 1505-1540
 1557 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 29 ZUNI RKTS, UNK, TREE CANOPY
- G. YES, MORTGAGE 14A
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. HANNA/TREMPER, METZKO/LAWRENCE, MORTGAGE 14A DID EXCELLENT JOB OF COORDINATING STRIKE
- M. WITUCKI, NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUT-CLASS

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

R. L. Lamar
 DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAP
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-271 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT/ID MSN 98233

- A. 4 JUN 65, 98233, CHIEFTAIN 81 AND 82, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 452, 468, HELO ESCORT
- C. BS 868 319/BS 790 330, HELO IZ AND V.C. ASSEMBLY AREA, 11.5 DEGREES/90NM DNG, 15.4 DEGREES/85NM DNG
- D. IN IZ, UNK
- E. 1505 DANANG
 1515-1630
 1643 DANANG
- F. 8 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 28 ZUNI RKTS, ORDNANCE DELIVERED IN TGT AREA, NO ORD EXPENDED HELO MS1
- G. NO, AFTER HELO MSN FLIGHT CONTACTED BIRD DOG AND REQ TGT, OVERPAY 9-0, BIRD DOG 26
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, DORSEE/STONE
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: LT. P. L. CURRY, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-272 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MEN 98228C

- A. 5 JUN 65, 982281, CHIEFTAIN 09 AND 09A, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 473, 45P, NINE FLARE DROP ID
- C. TD 875 842, WOODED MOUNTAIN SIDE SOUTH OF NGA BA OUTPOST, 285 DEGREES/28NM DNG
- D. NGA BA OUTPOST
- E. 2215 DANANG
2225
2300
2315 DANANG
- F. 3 - 500LB GP BOMBS, 12 - ZUNI RKTS, UNOBSERVED, DARKNESS
- G. YES, ALAMODE 16, SMOKEY ORANGE
- H. NONE
- I. VICINITY TGT AREA
SA
LIGHT RANDOM SNIPER, IN ACC
TRACERS, LOW PASSES IN TGT AREA
NONE
CAVU
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SHEPARD/HENSON, HANKE/SCHWARZ, NONE
- M. CUMY: NONE

GP-4

REFASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *R. L. Lamar*
B. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATROU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-273 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98310

- A. 5 JUN 65, 98310, CHIEFTAIN 01 THRU 04, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 015, 472, 486, 462, ID II CORPS
- C. BR 732 797, VC HAMLET IN VALLEY, 155 DEGREES/108NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1010 DANANG
1104
1113
1145 DANANG
- F. 16 - 500LB GP BOMBS, 55 - ZUNI RKTS, 8 STRUCTURES DEST, 4 STRUCTURES DAMAGED,
3-4 SMALL FIRES IN AREA
- G. YES, WORN 41
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. NONE, DUNSE/CUMMINGS, SHERMAN/HENSON, RAAB/CUSICK, MCGRAW/GANDY
- M. ST. SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

R. Witucki

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-274 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98311

1. 5 JUN 65, 98311, CHIEFTAIN 11-14, VMFA-531
3. 4 F4B, 458, 468, 452, 457, ID
3. YB 930 250, VC STRUCTURES & VC COMPANY IN JUNGLE, 200DEG/85NM DNG
3. UNK
3. 1449 DANANG
 1505
 1530
 1550 DANANG
2. 8X500 LB GP BOMBS, 3X1000 LB NAPALM, 56 ZUNI, 5 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 3 DAMAGED, VC TROOP
 AREA SATURATED
3. YES, WORN 43
3. NONE
3. NONE
3. NONE
3. YES
3. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, DOWLING/FULLER, HANKE/SCHWARZ, GILLIARD/FRAZIER
3. WITUCKI: NONE

P-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREEONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-275 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MISSION 98311A

- A. 5 JUN 65, 98311A, CHIEFTAIN 15-18, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 468, 486, 462, 464, ID II CORPS
- C. YB 960 315, VC HAMLET AND AMBUSH SITE, 202 DEGREES/85NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1510 DANANG
 1530-1555
 1617 DANANG
- F. 13 X 500 LB GP, 46 ZUNI, 73 X 2.75 FFAR, 6 BLDGS DESTROYED, 3 BLDGS DAMAGED,
 ENTRENCHMENTS SATURATED.
- G. TGT CHANGED DUE TO WX. FLIGHT UNAWARE OF CHANGE IN RNDVZ, WORN 43
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. HANNA/WENRICH, FREDRICK/STEINKEN, DOXSEE/BOROUGH, GOWELL/FAVARON, EXCELLENT CONTROL
 BY FAC.
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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GP INFORMATION

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFT: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAL)
 CG III MAF
 MARAINGRU ONE ONE
 I ASCC INTEL
 MAZFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 32-276 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS MSN # 98313

- A. 5 JUN 65, 98313, CHIEFTAIN 21-23, VMFA-531
- B. 3 PAB, 015, 156, 451, CAS
- C. (1) AT 964 673, (2) AT 856 792, (1) VC VILLAGE, (2) VC TROOPS, 240 DEGREES/8MM DNG
- D. UNIT
- E. 1750 DANANG
 1755-1840
 1840-1855
 1905 DANANG
- F. 3 X 500 LB GP, 4 X 250 LB GP, 35 ZONIS, 4 STRUCTURES DESTROYED
- G. YES, (1) DEADLOCK, (2) MONROE 14
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, RAAB/CUSICK, DUSSE/STOWELL
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (REAR)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S-2-277 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98311

- A. 5 JUN 65, 98311, CHIEFTAIN 31-33, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 468, 486, 458, ID
- C. (1) AT 866 815, (2) AT 848 798, 289 DEGREES/9NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1805 DANANG
 1819-1836
 1853 DANANG
- F. 11 X 500 LB GP, 28 ZUNIS, 72 2.75" FFAR, UNK
- G. YES, OLD FIELD 11
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/TREMPER, SLONE/MARSHALL, METZKO/LAWRENCE
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D.G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAH
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-278JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98346

- A. 6 JUN 65, 98346, CHIEFTAIN 91-92, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 464, 456, ID
- C. AT 843 794, VC CAVES AND TROOPS IN WOODED AREA ON HILLSIDE, 276DEG/9NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0654, DANANG
 0700
 0745
 0754, DANANG
- F. 1X500 LB GP, 8X 250 LB GP, 32 ZUNI, UNK
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 70
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/LAWRENCE, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. D. G. ST.SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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STAMPING

OF IMMEDIATE/COMLINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-279 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98344

- A. 6 JUN 65, 98344, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 468, 015, 458, 462, ID I CORPS
- C. YC 690 893, V.C. STRUCTURES IN WOODS, 286 DEGREES/41NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1015 DANANG
 1025-1040
 1115 DANANG
- F. 12 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 31 ZUNI RKTS, 56 2.75 FFAR, 5 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, FURTHER DAMAGE NOT VISIBLE
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/CUMMINGS, COX/MAYES, RAAB/CUSICK, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. CURRY, NONE

1P-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOPS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE


 DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATHRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-280 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98343

- A. 6 JUN 65, 98343, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 14, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 456, WF473, 457, 462, ID I CORPS
- C. BT 088 272, V.C. STRUCTURE AND SHELTER AREA, 160 DEGREES/30NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1357 DANANG
1415-1435
1454 DANANG
- F. 11 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 36 ZUNI RKTS, 1 V.C. STRUCTURE DESTROYED, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. DUSSE/STOWELL, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, DOXSEE/BOROUGHES, SMITH/STRAYHORN, GOOD CONTROL
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTSTANDING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *J. Palmer* J. PALMER, LCPL, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSM
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSM
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSMINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-281 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98348

- A. 6 JUN 65, 98348, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 44
- B. 4 F4B, 451, 454, 462, 452, ID I CORPS AREA
- C. BT 049 242, BLDGS ON HILLSIDE, 170 DEGREES/25 NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1823 DANANG
1830
1910
1917 DANANG
- F. 15 X 500 LB GP, 1 X 250 LB GP, 60 ZUNI'S, FOUR STRUCTURES DESTROYED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/LAWRENCE, WILSON/MAYES, HANKE/SCHWARZ, WITCHELL/CLANTON
- M. CURRY, NONE

OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MEG NR S2-282 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98347

