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MAY 69

FRAG ORDER 35-69
REF OPORDER 6-69

1. FRIENDLY FORCES
A. 2ND ARVN REGT(-) PLANS TO CLOSE ON OBJ 362 AND OBJ 314, (REFER TO ANNEX A OF FRAG ORDER 34-69), BY 05 MAY 69.

2. 1ST BN 3RD MAR
A. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TO THE SOUTHWEST AND SECURE HILL 306 TO BLOCK POSSIBLE ROUTES OF EGRESS.

3. 2ND BN 3RD MAR
A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION WITH EMPHASIS ON EXTENSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES AROUND FIXED POSITIONS.
B. BEFORE A SID CAN BE PUT IN ON HILL 126 (YD 055596) A TEMPORARY BOUNDRY CHANGE MUST BE EFFECTED WITH THE 2ND ARVN REGT. 24 HR ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THIS COMMAND.

4. 3RD BN 3RD MAR
A. BEGIN CLOSING ON OBJ SIERRA BY 5 MAY 69.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. ALL UNITS IN FIXED POSITIONS WILL PATROL AGGRESSIVELY OUT TO 81 MM MORTAR RANGE.
B. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDRY CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE 050600H MAY 69.
1. FROM PRESENT BOUNDRY AT 010567, NE TO 033504, AND NORTH TO PRESENT BOUNDRY AT 036593.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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051755H MAY

FRAG ORDER 36-69
REF OP ORDER 6-69

1. FRIENDLY FORCES
   A. L 3/9 RELIEVED 1 3/3 AT [illegible]
   B. EFFECTIVE AT 051700H [illegible] REVERTS TO [illegible]

2. 1ST BN 3RD MAR
   A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION IN PRESENT AO.

3. 2ND BN 3RD MAR
   A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION IN AO.
   B. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM C-2 TO HILL 162

4. 3RD BN 3RD MAR
   A. MOVE I CO INTO YOUR AO AS SOON AS PRACTICAL, NLT 06 MAY.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
   A. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE 051700H MAY 69.
      (1) FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 964592 SE ALONG SONG CAM LO RIVER TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 009569.

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FROM: AN
TO: GH, 7-UP, AT
INFO: BENNINGTON

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 37-69
REF: OP ORDER 6-69

1. FRIENDLY FORCES:
A. 2ND BATTALION 4 MAR, UNITS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: CP&G (-) FSB NEWVILLE; G PLT (850575); E (793620); F (858614); H (826617).
B. 3RD BN 4TH MAR, UNITS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: CP M (-) (948630); M PLT (946623); I (912643); K (933653); L (-) (912591) & L PLT (897586).
C. 2ND ARVN UNITS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: 1ST BN CP (053643); 1ST, 2ND, & 4TH CO (038637); 3RD CO (037632). 2ND BN CP (056600); 1ST & 2ND CO (049608) & 3RD & 4TH CO (039607).

2. 1ST BN 3RD MAR
A. SECURE HILL 366; CONTINUE S/D OPNS FROM VIC HILL 366.
B. BE PREPARED TO SECURE FOOTHOLD ON FOXTROT RIDGE & BEGIN SEARCH & DESTROY OPNS BACK TO EAST IN CONJUCTION WITH 3/3 & 2ND ARVN, ABOUT 8 OR 9 MAY.
C. 24 HR AO COVERAGE NORTH OF YOUR POSITIONS HAS BEEN REQUESTED. ADVISE THIS HQ OF RESULTS/DEFICIENCIES.

3. 2ND BN 3RD MAR
A. CONTINUE SECURITY FOR A-4, C-2, C-3B, CAM LO DISTRICT HQ, KSB & LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN AO.
B. CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN THE RT #9 PASS AREA & the DONG MA-ABOUT CAO HILL RANGE.
C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS WITHIN AO.
D. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM C-2 WEST.
E. WORK IN COOPERATION & COORDINATION WITH GVN FORCES TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT & GAIN MAXIMUM MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR TASKS & THEIRS.

4. 3RD BN 3RD MAR
A. CONTINUE S/D OPNS ALONG MUTTER'S RIDGE TO EAST. SECURE OBJ SCHULZE BY 8 MAY.
B. CONDUCT S/D OPNS ON DONG HA MTN.
C. BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE NORTH EASTERN ATTACK, IN CONJUCTION WITH 1/3 ABOUT 9 MAY.
D. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ECB, FSB FULLER & LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN AO.
E. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINES SWEEPS WITHIN AO.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
A. SECURITY FOR FIXED POSITIONS WILL ENCOMPASS AS A MINIMUM DAY & NIGHT PATROLS & AMBUSHES TO ENEMY MORTAR RANGE.

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B. MOBILE BNS REMAIN LIGHT. NOTIFY THIS HQ OF ANY ON CALL SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO BE STAGED FOR PRIORITY/EMER BUILD UP.

C. AN 22 IS THE LIAISON STATION WITH 2ND ARVN AT C-2 DIR LAUTH OVER RMT TAC.

D. AN JUMP CP TO DISPLACE TO C-2 ABOUT 8 MAY.

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FROM: AN
TO: GH, 7-UP, MP
INFO: AN 22

DTG 071830H MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 38-69
REF: FRAG ORDER 37-69

1. 1ST BN 3RD MAR
A. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS 24 HRS PRIOR TO PUTTING PATROLS INTO THE DMZ.
B. 24 HR AO COVERAGE DENIED DUE TO LACK OF ASSETS. WILL COVER YOU DAYLIGHT TO DUSK AND ONE FLIGHT (ABOUT 2 HRS) AFTER DARK. SUBMIT DESIRES FOR NIGHT FLIGHT.

2. 2ND BN 3 RD MAR
A. PROVIDE PLATOON AND SECTION OF TANKS FOR ROAD BUILDING SECURITY COMMENCED 8 MAY 69. BE PREPARED TO REMAIN IN FIELD UNTIL ROAD COMPLETED (EST ABOUT 7 DAYS).
B. BURN TRASH AT A-4 WITH FLAME TANK IN PREPARATION FOR BURIAL BY ENGRS.

3. 3RD BN 3RD MAR
A. CONDUCT CONTINUOUS SEARCH OPNS AROUND DONG HA MTN IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BUNKERED ENEMY UNIT.

4. COORD INST
A. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2ND ARVN IS IN EFFECT AT 080600H MAY UNTIL 100600H MAY FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 061649 NW ALONG STREAM TO 036657 NW TO 025667.
B. IF IT WILL EXPEDITE GETTING NIGHT ACTS IN EARLY TO AID FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION, SUBMIT N/A FIRST AND D/A AT A LATER TIME.

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FROM: AN
TO: GH, 7-HP, MT
INFO: AN 22

DTG 081643H MAY

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 39-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) FRAG ORDER 37-69

1. FRIENDLY UNIT LOCATIONS: M(-) 3/4 (971621), M(PLT) 3/4 (9456230); 1STBN & 1ST & 4TH CO'S (043654), 2NDBN, 2ND ARVN CP & 1ST CO (067614) 2NDBN, 3RD & 4TH CO'S (057615).

2. 1/3. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED YOUR SPECIAL PLANS FOR PATROLS ARE APPROVED. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN YOU COMMIT A REACTION FORCE OF MORE THAN 60 PEOPLE AND THEN ONLY WITH PERMISSION FROM THIS HQ. 6 HOUR SITREPS AND LOCATION OF THESE SPECIAL PATROLS ARE REQUIRED EACH PATROL WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL CALL SIGNS TO BE ISSUED BY THIS HQ LATER TODAY. ALL REF. TO SPECIAL PATROLS TO BE ENCYPHERED.

3. 3/3. CONTINUE S/D OPERATIONS ALONG MUTTER'S RIDGE TO NORTH, SECURE OBJ SCHULZE BY 10 MAY.

4. BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO EXECUTE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN GH AND MT. FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (976630) ALONG 63 GRID LINE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (007630).

5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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DTG 091515H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 40-69
REF: (a) OP ORD 6-69
(b) FRAG ORD 37-69

1. FRIENDLY FORCES: M (-) 3/4 960617, M (PLT) 946623; 1ST BN & 1ST CO (056677), 2ND CO (050682), 4TH CO (050675) 2ND BN & CP & I CO (074651), 2ND CO (067660), 3RD CO (068667) 4TH (076659)

2. 1/3. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

3. 2/3. (a) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MCB 53 & 62 FROM VICINITY HILL 37 WEST ON ROUTE 9, COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 12 MAY. THESE UNITS WILL BE IMPROVING AND PAVING ROUTE 9 WEST TO VICINITY OF KHE GIO BRIDGE. DIRLAUTH.
(b) SUGGEST SCUBA TMS BE EMPLOYED IN CAM LO RIVER VICINITY OF CO.G. TO CHECK FOR UNDERWATER CACHES. ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS IF YOU REQUIRE SUCH SUPPORT.

4. 3/3. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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INFO: DM 2-2

DTG: 101904H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 41-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) FRAG ORDER 37-69

1. FRIENDLY UNITS LOCATIONS: 2d ARVN WILL MOVE EAST FROM PRESENT POSITIONS AT 1st BN & 1st CO (072656) 2d & 3d CO (071653) 4th CO (069654) 2d BN, 1st AND 4th CO (075642) 2d CO (072646) AND 3d CO (079643) OUT OF PRESENT AO TO ROUTE 561 WHERE THEY WILL BE TRUCKED TO DONG HA.

2. 1/3 & 3/3.
a. BEGIN MOVEMENT TO EAST ON 11 MAY, SELECT AND NOTIFY THIS COMMAND OF MAJOR OBJECTIVES BY LOCATION AND DESIGNATION, PRIOR TO 111200H.
b. 3/3 HAS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROUTE 9 WITHIN ITS AO - HRS/DAY.

3. 2/3- MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY IN THE DONG HA-ABOUT CAO COMPLEX UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
a. DESIRE MAX UTILIZATION OF SUPPORTING ARMS FOR ALL POSITIONS AS CLOSE TO LINES AS SAFETY PERMITS. MESSAGE TO FOLLOW.
b. ALL UNITS REVIEW ANTI-SAPPER TECHNIQUES FOR ALL POSITIONS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED.
c. FIRE COORDINATION LINE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY A FIRE COORDINATION LINE (FCL) IS ESTABLISHED FROM THE DMZ SOUTH TO THE PRESENT BOUNDARY, ALONG THE 96 N-S GRID LINE. THE FCL IS FOR FIRE SUPPORT PURPOSES ONLY. THE PRESENT BOUNDARY REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR GROUND TROOPS. ALL FIRES WITHIN 1000 METERS OF FCL WILL STILL REQUIRE CLEARANCE WITH ADJACENT UNITS.
d. FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 972621 EAST TO STREAM AT 990623, EAST ALONG SOUTHERN SIDE OF STREAM TO 008630, THEN E IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO HILL MASS AT 030631, NE TO HILL 208 AT 042643, NE TO TRAIL JUNCTION AT 062654 THEN NE TO STREAM JUNCTION AT 082661. OVERLAY PASEP.

5. PASS ALL OVERLOAD TRAFFIC, INCLUDING 1700 SITREP IF NECESSARY, OVER THE REGT ADMIN NET.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

7. RELEASED BY: Thomas C. Dolan TIME: 18304

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DTG: 121745H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 42-69
REF: OP ORDER 6-69
FRAG ORDER 37-69

1. FIRST BN AND SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE FROM PRESENT MISSION.

2. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW L/3/9 SECURITY OPNS FOR ECB AND TECHNIQUES USED BY THEM FOR THE COVERAGE OF ROUTE 9 WITHIN YOUR AO. SUBMIT REPORT EARLIEST.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
a. PENDING REDISTRIBUTION OF FORCES IN VICINITY VCB-ECB THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THIRD MARINES AND TFH WILL BE EXECUTED BY 2/3 & 3/3 ON ORDER:
1. FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (XD961593) SOUTHEAST ALONG CAM LO RIVER TO (YD012565) SOUTH TO (YD013557), TO (YD015551) TO PRESENT MAI LOC BOUNDARY AT (YD029530).
b. (B-3) REPORTS: THERE HAS BEEN SOME RECENT CONFUSION DUE TO DUPLICATION OF EFFORT CONCERNING (B-3) REPORTS. IN THE FUTURE ALL (B-3) REPORTS WILL BE SENT FROM STATION TO STATION ALLOWING S-2'S & S-3'S TO RECEIVE MESSAGE TOGETHER. DM WILL INCLUDE ANY ACTIONS THAT WE HAVE INITIATED ON EACH (B-3) REPORT. WE REQUEST THAT S-3'S SEND TO US ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION THEY MIGHT TAKE. ALL MESSAGES WILL BE SENT "FLASH."

4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG: 121745H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 43-69
REF: (A) OP ORD 6-69
(B) FRAG ORD 37-69
(C) CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.

1. EFFECTIVE 131500H L/3/9 AND SECURITY FOR ECB CHOPPED TO TFH. BOUNDARY CHANGE OUTLINED IN FRAG ORD 42-69 IN EFFECT SAME DTG.

2. 1/3
A. COMMENCE PLANNING FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN VICINITY, EASTERN END OF MUTTER'S RIDGE. SUBMIT PLANS/REQUIREMENTS THIS HEADQUARTERS YOUR EARLIEST.
B. AO COVERAGE IS VITAL IN 1/3'S PRESENT POSTURE. EXTREME EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN AO'S TO THEIR MAXIMUM AVAILABILITY. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATLY WHEN DAY TIME AO COVERAGE IS NOT PROVIDED.
C. BE PREPARED UPON ARRIVAL EASTERN END OF MUTTER'S RIDGE TO ASSUME OPCON OF PLT OF SECURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION VIC HILL 162.
D. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SID EMPLACEMENT TEAM VIC FOXTROT RIDGE 14 MAY 69.

3. 2/3
A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.
B. BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CHOP PLT SECURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION VIC HILL 162 TO 1/3.

4. 3/3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (C) COMMENCE TO DEPLOY YOUR FORCES IN THE WESTERN MUTTER'S RIDGE - DONG HA MTN AREA.

5. DIRLAUTH CO 1/3 AND CO 3/3.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG: 151545H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 44-69
REF: (a) OP ORD 6-69
(b) 3d MARINES CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(c) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 151200H

1. 1/3
A. YOUR OP PLAN 6-69 AS SUBMITTED IS APPROVED.
B. ASSUME OPCON OF (1) PLT 2/3 VIC HILL 162 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION EFFECTIVE 151700H. RELIEVE PLT 2/3 WITH PLT 1/3 ON 16 MAY.

2. 2/3 AT 151700H CHOP PLT OF SECURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO 1/3.

3. 3/3
A. YOUR CONCEPT AS SUBMITTED IS APPROVED.
B. YOUR REQUEST FOR A WESTERN BOUNDARY CHANGE HAS BEEN FORWARDED AND IS REFLECTED IN REF (c).
C. BY 161800H MAY 69, ENSURE ALL FORCES ARE WEST OF 1/3 - 3/3 BOUNDARY AS SHOWN IN REF (c).

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
A. TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3 IN EFFECT 151500H AS FOLLOWS: FROM DMZ AT 010659 SOUTH ALONG 01 N-S GRID LINE TO 010630.
B. EFFECTIVE 151700H 1/3 ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRAIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, FM 2/3: FROM 080662 NE ALONG STREAM TO STREAM JUNCTION AT 083662 SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO STREAM/TRAIL JUNCTION AT 085656 SOUTH TO 086640, SE TO 089631 SOUTH TO 090620 SW TO STREAM AT 086614 WEST ALONG STREAM TO JUNCTION AT 077613 NW IN STRAIGHT LINE TO 060630 NORTH TO CLOSE AT 060653.
C. REF (c) EFFECTIVE ON ORDER 17 MAY.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG: 161712H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 45-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) 3d MARINES CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(c) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 151200H MAY 69.
(d) 3d MARDIV OP ORDER 2468 (ROUGH RIDER).

1. FRIENDLY FORCES: B COMPANY 3d TNK BN TO G/S 3d MARINE DIVISION. A COMPANY 3d TNK BN IN D/S 3d MARINES: 3d MARINES IN TURN ASSIGN 1 PLT D/S OF 1/3 AND A COMPANY (-) D/S OF 2/3.

2. 1/3. ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF L/3/3 TO ALLOW CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF THE DISCOVERED BUNKER COMPLEX AT PRESENT POSITION. THIS WILL OCCUR WHEN THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE AS DIRECTED IN REF (c) IS EFFECTED.

3. 2/3. NO CHANGE IN PRESENT MISSION.

