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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 265 SITREP 15/2100H THRU 16/2100H

15/0620H: 14 OF OUR CH46A WERE LAUNCHED AS A PART OF OPERATION HASTINGS. THEY LIFTED A TOTAL OF 1508 TROOPS (688 USMC, 820 VN). US MARINE BATTALION 3/4 WAS LIFTED FM DONG HA TO LZ YD035640. BATTALION 2/4 WAS LIFTED FM DONG HA TO YD085655. ARVAN AIRBORNE TROOPS WERE LIFTED FROM DONG HA AND CAM LO TO D-5. THERE WAS ALSO 27,500 LBS OF CARGO LIFTED INTO THE ABOVE LZ. ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN WITH A TOTAL OF 13 US MARINES KIA. THREE OTHERS INJURED. ANOTHER AIRCRAFT CRASHED, MINOR INJURIES ONLY. THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE, 50 CAL OR ABOVE IN THE AREA OF YD835640.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE FROM TWO OF OUR CH46A WHICH HAVE BEEN DETACHED AT DONG HA FROM 13 THRU 16 JULY 1966.

13/0550H: TWO CH46A LIFTED 108 MARINES OF THE FIRST MARINES FROM DONG HA TO YD 116573 AS PART OF OPERATIONS HASTINGS.

13/1255H: OUR TWO CH46A LIFTED 54 US TROOPS OF THE SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES FROM YD116573 TO DONG HA, PART OF OPERATIONS HASTINGS.

13/1745H: TWO OF OUR CH46A INSERTED ELEVEN US TROOPS AT COORD YD029582 (PARTYLINE) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS HASTINGS.

13/1926H: TWO OF OUR CH46A WERE LAUNCHED FROM DONG HA ON A SPARROW HAWK MISSION CARRYING 28 US TROOPS. THE FLIGHT WAS LAUNCHED AT NIGHT AND THE INSERTION WAS NOT MADE. IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HASTINGS.

14/0615H: OUR TWO CH46A LIFTED 22 US TROOPS ON AN INSERTION, THESE TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY. PART OF OPERATIONS HASTINGS.

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