- A. 6 JUN 65, 98347, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 34, VMFA-531
- B. 4 FLB, 464, 468, 456, 457, ID I CORPS
- C. BT 683 873, V.C. STRUCTURES IN BIVOUAC AREA, 143 DEGREES/59NM DNG
- D. 5000 METERS NORTH
- E. 1903 DANANG
 1914-1934
 1955 DANANG
- F. 7 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 8 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 51 ZUNI RKTS, 1 GROUP OF STRUCTURES 50 PERCENT DESTROYED, 4 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, ALL AREAS BURNING PROFUSELY
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 60, THICKSKIN 14
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, ARMENTROUT/RUDEEN, DOWLING/FULLER, MCGRAW/GANDY
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

C. F. Williams

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-283 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR AREA SEARCH & ATTACK MSN 95505

- A. 7 JUN 65, 95505, CHIEFTAIN 41-42, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 473, 472, AREA SEARCH & ATTACK
- C. ZC 140 670/ZC 170 680, VC BIVOUAC, STAGING & TROOP REST AREA, 260DEG/15NM DNO
- D. NONE
- E. 0615 DANANG
0626
0651
0715 DANANG
- F. 8X500 LB GP, 31 ZUNI, AREA SATURATED, UNABLE TO OBSERVE DUE TO TREE CANOPY
- G. YES, NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COX/MAYES, JACKSON/CUMMINGS
- M. WILLIAMS: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

C. Williams
 DRAFTED: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-284 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR AREA SEARCH & ATTACK MSN 98504

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98504, CHIEFTAIN 31-32, VMFA-531/
- B. 2 F4B, 486, 150468, AREA SEARCH & ATTACK
- C. ZC 140 670/ZC 162 668, VC BIVOUAC, REST & STAGING AREA, 260DEG/16NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0615 DANANG
 0626
 0651
 0720 DANANG
- F. 8X500 LB GP, 24 ZUNI, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, FLT LDR CONTROL LED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, COCHRAN/SIMOLIN
- M. CURRY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-285 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98506

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98506, CHIEFTAIN 51-52, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 464, 151015, ID
- C. ZC 150 700, VC BIVOUAC AREA ALONG STREAM BED, 270DEG/13NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0655 DANANG
0700
0715
0733 DANANG
- F. 6X500 LB GP, 18 ZUNI, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, NO FAC
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. DUSSE/STOWELL, WITCHEL/CLANTON
- M. ST.SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR., LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *P. L. Curry* 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-286 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98507

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98507, CHIEFTAIN 61-62, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 456, 462, HELO ESCORT
- C. BT 070 065/BT 030 090/BT 132 140, HELO LZ'S, 148DEG/33NM DNG
- D. IN HELO LZ
- E. 0851 DANANG
 0900
 1020
 1040 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/CANDY, WITCHEL/CLANTON
- M. CURRY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT., USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRCN FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-287 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98507A

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98507A, CHIEFTAIN 71-72, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 486, 473, HELO ESCORT
- C. BT 020 095, BT 065 060, BT 110 140, HELO LZ
- D. UNK
- E. 1008 DNG
 1011
 1125
 1157 DNG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, DOXSES/BOROUGHES, NONE
- M. WITUCKI, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

P. L. Curry
 DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 II ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-288 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98481

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98481, CHIEFTAIN 11-14, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 451, 456, 452, 458, ID II CORPS
- C. BR 604 555, V.C. STRUCTURES, .65 DEG/122MM DVS
- D. UNK
- E. 1045 DANANG
 1112
 1140
 1205 DANANG
- F. 16X500 LB GP, 40 ZUNI, 8 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 11 DAMAGED
- G. NO, FAC DIRECTED TO TGT 30NM E. OF BRIEFED TGT DUE TO WX
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. METZKO/COX, FREDRICK/STEINKEN, SLONE/FULLER, DOWLING/TREMPER
- M. CURRY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *D. G. St Sure*
D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAP
MARAIROU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAERON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-289 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98482

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98482, CHIEFTAIN 21-24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 M4B, 456, 486, 151015, 150472, ID
- C. YA 975 465, V.C. VILLAGE (6-8 STRUCTURES) IN VALLEY ALONG STREAM BED, 270DEG/20NM DNE
- D. UNK
- E. 1445 DANANG
1555
1558
1625 DANANG
- F. 16X500 LB GP BOMBS, AREA SATURATED
- G. NO, MISSION BRIEFED TO RNDV WITH WORN 41 OVER ER660 560, WORN 41 NEVER SHOWED.
FLIGHT THEN DIRECTED BY PEACOCK TO RNDV WITH WORN 40.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/CUMMINGS, WILSON/RUDEEN, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, RAAB/PUTNAM
- M. ST.SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV QAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III WAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MAPEITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-290 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR SEARCH AND ATTACK MSN 98515

- A. 8 JUN 65, 98515, CHIEFTAIN 31 AND 32, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 468, 457, SEARCH AND ATTACK
- C. ZC 159 663, VC BIVCUAC AND TRAINING AREA, 260 DEGREES/13NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0544 DANANG
0350-0625
0635 DANANG
- F. ? X 500 LB GP, 32 X ZUNI, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, RAAB/CUSICK
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

C. F. Williams

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-291 JUN 65
 DERRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98508

- A. 7 JUN 65, 98508, CHIEFTAIN 81 THRU 84, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 452, 456, 473, 464, ID
- C. YB 965 360, VC BKS AREA AND HIVOUC AREA, 200 DEGREES/85NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1800 DANANG
 1820-1840
 1910 DANANG
- F. 12 X 500 LB GP, UNKNOWN DUE TO WX
- G. NO, WX CAUSED FLT TO DIVERT TO A SECONDARY TGT, WORN 43,
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. NO, 500 FT. CEILING IN TGT AREA
- L. SULLIVAN/COX, RAAB/FULLER, DUSSE/STOWELL, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASE TO: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

C. F. Williams

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG JII MAF
 MARAIR GRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-292 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR SEARCH AND ATTACK MSN 98516

- A. 8 JUN 65, 98516, CHIEFTAIN 41 AND 42, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 456, 458, SEARCH AND ATTACK
- C. ZC 150 750, POSSIBLE VC BIVCUAC AREA, 270 DEGREES/8 NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0607 DANANG
 0610-0650
 0705 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500 LB GP, 31 X ZUNI, UNK DUE TO TREE CANOPY
- G. YES, NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/LAURENCE, GONELL/FAVARON
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

P. L. Curry
 DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAINGRU ONE ONE
 II ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKHON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-294 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98596

- A. 8 JUN 65, 98596, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 23, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 468, 456, 015, ID II CORPS
- C. BN 990 020, V.C. TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ALONG WOODED CREEK, 170 DEGREES/270NM DRG
- D. UNE
- E. 1254 DANANG
 1340-1405
 1443 DANANG
- F. 4 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 28 X ZUNI RKTS, ALL ORD ON TGT, 1 STRUCTURE
 DMGD
- G. YES, WORN 44
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/SCHWARZ, SLOME/MARSHALL, SMITH/CUMMINGS
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OIRGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *W. R. Hartley*
W. R. HARTLEY, CYSCT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIKRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 52-295 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR SEARCH AND ATTACK MSN 98517

- A. 8 JUN 65, 98517, CHIEFTAIN 51 AND 52, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 468, 457, SEARCH AND ATTACK
- C. ZC 162 669, TRAIL COMPLEX, SUSPECTED V.C. CONCENTRATION, 245 DEGREES/13NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1905 DANANG
1920
1925
1950 DANANG
- F. 2 - 500LB GP BOMBS, AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. NONE, MCGRAW/GANDY, ARMENTROUT/RUDEEN
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

GP-1

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.CCL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *W. R. Hartley*
W. R. HARTLEY, GYSGT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-296 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR TQP MSN 98518

- A. 8 JUN 65, 98518, CHIEFTAIN 61, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F4B, 452, TPQ
- C. NONE, NONE, 240 DEGREES/20MM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 2055 DANANG
2100
2140
2155 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, NONE
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. FLIGHT ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER TPQ COULD NOT ACQUIRE A/C, SULLIVAN/FULLER
- M. HARTLEY: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

CP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER *for P. L. Curry* P. L. CURRY, 1ST LT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-297 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98698

- A. 9 JUN 65, 98698, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 14, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 456, 472, 015, 468, ID I CORPS
- C. YD 169 359, WOODED RAVINE, SUSP VC TROOP CONCENTRATION, 296 DEGREES/77NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1015 DANANG
 1030-1050
 1120 DANANG
- F. 16 X 500 LB GP, 64 ZUNI, ALL ORD CN TOT
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/CUMMINGS, WILSON/STEINKEN, COX/MAYES, GILLIARD/JOHNSON
- M. CURRY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-298 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS MSN 98699