4. 3/3. (A) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO CHOP L/3/3 OPCON TO 1/3. THIS WILL OCCUR WHEN THE BOUNDARY CHANGE AS DIRECTED IN REF (c) GOES INTO EFFECT.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (d) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME CONVOY SECURITY FROM THE PERIOD 21 MAY - 31 MAY 69. IT IS RECOMMENDED YOU UTILIZE A COMPOSITE PLATOON FROM YOUR REAR ECHELON.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 162330
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 46-69
REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) 3d MARINE CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPNS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(C) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 151200H MAY 69.
(D) 3d MARINE DIVISION OP ORDER 24-68 (ROUGH RIDER).
(E) FRAG ORDER 45-69

1. THE ENEMY HAS SHOWN INDICATIONS OF A FORTHCOMING ATTACK BY FIRE AND/OR MANEUVER ON ONE OF THE FIXED POSITIONS AND/OR THE POPULATED AREAS WITHIN 3d MAR AO. HE HAS THE 270TH REGT POISED ABOVE GIO LINH IN THE DMZ, THE 27B REGT IN POSITION NORTH OF OUR EASTERN BOUNDARY, THE 31ST REGT NORTH OF A-4, AND THE 246TH REGT IN THE WEST CENTRAL DMZ. THE 5TH CO, 27TH BN, 31ST REGT IS REPORTED TO BE IN RAO VINH(EAST OF CUA VALLEY). THE 84TH & 164TH ARTY REGTS CAN SUPPORT THE ENEMY FROM IN/OR JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ. THE SUSPECTED D-DAY FOR HIS ATTACK IS FROM 18-20 MAY INCLUSIVE. ELEMENTS OF THE 308TH DIVISION ARE ALSO DEPLOYED NORTH OF THE DMZ, WITH THE 88TH REGT IN THE 4TH MARINES AO, THE 36TH REGT IN AND ABOVE THE MUTTER'S RIDGE AREA, AND THE 102d REGT SOMEWHERE NORTH OF GIO LINH.

2. TO COUNTER THIS THREAT WITHOUT PREMATURELY OR OVER REACTING, THE REGT WILL PLACE TWO COMPANIES IN RESERVE. ONE COMPANY WILL BE PLACED JUST NORTH OF THE THE CAM LO RIVER BETWEEN KHO XA AND VAN QUAT XA. THE OTHER COMPANY WILL BE PLACED ON THE HIGH GROUND BETWEEN THE CAM LO & CUA VALLEYS.

3. 1/3. NO CHANGE

4. 2/3.
A. POSITION ONE COMPANY ON THE HILL MASS KHO XA - VAN QUAT XA. THIS COMPANY WILL NOT BE COMITTED W/O EXPRESS APPROVAL OF CO THIRD MARINES. THE COMPANY COMMANDER OF THIS UNIT WILL REMAIN WITH 2/3'S CP.
B. BE PREPARED ON 18 MAY TO ASSUME OPCON OF L/3/3 IN VICINITY OF CAMP CARROLL. THIS UNIT WILL MOVE OVERLAND TO THE HIGH GROUND BETWEEN THE CUA & CAM LO VALLEYS. THIS COMPANY WILL NOT BE COMMITTED W/O EXPRESS APPROVAL OF CO THIRD MARINES.

5. 3/3.
A. RETAIN POSSESSION OF L/3/3 UNTIL HELILIFTED AM OF 18TH TO VIC OF CAMP CARROLL.

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6. THE BOUNDARY AS DEPICTED IN REF (C) WILL BE EFFECTED 0/0 17 MAY WITH THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY EXCEPTION: THE AREA SOUTH OF THE 62 GRID LINE REFLECTED IN 1/3'S ZONE WILL REMAIN AS PART OF THE 3/3 AO. THIS AREA WILL REVERT TO 1/3 UPON THE HELILIFT OF L/3/3.

7. THE REGIMENTAL S-4 WILL FURNISH (10) TRUCKS TO 2/3 AT CLDH FROM 171600H UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 172130H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 47-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) 3d MARINE CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(c) OVERLAY PASEF DTG 151200H MAY 69.
(d) FRAG ORDER 46-69, PARAGRAPH 6.

1. ENEMY SITUATION: AT 170450H VIC (991632) M/3/3 CAPTURED A MEMBER OF THE 4TH BN 88TH REGT, 308TH DIVISION. POW REPORTED THAT HIS BN WAS IN VIC (979629). AN AO SENT TO CHECK AREA REC'D INTENSE S/A FIRE.

2. 1/3. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

3. 2/3.
A. DISPATCH (1) UNIT TO VIC CAMP CARROLL TO CHECK OUT LZ EAGLE AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR INSERTION OF L/3/3 AT 181100H.
B. ASSUME OPCON L/3/3 UPON COMPLETION OF HELILIFT.
C. DISPATCH L/3/3 TO RECON ROUTES FOR NIGHT MOVEMENT INTO CUA AND CAM LO VALLEYS.

4. 3/3. CHOP OPCON OF COMPANY L TO 2/3 UPON COMPLETION OF HELILIFT TO LZ EAGLE.

5. A. AREA SOUTH OF 62 E - W GRID LINE WILL PASS BACK TO 1/3 UPON HELILIFT OF L/3/3 REF (d).
B. UNIT DISPATCHED TO CHECK OUT AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR L/3/3 HELILIFT WILL COME UP ON WJ 14 FREQ 44.90 FOR DURATION OF LIFT.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 181800H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 48-69
REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) 3d MARINES CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPNS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(C) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 181200H MAY 69.

1. INTELLIGENCE OF THE PAST FEW DAYS PLUS THE INCREASED NUMBER OF SMALL CONTACTS DURING THE PAST 48 HRS INDICATES THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND/OR GROUND REMAINS HIGH. THE ATTACKS MAY BE TIMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BIRTHDAY OF HO CHI MINH ON 19 MAY 69.

2. FRIENDLY ADJACENT UNITS LOCATIONS:
A. 4TH BN 2ND ARVN REGT (185666)
B. 2ND BN 2ND ARVN REGT (190715)
C. K/3/9 (001552) I/3/9 (985541)

3. 1ST BN 3d MARINES
A. N/C
B. BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE COMMITTMENT TO NORTH EASTERN PORTION OF 3d MARINES AO.

4. 2d BN 3d MARINES
A. MOVE ONE COMPANY TO C-2 AT FIRST LIGHT AND CONDUCT COMPANY (Rein) PATROL IN THE TAN MINH/VAN KIM/QUANG KIM AREA FOR THE NEXT 48 HRS. TANKS ARE AVAILABLE IN D/S ROLE AND 4 DUSTERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY ASSIGNED FOR THIS OPN.
B. REGIMENTAL RESERVE COMPANY (L/3/3)WILL HOLD THE POSITIONS ON THE HIGH GROUND WEST OF THE CAM LO POPULATED AREAS.

5. 3d BN 3d MARINES
A. N/C

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (C) THE SPECIAL STRIKE ZONE IS IN EFFECT FM 181800H TO 190800H MAY 69, IN THE VIC OF LONG SON (1572) (EFFECTS 2/3 ONLY).
B. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (C) THE EASTERN EXTENSION OF THE 3d MARINES AO IS IN EFFECT AT 190800H MAY 69.
C. THE FOLLOWING RECON TMS WILL BE INSERTED SOMETIME TOMORROW:
(1) UPPER LEFT 9969
LOWER RIGHT 0167

(2) UPPER LEFT 0772
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INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

DTG 192300H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 49-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) 3d MAR CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPNS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(c) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 181200H MAY 69.

1. ENEMY INITIATED ACTION REMAINS ON THE INCREASE ESPECIALLY IN THE NW & N CENTRAL PORTIONS OF THE AO. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE COMPANY REGIMENTAL RESERVE DEEMED NECESSARY.

2. FRIENDLY FORCES:
A. CP & L/3/9 LOCATED AT ECB; I/3/9 AT (985541); K/3/9 AT (001552); 1ST BN 2ND ARVN LOCATED AT (223744); 2ND BN 2ND ARVN AT (215745); 5TH BN 2ND ARVN AT (C-1).
B. EMPLOYMENT OF A CO TANKS EFFECTIVE 0/0 21 MAY: CO (-) D/S TO 2/3; PLT D/S TO 1/3 AT A-4.

3. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
A. CONDUCT SCHEDULED ACTS.
B. BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE CP & ONE COMPANY TO CON THIEN ON 21 MAY. ASSUME SECURITY FOR SAME.
C. RECON PATROLS INTO DMZ WILL BE CONTROLLED BY 1/3 FROM CON THIEN.

4. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
A. ASSEMBLE L/3/3 VIC HILL 37 BY 0930 FOR 1000 HELILIFT.
(1) L (-) TO LIFT TO LZ CHAMP (989629) & JOIN 3/3 CP.
(2) L PLT TO LIFT TO LZ AT 999618 & REPLACE K PLT WHICH WILL HELILIFT TO LZ CHAMP.
B. CHOP OPCON L/3/3 UPON LIFT OFF.
C. BE PREPARED TO TERMINATE CO G OPN FIRST LIGHT 21 MAY. REDEPLOY IN AO AS REQUIRED.
D. BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF AT A-4, ON 21 MAY, BY ELEMENTS OF 1/3. REDEPLOY CO H IN AO AS REQUIRED.
E. RETAIN ONE COMPANY IN POSTURE FOR HELIBORNE RELIEF OF A-4 ON ONE HOUR NOTICE.

5. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
A. YOUR REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT OF L/3/3 IS APPROVED. LIFT WILL COMMENCE AT 1000H.
B. POSSIBILITY OF TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION IS 21 MAY, AT EARLIEST.
C. CS FRAG SET FOR 200730H.

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6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. NEW BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 & 2/3 EFFECTIVE 0/0 21 MAY. SLIGHT MODIFICATION TO 1/3 - 3/3 BOUNDARY. OVERLAY PASEP.

B. 2/3 BRIEF L/3/3 ON HELILIFT.

C. 2/3 HAVE S-3, ARTY & AIR REPS AT A-4 UPON ARRIVAL OF 1/3'S CP TO ASSIST IN AREA & FIRE FAMILIARIZATION (21 MAY)

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INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

DTG 201530H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 50-69
REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) 3D MARINES CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(C) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 181200H MAY 69.
(D) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY 69.

1. ENEMY SITUATION: IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, 1/3 HAS KILLED 22 NVA INDICATING INCREASED ACTIVITY IN NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THIRD MARINES AO.

2. FRIENDLY ADJACENT UNIT LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST BN, 2D ARVN (194719)	I/3/9 (985541)
5TH BN, 2D ARVN (C-1)	K/3/9 (999544)
	L/3/9 (937574)

3. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
A. AT 0800 ON 21 MAY BE PREPARED FOR HELILIFT OF CP & D CO TO CON THIEN.
B. RELIEVE H/2/3 OF SECURITY FOR CON THIEN.
C. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECON TEAMS AND SEND RECON PATROLS INTO DMZ ON 22 MAY.

4. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
A. ON 21 MAY TERMINATE CO G OPNS EAST OF 15 GRID LINE.
B. UPON RELIEF OF H/2/3 BY D/1/3 REDEPLOY H & G IN AO.

5. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES: N/C

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
A. RESTORE 15 GRID LINE AS EASTERN BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3D MARINES & 2D ARVN EFFECTIVE 0800 21 MAY.
B. REF (D) EFFECTIVE 0/0 21 MAY.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

DTG 211700H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 51-69
REF: (a) OP ORDER 6-69
(b) THIRD MARINES CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(c) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 181200H MAY
(d) OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY

1. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
(a) N/C

2. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
(a) N/C

3. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
(a) TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION IS SET FOR 220900H MAY 69.
(b) CS FRAG IS SET FOR 220730.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
(a) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (d) THE CHANGE OF BN AO'S WILL GO INTO EFFECT, ON ORDER, AFTER THE LIFT OF 1/3 CP AND COMPANY D IS COMPLETED.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 52-69
REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) OP ORDER 7-69
(C) REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
(D) THIRD MARINES OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY 69.

1. FRIENDLY ADJACENT UNIT LOCATIONS:
1ST BN, 2ND ARVN (C-1); 5TH BN, 2ND ARVN (GIO LINH);
CP & I/3/9 (ECB); L/3/9 (977584); PLT B/1/4 (922609).

2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.
A. EXECUTE THIRD MARINES OP ORDER 7-69 ON 24 MAY 69.

3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.
A. REDISPOSE FORCES ACCORDING TO 2/3 FRAG ORDER 34-69.

4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES.
N/C

5. ALL UNITS WILL NOTIFY THIS STATION BY 1500 DAY PRIOR TO INSERTION OF PATROLS INTO DMZ.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 241900H
MAY 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 53-69
(A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) OP ORDER 7-69
(C) REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(D) THIRD MARINES OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY 69.

1. ENEMY SITUATION: IT APPEARS THAT SEVERAL NIGHTS AGO, WHILE C AND D/1/3 WERE BEING PROBED, THE 1ST BN, 27TH NVA REGT SLIPPED DOWN TO A POSITION JUST NORTH OF THE ABOUT CAO HILL COMPLEX. MORE RECENTLY WHEN 1/3 CP AND D WERE LIFTED TO CON THIEN IT WAS FELT THAT THIS SAME BN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS BY FIRE. YESTERDAY THE 1ST BN, 27TH REGT WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 052638. TODAY G/2/3 WAS MORTARED FROM THE 0563 GRID SQUARE. IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT THE 1ST BN OR ELEMENTS THEREOF REMAIN IN THE SAME VICINITY.

2. FRIENDLY SITUATION:
A. L/3/9 (978583); I/3/9 (983544); PLT B/1/4 (921609).
B. ALL ASSETS OF 3D TANK BN REVERT TO G/S 3D MARDIV, WITH COMPANY B AT VCB AND COMPANY A (Rein) AT CON THIEN, EXCEPT A PLT OF TANKS AND A PLT OF APC'S AT CON THIEN WHICH ARE IN SUPPORT OF 1/3 FOR COMMITTMENT AS AN OVERLAND EXTRACTION FORCE AS REQUIRED.

3. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
A. COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS FOR DMZ PTLS EXTRACTION FORCES, AND SUPPORTING FIRES TO THE APPROPRIATE DIV LEVEL AGENCIES (COC, FSCC). ALL REPORTS IN RELATION TO DMZ OPNS WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE DIVISION COC (ATTN: DMZ REPORTING SECTION).
B. 1/3 WILL INFO 3D MAR WITH RESPECT TO PTL PLANS, ENTRY TIMES, DURATION AND PROPOSED ROUTES OF DMZ PTLS AND ITEMS RELATING TO COMMITTMENT OF EXTRACT FORCES.
C. 3D MARINES WILL ASSIST 1/3 IN ESTABLISHING HOT LINE COMMUNICATION TO DIVISION COC AND FSCC. 1/3 ENTER DIV TAC NET 2, COVERED VOICE, AND GUARD SAME.
D. RELATIONSHIP WITH 3D MARINES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN IN DMZ REMAIN THE SAME.

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4. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
A. N/C

5. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
A. PERMISSION GRANTED TO CONDUCT NORMAL RECON PTLS INTO DMZ COMMENCING 260500H. AO FROM 96 N-S GRIDLINE ON WEST TO PMDL ON N TO 02 N-S GRID LINE ON E. UNLIKE 1/3 THESE PTLS WILL BE STRICTLY RECON IN NATURE AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THEM, REQUESTS FOR FIRE ETC WILL BE SUBMITTED TO 3D MARINES. SIZE OF EXTRACTION FORCE AND INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTMENT AS PER REF (B).

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
A. THOSE PORTIONS OF REF (B) WHICH INDICATE 3D MARINES CONTROLLING OPNS OR FIRES OF THE 1ST BN AS RELATES TO THE DMZ ARE MODIFIED TO REFLECT DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3D MARINE DIVISION. OTHER PROVISIONS REMAIN THE SAME.
B. MAXIMUM USE OF DUSTERS AND WHEELED VEHICLES ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEP AND LOC'S.
C. THE TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3 IS EFFECTIVE AT 241800H MAY 69 FOR A PERIOD OF 48 HRS: FM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 031650 PROCEED E ALONG 65 E-W GRID LINE TO EXISTING BOUNDARY AT 105650.

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TO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TASK FORCE HOTEL
3RD MAR DIV
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SUB: FRAG ORDER 54-69

A. 3DMAR OP ORDER 6-69
B. 3DMAR OP ORDER 7-69
C. REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
D. 3DMAR OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY 69
E. 3DMARDIV PLANNING MEMO OF 24 MAY 69 (NOTAL)
F. 3DMAR FRAG ODER 37-69

1. SITUATION.
A. ENEMY
(1) ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS SHOWN A DECREASE IN HARASSMENT TYPE INCIDENTS. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUES TO USE ATTACK BY FIRE AS HIS PRIMARY CAPABILITY.

B. FRIENDLY
(1) I/3/9 - ECB
(2) L/3/9 - FSB PETE
(3) B/1/4 - 902609

2. MISSION. THIRD MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTH OF ROUTE 9 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES INFILTRATING ACROSS THE DMZ. THIRD MARINES PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER, KHE GIO BRIDGE, A-4, C-2, C3 BRIDGE, AND CAM LO DIST HQ.

