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... (YD 038649).
DURING THE FIRST LIFT, 3 CH-46A'S SUSTAINED STRIKE DAMAGES: 2 ACFT FROM HMM-164
AND ONE FROM HMM-265. TWO ADDITIONAL ACFT FROM HMM-164 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS
AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE GOING INTO AND OUT OF THE ZONE. ONE OF THESE ACFT
WAS FORCED TO LAND IN ANOTHER ZONE BUT WAS LATER RECOVERED. THE 2ND BATTALION,
4TH MARINES WAS LIFTED INTO THE SECOND LZ (YD 036651) FOR A 0930 1 HOUR.

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