- A. 9 JUN 65, 98699, CHIEFTAIN 21-24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 457, 452, 151001, 151015, CAS ARVN TROOPS
- C. BS 510 530, V.C. TROOPS IN WOODED AREA, 160 DEGREES/70NM DNG
- D. BS 537 516
- E. 1321 DANANG
 1413
 1420
 1446 DANANG
- F. 7X500 LB GP, ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TGT, RESULTS UNK
- G. NO, FAC(A) USED GCI COMMON FOR AIR CONTROL, PREVIOUS FLIGHT STILL ON STATION
 AT CHIEFTAINS ASSIGNED TCS.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES,
- L. DOWLING/COE, FREDERICK/STEINKEN, METZKO/TREMPER, RAAB/CUSICK
- M. ST.SURE: NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

CP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATERON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-299 JUNE 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98733

- A. 9 JUN 65, 98733, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 34, VMFA-531
- B. 1 FLB, 472, 456, 468, 486, ID
- C. NONE, NONE, NONE
- D. UNK
- E. 1446 DANANG
1500
1533
1553 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. NO, FAC NOT AT BRIEFED RNDZ OR ON BRIEFED FREQ'S. HAD NO TGT WHEN CONTACT MADE, BIRD DOG 22
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/SCHWARZ, WITCHELL/CLANTON, WITUCK/CATAZZARO, DUSSE/STOWELL
- M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC ACOFS G-3

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OUT: ING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT, USMC

FROM: CG FMW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC NST TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MAFAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFIPATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-300 JUNE 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO CAP MSN 91824

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98824, CHIEFTAIN 32-32, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F-4B, 451, 486, HELO CAP
- C. FS 650 740, QUANG NAI, 146 DEGREES/65 NR DNG
- D. ENK
- E. 0842 DNG
 0853
 1020
 1042 DNG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 2-0
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COCHRAN/SIMOLEN, DOMING/NOE, F4C NOT ON ASSIGNED FREQ AT BEGINNING OF
 OP ON STATION TIME, HELOS NOT YET AIRBORNE WHEN F-4ES DEPARTED AREA
- M. WITUCKI, SUGGEST BETTER COORDINATION FOR DETERMINING AND MEETING ON
 STATION TIMES.

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC ACOMS C-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, CTSGT, 75MC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRORU ONE ONE
 III ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-301 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS MSN 98823

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98823, CHIEFTAIN 01 AND 02, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 452, 456, ALERT SCRAMBLE
- C. YS 100 510, WOODED AREA ALONG RIVER, 140 DEGREES/30NM TSN
- D. UNK
- E. 0942 DANANG
 1022-1045
 1129 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 32 ZUMI RKTs, FAC NO ASSESMENT DUE TO DENSE WOODED AREA
- G. YES, ALOFT 888
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/STOWELL, WILSON/STEINON, FAC HAD ONLY 278.4 FREQ. THIS FREQ WAS TOO CROWDED.
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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CUMMINGS

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

W.R. Hartley
 DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, CYSQT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU CNE ONE
 III ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-302 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR CAS PSN 98823

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98823, CHIEFTAIN 03 AND 04, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 468, 457, ALERT SCRAMBLE FOR CAS
- C. YS 100 510, WOODED AREA ALONG RIVER, 14.8 DEGREES/30NM TSN
- D. UNK
- E. 1015 DANANG
 1102-1110
 1203 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 32 ZUNI RKTS, FAC UNABLE TO EVALUATE DUE TO WOODED AREA
- G. YES, ALOFT 888
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. METZKO/SCHWARZ, RAAB/CUSICK
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1ST LT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECCND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAINGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFTTATRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA 531 MSG NR 82-303 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98825

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98825, CHIEFTAIN 41 AND 42, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 458, 150468, HELO ESCORT
- C. BS 600 554, V.C. TROOPS IN BIVOAC AREA, 185 DEGREES/9NM QUANG NGAI
- D. IN LZ
- E. 1014 DANANG
 1030-1130
 1157 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. FANG RECD S/A FIRE FROM TGT COORD BUT F4B'S NOTCleared TO FIRE BY PAC
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GILLIARD/FULLER, DOKSEE/BOROUGHES
- M. CURRY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDO TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAP
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-304 JUN 65

BRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98819

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98819, CHIEFTAIN 11-14, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 456, 468, 451, 486, ID I CORPS
- C. ZC 099 653, V.C. RESUPPLY & STAGING AREA, 255 DEGREES/9 NM DNG
- D. WNK
- E. 1352 DANANG
1405
1445
1513 DANANG
- F. 2X500 LB NAPALM, 2X500 LB GP BOMBS, ORD ON TGT COORD
- G. NO, NO FAC(A) AT BRIEFED RNDVZ, QUANG NGAI, FLIGHT DIVERTED TO HAPPY VALLEY UNDER LANDSHARK CONTROL
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. GOWELL/FAVARON, FOSTER/CASTILLO, SLOVE/SCHWARZ, SMITH/CUMMINGS, CHIEFTAIN 12
ABORTED DUE TO SYSTEM MALFUNCTION
- M. CURRY: NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., USMC, ACOFS G-3

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OF INFORMATION/ACTIVITY

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIROU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRCN FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-305 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98820

- A. 10 JUN 65, 98820, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 454, 452, 458, 486, ID I CORPS
- C. (1) YD 170 398 (2) YD 162 383, (1) 6 BUNKERS (2) V.C. ASSEMBLY AREA IN WOODS, 297 DEGREES/77NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1650 DANANG
1700-1730
1750 DANANG
- F. 16 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 53 ZUNI RKTS, (1) 6 BUNKERS DEST (2) ORD ON TGT AREA
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/GANDY, HILL/RUDEEN, RAAB/CUSICK, DUSSE/CUMMINGS
- M. CURRY, NONE

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC TSI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 II ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-306 JUNE 1965
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98854

- A. 11 JUN 65, 98854, CHIEFTAIN 11 THROUGH 14, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F-4B, 015, 150168, 451, 468, ID II CORPS
- C. BR 875 375, VC GUN EMPLACEMENT AT EDGE OF TIVOUAC AREA, 097 DEGREES/
60 NM PLK
- D. QUI NHON
- E. 0650 DNG
0715
0745
0815 DNG
- F. 12 X 500 LB GP BOMBS, 3 X 250 LB GP BOMBS, 47 ZUNI, 16 STRUCTURES
DESTROYED, 1 GUN EMPLACEMENT DESTROYED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION
- G. YES
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. DUSSE/STOWELL, ARMENTROUT/CASTILLO, SMITH/CUMMINGS, GOWELL/FAVARON
- M. CURRY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. JAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-307 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 98858

- A. 11 JUN 65, 98858, CHIEFTAIN 31 AND 32, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F4B, 1457, 150468, HELO ESCORT
- C. NONE, HELO ESCORT IN VICINITY 190 DEGREES/28NM DNG
- D. N/A
- E. 1401 DANANG
1415-1500
1523 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, OVERPAY 80 _ HELO CALLSIGN
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/TREMPER, COX/MAYES
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: C. F. WILLIAMS, MSGT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-308 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 98855

- A. 21 JUN 65, 98855, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 462, 452, 456, 458, ID II CORPS
- C. BR 675 357, VC TROOPS AND POSITIONS IN TREES ON RIDGE LINE, 160 DEGREES/14.3NM DNG
- D. 400 METERS WEST
- E. 2448 DANANG
 1510-1515
 1620 DANANG
- F. 16 X 500 LB GP, 60 X ZUNISORD IN TGT AREA, FAC TO REPORT DAMAGE LATER
- G. YES, FLUX 41
- H. NONE
- I. BR 675 357, SA, AW, LT, YES, 500, 2000, 1800, NONE, 40%
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/JOHNSON JACKSON/RUDEEN, FREDWICK/STEINKEN, DOXSEE/CUMMINGS
- M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER *P. L. Curry* D. JOHNSON, CWO., USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFLTATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL, VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-309 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO CAP MSN

- A. 11 JUN 65, 98858, CHIEFTAIN 33, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F4B, 652, HELO CAP
- C. NONE, LZ, 190 DEGREES/28NM DNG
- D. AT 1218
- E. 1456 DANANG
 1502-1615
 1645 DANANG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, FANG-7
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SLONE/SCHWARZ, SUGGEST HELO SCHEME OF OPERATION BE BRIEFED WITH COVER FLTS
- M. JOHNSON, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOPS G-3