3. EXECUTION.
A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. THIRD MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO WITH THE THIRD BATTALION IN THE NW, THE FIRST BATTALION IN THE NE AND THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES TO THE SOUTH.

B. FIRST BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

C. SECOND BATTALION.
(1) ON 26 MAY UPON ARRIVAL OF TWO COMPANIES OF 3/4

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IN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO. RELIEVE LIKE ELEMENTS OF 2/3 AND DEPLOY THESE UNITS PLUS ADVANCE CONTROL ELEMENT TO CUA VIET FOR R&R. PASS OPCON OF COMPANIES AT CUA VIET TO 3/4.

(2) ON 27 MAY UPON ARRIVAL AND RELIEF BY CP 3/4. RELINQUISH 2/3 AO AND ALL UNITS THEREIN TO 3/4. DEPLOY CP TO CUA VIET AND RESUME OPCON TWO COMPANIES 2/3 AND TWO COMPANIES 3/4.

(3) ON 28 MAY BE PREPARED TO TRANSPORT REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 3/4 FROM CUA VIET TO VIRGINIA RIDGE. UPON RELIEF OF REMAINING COMPANIES 2/3 IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO THEY WILL PROCEED TO CUA VIET AND REVERT TO OPCON 2/3.

(4) ON 29 MAY BE PREPARED TO SEND TWO REHABED COMPANIES TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO OPCON TO 3/4.

(5) ON 31 MAY BE PREPARED TO RETURN 2/3(-) TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO, RESUME OPCON OF ADVANCE COMPANIES, & RELIEVE 3/4 OF AO.

D. THIRD BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

E. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES.

(1) ON 26 MAY SEND (2) COMPANIES AND ADVANCE LIAISON GROUP TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO, OPCON 2/3.

(2) ON 27 MAY, CP DEPART CUA VIET AND PROCEED TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO AND RELIEVE 2/3. ASSUME OPCON ALL ELEMENTS IN NEW AO. CHOP OPCON ELEMENTS AT CUA VIET TO 2/3.

(3) ON 28 MAY, BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE REMAINING COMPANIES 3/4 IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO, CHOP LIKE ELEMENTS OF 2/3 AND SEND TO CUA VIET.

(4) ON 29 MAY, BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF TWO REHABED COMPANIES OF 2/3. RELIEVE LIKE UNITS OF 3/4 AND TRANSPORT SAME TO VCB.

(5) ON 31 MAY, BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF OF AO BY 2/3(-); CHOP COMPANIES IN AO BACK TO 2/3; 3/4(-) MOTOR MARCH TO VCB AND RETURN TO OPCON TFH.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) INTSUM, OPERATIONS OVERLAY, BREVITY CODES, AND COI FOR 3/4 PASEP.

(2) ROAD SWEEPS WILL CONTINUE AS PREVIOUS. SUBSTITUTE DUSTERS OR VEHICULAR MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS FOR TANK SECURITY. THIRD MARINES STILL TRYING TO RESOLVE SITUATION.

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(3) DIRLAUTH CO 2/3 & 3/4.

(4) 2/3 ENSURE 3/4 IS TOTALLY BRIEFED ON ALL ASSIGNED TASKES (REF F), INTELLIGENCE, AND FIRE SUPPORT SITUATION.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE FROM REF A.

5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS.

A. NOTIFY THIS HDQTRS ON OPENING AND CLOSING OF CP'S.

B. THIRD MARINES CP REMAINS AT DECB.

C. 2/3 CHECK IN ON REGIMENTAL TAC EVERY 6 HOURS WHILE AT CUA VIET TO GAIN ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMAND TRAFFIC.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 261710H
MAY 69

INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
3D MARDIV

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 55-69

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69
(B) 3D MAR OP ORDER 7-69
(C) REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
(D) 3D MAR OVERLAY PASEP DTG 200800H MAY 69

1. FRIENDLY ADJACENT UNIT LOCATIONS:
CP & I/3/9 AT ECB; L/3/9 VIC (969574)

2. 1/3: N/C

3. 2/3:
A. BE PREPARED FOR INITIAL ELEMENTS TO R & R AT CUA VIET ON 28 MAY. SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW.
B. BY 28 MAY SEND A COMPANY TO VIC (058612) TO COMPLETE SEARCH OF BUNKER & CACHE AREA ORIGINALLY DISCOVERED BY L/3/3.

4. 3/3: N/C

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
A. EFFECTIVE 261200H PERMANENT BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3D AND 4TH MAR WAS MADE. CHANGES AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE DMZ SOUTH ALONG 95 N - S GRID LINE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (950638).
B. AT 270800H THE TEMPORARY BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2D ARVN'S REVERTS BACK TO ORIGINAL BOUNDARY.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES — MAY 69
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INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
CO A, THIRD TANK BN
CO B, THIRD ENGR BN
3D MARDIV

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 56-69

REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 6-69
(B) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 7-69
(C) REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
(D) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 37-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. THE ENEMY HAS SHOWN A MARKED INCREASE IN GROUND ACTIVITY. MORTAR AND ROCKET ATTACKS WILL REMAIN AT A HIGH LEVEL AND ENEMY INITIATED GROUND CONTACTS WILL POSSIBLY INCREASE. MOVEMENT SOUTH INTO 3D MARINES AO HAS BEEN NOTED THROUGH (B-3) INTELL REPORTS, TRAIL ACTIVITY, POW'S AND SIGHTINGS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) B (-) 1/4 902609
(2) A/1/4 911590
(3) I/3/9 ECB
(4) AT 280900H MAY 69 THE 2D ARVN REGT COMMENCES AN OPERATION WITH ONE BN LANDING AT LZ SUMMER VIC 078470. THE BN WILL SWEEP TO THE NORTH GENERALLY ALONG THE HIGH GROUND TO THE EAST OF VCB. OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST 07 DAYS.
(5) CO A, 3D TANKS REMAINS D/S 1/3 AT CON THIEN. TANK OPERATIONS LIMITED TO EXPLOITATION OF GROUND CONTACTS WHEREIN ARMOR WILL MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES

2. MISSION. REMAINS THE SAME AS IN REF (A). SPECIAL PINK PANTHER OPERATION (REF(B)) IS CANCELLED 281800H MAY 69.

3. EXECUTION. (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)

A. CONCEPT.

(1) MANEUVER. 3D MARINES RETURNS TO DISPOSITION DELINEATED IN REF (C) WITH TWO BATTALIONS DEPLOYED IN A NOTHERLY DIRECTION ATHWART MUTTER'S RIDGE AND ONE BATTALION SECURING THE FIXED POSITIONS AND LOC'S. A ROTATION OF MISSIONS OF THE 1ST & 2D BATTALIONS WILL OCCUR, SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH A CONTINUAL ROTATION OF 2D BATTALION COMPANIES TO R&R. ALL UNITS WITH AO'S ABUTTING ON THE DMZ WILL RECREATE THE PATROL ZONE ESTABLISHED IN REF (C).

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(2) FIRES. THE RE-ESTABLISHED PATROL ZONE WILL ALLOW A MORE EFFECTIVE H &I PROGRAM WITHIN THE NORTHERN AO. HOWEVER, PRIORITY OF EFFORT SHOULD BE TO: OBSERVED MISSIONS ON KNOWN AND SUSPECTED TARGETS; UNOBSERVED MISSIONS ON KNOWN AND SUSPECTED TARGETS; AND H & I'S.

B. 1ST BATTALION.

(1) COMPLETE ALL PINK PANTHER ACTIVITY ON 28 MAY.

(2) DEPLOY ONE COMPANY TO RELIEVE UNIT OF 2/3 AT C-2 AND C-3 BRIDGE BY 291200H.

(3) BY 311200H HAVE ALL FORCES DEPLOYED GENERALLY EAST OF 08 N -S GRID LINE.

(4) RELIEVE COMPANY OF 2 /3 AT KHE GIO BRIDGE AND 2/3 CP AT CAM LO BY 011200H JUNE. ASSUME SECURITY MISSIONS FOR ALL FIXED POSITIONS (LESS FSB FULLER) AND ALL MAJOR LOC'S IN 3D MARINES AO. (SEE 2/3'S TASKS, REF (D)).

C. 2D BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT OPERATIONS IN WESTERN AO.

(2) BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF OF CO E BY ELEMENT OF 1/3 BY 291200H.

(3) ON 29 MAY, COMMENCE COMPANY ROTATION TO R & R ON A FOUR DAY CYCLE: 1ST DAY TRAVEL; 2D & 3D DAYS R & R; 4TH DAY ROTATE/TRAVEL.

(4) BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF OF CO F AND CP (AT CAM LO) BY 011200H JUNE, BY 1/3.

D. 3D BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS.

(2) COMPLETE ALL PINK PANTHER ACTIVITIES ON 28 MAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) COMMANDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PRECEPTS AS BASIC TO THEIR FUTURE OPERATIONS NEAR THE DMZ.

(A) WITHOUT CONTACT, LARGE FORCES SHOULD NOT BE CONCENTRATED SO AS TO PROVIDE LUCRATIVE TARGETS WITHIN MORTAR RANGE OF THE DMZ.

(B) WITHIN MORTAR RANGE OF THE DMZ, MAXIMUM USE OF SMALL RECONNAISANCE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER TO FIND THE ENEMY WHILE PRESENTING SMALLER TARGETS.

(C) FORCES COMMITTED IN REACTION TO PATROL CONTACTS SHOULD RELY ON MAXIMUM MANEUVER AND SHOCK ACTION IN ORDER TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO ATTACK BY MORTARS FROM WITHIN THE DMZ.

NOTHING IN THIS GUIDANCE IS TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DECREASE IN TEMPO OF OPERATIONS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DMZ.

(2) ALL UNITS SUBMIT PLANS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WITHIN 48 HOURS FROM TIME OF RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS.
N/C

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5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS.
REGIMENTAL TAC #1 & TAC #2 WILL BOTH HAVE CYPHER CAPABILITY. PASS ALL ROUTINE TACTICAL TRAFFIC, PLUS SPOT & SITREPS OVER TAC #2, LEAVING TAC #1 FOR PRIORITY & HIGHER TACTICAL TRAFFIC.

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ANNEX: A. OPERATION OVERLAY

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291600H MAY 69

PRIORITY DTG: _____ Z MAY 69

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
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INFO: THIRD MARDIV

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FRAG ORDER 57-69

A. 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 & REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
B. 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 56-69
C. 3D MAR MSG (DTG 261588): TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FOR BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY (30 MAY 69)

1. FRIENDLY ADJACENT LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
3/4 CP & I/3/9 AT ECB

2. 1/3. N/C PENDING RECEIPT OF CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

3. 2/3. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS SUBMITTED HAS BEEN APPROVED. EXECUTE ACCORDING TO SUBMITTED TIME SCHEDULE.

4. 3/3. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS SUBMITTED HAS BEEN APPROVED. EXECUTE ACCORDING TO SUBMITTED TIME SCHEDULE.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
A. INITIAL BOUNDARY CHANGE SCHEDULED FOR 291200H IN REF B WENT INTO EFFECT AT THAT TIME.
B. ALL UNITS ARE REMINDED OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONTAINED IN REF C.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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SEC: S-3
301645H MAY 69

IMMEDIATE DTG: ~~010100~~ Z MAY 69

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARDIV

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FRAG ORDER 58-69

A. 3d MAR OP ORD 6-69 AND REVISED CONCEPT
B. 3d MAR FRAG ORD 56-69
C. 3d MAR OVERLAY (PASEP) DTG 301630H

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY
THE ENEMY'S CAPABILITY AND LIKLINESS TO ATTACK BY FIRE IN OUR AO REMAINS AT A HIGH LEVEL.

B. FRIENDLY
A-1-4 FSB FULLER
B(-)-1-4 (902609)
3/4 CP & M (984544)

2. MISSION REMAINS THE SAME AS IN REF A.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT REMAINS THE SAME AS IN REF A EXCEPT 1/3 WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS NORTHEAST OF A-4 TO EXPLOIT SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONE.

B. FIRST BN

(1) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS SUBMITTED HAS BEEN APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS.

(2) FROM 311800H UNTIL 010800H A SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FROM DMZ SOUTH ALONG 13 N-S GRID TO 71 E-W GRID, E TO 17 N-S GRID & N TO DMZ. FIRES

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WILL BE PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY 3d MARINES. 1/3 WILL EXPLOIT THESE FIRES WITH THOROUGH PATROLLING WITHIN THE SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONE. ENSURE MAXIMUM USE OF FIRES AND AERIAL OBSERVATION DURING THE 48 HOURS (010800H - 030800H JUNE 69) OF EXPLOITATION.

(3) SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE NOTE: 2d ARVN OPERATION OF 19 MAY VIC (LONG SON) REVEALED ENEMY FORCES MOVING NORTH AHEAD OF ARVN AND (2) MORTAR POSITIONS. (153734) & (175746)

C. SECOND BN NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSION.

D. THIRD BN

(1) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: (6) HELICOPTERS (12) MEN PER HELICOPTER FOR SCHEDULED ~~FLIP FLOP~~. RELIEF-IN-PLACE.

(2) SUBMIT THIS HEADQUARTERS NUMBERS OF LIFTS INTO AND OUT OF ZONE.

(3) UPON COMMENCEMENT OF HELILIFT SUBMIT SITREP EVERY 30 MINUTES ON LIFT STATUS.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2d ARVN REGT EFFECTIVE 010800H TO 030800H JUNE 69 GENERALLY AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (150663) NW TO ROAD AT (138674), NW TO ROAD AT (134691) THEN NW TO (133696), THEN N TO (133703) NE TO ROAD AT (147716), E TO (167720) THEN NE TO (170725) N TO CLOSE AT DMZ.

(2) THE 2d ARVN REGT CONDUCTS OPERATION EAST OF A-4 VIC AN PHU-TAN MINH SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH 1/3'S EXPLOITATION.

4. ADMIN & LOGISTICS NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS NO CHANGE

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(B) 091130H M/3/3 FD WATER POINT USED FOR AN OVER-NIGHT PSN VIC YD 000618. EN SIGHNS AROUND AREA WERE APPROX 1 DAY OLD. CALLED ARTY MSN ON AREA. RES UNK.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 4
CSWC - 2

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FROM: 3D MAR
TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 7.

2. 071801H TO 081800H MAY 69

3. [illegible] OF EN ACTY
[illegible] THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT, 1 SNIPER INCIDENT, AND 2 BOOBY [illegible] INCIDENTS.

4. [illegible] FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 080830H G/1/3 REC FIRE FM 3 DIFFERENT PSNS VIC XD 997641. CONTACT WAS WITH EST 10-12 NVA. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 5 NVA KIA, 1 AK-50, 1 AK-47, AND MISC NVA GEAR. RES: 5 NVA KIA AND 2 IWC

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 080935H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE ROAD SWEEP PAID 100 SVN TO VN CHILDREN FOR 20 AK-47 RDS VIC YD 086574.

(B) 081000H G/2/3 FD 2 MORTAR PITS AND 3/82MM MORTAR RDS VIC YD 041588. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 081700H E/2/3 REPORTED THAT A-4 REC 2 SNIPER RDS FM VIC YD 119692. NEG ACTION.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) [illegible] 071615H E/3/3 FD 30-40 BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES VIC XD [illegible] TO XD 997605 [illegible] NVA

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 6.

2. 061801H TO 071800H MAY 69.

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, N ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 1 BOOBY TRAP FOUND.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 071100H C/1/3 REC SA FIRE FM EST NVA SQUAD VIC YD 014649. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/SA AND MORTARS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 NVA BODY, DRAG MARKS OF ANOTHER BODY, 1 AK-47, 2 AK-47 MAGS, 1 CARTRIDGE BELT, MISC SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD, AND MISC PAPERS. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 INC

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 061345H F/2/3 HAD 2 VN CIV LEAD THEM TO VIC YD 060561. AREA CONTAINED 9 FIGHTING HOLES, 1 RPG-2 RKT LAUNCHER W/3 RKTS, 3 NVA GAS MASKS, 3 NVA E-TOOLS, 1 AK-47 MAG, 47 AK-47 ARMOR PIERCING RDS, AND MISC OTHER GEAR. RES: 1 CSWC

(B) 062255H E/2/3 HEARD MOVEMENT NEAR RIVER AT THE C-3 BRIDGE VIC YD 149604. UNIT THREW GRENADES. SEARCHED AREA IN MORNING FINDING 15 LBS OF C-4 IN WATER NEAR BRIDGE.

(C) 070730H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 700 $VN TO 2 VN CHILDREN FOR 1 M-79 RD 320/5.56MM RDS, AND 3 M-26 GRENADES. ORDNANCE FOUND NEAR YD 133576.

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 9.

2. 091801H TO 101800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 3 MINE INCIDENTS, 1 INCIDENT OF SNIPER FIRE, AND 1 BOOBY TRAP FD.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTY) 091700H 1/3 REPORTED THAT A RESUPPLY HELO REC LIGHT MG FIRE FM VIC YD 0066. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(B) 100415H D/1/3 AT LZ IRONSIDE WAS ATTACKED BY AND UNK SIZE EN FORCE FM THE NORTH AND NE VIC YD 007643. EN ATTACKED WITH SA, RPG-2 RKTS, AND CHICOM GRENADES. CALLED ARTY AND SPOOKY, AT THIS TIME RESULTS ARE NEG. SEARCH OF IMMEDIATE AREA FD 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 RPG-2 RKTS, 4 LBS OF TNT, AND 1 BLOODY SANDAL.

(C) 100430H A/1/3 AMBUSHED 3-4 NVA MOVING SOUTH VIC YD 004654. SEARCHED AREA IN MORNING FINDING 1 AK-47 W/3 MAGS, 5 CHICOM GRENADES, 3½ LBS OF TNT, 1 ROLL OF RUSSIAN COTTON, 1 BLOODY SHIRT, AND 5 PACKAGES OF DRIED FOOD. RES: 1 INC

(D) 100630H A/1/3 FD 2 OVERHEADED BUNKERS VIC YD 002657 IN BUNKERS UNIT FD 74/82MM MORT RDS, IN BOXES AND CONTAINERS, AND 9 LBS OF TNT.

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(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 100815H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM REC 5 RNDS SNIPER FIRE FM VIC YD 135608. CHECKED ARE W/NEG RES.

(B) 100945H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT A TANK DET AT MINE VIC YD 123724, REC 1 SNIPER RD FM UNK EN PSN. NEG ACTION.

(C) 101630H 2/3 REPORTED THAT A JEEP TRAVELING VIC YD 189588, REC 1 SNIPER RD FM UNK EN PSN. NEG ACTION.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 091500H M/3/3 FD WATERPOINT AND OVER NIGHT CAMP SITE VIC YD 001622. SITE COULD ACCOMODATE APPROX 150-200 PEOPLE AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED NO MORE THAN 2 WEEKS AGO. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 NVA CANTEEN, 1 HELMET, SMALL AMOUNT OF RICE, AND A PLASTIC WATER CONTAINER.

(B) 101015H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM ON THE RETURN TRIP FD 2 TRUCKS THAT HAD HIT 2 AT MINES IN ROAD VIC XD 995559. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 101220H I/3/3 WAS HIT BY COMMAND DET BOOBY TRAP VIC XD 989629. DEVICE WAS POSS 81MM MORT RD. BOOBY TRAP WAS IN SMALL TRASH PIT NEXT TO TRAIL AND DET BY NYLON ROPE APPROX 20' LONG. ROPE WAS CAMOUFLAGED ALONG GROUND AND LEAD TO FRESH FIGHTING HOLE. RECON AREA BY FIRE W/UNK RES.

(D) 101500H 3/3 REPORTED THAT A TRUCK DET AT MINE VIC XD 994558. ROAD HAD BEEN WELL-TRAVELED PRIOR TO DET OF MINE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(4) OTHER

(A) 101715H RECON TM CPL PETE OBS'D 2 NVA/VC MOVING NORTH VIC YD 098711. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 4
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7. ON ORDER BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 3/3.
FM 3RDMAR ENDY AT 003526, NW TO 002530, NE TO 005540 to 01 N-S GRID AT 010544, N ALONG 01 N-S GRID TO BLUE LINE AT 012565, NE TO 014570, TO 020573, TO 030576, TO 040576 TO 050577 TO 060577, FOLLOW BLUE LINE TO 083594 N TO TRAIL AT 083603 NE TO ARVN ENDY AT 086610.

8. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE WILL BE FROM QTCB. ALL REGT/BN FACILITIES AT WOB WILL BE CLOSED ASAP.

9. INDIVIDUAL BN'S WILL FRAG GROUND TRANSPORT FOR UNITS & NOTIFY 3DMAR S-4 OF DETAILS DAY PRIOR.

10. CALL SIGNS & FREQS

2/3 7-UP	TAC #2	(P)	66.7	M-55
3DMAR AN	TAC #2	(S)	65.25	M-1147
1/9 SPEEDING HORSE				
3/9 KNIFE BOY				

11. 3D MARINES RELAY ON DONG HA MTN IS AN-XRAY ON M-1147 AND MAY BE USED UPON REQUEST BY 2/3 TO CONTACT UNITS AT ECB & KGB.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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IMMEDIATE DTG: _____ Z MAY 69

FROM: THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
INFO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
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OPERATION ORDER 7-69 (PINK PANTHER)

A. THIRD MARINES OP ORDER 6-69
B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG DTG: _____
C. DMZ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
D. THIRD MARINES MSG DTG 210722Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)
E. REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
F. THIRD MARINES OVERLAY DTG 200800H MAY 69

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. NVA/VC CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ FOR EXTENSIVE INFILTRATION, RESUPPLY, ARTILLERY, AND STAGING OPERATIONS.

B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE FROM REF A. EXCEPT:

(1) AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FROM NORMAL DAILY 1ST WING ASSETS WORKING WITH THE 3D DIVISION. HELICOPTERS FOR INSERT OF REACTION FORCES WILL BE DIVERTED ASAP FROM OTHER MISSIONS.

(2) 3D RECON BN WILL PLACE PATROLS WITHIN 1/3'S AO UNDER OPCON OF 1/3. A LIAISON TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED 1/3 BY 3D RECON TO ASSIST IN COMMAND AND CONTROL. REF B.

(3) ONE PLATOON OF TANKS AND ONE PLATOON OF APC'S WILL BE IN D/S OF 1/3 FROM 3D TANK BN. TO BE USED FOR OVER-LAND REACTION FORCE INSERT, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. NO CHANGE FROM REF A.

2. MISSION.

THE 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN DMZ (SOUTH OF

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THE PMDL), WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO. PATROLS WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER 22 MAY. PATROLS WILL SEEK DETAILED INTELLIGENCE WHILE RETAINING THEIR BASIC RECONNAISSANCE NATURE IN KEEPING WITH THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REF C. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CAPTURE PRISONERS.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. ONE BATTALION CONDUCTS SQUAD SIZED PATROLS AND SUPPORTS RECON BN PATROLS IN THE DMZ. UPON ENEMY CONTACT BY ANY PATROL, THE BATTALION REINFORCES WITH A PLATOON SIZE REACTION FORCE TO ASSIST IN OVERLAND WITHDRAWAL (SEE REF D.). THE REMAINING BATTALIONS OF THE REGIMENT CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PER REFERENCES A. AND E.

B. 1ST BATTALION.

(1) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IN THE DMZ TO GAIN ENEMY INFORMATION AND ACQUIRE PRISONERS.

(2) PLAN FOR AND ASSUME OPCON OF 3D RECON BN PATROLS IN YOUR AO OF THE DMZ (MISSION, SAME AS B(1)).

(3) MAINTAIN PLATOON SIZED REACTION FORCE (RF) WITH THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS.

(A) ORGANIC CREW SERVED WEAPONS
(B) FORWARD OBSERVED TEAM
(C) FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER
(D) ENGINEER/DEMO TEAM

THIS FORCE WILL REMAIN AT, AND LAUNCH FROM A-4 TO REINFORCE AND ASSIST RECON BN TEAMS. THIS FORCE WILL NOT EXCEED (60) PERSONNEL.

(4) MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON SIZED RF, IN AN APPROPRIATE LAUNCH POSITION, FOR EACH ORGANIC PATROL ENTERING THE DMZ.

(5) DECISION TO LAUNCH REACTION FORCE(S) RESTS WITH THE CO, 1ST BN. AIR ASSETS WILL BE PROCURED BY 3D MARINES.

C. 2D BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM REF A, E AND F.

D. 3D BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM REF A, E AND F.

(1) NOTIFY THIS HQ 72 HOURS PRIOR TO INSERTION OF INITIAL DMZ PATROLS.

(2) UPON NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INSERT PATROLS, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER AND REFERENCES B & C APPLY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) OPERATIONAL AREA. INITIALLY PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AREA BETWEEN THE 02 AND THE 12 N - S GRID LINES. NO PATROLS WILL CROSS THE PMDL/BEN HAI RIVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

(2) SIZE OF PATROLS. PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED TO SQUAD SIZE; REACTION FORCES TO PLATOON SIZE; THE COMBINED FORCE WILL NOT EXCEED 75 PERSONNEL.

(3) WITHDRAWAL. UPON LINK-UP OF THE PATROL AND REACTION FORCE, THE TOTAL FORCE UPON DISENGAGEMENT WILL WITHDRAW TO THE SOUTH. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THE SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT ARE:

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(A) TO CLEAR A 360 DEGREE AREA TO SMALL ARMS RANGE (300 METERS).

(B) TO REACT TO ANOTHER PATROL, FURTHER NORTH, WHICH REQUIRES EXTRACTION ASSISTANCE.

(4) FIRE SUPPORT. THE AREA OF 1/3'S AO IN THE DMZ IS UNDER THEIR EXCLUSIVE CONTROL FOR ALL AIR, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR DELIVERED FIRES. PERMISSION TO FIRE INTO THE DMZ(REF C) IS VESTED WITH THE 3D MARINES AND WILL BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY WHEN:

(A) IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY - "ENEMY CONTACT".

(B) POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED OR REASONABLY CERTAIN OF BEING OCCUPIED -"OCCUPIED ENEMY POSITION".

(C) POSITIONS ARE KNOWN OR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS - "NEW FORTIFICATIONS".

(D) IT IS NECESSARY TO FIRE FOR THE INHERENT SELF DEFENSE OF THE UNIT (DOES NOT INCLUDE H & I ON NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES).

MORTAR FIRES CONTROLLED BY 1/3 WILL BE FIRED AS REQUIRED IN KEEPING WITH REF C AND REPORTED ASAP.

(5) REPORTS.

(A) REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS IN THE DMZ BY HOT-LINE TO 3d MARINES COC.

(B) ALL DMZ FIRE MISSIONS REQUESTED THROUGH 3d MARINES FSCC WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REPORTED BY FSCC.

(C) CACHES WILL BE REPORTED IN THE STANDARD FORMAT TO S-2 (FORMAT PASEP).

(D) AFTER ACTION REPORT TO FOLLOW STANDARD AFTER ACTION FORMAT; SUBMITTED WITHIN (15) DAYS AFTER TERMINATION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

(6) INTELLIGENCE ITEMS. ALL ITEMS FOUND IN THE DMZ HAVE A HIGHER THAN NORMAL VALUE. THE MANUFACTURE DATE, LOCATION, TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE DMZ, ETC. ALL ARE OF GREAT VALUE TO HIGHER ECHELONS. THEREFORE THE BATTALION WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO RECOVER AND RETROGRADE ALL POSSIBLE ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE FROM REF A EXCEPT:

A. ALL DMZ PATROLS AND REACTION FORCES MUST BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

B. EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF CLASS V SHOULD BE PRE-STAGED AT QUANG TRI AND CON THIEN.

C. HELICOPTERS FOR EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF CLASS V, EMERGENCY MEDEVAC, REACTION INSERT, OR EMERGENCY EXTRACT ONLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 3d MARINES CP REMAINS AT DHCB.

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B. 1ST BN CP TO BE LOCATED AT A-4.

C. RADIO RELAY FROM A-4 TO 3d MARINES COC/FSCC ESTABLISHED 22 MAY. CAN BE USED FOR CONFIDENTIAL TRAFFIC AND FLASH DMZ REPORTING.

D. 1/3 WILL MAINTAIN COVERED RADIO CIRCUITS WITH 3d MARINES AT ALL TIMES

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PRIORITY DTG:_____Z APRIL 69

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

INFO: THIRD MARINES VICTOR

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FRAG ORDER 33-69

A. OP ORDER 6-69

1. IT APPEARS THE ENTIRE 36TH REGT OF THE 325B NVA DIVISION IS IN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO; ONE BN IN THE DONG HA MTN AREA; TWO BN'S IN THE VICINITY MUTTER'S RIDGE/HELO VALLEY. 1ST BN WAS COMMITTED ON MUTTER'S RIDGE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE 2D ARVN REGT.

2. OP ORDER 6-69 WILL BE MODIFIED AND REISSUED WHEN TIME PERMITS. IN THE INTERM, IT WILL GENERALLY OBTAIN, EXCEPT 1ST BN AND 3D BN ROLES ARE REVERSED.

3. THE HELILIFT OF 2D BN, 3D MAR AND 1/12 ARE DELAYED FOR 24 HOURS UNTIL 2 MAY. 3D MAR RETAINS PRESENT AO AND 3D BN (Rein) UNTIL 2 MAY, THEN PASSES TO 9TH MAR.

4. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
A. CONTINUE LOCAL S/D OPNS.
B. BE PREPARED TO HELILIFT ON 2 MAY TO VCB THEN TRUCK TO NEW AO.
C. 2 MAY OCCUPY A-4, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE, CAM LO DIST HQ. CHOP G/2/3 TO 3/3.
D. 3 MAY, G/2/3 HELILIFT TO VCB, TRUCK TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO. 2/3 OCCUPY KHE GIO BRIDGE, RELIEVING CO/2/9.

5. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
A. CONTINUE PRESENT S/D AND SECURITY OPNS.
B. PASS FROM 3D TO 9TH MAR OPCON ON 2 MAY.
C. TAKE OPCON G/2/3 ON WHISMAN 2 MAY. CLOSE OUT WHISMAN AND HELILIFT G/2/3 TO VCB ON 3 MAY.
D. HELILIFT TO ECB AND FULLER ON 3 MAY. ASSUME SECURITY FOR ECB AND FULLER. CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN NEW AO.

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6. OP ORDER 6-69 EFFECTIVE 020800H MAY 69 EXCEPT: ANNEX C (OPERATIONS OVERLAY) IS CANCELLED AND TASKS TO UNITS ARE MODIFIED AS NOTED ABOVE. NEW OPERATION OVERLAY PASEP.

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FROM: AN
TO: EE, CS, 7-UP, MT
INFO: VICTOR & ZULU

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FRAG ORDER 34-69
REF OPORD 6-69

1. 2D ARVN UNITS REMAIN IN MUTTER'S RIDGE AREA.

2. 3D MARINES CLOSE MAINE CRAG & SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSUME OPCON OF VIRGINIA RIDGE AO & FORCES THEREIN AT 02 1100H MAY 69. FORCES PASSING TO 3D MARINES WILL BE: 1/3 ON MUTTER'S RIDGE, HOTEL 2/9 AT KGB & FSB FULLER, & LIMA 3/9 AT ECB. 3D MARINES SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES H & L, 9THMAR TO 2/3.

3. 2/3
A. CONDUCT HELICOPTER-BORNE RETROGRADE FROM FSB MCCLINTOCK (R) LZ AT YD093323 (E), & LZ AT YD 111327 (F & CP) COMMENCING 020800H.
B. CHOP G/2/3 & K/3/3 TO 3/3 UPON DISPLACEMENT OF CP.
C. ASSUME OPCON OF AO WITHIN VIRGINIA RIDGE UPON ARRIVAL OF CP AT CAM LO; NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON ASSUMPTION.
D. RELIEVE 1/9 AT A-4, C-2, C-3B & CAM LO.
E. ASSUME OPCON OF H & L 9THMAR UPON ARRIVAL AT CAM LO OR 021100H, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.
F. PROVIDE FULL SECURITY AT ASSIGNED FIXED POSITIONS AGAINST A CONTINUAL HIGH THREAT OF SAPPER ATTACKS.
G. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO RESUME OPCON G/2/3 AT ECB & RELIEVE ELEMENTS OF H/2/9 ON KGB.

4. 3/3
A. ASSUME OPCON G/2/3 & K/3/3 ON ORDER 2 MAY 69.
B. ASSUME 3D MARINES PRESENT AO ABOUT 021100H MAY 69.
C. PASS TO OPCON TASK FORCE HOTEL ON ORDER ABOUT 021100H MAY 69.
D. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO HELICOPTER-BORNE RETROGRADE/RELIEF IN PLACE BY ELEMENTS OF 9TH MARINES FROM LZ AT YD 050203 (L&I), FSB WHISMAN (G), FSB GAUCHO (M&CP) & MCCLINTOCK (K). ENSURE ON STATION CAP, AO, & GUN SHIPS FOR 3/3 LIFT OUT. CONTACT 3D MARINES UPON ARRIVAL VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
E. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO RELIEVE ELEMENTS OF H/2/9 AT FSB FULLER & L/3/9 AT ECB.

5. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 1/3.
FM 9THMAR BDDY AT 963600 EAST TO 980598 TO 9960 GRID EAST TO 000602 TO 010606 TO 020612 TO 2D ARVN BDDY AT 024615.

6. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 2D ARVN
FM 2D ARVN BDDY AT 024614 EAST ALONG BLUE LINE TO 074610 EAST ALONG 61 EAST GRID TO 104610, NORTH TO 103630, TO 105640, TO 109650, TO 110608, TO 093688 [illegible] AT 085688.