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DRAFTER: D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FM: FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCEN ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-310 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR BLUE BLAZER MSN 98862

- A. 11 JUN 65, 98862, CHIEFTAIN 41-44, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 001, 150160, 162, 457, ID 1 CORPS
- C. YD 032 440/YD 080 425, BUNKERS, FOXHOLES, SCATTERED STRUCTURES ALONG TRAILLINE, 297 DEGREES/
 30MM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1738 DANANG
 1745
 1830
 1900 DANANG
- F. 161500 LB GP BOMBS, 56 ZONES, 35-40 FOXHOLES DESTROYED, 12 BUNKERS DEST, 2 STRUCTURES DEST
- G. NO, BRIEFED FOR RNDVZ AT HUE, FAC AT QUANG TRI, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. YD 915 300/YD 030 450, RIDGES ON BOTH SIDE OF RIVER
 SA/AW
 MOD, INACC
 YES, A/C IN RUNS, HDG 090DEGREES
 NONE
 SS BROKEN
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. ARMENTROUT/CASTILLO, WITCHELL/CLANTON, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, POSTER/GANDY
- M. ST. SURE-NONE

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DEBRIEFER: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., USMC, AOCFS G-3

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DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MAJAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MAJFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL, VMFA-531 MSG NR 32-311 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 99041

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99041, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 33, VMFA-531
- B. 3 PLB, 152, 150468, 154, HELO ESCORT/LZ PREP
- C. YD 097230, TREE LINE ON E SIDE OF LZ, 290 DEGREES, 77NM DNG
- D. IN LZ
- E. 0755 DANANG
 0810-0840
 0911 DANANG
- F. 4 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 8 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 38 ZUNI MKTS, ALL CRD ON TOT
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SULLIVAN/TREMPER, COX/MAYES, JACKSON/GANDY
- M. CURRY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. E. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOPS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

for DG Est. Sec
 DRAFTER: P. L. CURRY, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV ACC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRCGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-312 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 99042

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99042, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 43, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 462, 652, COOL, HELO ESCORT
- C. YD 097 245, 4 STRUCTURES IN CLEARING N OF LZ, 291 DEGREES/78NM DNG
- D. IN LZ
- E. 0814 DANANG
 0833-0910
 0942 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 20 ZUNI RKTS, 3 STRUCTURES DESTROYED
- G. YES, DEADLOCK
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. WILSON/STEINON, RAAB/CUSICK, COCHRAN/SIMOLIN
- M. CURRY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G -3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

D. G. St. Sure
 DRAFTER: D. G. ST.SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW(ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA 531 MSG NR S2-313 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 99043

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99043, CHIEFTAIN 51 AND 52, VMFA-531,
- B. 2 F4B, 153, 150470, PRE-PLANNED STRIKE
- C. VC 925 684, V.C. GRENADE FACTORY IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, 262 DEGREES/28NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0850 DANANG
 0905-0930
 0948 DANANG
- F. 4 X 500LB NAPALM BOMBS, 22 ZUNI RKTS, CRD EXPENDED ON TGT, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION,
 AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 30 AND 32
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. SMITH/STRAYHORN, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, THE SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN TGT AREA INDICATES RE-STRIKE
 ON SAME TGT COULD BE OF VALUE, INFRARED PHOTOS OF TGT AREA WOULD BE HELPFUL IN SELECTING
 PIN POINT TGTS
- M. ST.SURE, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.CCL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, CTSST, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAP
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-314 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 99678

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99678, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F4B, 456, 652, 470, 457, ID
- C. (1) BT 362 130 (2) BT 350 084, (1) CONCRETE BUNKER (2) 6 V.C. STRUCTURES, (1) 340 DEGREES/
 15NM CHU LAI (2) 340 DEGREES/14NM CHU LAI
- D. UNK
- E. 1151 DANANG
 1210-1230
 1301 DANANG
- F. 4 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 7 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 16 ZUNI RKTS, (1) BUNKER DESTROYED (2) 6 V.C.
 STRUCTURES DESTROYED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 22
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. FREDRICK/STOWELL, FOSTER/RUDEEN, SULLIVAN/CUMMINGS, HILL/TREMPER
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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CSTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSCT, ~~USMC~~

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIIRGU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-315 JUN 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 99677

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99677, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 13, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 462, 456, 00L, ID I CORPS
- C. YD 113 414, 15 V.C. STRUCTURES, 298 DEGREES/77NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1243 DANANG
1505-1527
1550 DANANG
- F. 12 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 28 ZUNI RETS, 3 V.C. STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 1 V.C. STRUCTURE BURNING,
OTHER DAMAGE UNK
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COCHRAN/SIMOLIN, WITCHELL/CLANTON, DOKSEE/CUMMINGS
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSCT, USMC

FM: CG FMAW (ADV)

ACTION: SECOND AIR DIV AOC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-316 JUN 65
 DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MSN 99039

- A. 12 JUN 65, 99039, CHIEFTAIN 61 THRU 63, VMFA-531
- B. 3 F4B, 015, 652, 452, HELO ESCORT
- C. YC 870 845, EVACUATED OUTPOST, 180 DEGREES/15NM HUE PHU BAI
- D. UNK
- E. 1504 DANANG
 1545-1606
 1626 DANANG
- F. 8 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 44 ZUNI RKTS, 20 BUILDING DESTROYED, FAC WILL FURTHER EVALUATE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 80
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COX/MAYES, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, JACKSON/STRAYHORN
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

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RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LT.COL., ACQFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OF IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *D. G. St. Sure*
D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV QAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATIGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITAIRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S-2-317
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 97721

- A. 13JUN65, 97721, CHIEFTAIN 11 THROUGH 14, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F-4B, 452, 652, 470, 468, ID
- C. YD 152 357, 297 DEGREES/37 NM HFB, V.C. TROOPS IN TRENCHES AND FOX HOLES
- D. UNK
- E. 0942 DNG
1000
1020
1042 DNG
- F. 16 X 500 LB GP BOMBS, ORD EXPENDED ON TGT. AREA SATURATED
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/GANDY, STEWART/KROPP, HILL/CATANZARO, BAKER/RILEY
- M. ST. SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS C-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT., USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATCRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-318
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 99722

- A. 13JUN65, 99722, CHIEFTAIN 21 THROUGH 24, VMFA-531
- B. 4 F-4B, 458, 015, 001, 652, ID
- C. YC 972 982, 2 V.C. BATTALIONS IN WOODED AREA
- D. UNK
- E. 1417 DNG
1430
1455
1515 DNG
- F. 4 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 5 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 48 ZUNIS, FAC COULD NOT DETERMINE DUE TO TREES
- G. YYES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. FREDRICK/STEINKEN, ARMENTROUT/CASTILLO, FOSTER/ CLANTON, RAAB/RUDEEN, NONE
- M. WITUCKI, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: *D. G. St. Sure*
D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AGC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-319
DEBRIEFING ON ID MSN 97713

- A. 13 JUN 65, 97713, CHIEFTAIN 31-32
- B. 2 F-4B, 470, 468, ID
- C. YC 867 838, V. C. BIVOUAC AREA OF APPROX 15 STRUCTURES, 280 DEGREES/31NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 1450 DNG
1508
1520
1547 DNG
- F. 8 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 28 ZUNI'S
- G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. WILSON/STIENON, BLACK/GORDON, NONE
- M. ST. SURE, NONE

CDL:

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, 1STLT., ACFTS G-3

CONFIDENTIAL

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: R. WITUCKI, CAPT, USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSNINFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
I ASOC INTEL
MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONECONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-320
DEBRIEFING FOR HELO CAP MSN 99953

- A. 14 JUN 65, 99953, CHIEFTAIN 41-43
- B. 3 F-4B, 998, 468, 452, HELO CAP
- C. PS 495 105, HELO LZ, 141 DEGREES/141NM DNG
- D. UNK
- E. 0720 DNG
0727
0830
0850 DNG
- F. NONE
- G. YES, DEADLOCK 20
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. MCGRAW/SIMOLIN, STEWART/KROPP, SMITH/MAYES, NONE
- M. WITUCKI, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT, USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-321
 DEBRIEFING ON ID/CAS MSN 99960