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(b) Div O 3100.1D
(c) CG, 3d Mar Div Op Order 13-69 (Maine Crag)
(d) 3d Marines Op Plan 3-69
(e) 3d Marines Op Order 5-69

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1. Code Name: Maine Crag (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation: 101610H March to 021300H May 1969

3. Location: The Vietnamese Salient, Western Quang Tri Province. Bordered on the North by Route #9, on the West by the Xe Pon River, on the South by the Laotion Border, and to the East generally along the Da Krong River Valley.

4. Task Organization

3d Marines (Rein)	Col P.D. LA FOND (10 March-02 May)
Hq Co, 3d Marines (Field)	1st Lt G.E. PLANT (10 March-02 May)
Task Force Remagen	Lt Col MILIA (18 March-05 April)
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.S. KYLE (15 March-20 April)
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.J. McMONAGLE (10 March-02 May)
3d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col R.C. SCHULZE (10-11 March, 23 March-11 April, 18 April-02 May)
1st Bn, 12th Marines	Lt Col MOSS (10 March-02 May)

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5. Supporting Forces

a. Direct Support Artillery (Operation Maine Crag)

(1) 1st Bn, 12th Marines was in direct support (D/S) of the 3d Marines for Operation Maine Crag. The following D/S Btry's were utilized during this operation:

A/1/12 - 105 How
C/1/12 - 105 How
C/4/12 - 105 How
1st Btry - 155 How
W/1/12 (-) - 4.2 Mor

(2) The D/S Artillery was employed using the Fire Support Base (FSB) concept of operation. Five separate FSB's were constructed & occupied during the course of this operation, in order to provide continuous fire support to the infantry in a fast moving tactical situation. The FSB concept of operation is not new to the 3d Marines or 1/12, and was handled in a professional manner with few problems. The following points are salient and should be considered on future operations.

(a) All Btry moves should be considered as tactical moves and fragged as tactical lifts. This is contrary to current Division/Wing policy; however our experience indicates the Tactical Frag is a far superior system with regards to a Btry move in support of an operation.

(b) The use of the Fire Support Base Inspection and Reconnaissance Planning Preparation and Organization (FIRPPO) Team has proven to be extremely beneficial and time saving, and should be employed whenever possible.

(c) The Zone Interpretation Planning, Preparation, and Overflight (ZIPPO) Team will select the proposed site for a new FSB. The Infantry Company Commander will normally be the first one to actually walk the ground at the proposed FSB. He should make a determination as to whether the ground lends itself to the construction of a FSB, and report this info to the Regimental Commander. This can eliminate much unnecessary work and save time if the proposed site cannot be developed into a FSB.

(3) Ammunition resupply of our FSB's was a limiting factor throughout this operation. This is a continuous problem inherent in this type of operation, and it is important this limitation be considered at all levels of planning prior to and during the operation. The following points are offered for consideration:

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(a) Prior to commencing this type of operation the Artillery Bn Commander makes an estimate, based on past experience and the present tactical situation, of the heavy lift copters, needed on a daily basis to resupply his Bn. The MAG, knowing it's overall commitments can determine to what extent they will be able to support the subject operation.

(b) The Artillery Bn Commander will establish priorities for resupply and these must be adhered to by the G-4/S-4 and LSA personnel. There were times on this operation when it appeared that priorities from the field were not honored.

(c) Detailed planning must be accomplished at all levels to ensure maximum utilization of heavy lift assets.

(d) A minimum acceptable ammunition level must be established, and when this point is reached only contact and active missions will be fired.

(e) Resupply of artillery ammunition by paradrop should be considered only in an emergency situation, due to its inaccuracies.

(4) It is worth noting that during this operation the ARVN 105 Btry on FSB Torch was used to support 2/3 during a critical period of time. The Btry performed very well, and no problems were encountered.

(5) General Support Artillery was provided by the following units:

1st 8" How Btry (SP) - VCB
5th 155 Gun Btry (SP) - VCB
2d Bn 94th (175) Field Arty (USA) - Calu
ARVN 105 Btry - FSB Torch

(6) <u>Significant Displacements</u>

BTRY	DATE	FROM	TO
1st Prov	12 March	VCB	FSB Cates
A/1/12	15 March	ECB	FSB Snapper
C/1/12	15 March	C-2	Calu
C/1/12	16 March	Calu	VCB
C/1/12	17 March	VCB	FSB Saigon
1st Prov	18 March	FSB Cates	FSB Saigon
A/1/12	23 March	FSB Snapper	FSB Spark
1st Prov	26 March	FSB Saigon	FSB Spark

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BTRY	DATE	FROM	TO
C/1/12	6 April	FSB Saigon	FSB Whisman
A/1/12	14 April	FSB Spark	FSB McClintock
1st Prov	13 April	FSB Spark	FSB McClintock
W/1/12	27 April	Dong Ha	FSB Gaucho
C/1/12 (-)	29 April	FSB Whisman	FSB Gaucho
W/1/12	30 April	FSB Gaucho	VCB

(7) Missions (Operation Maine Crag)

	OBS	UNOBS	H & I	TOTAL
105	802	2611	1962	5375
155	132	373	64	569
TOTAL	934	2984	2026	5944

(8) Total Rounds Expended (Operation Maine Crag)

	HE	ILL	WP	TOTAL
105	51,642	140	2330	54,112
155	6,138	48	299	6,485
TOTAL	57,780	188	2629	60,597

(9) KBA's

NVA - 36
VC - 0

TOTAL - 36

(10) During Operation Maine Crag fire direction for all D/S Btry's were centralized with 1/12 FDC to effect better control and coordination. The Bn CP made the following displacements in order to maintain effective control:

DATE	FROM	TO
10 March	Dong Ha	VCB
17 March	VCB	FSB Saigon
04 April	FSB Saigon	FSB Whisman

(11) Fire Support coordination remained the responsibility of the 3d Marines FSCC during the entire operation. Communications were established with higher, lower and adjacent units to ensure responsive Fire Support and effective control.

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b. Air Operations Operation Maine Crag was supported by the air assets of the 7th Air Force, 101st Air Cavalry, and 1st MAW. All Air Support requests were submitted through radio relay, telephone and TFH TACP radio net. The majority of all Air Support was requested on a pre-planned basis with exceptions for med-evac, emergency TPQ's, and Close Air Support. The feedback on preplanned helo-support was generally good in that our missions were accepted and a schedule for their execution sent to us by 0700 on the day of execution. If a lift could not be done, we were notified the previous night. Close Air Support was never well programmed and often required follow up calls and resubmission of requests because the feedback of information was incomplete and/or lost. In general the Air Support was good when available; the specifics of each will be discussed in detail in subsequent paragraphs. Of specific interest are the following missions: Aerial Observation, Command and Control, Med-Evac, Resupply, Troop-lift, Close Air Support, and Special Missions.

Aerial Observation was excellent and greatly assisted the Regiment and the Battalions in the operation. During the first phase of the operation, they covered the routes of march and visually reconned the area ahead of each Battalion for trafficability and enemy ambushes. Once into the objective area they not only covered troop movement, but also spotted bunkers and enemy positions which they neutralized with Fixed Wing Air Strikes, Artillery Fire, and in some cases, their own ordnance. By effectively utilizing these supporting arms they destroyed four enemy trucks, several anti-aircraft weapons, and killed thirty or more NVA.

The second phase of the operation required constant A/O coverage of 1st Bn, 3d Marines since they were left in an exposed blocking position. It was learned from previous operations that the NVA would only use their artillery against our forces when we were without air coverage. This was emphasized to the supporting units and a request for a maximum effort was requested. In all but a few instances, this request was honored and the number of fire incidents was held to a minimum.

When 1/3 was left uncovered they took rockets and mortar fire. As soon as the A/O was back on station the fire stopped. If the ground unit had been able to spot the enemy, the A/O would strike back with a Fire Mission, generally netting one or several secondary explosions.

In any operation, which is conducted in mountainous jungle terrain, a Command and Control package is imperative to the overall success of the operation. This mission so necessary to success, however, is the lowest priority in support. In general the aircraft (UH-34D, CH 46A) are unsuitable for the mission and have far too many mechanical failures to be of dependable service. Conversely, the most

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desirable and dependable aircraft (UH-1H, LOH) are not available because they do not exist in our inventory. Thus the ground Commander must live with what is available when it is available.

The med-evac support was very good with several exceptions, not in reference to the med-evac's ability, but to the flow of timely information which was sadly neglected in the field. The average response to a med-evac call was a little over one hour which is a little long. The problem as we saw it was that the med-evac package is not well supported in that only one package existed when there were three full Regiments in the field.

Resupply for Operation Maine Crag was good; the only problems resulted from weather and confusion through S-4 channels.

Helicopter Troop Lifts and Artillery Battery Lifts were many and varied. The execution of the troop lifts was excellent with one exception, the execution of the battery lifts was poor. Every troop lift that was planned went extremely well with possibly one exception. The initial lift of 2/3 was done on the spur of the moment and could have been disasterous if the battalion had not maintained a "Ready" posture. The next large lift was that of 1/3 which we had requested to be a night assault, but due to poor weather and the lack of necessary equipment, was denied. Then again on the spur of the moment, TF directed (9) "Heavy Lift" aircraft to move the battalion into a secure zone at dusk. By the time the lift was half complete it was very dark (2000) and several aircraft were unable to land due to lack of lighting and a cluttered LZ. As a result of these aircraft not landing, the CP unit for one company was landed in Quang Tri and did not get out to the field for three days. The entire lift took another day to complete.

The one exception to a well planned lift was the move of 1/3 from LZ Spark into Phase II area of Operation Maine Crag. 1/3's lift is of special note because it was dependent upon two factors for success. The first was that an A/O be continuously orbitting overhead in order to direct fixed wing cover upon enemy rocket and mortar sites. This was imperative since they had taken enemy rockets and mortars for the past several days prior to the lift. The second factor was that the critical battery lift go within the time frame planned so that the CP and one remaining company could be lifted on schedule.

The A/O's failed to relieve on station, thus incoming enemy rockets and mortars were received. The heavy lift helos were not tactically assigned or briefed thus extending a (3) three hour lift to (8). Fortunately the lift was completed without a casualty.

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The battery lift mentioned in the preceeding paragraphs readdresses our attention again to its peculiar problem. All battery lifts are considered by the Regimental CO as tactical lifts and are requested as such. However, neither TFH nor 3d Marine Division consider them as such for they are controlled through Logistics channels.

It is felt that as a result of the preceeding problems that a representative of the heavy lift aircraft or a designated flight leader of the same should be included in all ZIPPO briefs in which a Battery is to be part of the assault and/or a tactical consideration. And if a Battery is involved in any lift, that a package be constituted, briefed, and operated as a flight to accomplish the lift just as a troop lift is accomplished.

It has also been discovered that the use of helo-assault tables be reemphasized and extensively used in all troop and battery lifts. This is an extremely useful tool for all ground Commanders in that it will give him an exact status of what remains to be lifted during any troop movement.

The Close Air Support that we actually received during Operation Maine Crag was outstanding, however its availability and feedbacks of its availability were unsatisfactory. We never seemed to get the information on what we were going to receive for the following day until approximately an hour prior to the time of need.

Our one special mission consisted of a lift of two ontos disguised as dozers. The ruse worked well, but the lift went exactly 180 degrees out of phase. In order to execute the lift properly the parts and personnel had to be lifted into the zone prior to the Ontos arrival. Of course the opposite happened. Luckily all turned out well and the lift was completed successfully.

6. Intelligence

a. Prior to commencement of Operation Maine Crag it was assessed that enemy units within our AO would be of a support and logistic type. Unit identifications and strengths of enemy forces were unknown due to lack of adequate OOB.

b. Operation Maine Crag was based on ntelligence gained from reconnaissance teams, URS's, PI, SLAR and IR missions which showed that the enemy was using Route #926 for vehicular traffic into SVN. The mission of Maine Crag was logically to interdict Route #926. During the operation, Route #926 was interdicted and the enemy's vehicular traffic halted. Several caches were found throughout the AO, the largest of which were adjacent to Route #926 in the western portion of the salient. The following were the most significant caches found:

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(1) 21 Mar - H/2/3 - (XD 902233) - 600 tons of rice, 750,000 rnds of 7.62 mm, 3718 rnds of 82mm mort, 362 RPG-2 rkts, 86 rnds of 60mm mort, and 16 rnds of 82mm RR.

(2) 23 Mar - H/2/3 - (XD 903244) - 23,000 lbs of rice, and 7000 lbs of salt.

(3) 23 Mar - F/2/3 - (XD 918240) - 209 AK-47's, 21 AK-50's, 3 SKS's, 1000 lbs TNT, 2000 lbs of canned food, and 400 AK magazines.

(4) 23 Mar - G/2/3 - (XD 915229) - 2500 RPG-2 rkts, 288/82mm mortar rnds, 3200/7.62mm rnds, 7500 lbs of sugar, 5700 lbs of rice, 2000 lbs of powder milk, & 100 lbs of lard.

(5) 25 Mar - E/2/3 - (XD 908234) 100 tons of rice.

(6) 26 Mar - E/2/3 - (XD 915227) 4000 lbs TNT, 1400 82mm mortar rnds, 55/75mm RR rnds, 100/57mm RR rnds, 500 RPG-2 rkts, 500/60mm mortar rnds, and 1000 7.62mm rnds.

(7) 30 Mar - C/1/77 - (XD 790255) 1120/82mm mortar rnds, 218/60mm mortar rnds, 86/75mm RR rnds, 3500/12.7mm rnds, 5000/7.62mm rnds and 20/37mm AA rnds.

c. As the operation progressed, after originally defending his caches, the enemy chose to withdraw. Only once did he take the offensive on the ground. This came in an attack on FSB Big Foot Brown with an estimated company, which resulted in 20 NVA KIA. During the first 2 weeks of April the enemy proved his capability to launch mortar/arty/or rocket attacks on friendly positions. During this period he attacked by fire on 14 occasions with 60mm mortars, 82mm mortars, 75mm howitzers, 85mm field guns, and 122mm rockets.

d. As Operation Maine Crag proceeded the following enemy units were identified from interrogation of PW's and translation of documents.

(1) 5th Engr Bn, 83d Engr Regt located vicinity (XD 864150) on 15 March 69.

(2) 808th NVA Inf Bn (Indep) located vicinity (XD 8515) on 19 March 69. Mission of unit was to carry supplies.

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(3) K-3 and K-4 Inf Bns located vicinity (XD 8616) on 19 March 69. These two Bns were held as unassigned units from Infiltration Group 4019 but because of Operation Maine Crag they were temporarily assigned to the 812th Regt.

(4) K-1 Inf Bn located vicinity (XD 8722) on 19 March 69. This Bn was also from Infiltration Group 4019 and temporarily under the 812th Regt. This Bn was assigned the mission of relieving the 808th Bn of its duties.

(5) 5th Co, K-11 Bn located vicinity (XD 937103) on 12 April.

(6) K-10 Bn located vicinity (XD 9426) on 15 April.

(7) 814th Bn located vicinity (XD 9426) on 15 April 69.

Based on units identified and their assigned missions, the original estimate that enemy forces within the Maine Crag AO would most likely consist of support and logistics type units was corrobrated.

e. The terrain within the western portion of the AO consisted generally of a large "U" shaped valley, surrounded by dominant terrain with a large high ground mass in the center of the "U". Terrain in the northern and eastern portion of the AO consisted of rugged mountains with intermittent plots of vegetated land. Critical terrain features within our AO consisted of hill masses Co Van and Co Yan, the Xe Pon River and Route #926.

f. Generally the terrain within the Maine Crag AO did not present any major obstacles to foot movement although in the eastern portion the rugged mountain regions did slow down ground operations.

g. Cover and concealment within the AO ranged from none on the landing zones/fire support bases, poor to fair on the valley floors and good to excellent on the high ground. Observation from the high ground masses was generally excellent although early morning fog did hinder it at times. Observation in the valleys generally was poor due to dense elephant grass and scrub growth.

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h. There were two primary ground avenues of approach that entered the Maine Crag AO. The first ran north to south beginning at Lang Vei and extended south to the border. The other low ground avenue of approach was astride Route #926 running west to east from Laos into the southern portion of the Vietnamese Salient.

i. Psychological operations utilized during Operation Maine Crag consisted of leaflet air drops and loudspeaker operations. Even though final figures showed that 133 Montagnards were detained and subsequently reclassified as innocent civilians, the evaluation of the population and its attitudes could not be ascertained in terms of the effectiveness of psychological operations conducted.

j. The weather during Operation Maine Crag, for the most part, was hot and dry although there were spotted incidents of rain and thunder showers. The months of March and April had temperatures during the day in the high 90's and during the night in the mid 60's. Humidity was high and precipitation was low. The skies were clear except for occasional morning cloudiness.