- A. 14 JUN 65, 99960, CHIEFTAIN 51-53
- B. 3 F-4B, 015, 652, 470, ID/CAS
- C. BS 502 982, V. C. PILL BOX TRENCHES AND BUNKERS, 146 DEGREES/51 NM DNG
- D. 1 NM NE OF TGT
- E. 0824 DNG
 0900
 0920
 0939 DNG
- F. 5 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 31 ZUNI'S
- G. YES, SUDDEN DEATH 14
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. FOSTER/GRENNAN, WEISS/MILES, BLACK/GORDON, NONE
- M. ST. SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACOFS G-3

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: D. G. ST. SURE, 1STLT., USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARATRGRU ONE ONE
 I ASCC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-322
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 99945

- A. 11 JUN 65, 99945, CHIEFTAIN 11-11
- B. 4 F-4B, 001, 468, 452, 422, ID
- C. BR 305 475, V. C. BIVOUAC AREA IN ROLLING WOODED TERRAIN, 085 DEGREES/32 NM PLK
- D. UNK
- E. 1040 DNG
 1130
 1150
 1225 DNG
- F. 9 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 33 ZUNI'S, 1 STRUCTURE DESTROYED, 2 STRUCTURES DAMAGED
- G. NO, BRIEFED RNDV PT WAS 232 DEGREES/29 NM PLK. RNDV ASSIGNED FLIGHT WHILE AIRBORNE WAS 180 DEGREES/105 NM BMT. FLIGHT THEN ADVISED PEACOCK INSUFFICIENT FUEL TO PROCEED NEW RNDV PT. FLIGHT THEN DIVERTED TO TGT AREA 085 DEGREES/32 NM PLK.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. STEWART/KROPP, BAKER/RILEY, SMITH/STEINKEN, WITCHELL/CLANTON, NONE
- M. ST. SURE, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL., ACCFS G-3

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSCT, USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARATROU ONE ONE
 I ASCC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-323
 DEBRIEFING FOR ID/CAS MSN 99946

- A. 14 JUN 65, 99946, CHIEFTAIN 31-34
- B. 4 F-4B, 998, 470, 015, 652, ID/CAS
- C. BR 376 443, VC STRUCTURES, 090 DEGREES/38NM PLK
- D. UNK
- E. 1325 DNG
 1350
 1414
 1450 DNG
- F. 7 X 250LB GP BOMBS, 59 ZUNI'S, 4 VC STRUCTURES, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION
- G. NO, PAC DIRECTED DIFFERENT TGT, FLUX 40
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COX/MAYES, WILSON/STENON, WITUCKI/CATANZARO, JACKSON/RUDEEN, NONE
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

GP=4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL, ACOFS G-3

OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSCT, NSMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
 SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
 CG III MAF
 MARAIRGRU ONE CNE
 IAASOC INTEL
 MARFITATKRON FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 52-324
 DEBRIEFING ON ID/CAS MSN 99947

- A. 14 JUN 65, 99947, CHIEFTAIN 31 THROUGH 34, VMFA-531
- B. 1 F-4B, 998, 015, 652, 168, ID/CAS II CORPS AREA
- C. AR 950 125, 3 V.C. BATTALIONS IN WOODED PAVINE, 160 DEGREES/250M PLEIKU
- D. WPK
- E. 1654 DNG
 1715
 1805
 1828 DNG
- F. 7 X 250 LB GP BOMBS, 52 ZUMIS, UNKNOWN
- G. NO, PAC DIRECTED TO DIFFERENT TARGET, FLUX 40
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. COCHRAN/SIMOLIN, WELSH/CLANTON, FREDRICK/STEINKEN, HILL/WILEY, HAD TO RELAY TO PAC THROUGH PEACOCK
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCCL., ACOFS G-3

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OUTGOING

OP IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE

DRAFTER: W. R. HARTLEY, GYSGT, USMC

FROM: CG FMAW (ADV)

TO: SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: CG FMAW (REAR)
CG III MAF
MARATRCRU ONE ONE
I ASCC INTEL
MARFITATKRCN FIVE THREE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-325
DEBRIEFING ON ID MSN 99968

- A. 14 JUN 65, 99968, CHIEFTAIN 01-02, VMFA-531
- B. 2 F-4B, 473, 466, ID
- C. NONE
- D. UNK
- E. 1818 DNG
1915 DNG
- F. NONE
- G. NO, 473 A/C ABORTED DUE TO FIRE WARNING LIGHT, 466 RETURNED, MISSION ABORTED
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NONE
- K. YES
- L. ABORTED MISSION, FOSTER/O'GRADY, WEISS/MILES, NONE
- M. HARTLEY, NONE

GP-4

RELEASING: R. L. LAMAR, LTCOL, ACCFS G-3

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMA, Pacific
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

1500H June 1965

This is a summary of combat operations conducted by Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-531 in the Republic of Vietnam from 10 April to 14 June 1965.

At 1000I on 10 April 1965 VMFA-531 was ordered to "mount out" from NAS Atsugi, Japan and proceed to DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. Within three hours the first four aircraft were enroute direct to DaNang utilizing one inflight refueling. The remaining eleven aircraft were airborne less than one hour later and proceeded via Naha NAF, Okinawa and NAS Cubi Point, Philippines. All fifteen aircraft were in place and being "up loaded" at DaNang by 1600H on 11 April 1965.

Upon arrival of the main body of personnel, ground was broken at a tent camp site on the southeast perimeter of the airbase. Tent erection and utilities construction commenced immediately, simultaneously with an all out maintenance effort to prepare shop areas, equipment and aircraft for the initial combat effort. This organizational effort was accomplished well ahead of scheduled expectations in spite of unusually limited transportation facilities with which to make the twelve mile round trip from working to living, eating and shower areas.

The first combat mission by Chieftain Phantoms against the Viet Cong was launched at 1228H on 13 April 1965, just sixty-nine hours after departure from Japan. Flight operations continued around the clock for the remainder of the squadrons tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

Through the first several days a major portion of the squadron effort was directed towards camp construction, yet the daily aircraft available for combat operations consistently averaged thirteen out of fifteen assigned. This superior maintenance of a complex weapons system performing an unprecedented variety of daily missions reflected the timely, dedicated, professional efforts aggressively contributed by each Marine.

Initially the squadron was tasked solely in a daylight conventional weapons interdiction and strike role. Within days of the first combat mission as the aircraft displayed its virtually unlimited capabilities and the flight crews demonstrated their professional skill to all service and unit commanders, a variety of missions were soon encountered.

VMFA-531

Summary of Combat Operations, RVN

10 April -
14 June 65

These encompassed helicopter escort; helicopter landing zone preparation; helicopter support/cover in the landing zone during the assault and extraction phases; close air support of USMC, ARVN ground units with U. S. military advisory personnel; vehicle convoy escort; RESCAP and flak suppression for downed aircrews; night TPC Radar controlled bombing and night interdiction/CAS strikes utilizing para-flare illumination dropped from C-123/C-130 aircraft.

Of these missions, the squadron had previously trained only in the day conventional weapons strike and interdiction roles. Thus without benefit of previous experience or training in these unfamiliar tasks the squadron operations personnel quickly and accurately assessed the missions required, briefed the squadron and all aircrews without rehearsal. proceeded to fly these difficult missions under combat conditions. The aircrews aggressive determination, tempered with professional planning and skill, easily balanced the lack of requisite training.

The most critical of these newly assigned tasks were the night strike/CAS utilizing para-flare illumination and the helicopter support missions. These missions were frequently flown under marginal weather conditions over rugged, mountainous terrain when time for prior coordination/briefing was not available.

In the early pre-dawn hours of 31 May 1965 a Viet Cong force of six thousand five hundred main force, local and militia troops launched a major offensive, including unprecedented daylight attacks to seize Quang Ngai and major portions of Quang Ngai Province. This threat grew more critical daily and advanced unabated for the ensuing week.

Chieftain Phantoms received their initiation into night close air support and interdiction under para-flare illumination at the outset of the Quang Ngai battle when four sorties were launched in support of ARVN troops and U. S. Advisor personnel at Ba Gia outpost, who were surrounded and being overrun by the Viet Cong. As a result of these night close air support missions the outpost was saved. VMFA-531 aircraft continued to support friendly forces both day and night during the remainder of the battle for Quang Ngai. The Commanding General of the 2nd Infantry Division, ARVN, has repeatedly reported to I Corps ASOC and TOC that airstrikes in support of his forces were the determining factor in saving Quang Ngai.