7. Missions

a. Initial 3d Marines conducts helicopter borne assault into the Vietnamese Salient and establishes FSB's to support search and destroy operations along Route #926 to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications and supply caches.

b. Subsequent 3d Marines (-)(Rein) in cooperation and coordination with the 2d ARVN Regt (-) seals off the Laotion Salient and conducts extensive search and destroy operations in AO and conducts massive destructive fire within Laotion Salient.

8. Concept of Operations

a. Phase One

(1) 3d Marines with two battalions conducts helicopter borne assault to seal off and interdict Route #926.

(2) On D-Day 1st Bn conducts helicopter borne assault to seize and block western end of Route #926 vic LZ Paris vic (807237) and LZ Passport vic (797228) conduct search and destroy operations south along Route #926 in AO.

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(3) 2d Bn on D-Day conduct helicopter borne assault to secure LZ Hound vic (818264), and Domino vic (822278). (Modified due to fire support and weather conditions, conduct heliborne assault to LZ Hawk and conduct overland move to LZ Snapper to establish FSB.) Conduct search and destroy operations west along Route #926 in AO.

b. Phase Two

(1) 3d Marines with two Bn's and 2d ARVN Regt seal off Laotion Salient to the north, east, and west, while Task Force Remagen continues to screen the western area of AO along the south Vietnamese/Laotion border. One Bn (-) of 3d Marines will continue to conduct search and destroy operations north of Route #9 east of Khe Sanh.

9. Execution

a. Operation Maine Crag commenced at 1610H, 10 March 1969 with the helilift of the 2d Bn to LZ Hawk. Commencement of operations had been continually delayed from 1 March 69 by inclement weather which precluded the use of helicopters. After initial insertion, the weather cleared and posed little problem for the duration of the operation.

The vegetation offered excellent cover and concealment for the enemy and thus the majority of contact was "Point" contact at extremely short range.

b. Significant Events

10 March. Operation Maine Crag commenced at 101610H with the helilift of 2/3 to LZ Hawk vic (895405). 2/3 then commenced overland move to FSB Snapper vic (842344).

11 March. At 1000H 3d Marines was passed OPCON to Task Force Hotel. Company F while moving to FSB Snapper discovered a bunker complex of (15) very old and partially destroyed bunkers. Misc enemy ordnance was found and destroyed.

12 March. Company G discovered a small bunker complex containing misc 782 gear, (1) AK-50 and (1) RPG launcher.

13 March. One battery of 155's was helilifted to FSB Cates, vic (927437), allowing 2/3 to continue move to FSB Snapper and remain under the artillery fan.

14 March. 2/3 arrived at FSB Snapper and conducted search and destroy patrols.

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15 March. One battery of 105's was helilifted to FSB Snapper. Three Companies of 2/3 commenced overland move to the south to Route #926, while Company E provided security for FSB Snapper.

16 March. Company F arrived at FSB Saigon vic (818275). Upon arrival F received several rnds of small arms fire from LZ Hound vic (818265). Small bunkers were found on FSB Saigon with candles still burning. 3d Marines CP established on FSB Snapper.

17 March. Four 105 Howitzers were helilifted to FSB Saigon with 500 rnds. Due to inclement weather the lift was halted. Two Companies of 2/3 continued to objective to the southeast (884237).

18 March. At 181430H 3d Marines assumed OPCON of Task Force Remagen vic Khe Sanh Plateau. Three Companies of the 1st Battalion were helilifted to FSB Saigon. A unit from B/1/61 detonated a surprise firing device resulting in (1) one KIA and (9) USA WIA. Company G while in ambush position along Route #926 observed two trucks approach their position vic (881229). Ambush was sprung. Res one (1) USMC KIA, one (1) USMC WIA, (7) NVA KIA.

19 March. One battery of 155's was helilifted to FSB Saigon. 1/3 (-) moved overland from FSB Saigon vic (818275) to LZ Paris. Company B moved to LZ Passport vic (797228) to receive helilift of two Ontos. Security for FSB Snapper was assumed by Company L. Company E prepared for helilift from FSB Snapper to LZ Gunner vic (895260). Company H 2/3 made point contact with four NVA on Route #926. Res one USMC MEDEVAC.

20 March. Company E helilifted to LZ Gunner vic (895260). Company A made contact with (3) enemy at (883217). Res (2) NVA KIA, (1) USMC WIA. Company G made contact with (12) NVA in bunker complex. Fixed Wing was run. Res (2) USMC KIA, (1) USMC WIA, (3) NVA KIA. Company B secured LZ Big Foot Brown. Company G made contact with (4) NVA. Company G assaulted enemy position. Res (6) USMC WIA, (2) NVA KIA. Company H found what appeared to be a truck stop.

21 March. Company E helilifted from FSB Snapper to LZ Gunner vic (895260). 3d Marines CP helilifted from FSB Snapper to FSB Saigon. Patrol from Company H while on water run was taken under fire from high ground. Res (3) USMC KIA, (15) USMC WIA. Artillery fired on enemy position. Res (5) NVA KBA. A patrol from Company H captured (2) NVA in a bunker. Task Force Remagen moved into blocking

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position on western end of Route #926, vic Xe Pon River. 1/3 CP and Company C moved to LZ Big Foot Brown. Company H, vic (902233), found what appeared to be a large rice cache.

22 March. Company H while in cache area received fire from a well entrenched enemy. Fixed Wing and mortar missions were called in. Companies E and G maneuvered to blocking positions. Res of H contact: (1) USMC KIA, (12) USMC WIA. Contact was broken and approximately 40 tons of rice was found. 100,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition was also discovered.

23 March. One platoon from Company F was helilifted from FSB Saigon to LZ Spark, vic (870235). Two 105's were helilifted from FSB Snapper to FSB Spark. Company E made contact with (10) enemy in a cave. Fired M-79 and assaulted the position. Res (8) NVA KIA, (17) USMC WIA, (10) AK-50's and (80) AK-47's captured. Patrol from Company H discovered a French truck with Russian tires and American markings. Truck vic (903244), contained salt and rice. Company C discovered (230) L shaped bunkers along Route #926. Bunkers were 4-5 months old but in good condition. Company A vic (788253) discovered (35) bunkers; also damaged enemy 60mm mortar tube.

24 March. Company I helilifted to FSB Saigon and Company L with four 105's, helilifted from FSB Snapper to FSB Spark. Company B at (869199), found living area of (14) shelters and (9) bunkers, all recently constructed. Company D, at (827237), found (14) shelter type bunkers.

25 March. (51) Bru approached Company B with valid ID Cards. Bru were evacuated to VCB. A squad from Company F 2/3 at (910230) ambushed (8) NVA on trail. Res (5) NVA KIA; (3) USMC WIA. Company E at (910230) discovered supply and re-distribution point. 100 tons of rice, and (16) recoilless rifle rounds were found. Company C at (911229) discovered a battalion size enemy bunker complex.

26 March. Company F was helilifted from FSB Spark and Saigon to a blocking position to the south, vic (928220). Company G discovered (2) NVA filling canteens in a stream vic (918227). Res (2) NVA KIA. Company B encountered (5) enemy. Enemy fled and were taken under S/A fire. Res (2) NVA KIA. Company H discovered bunker complex vic (905233) consisting of approximately 100 bunkers. (1) grave was also found. Res (1) NVA KIA.

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28 March. 1/3 CP helilifted to FSB Spark and Company C moved overland to provide security for same. Ontos were helilifted from 2/3's position to VCB.

29 March. (15) Bru Villagers arrived at Company B position vic (895201), all with valid ID Cards and were helilifted to VCB.

30 March. Company B 1/61 while moving to new command post location had one tank hit a mine. (3) NVA observed. Res (3) USA WIA, (3) NVA KIA. C/1/77 vic (790255) found numerous bunkers and cache of (1800) 82mm rounds, (2) 12.7 AA guns. 2/3 CP and Company H helilifted to LZ Whisman to establish a FSB.

31 March. B/1/61 received approximately 100 rounds 82mm incoming from Laos. Res (1) USA KIA, (5) USA WIA. Company G (-) helilifted vic FSB Whisman to assist Company H in security and construction of same.

01 April. At 1430H the remainder of Company G completed their lift from (909239) to FSB Whisman (973333).

02 April. An ambush from Company E at (828237) spotted (30) NVA, moving west along trail, they opened fire, resulting in (5) NVA KIA.

04 April. 3d Marines advance CP moved to FSB Whisman (973333) at 1610H. At 0350H Company E, at LZ Big Foot Brown, was attacked by an estimated company of NVA resulting in (2) USMC KIA, (19) NVA KIA and (10) IWC.

05 April. At 1400H emergency air drop of 105 ammo to FSB Saigon (814286) commenced.

06 April. At 1430H 3d Marines CP helilifted from FSB Saigon (814286) to FSB Whisman (973333). At 1200H Task Force Remagen was chopped OPCON from 3d Marines, to Task Force Hotel.

07 April. Company E at 1025H, conducted a heliborne assault on LZ Hardtop (008304). Company F at 1205H conducted a heliborne assault on LZ Mink (986357). At 1330H Company B conducted a helilift to FSB McClintock (045302). Company C found two destroyed enemy trucks, one at (879226) and one at (879229). Both had been loaded with various types of ammo. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received 8-10 122 rkts. An AO was called and he fired arty on suspected enemy position.

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08 April. 1/3 CP, on LZ Spark, received (4) incoming rkts. Counter btry was fired. A patrol from Company F detained 31 Bru in vic (007354).

10 April. 3/3 helilifted to VCB and then trucked to Cua Viet vic (335703) for R&R. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received (8) rnds of 122mm rkts from vic (812196).

11 April. At 0800H, TFH assumed OPCON of 3/3 from 3d Mar and passed OPCON to 3d Mar Div. At 1450H a platoon of Company A, in vic of (834226), engaged approx (1) enemy squad resulting in the capture of one complete 82mm mortar with (92) 82mm mortar rnds, and (2) NVA KIA. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received approx 30 incoming 82mm rnds. Counter mortar was fired.

12 April. 1/3 CP at FSB Spark, took (8) rnds of incoming rkts, caliber unknown. Negative casualities.

13 April. At 2035H Company A received (40) rnds of unknown caliber. Counter mortar and artillery were fired. At 1730H an AO spotted (9) NVA vic (941184), ran fixed wing and artillery. AO reported (3) large secondary explosions, (3) large secondary fires and (1) NVA KBA.

14 April. Company A at 1045H conducted helilift to LZ Fisher (037280). Btry A, 1/12 was helilifted along with 1/3 CP and Company B to FSB McClintock (045302). Companies C and D were helilifted to LZ Pusan (043247). Prior to departure, 1/3 CP on FSB Spark, recvd (8) rkt rnds and 10-15 60mm rnds. Ran close air support on enemy position vic (872217) resulting in (6) NVA KBA.

15 April. At 1400H 3d Mar chopped AO west of 2d ARVN Bn to Task Force Hotel.

16 April. Battalion of 2d ARVN Regt redeployed from Operation Maine Crag to vic Dong Ha City.

17 April. At 1800H TFH chopped 2d ARVN AO to 3d Marines.

18 April. At 1300 Co C found (3) destroyed Bru Villages vic (043235) with (8) houses and a number of chickens and pigs. 3/3 returned to OPCON of 3d Marines effective 1345H.

19 April. At 0958H 3/3 assumed responsibility for new AO as part of Operation Maine Crag relieving 1/3 in place. 3d Marines chopped 1/3 (-) to TFH for R&R at Cua Viet.

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21 April. At 1010H Company M 3/3 conducted heliborne assault into LZ Tuba vic (080270). At 1200H Company I completed relief in place of Company A on LZ Fisher. At 1500H TFH assumed OPCON of remainder of 1/3.

22 April. At 1100H Company H along with FSB McClintock, was passed from 2/3 to 3/3.

24 April. Company C was directed to return from the Cua Viet and relieve Company F 2/9 at Elliot Combat Base at 250830H.

25 April. 3d Marines assumed responsibility for area north of Maine Crag AO to southern Mai Loc boundary at 240600H.

26 April. 3/3 CP completed helilift from LZ Hardwick (049287) to LZ Gaucho (049242).

27 April. At 0800H Company H, 2/3 and FSB McClintock passed from 3/3 to 2/3.

28 April. Company E captured 13 Bru in a cave vic (093308). Bru had (1) SKS. Bru were evacuated to VCB.

29 April. At 1045H a plt of Company L helilifted from vic (072242) to hill 849. At 1300H 3d Marines advance CP helilifted from FSB Whisman to DHCB. At 1800H, C Btry 1/12 lifted from FSB Whisman to FSB Gaucho.

30 April. Company M received 60 rnds S/A and (2) RPG's from vic (098207). Returned fire with S/A, 81's and arty w/unk results. (1) USMC WIA. Company L completed their overland drive to provide security for downed helicopters vic (010830).

01 May. Company K helilifted from vic (122237) to FSB McClintock to relieve Company H.

02 May. At 1300H CG, 3d Mar Div assumed OPCON of 3d Mar Regt (-) with 1/3 and 2/3 (-) E, F, and H. Operation Maine Crag ended at 021300H with the 3d Battalion Reinforced with Company G being passed OPCON to TFH. Third Marines commenced Operations in Virginia Ridge AO.

10. <u>Civic Action</u>

a. Statistics

(1) Total number of man-days: <u>331</u>

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(2) COST OF CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS:

(a) From Military sources: VN$ 1,335,413

(b) From US/FWMAF CA PSYWAR Fund: VN$ 36,800

(3) Voluntary contribution: VN$ 426,400

(4) Note: Because of the virtual impossibility of obtaining accurate figures on the cost of many of the materials used in civic action, e.g., scrap lumber, all figures contained in the civic action portion of this report must be viewed as very rough approximations.

b. GVN Program support

(1) The 3d Marines provided an external security screen during the village and hamlet elections which took place on 9 March and 16 March 1969, in Quang Tri Province.

c. General comments

(1) During Operation Maine Crag the 3d Marines (rear), Dong Ha Combat Base, conducted a civic action (CA) campaign in Cam Lo (D) and Huong Hoa (D). Tactical units in the field did not operate near populated areas; thus the battalions conducted little or no CA, with the exception of 3/3 which remained in Cam Lo (D) and Huong Hoa (D) until 22 March 1969, at which time they were replaced by elements of the 9th Marines. Until their departure for the field, members of 3/3 were very active in CA under guidance of Lt. HATCH, Battalion S-5. Lt. MACMILLAN, 3/3 Battalion Surgeon, and his staff carried out a brief but vigorous medcap program in the Cua Valley.

(2) The 3d Marines CA role during the reporting period consisted largely of supporting the projects of subordinate units and other organizations, both Vietnamese and American, public and private. The nature of this role has made it difficult to accurately assess the effects of CA during the reporting period in terms of stronger local identification with GVN, increased flow of intelligence, and the like. On the other hand, the overall increase in Vietnamese-initiated projects, particularly in the Cua Valley,

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leads to the inference that the villagers and the GVN are convinced that many of the contested areas of 3 or 4 months ago are now sufficiently pacified to allow involvement in new, expensive (for the Vietnamese) projects for which there is reasonable assurance that VC interference will not occur. It can be assumed that the general increase in the construction of schools, dispensaries, etc., must be producing feelings of greater confidence in the capacity and willingness of the GVN to provide for a secure environment, since some of the increased confidence may well derive from the American presence in the area.

11. RESULTS

a. Friendly losses

(1) USMC

(a) 16 KIA
(b) 103 WIA(MEDEVAC)
(c) 10 WIA(MINOR)

(2) USA

(a) 3 KIA
(b) 23 WIA(MEDEVAC)
(c) 6 WIA(MINOR)
(d) 3 NBC(MEDEVAC)

b. Enemy losses

(1) Personnel

(a) 95 NVA KIA (Conf)
(b) 50 NVA KBA (Conf)
(c) 4 NVA POW

(2) Weapons

(a) Crew-served (15) - 1 M-60 MG, 1 Hvy CHICOM, 7.62mm MG, 9 RPD's, 2-12.7mm AA Guns, 1-60mm Mortar Tube, and 1-82mm Mortar Complete.

(b) Individual (340) - 241 AK-47's, 24 AK-50's, 67 SKS's, 5 RPG-2 Launchers, 1 M-16, 1 Sub MG, and 1-45 cal pistol.

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(3) Ammunition and Explosives

(1) 6845-82mm mortar rnds, 708-60mm mortar rnds, 3882 RPG-2 rkts, 769,600 rnds 7.62mm ammo, 11,000 rnds 12.7mm AA ammo, 138-75mm RR rnds, 24-82mm RR rnds, 100-57mm RR rnds, 20-37mm AA rnds, 29 CHICOM grenades, 5300 lbs of TNT, 12 directional mines, and 5000 feet of time fuse.

(4) Vehicles

(1) 4 trucks (6X6 type)

(5) Misc Equipment

(1) 46 NVA packs, 10 gas masks, 15 canteens, and 12 E-tools.

C. Food Supplies

(1) 717.8 tons of rice, 7500 lbs of sugar, 7000 lbs of salt, 2000 lbs of powdered milk, 2000 lbs of canned food, 100 lbs of lard, 100 chickens, and 25 pigs.