The helicopter escorts, landing zone preparation, cover and support missions were extremely complex assignments. They required thorough planning, precise timing and pin-point ordnance delivery. The numbers and various types of aircraft involved coupled with the close proximity of landing zones to enable assault troops to secure the objective required exceptional aircrew skill and judgement in effective prosecution of the mission.

With unusually short notice (18 hours) tactics were devised and without benefit of previous experience, training or rehearsal, these support missions were flown under actual combat conditions. This support completely eliminated helicopter damage from enemy ground fire, helicopter crew member casualties and infantry casualties from enemy fire in the landing zone. In addition the suppressive effect achieved provided precious time to assault units for unopposed organization in, and security of, the landing zone. The effectiveness of the devised tactics is attested to in the folder by LtCol. N. G. EWERS, Commanding Officer of HMM-163.

The use of jet aircraft to support helo-borne assaults in combat on 28 April 1965 recorded another first in Marine Corps aviation history.

During these intensified flight operations, camp construction proceeded without abatement. Messhalls, showers, heads, and limited recreational facilities were erected. An abandoned well was rehabilitated, purified and frequently provided all drinking water for USMC and USAF personnel at DaNang AB.

A ground defense company was organized and trained in the use of automatic weapons to supplement the perimeter defense on a twenty-four hour basis. To facilitate the effectiveness of this defense force, individual fighting positions, trench lines, command and ammunition storage bunkers were dug and sandbagged.

These objectives were accomplished without the loss of a single combat mission due to a lack of "ready aircraft" and frequently in emergency situations, the squadron was called upon and consistently provided more sorties than those originally tasked.

Two weeks prior to the relief of the squadron for rotation to CONUS, aircrews and ground personnel from the relieving squadron were gradually "fed into" and "teamed up" with their counterparts for introduction into combat operations. When "Opcon" was passed at 2400H 14 June 1965, all incoming flight crews had already experienced a minimum of three combat sorties and operations against the Viet Cong continued without loss or reduction of daily assigned sorties and missions.

The following pages reflect what Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-531 accomplished, and the cost of this contribution to the United States effort in the Republic of Vietnam. Included are specific missions selected for their significant contribution toward this effort.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: TOTAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM COMBAT OPERATIONS, PERIOD 13 APRIL THROUGH 14 JUNE 1965.

(1)	STRUCTURES DESTROYED	913
(2)	STRUCTURES DAMAGED	168
(3)	SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	32
(4)	VIET CONG KBA	300
(5)	VIET CONG WBA	127
(6)	RADIO SITES DESTROYED	1
(7)	BOATS DESTROYED	3
(8)	COASTAL SUPPLY CAVES DESTROYED	2
(9)	AAA SITES DESTROYED (37MM DRV)	1
(10)	AA AW SITES DESTROYED (HVV MG)	14
(11)	MORTAR POSITIONS DESTROYED	3
(12)	VIET CONG ARMORIES DESTROYED (MORT./MG/GRENADE)	2
(13)	BUNKERS DESTROYED	28
(14)	TRENCH LINES NEUTRALIZED	5
(15)	.30 CAL MG'S	3
(16)	AW/AR'S	3
(17)	RIFLES/PERSONAL WEAPONS	103
(18)	FOXHOLES/ENTRENCHED POSITIONS DESTROYED	40
(19)	RICE MILLS DESTROYED	5
(20)	RICE STORAGE HOUSES DESTROYED	4
(21)	STORED RICE DESTROYED	37,500 KILO'S
(22)	VIET CONG TRADING AGENCY DESTROYED	1
(23)	VIET CONG WEAPONS REPAIR SHOP	2

IN ADDITION:

(1) 92 REFUGEES WITH 100 HEAD OF CATTLE DETAINED BY THE VIET CONG WERE RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL AS A DIRECT RESULT OF 3 AIR STRIKES

(2) FIRST VIET CONG CASUALTY OF III MAF LANDING AT CHU LAI WAS KBA ACCREDITED TO VMFA-531 PHANTOMS AS A RESULT OF STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF LANDINGS

(3) DURING QUANG NGAI BATTLE 28 MAY THROUGH 7 JUNE 1965 ON ONE NIGHT STRIKE CONDUCTED UNDER PARA-FLARE ILLUMINATION IN ADDITION TO VIET CONG CASUALTIES INCLUDED IN ABOVE TOTALS, 30 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER AMMO BEARERS FOR VIET CONG WERE KBA/WBA AND ANOTHER 100 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER AMMO BEARERS FOR VIET CONG DESERTED. DUE TO THE TYPE OF TERRAIN AND LACK OF ANY FRIENDLY FORCES IN MANY STRIKE AREAS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMPRISES ONLY APPROXIMATELY 50% OF ACTUAL DAMAGE/CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE VIET CONG. DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS NOT CONFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT SOURCES ARE NOT COMPILED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS.

(NOTE: THIS DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS INCOMPLETE AND MAY BE UPGRADED AS DELAYED CONFIRMED REPORTS FROM VARIOUS FIELD SOURCES ARE RECEIVED AND COMPILED.)

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: TOTAL FLIGHT TIME, MISSION AND SORTIE BREAKDOWN, FOR
 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM COMBAT OPERATIONS

(1)	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT	1232
(2)	TOTAL OPERATIONAL SORTIES COMPLETED	959
(3)	TOTAL MISSIONS	333
(4)	TOTAL SORTIES ABORTED	23
	OPERATIONAL = 6 MISSIONS, 16 SORTIES	
	WEATHER-FAC(A) UNABLE TO LOCATE TARGET DUE TO WEATHER	
	FAC(A)-FAC(A) NO SHOW OR ARRIVED AFTER STRIKE	
	A/C BINGO FUEL	
	TPQ-RADAR UNABLE TO ACQUIRE A/C W/O BEACON DUE TO HEAVY WEATHER	
	MAINTENANCE = 0 MISSIONS, 2 SORTIES (ON DECK)	
	MAINTENANCE = 0 MISSIONS, 5 SORTIES (AIRBORNE)	
(5)	TOTAL NON OPERATIONAL SORTIES	14
	TEST = 9 SORTIES FOR 9.3 HOURS	
	OTHER = 5 SORTIES FOR 5.5 HOURS	
(6)	TOTAL MISSIONS/SORTIES BY TYPE:	
	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> <u>SORTIES</u>
	USMC CLOSE AIR SUPPORT	14 27
	USMC HELO ESCORT	61 159
	NIGHT TPQ RADAR BOMBING	19 30
	III MAF ALERT SCRAMBLES	15 34
	INTERDICTION	195 614
	US FORCES ALERT SCRAMBLES	12 31
	RESCUE CAP	3 8
	CONVOY ESCORT	6 12
	IN COUNTRY STRIKE	3 20
	SEARCH AND ATTACK	5 10

Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 14 May 1965

COORD: AT 819 855, 300°/12NM DNG

MISSION: Ground alert scramble to provide close air support for trapped USMC recon patrol

Mission #96626

Chieftain 11
12

PRIDHOMME/HENSON
M'GAN/JONES

#96627

Chieftain 23

MEZKO/LAWRENCE

#96608A

Chieftain 53

HANNA/WENRICH

DAMAGE: Close air support to within 60' of trapped USMC recon patrol surrounded by dug-in, hard core, V.C. units with AW's using bombs, rockets, napalm. Area neutralized, V.C. SA/AW's fire suppressed and patrol evacuated.

NOTE: See attached correspondence.

"D" COMPANY
3rd Recon Battalion (-)
3rd Marine Division (FWD)
APO San Francisco, 96601

19 May 1965

From: Captain P. G. COLLINS, 076230/0302 USMC
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-531

Subj: Air Support on 14 May 1965

1. While conducting a recon in the vicinity of Nam Yen, (coord AT 830 855) Vietnam, on 14 May 1965 my patrols encountered intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from hard-core Viet Cong, dug in on the surrounding terrain. A med-evac helo attempting to make a pick-up received such intense fire that he had to withdraw without completing his mission and the accompanying UH-1B advised Danang to provide air strike aircraft immediately.
2. Marine F-4B's from VMFA-531 Ground Alert were scrambled into the area and commenced close air support of my patrols with bombs, rockets and napalm under the control of Fang-6 and Raider-21, two UH-1B's.
3. The commanding terrain around one of my patrols, located on a ridge, contained a preponderance of Viet Cong units dug-in with automatic weapons and small arms and the Phantoms proceeded to work these areas over first, silencing two automatic weapons with direct bomb and napalm hits, and reducing the remaining V.C. fire from these areas to an insignificant level, thus allowing the pinned down patrol relative freedom of movement and selection of action.
4. The Phantoms then proceeded to provide close air support to the patrol itself, on the ridge, by completely working over the northern slope of the ridge from west to east. Working as close as sixty to eighty feet to the patrol, with pin-point accuracy, the Phantoms using Napalm and Rockets succeeded in killing several V.C. and driving others out of their entrenchments into our line of fire. This was effectively accomplished by the F-4B's despite the close proximity of surrounding high terrain and heavy smoke which lay over the objective area.
5. It is my considered opinion that the sole contributing factor enabling my my patrols to withdraw successfully with a minimum of casualties, was the prompt and accurate close air support flown by the Phantoms of VMFA-531 who clearly demonstrated the outstanding effectiveness of the Marine air ground team in action.
6. I would appreciate your conveying to the air and ground crews concerned our thanks for the professional execution of a difficult job.

P. G. COLLINS

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 3 May 1965

COORD: BS 521 359, BS 492 337, 168°/75NM DWG

MISSION: Strike on V.C. 38th Mobile Bn. Base, Farming, Shelter Area

Mission #95631

Chieftain 31	MCGRAW/GANDY
32	GOWELL/CUSICK
33	METZKO/FRAZIER
34	DUSSE/ESTES

#95632

Chieftain 41	GILLIARD/JOHNSON
42	HANKE/SCHWARZ
43	SHERMAN/MOREAU
44	GROSS/CUMMINGS

#95633

Chieftain 51	HANNA/WENRICH
52	SLONE/MARSHALL
53	PRUDHOMME/HENSON
54	GOWELL/CUSICK

DAMAGE: Strike conducted in mountainous terrain with very poor weather. 22 structures destroyed, 11 V.C. KBA, 27 V.C. WBA, 1500 Kilo's rice destroyed, 4 rice storage houses destroyed, in addition 92 refugees with 100 head of cattle returned to GVN control as a result of 3 air strikes. Source - Ha Thanh district chief and agent report, confirmed by I Corps G-2 Trac.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 5 May 1965
 COORD: BT 255 035, 162°/41MM DNG
 BT 245 055
 BT 249 059
 BT 255 035
 BT 235 055

MISSION: Strike on old French gold mine used as V.C. armory(MG/MORT) and weapons storage and V.C. recruit training area.

Mission #95803	Chieftain 41	PRUDHOMME/HENSON
	42	GILLIARD/JOHNSON
	43	SULLIVAN/TAYLOR
	44	SLONE/FAVARON
#95804	Chieftain 51	METZKO/FRAZIER
	52	DUSSE/ESTES
	53	DOWLING/JONES
	54	MCGAN/COX

DAMAGE: 41 V.C. MF troops guarding entrance to armory KBA, 2 .30 cal MG's, 3 AR's and all individual weapons destroyed. 62 V.C. draftees KBA and all their personal weapons destroyed. One rice mill with machinery destroyed. 2 storage houses containing 36,000 kilo's of rice destroyed. A V.C. trading agency destroyed and 2 V.C. workshops destroyed. Report indicated damage was so severe and strike so effective V.C. are conducting investigation in area for possible informer. Traffic in area is tightly controlled and V.C. feel outsider could not have known positions so accurately. See IR Rep No I (12)/65/158 TM 12 IR #176/B12 dtd 17 May 65.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-5
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 6 May 1965

COORD: YD 160 878, 310°/88NM DNG

MISSION: RESCAP scramble for RF-101 pilot shot down over Vinh Linh army
barracks, central and north east, North VietNam

Mission #95868

Chieftain 11
12

HANNA/WENRICH
DOWLING/TREMPER

DAMAGE: Strike conducted to suppress flak and enable SAR aircraft effect rescue of
RF-101 pilot. Direct hits with bombs and zuni's on 37mm AAA site and portion of a
flak tower

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SURJ: Strike Results

DATE: 9 May 1965

COORD: RS 465 765, 163°/60NM DNG

MISSION: Strike on suspected headquarters V.C. 38th Mobile Bn. and V.C. shelter area.

Mission #96129

Chieftain 41
42

MCGRAW/GANDY
MCGAN/JONES

DAMAGE: 11 structures destroyed, 5 damaged, 116 V.C. KBH. Source - Town chief at
Trinh Ngyen thru Province chief Duang Ngi - Quang Ngai. (Joint USMC/USAF Strike).
Submitted by Capt. DOUGLAS, Quang Ngai ALO/FAC

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-534
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 13 May 1965

COORD: BT 360 015, 155°/45 NM DNG

MISSION: Strike conducted to suppress V.C. SA/AW's fire directed against
USMC FAC

Mission # 96477

Chieftain 21 SHERMAN/MOREAU
22 DOWLING/COX

DAMAGE: Mission was flown after dark, in poor weather conditions without aid
of flares. V.C. SA/AW's fire suppressed and area neutralized.

NOTE: See attached message

R 150110Z
FM BLT FOUR
TO CG 3RD MARDIV
VMFA-531
VMO-2
INFO CG III AF
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1. ON 13 MAY AT 1915 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT WAS REQUESTED AFTER A DEADLOCK A/C RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE
 2. THIS STRIKE WAS CONTROLLED AND RUN APPROX .1/2 HOUR AFTER DARK AND IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY CONDITIONS
 3. THE CHIEFTAIN A/C WERE ASSIGNED TO FLY THIS MISSION. THE FAST REACTION AND CAN DO SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED BY CHIEFTAIN AND DEADLOCK MADE THIS MISSION A COMPLETE SUCCESS. THE TARGET WAS DESTROYED.
- MY APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
BT

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 17 May 1965

COORD: BT 423 091, 1145°/45NM DNG

BT 432 089

MISSION: Strike conducted to suppress V.C. SA/AW's fire against USMC from village, trench and gun positions.

Mission #96745

Chieftain 11	SULLIVAN/TREMPER
12	SLONE/MARSHALL
13	HANLF/FULLER
14	DOKSEE/STONE

DAMAGE: Mission flown at dusk in poor weather conditions without the aid of flares. V.C. SA/AW's fire suppressed, 3 structures destroyed, 2 secondary explosions, 13 fires raging. A/C received ground fire on return to base, no hits.

NOTE: See attached msg.

R 180856Z

FM RL-4

TO CG THIRD MARDIV ZEN

INFO VMFA-531 ZEN

VMO-6 RUABPO

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARMY ADVISORS TO RVE TRO PS THIS AREA I AGAIN WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO CHIEFTAIN AND DEADLOCK AIRCRAFT FOR A PROFESSIONAL JOB THE NIGHT OF 17 MAY, 1965.

2. THEY HAVE CONTINUALLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR ABILITY IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF MARINE AVIATION.

BT

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 20 May 1965

COORD: BT 243 053, BT 249 059, 165°/41NM DNG

MISSION: Strike on V.C. drafting center and armor shop.

Mission #96993

Chieftain 31	MCGRAW/GANDY
32	DOXSEE/STONE
33	HANNA/WENRICH
34	SLOVE/ESTES

DAMAGE: Ordnance expended on pin-point target coordinates. Results not observed due to heavy jungle canopy. LtCol. BRUGH USAF, (I Corps Sr. ALO), FAC(A) for this mission stated, "Chieftain flight did the best bombing he had seen in VietNam" See I ASOC Intelligence FAC debrief 545 May 65.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-537
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
APO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 26 May 1965

COORD: AT 835 670, 240°/10NM DEG

MISSION: Rescap for evacuation of a patrol, "B" Co, 1st Bn., Third Marines
from Nan Chua, RVN

Mission # 97396

Chieftain 01 DOWLING/COX
02 RAAB/CUSICK

DAMAGE: Although no ordnance was expended this mission effectively prevented
V.C. units from bringing SA/AV fire to bear on the patrol and evacuation Helo's
by keeping their heads down!

NOTE: See attached message.

R 290520Z
FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO ZEN/HMM-365
ZEN/VMFA-531
ZEN/VMO-2
ZEN/MASS-2
RUMSAG/7TH AVN FLT USA
INFO RUMSVD/I CORPS AVN CC (PROV) USA
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/MAG-16
ZEN/THIRD MARINES
ZEN/1ST BN THIRD MARINES

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

AIR SUPPORT

1. THE SKILL AND TEAMWORK DEMONSTRATED BY ACTION ADDRESSEES DURING EVACUATION OF AN ELEMENT OF B CO, 1ST BN THIRD MARINES FROM NANG CHUA RVN ON 26 MAY 1965 SHOWED A HIGH DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM. THIS ACTION WAS A COMMENDABLE EXAMPLE OF THE ABILITY OF DISSIMILAR COMMANDS TO OPERATE IN CLOSE HARMONY.