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply

(1) The administrative matters of this operation proved to be satisfactory and no serious problems were encountered. The major classes of resupply (Cl I, III, IV, and V) were drawn from the dumps at Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB). All other supplies (i.e. Cl II, VI etc) were drawn from FLSG-B Dong Ha and trucked to the Logistic Support Area (LSA) at VCB. All deployed units were resupplied by helicopters from VCB.

(2) Lessons learned

(a) The 500 gallon bladder is much better than the M107A2 water trailer due to the retrograde problem. The "water buffalo" holds 400 gallons and weighs 1800 pounds empty. The membrane water bladder weighs 200 pounds. The

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250 gallon bladder is ideal for a company position and doesn't have the deficiencies of 5 gallon water cans (i.e. spillage due to loose covers, time required to fill and stage, etc).

(b) Third Shore Party Battalion developed a net made of canvas that would hold 2000 pounds. This inexpensive ($20) net was used if a unit was due to move and not able to make a retrograde.

(c) Initially when an 81 section was moving the tubes and Marines were fraged as a tactical lift while the ammunition was staged at the LSA for resupply. To insure timely arrival of all elements, tactical frags were changed to include the initial stockage of ammunition from a secure position such as the LSA.

b. Maintenance

(1) Maximum utilization of field maintenance was accomplished during this operation. Battalions had limited maintenance capabilities at VCB but all 3d echelon was performed at FLSU-B, Dong Ha. The direct exchange (DX) program was used whenever possible, especially for ordnance items.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and hospitalization

(1) Casualties were treated in the field whenever prudent. Evacuations from the field were accomplished by helicopter. The expeditious evacuation and treatment of all casualties contributed immeasurably to the morale and spirit of all hands.

(a) WIA's were evacuated to "C" Med, VCB, the USS REPOSE, and to 3dMedBn, QTCB.

(b) KIA's were evacuated to 3dMedBn, QTCB for processing and further evacuation.

(2) Personnel replacements received COATIPS Training at the battalion rear areas at QTCB. They were then moved to battalion field positions for duty. Replacements were adequate and timely.

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(3) Morale and personnel service, to include the following, were continued expeditiously:

(a) Keeping all hands informed of the current situation.

(b) Emergency leave.

(c) The R&R Program.

(d) Decorations and awards.

(e) Postal service.

(f) SP Packs.

(g) Finance services.

d. Communications

(1) During Operation Maine Crag no unusual communications problems were encountered. Portable equipment was used throughout the operation. No fixed plant equipment was utilized.

(2) A basic radio system for functional traffic was used. One covered circuit was available to subordinate units and one to the higher headquarters.

(3) A net at regimental level was established to handle the admin/logistics traffic. A like net was established within each of the battalions. This allowed units of company size to call logistic requirements directly back to the LSA. High precedence administrative traffic (CASREPS, HUMANITARIAN, etc.) was also passed over these nets.

(4) Message traffic (Command) was handled by courier.

(5) The operation encompassed five displacements of the regimental CP:

(a) From Dong Ha CB to Vandegrift CB

(b) From Vandegrift CB to FSB Snapper

(c) From FSB Snapper to FSB Saigon

(d) From FSB Saigon to FSB Whisman

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(e) From FSB Whisman to Dong Ha CB

During these displacements the normal echelonment of the command group was employed. There was no loss of control during displacement.

(6) There were no unusual maintenence problems. Most outages could be attributed to normal wear, heat and the dust conditions. All units utilized the AN/PRC-41 (UHF) radio in conjunction with the A-6 beacon with satisfactory results.

e. Medical Evaluation

(1) During the period covered by the MAINE CRIAG operation, the 3d Marines suffered from an extremely high incident of FUO's. Further investigation revealed that 50-75% of the FUO's medevaced from the field were malaria infections. Almost all of these were Falciparum malaria.

(2) Conclusions reached after reviewing extensive patient interviews, Wilson-Edison urine tests, the endemic malaria area, and the tactical employment of the troops are:

(a) The 3d Marines were operating in a high-risk malaria area.

(b) Malaria discipline required improvement.

(c) Troops need rehabilitation every 30-45 days to decrease their susceptibility.

(3) Combat and non-battle injuries were not a major problem during this operation.

13. Special Techniques Employed

a. A Paradrop of 105 ammunition was used to resupply FSB Saigon during a period of inclement weather. The great dispersion of the pallets of ammunition rendered the majority of the resupply virtually useless. Four of the twenty-five pallets dropped were recoverable, all others landing from 500-1000 meters from the fire support base.

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b. Unique to this operation was the utilization of a fully mechanized force, Task Force Remagen, penetrating deeper into western Vietnam than any armored force prior. Task Force Remagen was a completely self-sufficient unit repairing its vehicles as it moved. Helicopter support was kept to a minimum consisting mainly of resupply of food, POL and vital parts. Numerous improvements were made by this Task Force to Route 9 between Calu and Khe Sanh. New roads were constructed south from Route 9 to Route 926.

c. Initial intelligence recieved concerning the enemy situation in the vicinity of Route 926 disclosed that the enemy possessed an armor capability. A deception plan was implemented enabling the insertion of two Ontos into the objective area. The Ontos were stripped of all superficial armor and recoilless rifles. Plywood "bulldozer blades" were attached, disguising to all but the experienced eye, the two Ontos were inserted by CH-54, the recoilless rifles and personnel were inserted by CH-46. Armor and fuel were delivered externally to the objective area. A large amount of practice enable the Ontos crews to have the ontos in running condition in nine minutes. Although the armored threat was not realized in this operation it is felt the deception technique was valid and may be use at another time when the enemy possesses an armor capability.

d. The employment of scout dog teams again was very helpful during this operation. In several instances the scout dogs alerted to possible enemy positions thereby giving the Marines an early warning. Lack of availability in desired numbers seemed to be the only drawback in the use of this valuable aid.

e. The effectiveness of scout snipers was minimized in the thick vegetation encountered during Maine Crag. When the scout snipers were employed on the high ground and fire support bases they were a great asset in scanning the countryside for signs of enemy activity.

f. Beacon Hops again proved to be an invaluable technique enabling the ground unit to bring air power to bear against the enemy in periods of reduced visibility.

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14. Commanders Analysis

During this operation, as in many of this war, no significant new lessons were learned but many older, proven ones were re-emphasized. Techniques taught in service schools proved again to be invaluable assets.

In preparation for any tactical helilift it was found necessary to conduct a briefing of the infantry troop Commanders, the Commanders of both troop and heavy lift helicopters, the Gunship Leader and the Helicopter Director Airborne (HDA). This and the use of helicopter assault tables ensured a more controlled, better coordinated and rapidly executed, helo-assault.

It was found at the outset of this operation, that the helilift of an artillery battery as an administrative rather than tactical lift was not a sound procedure. The helilift of an artillery battery in an operation such as Maine Crag is as important as the tactical insertion of the ground troops. In several cases necessary fire-support was endangered by the slow displacement of an artillery battery utilizing helicopters "shared" with resupply. It was found that rapid displacement was necessary to clear a fire support base so security forces could be released in time to assume their proper position in the tactical scheme. The concept of mutually supporting fire support bases (FSB) was key to operations during Maine Crag. Having evolved within the 3d Marine Division, it was not unique, but again proved itself as a valuable tactic. An 8 KM fan with a 3 KM overlap to supported the adjacent fire bases and troops, affords maximum accuracy of the 105 Howitzer and a counter mortar capability to the range of enemy mortars. This concept has had such an effect upon our operations that SOP's have been established as to the selection of terrain for FSB's, selection of & development of FSB's, and an inspection after the FSB has been dismantled to ensure nothing remains which could be utilized by the enemy.

The use of psychological operations was an invaluable asset during this operation. The use of loud speaker systems and leaflet drops, enticed the Bru to turn themselves into "Friendly United States Troops". They then were relocated in an area free from the terrorism of the VC/NVA. Many Bru approached Marines seeking assistance. Interrogation of these people produced invaluable intelligence information as to size and deployment of the enemy. Exploitation of this intelligence source was possible in

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several cases. Other instances provided corroboration to intelligence gained from other highly reliable sources.

The concept of complete mobility was illustrated with the OPERATIONS OF THE SECOND BN. THE BATTALION was stripped to bare essentials allowing the maximum in freedom of movement to meet the changing enemy situation. The need for helicopter support was kept to the minimum to include only the following:

a. Initial insertion of the Battalion.

b. Resupply of ammunition and food.

c. Medical evacuation of wounded personnel.

Maximum use of stream water, properly treated, for drinking and bathing, greatly decreased the troops dependence upon helicopter resupply. Medical evacuation due to heat exhaustion and skin diseases was reduced.

15. Recommendations

a. The effectiveness of ground troops greatly diminishes after approximately 45 days in the field. Health, both physical and mental, wanes after long periods of exposure to combat conditions. Attitudes of the troops seem to change and a higher percentage of avoidable accidents occur. The combat effectiveness of the individual Marine will increase greatly if every 6 weeks he is returned to an atmosphere free from worries and pressures of combat for a period of 5-7 days.

b. Total dependence upon helicopter support should be discouraged. An attempt should be made to restrict the use of helicopters to insertion into the objective area in a rapid, timely, and fully supported manner. Although helicopter displacement is the most desirable, an alternate plan for the insertion of troops at the outset of an operation should be evolved whether by foot, motor march, or other means, the dependence on helicopters during periods of inclement weather would be reduced. Once in the objective area, units should depend upon the helicopter as little as possible, except for essential resupply and medical evacuation. Although this method may be less convenient in one area of operation, it will greatly increase the availability of helicopters for more critical missions in other areas.

c. Higher unit Commanders at Division and Regimental levels should issue periodic guidance as to priority of air

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support, so subordinate unit Commanders can plan realistically and have reason to believe their time-space requirements can be accomplished.

d. A greater emphasis should be placed on advance planning at Wing and Division levels. There seems to exist an increasing tendency to treat tactical helilifts as routinely as overland administrative truck moves. This tendency is dangerous because planning, coordination, and timeliness are of the utmost importance in the helicopter-borne assault by an infantry unit.

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TO 012400H

JOURNAL

TIME IN	TIME OUT	NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ACTS
			01000H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	010800H	RECIEVED CALL FROM EE TO KEEP ALL UNITS ABOVE
				THE 20 GRID LINE FOR SECURITY REASONS EXCEPT
				FOR UNIT IN VIC OF DOWNED,BIRD.
		2	010830H	SECURITY SET UP AROUND DOWNED BIRDS- NOTIFIED
				TFH.
		3	011040H	TROOP LIFT K/3/3 TO FSB MCCLINTOCK COMMENCED.
		4	011045H	K/3/3: HAD (4) BIRDS LEAVE MCCLINTOCK ON THE
				TROOP LIFT.
		5	011125H	K/3/3: TROOP LIFT TO FSB MCCLINTOCK COMPLETED.
		6	011125H	PASS OPCON OF K/3/3 TO 2/3.
		7	011210H	EOD TEAM ARRIVED AT L POS.
		8	011630H	LIFT OUT SLING TEAM ARRIVED AT L POS.
		9	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			020001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	020217H	RECEIVED CONCERNING TRUCKING OF 2/3 TO A-4, C-2 7 CAM LO. 30 TRUCKS WILL DEPART FROM VIC MAI LOC (021100H & PROCEED TO VCB. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT VCB THEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO 2/3 FOR LIFT.
		2	021000H	LIFT HAS COMMENCED.
		3	021030H	1ST LIFT OF H AT VCB.
		4	021055	HOTEL COMPLETED LIFT.
		5	021100H	RECIEVED MESSAGE FROM CG, 3DMARDIV EFFECTIVE 021300H CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMES OPCON OF 3DMAR REGT(-) WITH 1/3 & 2/3(-) WITH E, F & H CO FROM CG TFH.
		6	021145	E LIFT COMPLETE.
		7	021200H	2/3 CP AT VCB.
		8	021300H	EFFECTIVE 1300 3DMAR CP CLOSED AT FSB WHISMAN & OPCON OF MAINE CRAG AO PLUS 3/3 (REIN) ARE PASSED TO TFH. AT SAME TIME 3DMAR CP OPENED AT DONG HA CB & 3DMAR ASSUMES OPCON FROM 9THMAR OF 1/3 PLUS H & L COMPANIES 9THMAR.
		9	021315H	2/3 LIFT COMPLETED TO VCB.
		10	021300H	~~EFFECTIVE 021300H MAY 69 3DMAR CP CLOSES AT FSB WHISMAN AND OPCON OF MAINE CRAG AO & 3/3 (REIN) ARE PASSED TO TFH. 3DMAR CP OPENS AT DONG HA~~

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				COMBAT BASE AND OPERATION VIRGINIA RIDGE
				COMMENCES. 3DMAR ASSUMES OPCON FM 9TH MAR OF
				1/3 & H AND L COMPANYS OF 9THMAR.
		11	021305H	CHOPPERS HAVING MECH TROUBLE WILL DEPART
				WHISMAN 021430H.
		12	021430H	ESTABLISHED COM W/7-UP.
		13	021400H	C/1/3: AT VIC (021658) FND (2) M-16 BOOBY TRAP-
				PED RIGGED W/MCI OPENER. ALSO FND BOOBY TRAPPED
				M-79 RD. CHECKING OUT AREA. (1) WIA(MED)
		14	021515H	2/3 ASSUMED OPCON L/3/9 & H/2/9.
		15	021540H	LAST OF 3DMAR CLOSED ON DHCB.
		16	021300H	2/3: CHOPPED G & K 3/3 TO 3/3.
		17	021810H	A/1/3 AT VIC (039652) RESUPPLY HELICOPTER TOOK
				BURST OF S/A FM VIC (018658). THE FLIGHT
				RETURNED TO VCB WITHOUT COMPLETING THE RESUPPLY.
				AO ON STATION. 3/3 REQUESTED F/W MISSION.
		18	021700H	RAN F/W MISSION ON COORD (004645), RESULTED IN
				(12) BUNKERS DESTROYED & TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS
				ALSO RAN F/W ON (018658). RES: 100% DESTRUCTION
				AND COVERAGE OF (1) 50 CAL POS. F/W WAS CALLED
				TO SILENCE FIRE ON RESUPPLY HELICOPTER.
		19	021945H	SITREP #01-69 SUBMITTED.
		20	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			030001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	030810H	3/3: LIFT TO VCB COMMENCED.
		2	030840H	RESUPPLY BIRD TO C/3/3 AT VIC (021649) REC'D
				4-5 BURSTS OF AK-47 FIRE, FROM (018659). ENEMY
				SPOTTED; AO ON STATION & IS RUNNING F/W.
		3	030900H	F/W RUN ON ACTIVE S/A POS RESULTING IN
				DESTRUCTION OF (2) BUNKERS, UNCOVERING OF
				TRENCHLINE AND SILENCING OF S/A POSITION.
		4	031040H	L/3/3: PLT LIFT TO FSB COMPLETED.
		5	030930H	D/1/3 FND AT VIC (027642) (30) BUNKERS IN AREA
				OF PREVIOUS CONTACT & DISCOVERED FALSE FLOORS
				IN BUNKERS. WILL CONTIUNE SEARCH.
		6	031615H	3/3: LIFT COMPLETED & 3/3 CHOPPED TO DIV WHO
				CHOPPED 3/3 TO 3DMAR.
		7	031315H	AT (029644) (3) NVA/VC WALKED INTO D/1/3 OP.
				TEAM & ENEMY EXCHANGED S/A. SQD DISPATCHED
				TO SEARCH AREA FOR ENEMY. (4) FUNKERS WERE DESTR-
				OYED BY DEMO. (1) USMC WIA(MINOR).
		8	030700H	D/1/3: AT VIC (028643) SEARCHED BUNKERS. BUNKERS
				WERE HEAVILY LOGGED AND MORE THAN (1) EXIT.
				BUNKERS WERE IN GOOD CONDITION APPROX 4-8 MOS
				OLD. (4) BUNKERS DESTROYED, REMAINDER WILL BE
				DESTROYED AS SOON AS DEMO RESUPPLY ARRIVES.
		9	031615H	3DMAR: PASSED OPCON OF G/2/3 TO 2/3.