2. WELL DONE TO ALL PARTICIPATING PERSONNEL.

BT

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 27 May 1965

COORD: AT 816 503

MISSION: Conduct preparation strike of adjacent helo landing zones
simultaneously in 900 troop search and destroy operation.

Mission #97490

Chieftain South METZKO/JOHNSON
South 2 HANKE/SCHWARZ
South 3 DUSSE/STOWELL

#97491

Chieftain North SMITH/STRAYHORN
North 2 GOWELL/PAVARON
North 3 HANNA/WENRICH

DAMAGE: 11 structures destroyed, 6 damaged, 2 secondary explosions, both LZ's
neutralized and V.C. SA/AW's fire suppressed. Rocket barrage laid down in both
LZ's 10 sec's prior to first helo touchdown.

Statement of LtCol N. G. EWERS, USMC, Commanding Officer, HMM-163

On 27 May 1965 this squadron, supported by fourteen UH34D helicopters from HMM-161 lifted in preplanned assault the 3rd Battalion Vietnamese Marines (mission number 5-1122-1). This preplanned assault was part of the largest helicopter assault ever attempted in I Corps. It involved the simultaneous landing of two infantry battalions by four helicopter squadrons, supported by F100 and F4 fighter aircraft, light observation aircraft and armed UH1B helicopters. Timing and precision of attack by fighter aircraft were of critical importance to the assault landing.

The fire support delivered by the pilots of VMFA-531 in support of the southern assault group, which this officer led, was superb. The F4's were scheduled to commence their landing zone preparation when the lead helicopter element passed the IP and continue their attacks until the last possible moment prior to helicopter touchdown. This they did with outstanding timing and accuracy. The area was completely neutralized and the helicopters were able to land unopposed.

During this landing no enemy fire was received from those areas neutralized by the F4 aircraft from VMFA-531, although small arms and automatic weapons fire was received from other areas. The aggressive spirit and professional airmanship of the 531 pilots contributed much to the success of an important operation.

N. G. EWERS

1. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) 1st MAW-53
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
P.O. San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 28 May 1965

C ORD: BS 475 367 LZ-2

BS 465 350 LZ-3 163°/80NM DNG

MISSION: Conduct preparation strike of Helo landing zones and cover Helo's in the LZ.

Mission # 97571

Chieftain 51 MCGRAW/TREMPER
52 MCGAN/JONES
53 SLONE/MARSHALL

Mission # 97556

Chieftain 11 HANNA/WENR CH
12 RAAB/CUSICK
13 SHERMAN/MOREAU

DAMAGE: Helo LZ's completely neutralized with rockets/bombs. Rocket barrage laid down 10 secs prior to Helo touchdown in LZ. No SA/AW's fire received by Helo's. Very mountainous terrain and USAF FAC(A) states tactical jets did excellent job des pite terrain.

Statement of LtCol N. G. EWERS, USMC, Commanding Officer HM4-163

On 23 May 1965 this squadron was committed to Operation PUMC # 2, (mission number 5-1150-1) a Special Forces sweep and clear operation against a VC training complex in mountainous terrain near Gia Vuoc. The assault landings were preceded by 90 minutes of preparatory air attack by U. S. F100, B57 and F4 aircraft. Timing and coordination of attack aircraft was difficult and of critical importance. Each member had to do his job well and at the proper time and place or the entire operation would be in jeopardy. The F4 aircraft of WFA-531 had a most difficult and important task to perform; the neutralization of a landing zone deep in a narrow canyon where two VC companies were known to be patrolling.

Their conduct of this mission was superb. They came on station at the right time and place, quickly picked up their targets, and as the lead helicopter reached the IP commenced their rocket and bombing attacks. Every attack was precisely on target and continued until the last possible moment prior to the helicopter landing. The aggressive spirit and professional airmanship of the 531 pilots contributed much to the success of a difficult operation.

N. G. EWERS

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 31 MAY 1965
COORD: BS494 790 147°/8NM DNG
MISSION: Night strike against V.C. Mortar positions
using Para-flare illumination dropped from
C-123 aircraft

MISSION: #97735

Chieftain 31 SMITH/STRAYHORN
32 CAUGHNOR/FULLER

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's under Para-flare
illumination, against V.C. mortar positions which were saturated
and suppressed. 3 Large fires burning.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FME, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike results

DATE: 31 MAY 1965

COORD: BS 496 790 146°/65 NM DNG

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. concentration
surrounding BA GIA outpost, using Para-
flare illumination dropped from C-123
aircraft.

MISSION # 97739

Chieftain 61 METZKO/LAWRENCE
62 SLONE/MARSHALL

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's, under Para-flare
illumination against V.C. attack on BA GIA outpost, at outset
of QUANG NGAI battle with unknown V.C. KBA/WBA's. Adjacent
Viet Cong bivouac concentration area, left burning.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 2 JUNE 1965

COORD: BS 490 760 150°/61 NM DNG

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. sheltering in
hamlet and entrenched along river bank
using Para-flare illumination dropped
from C-123 aircraft

MISSION # 97845

Chieftain 51 MCGRAW/GANDY
52 SULLIVAN/TAYLOR

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's using Para-flare
illumination against V.C. concentration in hamlet and along
river bank during QUANG NGAI battle, target area saturated and
burning, unknown KBA/WBA's.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 2 JUNE 1965

COORD: BS 475 800/BS 535 750 160°/65 NM DNG

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. concentrations
during QUANG NGAI battle, using Para-flare
illumination dropped from C-123 aircraft

MISSION # 97846

Chieftain 61 PRUDHOMME/HENSON
62 BUSSE/STOWELL

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's using Para-flare
illumination against V.C. concentrations in wooded area and
hamlet during QUANG NGAI battle. Target areas saturated and
V.C. SA/AW's tracer fire directed against flare aircraft
suppressed.

MARINE FIGHTER, ATTACK SQUADRON-533
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike results

DATE: 2 JUNE 1968

COORD: S 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

MISSION: Night strikes against V.C. concentrations in
two villages, during QUANG NGAI battle, using
Para-flare illumination dropped from C-123
aircraft.

MISSION # 97973

Chieftain 101 HANNA/WENRICH
102 DOXSL/CUMMINGS

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's under Para-flare
illumination against V.C. concentrations in two bivouac areas during
QUANG NGAI battle, 50 structures destroyed and target areas
saturated with many fires burning, unknown KBA/WBA.

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SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 3 JUNE 1965

COORD: 8S 036 753 1300, 6: 10: 00

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. concentration in
 village, during QUANG NGAI battle. 10
 incendiary illumination dropped from the
 aircraft.

MISSION # 00904

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DAMAGE: Night strike of aircraft and bombs under dark night
 illumination against V.C. concentration in village during
 QUANG NGAI battle. 10 incendiary destroyed, village was
 burning with smoke in V.C. area.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike results

DATE: 4 JUNE 1965

COORD: BS 337 602 160°/58 NM DNG
BS 325 600

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. troop concentration
in dry river bed, during QUANG NGAI battle,
using Para-flare illumination dropped from
C-123 aircraft

MISSION # 98013

Chieftain 01 DOWLING/FRAZIER
02 HANKE/SCHWARZ

98013B

03 GILLIARD/JOHNSON
04 GOWELL/FAVARON

DAMAGE: Night strike against V.C. troop concentration in dry
river bed with bombs and zuni's under Para-flare illumination,
during QUANG NGAI battle resulted in 168 VC KBA/WBA, 30 civilian
ammo bearers KBA/WBA and 100 civilian ammo bearers deserted, V.C.
troops attempting to recover bodies were routed. Verified by
Special Forces/FAC(A) report, Capt. SCOTT FREEMAN, USAF.

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96601

SUBJ: Strike Results

DATE: 5 JUNE 1965

COORD: YC 875 842 285°/28 NM DNG

MISSION: Night strike against V.C. concentration
surrounding NGA BA outpost, using Para-
flare illumination dropped by C-123
aircraft

MISSION # 98228C

Chieftain 09 SHE MAN/HENSON
09A HANKE/SCHWARZ

DAMAGE: Night strike with bombs and zuni's against V.C.
concentration surrounding NGA BA outpost, under Para-flare
illumination, target area saturated and V.C. SA/AW's tracer
fire suppressed