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		10	032230H	1/3: 81 AMMO ON PRIORITY FOR 04 MAY(S-4 RPTED)
		11	032315H	MESSAGE SENT TO 3/3 AND 2/3 CONCERNING INADQUATED
				PATROL AROUND ECB AND KHE GIO BRIDGE.
		12	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			040001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	040001H	NEW VIRGINIA RIDGE BNDRY IN EFFECT.
		2	040945H	H/2/3: AT VIC (117704) REC'D (1) RD S/A FM VIC (124708). UNIT RETURNED FIRE. UNK/RES.
		3	041000H	MCB-58 REPORTED TO 2/3 THAT THEY FND (1) BOOBY TRAPPED 60MM RD W/PRESSURE TYPE FUSE. DESSTROYED IN PLACE.
		4	041025H	MCB-58 REPORTED TO 2/3 THAT AT VIC (060574) TRUCK HIT A MINE & TOOK S/A FIRE FROM VIC (079590). 2/3 SENT REACTION TO CHECK OUT AREA. RESULTS: (1) USN WIA(MED).
		5	041335H	3/3: CP MOVED TO DONG HA MTN COMPLETED.
		6	041330H	C/1/3: AT VIC (023653) FND (20) 3 MAN BUNKERS 6X8X6'. EVIDENCE SHOWS RECENT USE WITH IN LAST WEEK. DID NOT DESTROY DUE TO LACK OF C-4. WILL DESTROY ONCE THEY HAVE CAPABILITY.
		7	042010H	CP & C 1/3: AT VIC (021649) REC'D 4-5 RDS OF UNK CAL MORTAR FIRE. ARTY MISSION FIRED, NEG/RES.
		8	041930H	M/3/3: COMPLETED NIGHT MOVEMENT TO LZ PETE.
		9	042200H	K/3/3: COMPLETED MOVEMENT TO HILL 146 (005576).
		10	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		1	050605H	C/1/3 REPORTED CP & C 1/3 AT VIC (022649) REC'D
				(10) RDS 82MM MORTAR FM VIC (020670). ARTY MSN
				FIRED. AO & F/W REQUESTED FOR FIRST LIGHT.
		2	05110H	L/3/3 WHILE POLICING AREA OUTSIDE WIRE, TRIPPED
				A FRAG GRENADE WHICH WAS BOOBY TRAPPED BY
				PREVIOUS UNIT. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(MED).
		3	051700H	BNDRY CHANGE NORTH OF ROCK PILE TO INTO EFFECT
				051700H.
		4	052115	EFFECTIVE 021300H MAY 69 THE COMMANDING GENERAL
				3DMARDIV(REIN) ASSUMES OPCON OF 3DMAR REGT(-).
				WITH 2/3 AND 2/3(-) WITH E, F AND H COMPANIES
				FROM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL.
		5	052120H	EFFECTIVE 021100H MAY 69 THE CG 3DMARDIV ASSUMES
				OPCON OF 1/3 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON
				TO 3D MARINES.
		6	052120H	EFFECTIVE 02110H MAY 69, THE CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMES
				OPCON OF 3/3 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO
				TASK FORCE HOTEL.
		7	052120H	EFFECTIVE 021100H MAY 69 THE CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMES
				OPCON OF L/3/9 AND H/2/9 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY
				PASSES OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		8	052120H	EFFECTIVE 021100H MAY 69 THE CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMES
				OPCON OF G/2/3 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON
				TO 3DMAR.

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		9	052120H	EFFICTIVE 031030H MAY 69 CG 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON OF L/3/3 FROM CG, TFH AND PASSED OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		10	052120H	EFFICTIVE 031030H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON H(-) 2/9 FROM 3DMAR AND PASSED OPCON TO CG, TFH.
		11	052120H	EFFICTIVE 031500H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON I/3/3 FROM CG, TFH, AND PASSED OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		12	052120H	EFFICTIVE 031500H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON L/3/9 FROM 3DMAR AND PASSED OPCON TO CG, TFH.
		13	052120H	EFFICTIVE 031500H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON OF G/2/3 FROM CG, TFH AND PASSED OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		14	052120H	EFFECTIVE 031615H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON 3/3(-) WITH K & M FROM CG, TFH AND PASSED OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		15	052120H	EFFECTIVE 031630H MAY 69 CG, 3DMARDIV ASSUMED OPCON OF PLT H/2/9 FROM 3DMAR AND PASSED OPCON TO CG, TFH.
		16	052205H	EFFECTIVE 052300H MAY 69 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELLIOT COMBAT BASE COHOPPED BACK TO 3DMAR.
		17	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			060001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	060005H	SENT MESSAGE TO MT STATING THAT L/3/9 & ECB
				CHOPPED BACK TO THEM AT 052300H.
		2	061130H	C/1/3: ON LZ JUNIOR FND (2) NVA BODIES IN BUNKER
				(008643). THEY HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX (10) DAYS.
				KILLED BY ARTY OR MORTAR. ALSO FND MISC GEAR &
				ARVN DOG TAG. ADD (2) NVA KIA.
		3	061620H	A & CP 1/3: REACHED LZ JUNIOR.
		4	061000H	K/3/3: A PLT PATROL FND A TRAIL. TRAIL WAS 3'
				WIDE AND HAD BEEN USED RECENTLY BY UNK FORCES.
				SEARCHED TRAIL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		5	062250H	E/2/3: HEARD MOVEMENT AT C-3BRIDGE IN RIVER.
				THREE FROGS AND 81MM MSN CALLED. (ILLUM). CHECKED
				AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		6	061345H	SQD PTL FM F/2/3 AT VIC (060561) MET (2)
				CIVILIANS. THEY LED THE PTL TO (9) FIGHTING HOLES,
				MISC 782 GEAR (3) B-40 RKS., (1) W/BOOSTER.
				ALL BLOWN IN PLACE & (1) LAUNCHER B-40.
		7	061800H	FRAG ORDER 37-69 RELEASED.
		8	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			070001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	071030H	NOTIFIED BY S-4 NO RESUPPLY UNTIL APPROX 1400H.
				NOTIFIED BN'S.
		2	070945H	M/3/3: PTL FND (3) CHI-COM GRENADES AND 1 LB
				EXPLOSIVE, WILL BOW IN PLACE.
		3	070950H	UNIT FROM MCB-58 AT VIC (080589) CITED 60MM AND
				BOOBY TRAPPED. DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		4	060730H	LATE ENTRY; (2) CHILDREN TURNED OVER TO 2/3
				(7) M-79 RDS, (320) 5.56 RDS, (1) BAYONT AND
				(3) M-26 FRAGS. PAID CHILDREN 700 P'S.
		5.	070830H	K/3/3 AT VIC (966556) FND CAVE WITH (3) TUNNELS
				INSIDE APPROX 4' IN DIAMETER AND 6' LONG. CHECKED
				AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		6	071100H	C/1/3: SQD PTL FIRED ON ONE ENEMY & REC'D
				S/A FIRE. FIRED 81MM MSN. SEARCHED AREA AND FND
				(1) NVA KIA KILLED BY S/A AND (1) AK-47.
		7	070840H	2/3: ROADSWEEP AT VIC (076572) HAD (2) CHILDREN
				TURN IN (2) M-26 FRAGS AND (20) M-79 RDS. PAID
				CHILDREN 200 PIASTERS.
		8	070745H	2/3: ROADSWEEP HAD (2) CHILDREN TURN IN (2)
				M-16 MAGAZINES AND (1) M-79 RD.
		9	071640H	1/3: REQUESTED (1) DOG FOR A & (1) FOR C.
		10	071300H	M/3/3: FND (5) FIGHTING HOLES COVERED WITH LOGS
				& (1) MORTAR PIT ALL APPROX (2) MOS OLD.

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				HOLES DESTROYED.
		11	071600H	E/2/3: WHILE SWIMMING FROM C-3BRIDGE FND 15LBS
				C-4. REMOVED.
		12	071115H	C/1/3: MAN CLEANING .45 CAL PISTOL HAD AN
				ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE, WOUNDING HIMSELF IN THE
				RIGHT FOOT.
		13	072330H	2/3: (1) SCUBA/EOD TEAM & ONE SEARCH LIGHT.
				EOD TO BE PICKED UP AT DIV COC. LEARCH LIGHT
				TO CLDH.
		14	071815H	CP & D/1/3 TO HILL 366.
		15	071640H	K/3/3: FOUND (8) FIGHTING HOLES ABOUT (8) MONTHS
				OLD AT (991591), SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE
				RESULTS.
		16	071615H	K/3/3: FND 30-40 BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES
				APPROX (6) MOS OLD. ALSO (1) COMM BUNKER AND
				NVA LRPR WRAPPERS- DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		17	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		NO	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	080600H	BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2DARVN IN EFFECT FROM
				080600H TO 100600H.
		2	080630H	SITREP #27 SUBMITTED.
		3	081005H	2/3: A:ERTED A-4 OF POSSIBLE INCOMING.
		4	080830H	AT 001614 LED ELEMENTS OF 1/3 MADE CONTACT WITH
				RIEN SQD OF NVA. RECEIVING FIRE FROM (3) POS.
				ENEMY IN BUNKERS & MANEVUERING. CONDUCTING
				81MM & ARTY MSN. NANEVURING UNITS. RESULTS:
				(2) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA(MED), (5) USMC WIA(M)
				CAPTURED (2) IWC(1 AK-47 & 1 AK-50).
		5	081000H	G/2/3 AT VIC (041588) DISCOVERED (2) 82MM MORTAR
				PITS ORIENTATED SO AS TO FIRE ON FSB FULLER.
				DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		6	080715H	I/3/3 AT VIC (991613) A DIRECTIONAL EXPLOSIVE
				DEVICE DETONATED 40-50 FEET OFF TRAIL IN HEAVY
				VEGETATION, ½ OF PLT PASSED THROUGH AREA BEFORE
				EXPLOSION. CHECKING AREA THOROUGHLY. RESULTS:
				(4) USMC WIA(MED), (2) USMC(MINOR).
		7	080825H	I/3/3 AT 991613 WHILE SETTING UP SECURITY FOR
				ANLZ, AN INDIVIDUAL TRIPPED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
				BELIEVED TO BE AN M-26 FRAG GRENADE. CHECKING AT
				AREA OUT THOROUGHLY. RESULTS: (2) USMC KIA,
				(1) USMC WIA(MED), (2) USMC WIA(MINOR).

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		8	086574H	1/3: ROADSWEEP TM 308 GIVEN 20 RDS OF AK-47
				BY VIET CIVILIANS. RDS TAKENS TO E CO AND VIET
				CIVILIANS WERE PAID 100 PIASTERS.
		9	081445H	2/3: REPORTED RECEIVING DIVING & SEARCH LIGHT.
		10	081700H	H/2/3: AT A-4 REC'D (2) RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM
				UNKNOWN LOCATION.
		11	081030H	1/3: NAMED (2) UNITS GOING INTO DMZ , BARKWOOD,
				& CARPET. EXPECT TO CROSS INTO DMZ 091000H MAY 69,
		12	082335H	SITREP #30 SUBMITTED.
		13	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			090001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	090605H	1/3: REQUESTED DESPOS. OF ALL ADJACENT FRIENDLY
				UNITS.
		2	090840H	2/3: MCB-58 FND (1) 3.5 WP RD OFF ROAD. DESTROYED
				IN PLACE.
		3	090930H	ON ORDER BOUNDARY WENT INTO EFFECT BETWEEN 1/3 &
				3/3. (63 GRID LINE)
		4	091200H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3DMAR & 2ND ARVN WENT
				INTO EFFECT. FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT (024634)
				SE TO 036616 ALONG STREAM TO 080613.
		5	091115H	D/1/3: IN CONTACT W/UNK # ENEMY. FIRING MISSIONS
				AT THIS TIME AT 029652.
		6	090900H	E/2/3: REC'D (4) SNIPER RNDS AT VIC (143643)
				FROM 1262.
		7	091450H	RECON TMS ENTERED DMZ. NOTIFIED DIVISION.
		8	091115H	FOLLOW-UP D/1/3: PLT AT 029652 IN CONTACT WITH
				UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. PLT PULLED BACK,
				DELEIVERING ORDNANCE IN AREA. AO ON STATION.
				RUNNING GUNSHIP ON AREA. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E).
				NEG RESULTS.
		9	091130H	M/3/3 AT VIC 000618 LOCATED ENEMY WATER POINT,
				APPEARED TO BE AN OVERNIGHT POSITION. NO HUTS
				WERE FND BUT THERE WERE HOLLOW BAMBOO SHOOTS
				RUNNING INTO THE WATER. HO CHI MINH TRACKS WERE

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				ALL AROUND THE WATER POINT. APPROX 24HRS OLD.
				CALLED IN ARTY TO WORK OVER AREA. ALSO PLT PTL
				WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH AREA. NEG RESULTS.
		11	091625H	REC'D CALL FM 2/3 (6) HAD BLACK JACK MISSION IN
				17 MINUTES. NOTIFIED 2/4 SDIO STILL WITH FDC.
		12	091830H	CARPET AND BARRWOOD EXTRACTED. NOTIFIED DIVISION.
		13	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			100001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	100415H	D/1/3: AT VIC (007642) WAS ATTACKED BY AN EST
				ENEMY PLT UTILIZING S/A, RPG'S AND CHI-COM
				GRENADES. COUNTER FIRED 60MM & 81'S WERE EMPLOYED
				WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. SPOOKY WAS REQUESTED AT
				APPROX 0420H AND ARRIVED AT 0531H. REMAINED ON
				STATION FOR 1 HOUR & 04 MIN. (8) USMC KIA, (8)
				USMC WIA(MEDEVAC).
		2	100835	3/C CP HELIFIFT COMPLETED.
		3	100630H	A/1/3: AT VIC (00265) AMBUSH PTL RETURNING FND
				(2) BUNKERS, (6) MOS OLD WITH MISC ORDNANCE.
		4	100845H	REFER TO ENTRY NO (1): SEARCHED AREA & FND MISC
				ORDNANCE AND (1) BLOODY TENNIS SHOE.
		5	100815H	B CO 3D ENGR: SWEEPTEAM AT VIC (147614) REC'D (5)
				RDS S/A FROM VIC (135608).
		6	100945H	A CO 3D TANK BN: DETONATED A/T MINE (123724).
		7	091500H	M/3/3: FND WATER POINT AND REST AREA AT VIC
				(001622), TRAILS NORTH & SOUTH. TRAIL TO NORTH
				HEAVY TRAFFIC.
		8	100430H	A/1/3: PLT AMBUSH AT VIC (004654) SPOTTED 3-4
				NVA /VC; INITIATED AMBUSH. SEARCHED AREA AT
				FIRST LIGHT AND FND (1) AK-47, MISC 782 GEAR,
				FOOD, ORDNANCE AND BLOODY SHIRTS.

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		9	101015H	3/3: ROADSWEEP AT VIC (995559) WAS COMPLETED.
				ON THE RETURN ROUTE SWEEP TM CAME UPON (2)
				TANK TRUCKS THAT HAD HIT (2) INDIVIDUAL MINES.
				AT THE TIME THE ROAD WAS OPEN. THE TRUCKS WERE
				FROM 11TH ENG COMING FROM ECB. IT IS BELIEVED
				THAT THE MINES WERE HASTLY PLANTED BEHIND THE
				MINE SWEEP. SENDING OUT ROADSWEEP TO MAKE SWEEP
				OF ASSIGNED SECTOR & MISHAP AREA.
		10	101500H	AT (995559) (1) TRUCK HIT MINE. RES: (2) WIA(E).
		11	101225H	I/3/3: AT VIC (989629) WHILE MOVING ON LZ , PIT
				PTL DETONATED SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE IN TRASH
				PIT. BELIEVE DEVICE WAS LAAW OR 81MM RD. APPROX
				30' OF NYLON ROPE WAS FND FM CRATER TO FRESH
				FIGHTING HOLE. ALSO FND BLOOD SPLATTERED ON
				TREE NEAR FIGHTING HOLE. CONDUCTED THOROUGH
				SEARCH OF AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
		12	101600H	I/3/3: REC'D S/A FIRE FROM REVERSE SLOPE. OBS
				BUNKER COMPLEX WHERE FIRE ORIGINATED. CALLED
				IN 81 ARTY, AND AO ON STATION, F/W MOVING TO
				CHECK AREA. (1) SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
		13	101030H	A/1/3: FND A TOTAL OF 549 82 MM MORTAR RDS, 332
				ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, 16 ANTI-TANK MINES, 200
				50 CAL RDS & 40 LBS TNT(ALL NVA GEAR). IN A

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				SERIES OF BUNKERS AT (002657). ALL ORDNANCE &
				BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED.
		14	101630H	2/3: S-2 JEEP REC'D (1) RD OF SNIPER FIRE AT
				VIC (189588). NEG CASAULTIES.
		15	101515H	I/3/3: 2ND PLT REC'D CHI-COM GRENADES & SMALL
				ARMS FIRE FROM A FRESH BUNKER COMPLEX AT VIC
				(990629). MORTARS, ARTY & FIXED WING WERE CALLED
				IN & 1ST PLT I/3/3 MOVED INTO COMPLEX AND TOOK
				S/A FIRE AGAIN. THE PLATOONS JOINED FOR THE
				NIGHT POSITION & WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
				RESULTS: (2) USMC WIA(MED).
		16	101115H	L/3/9: P2+3 (ROADSWEEP) CONVOY COMING FROM DONG
				HA AT VIC (995559) HIT (2) MINES ON THE RIGHT
				AND CENTER LEFT OF ROAD. VEHICLES BELONGED TO 11TH
				ENGINEERS. 2ND ROAD SWEEP RE-RAN ROAD SWEEP WITH
				NEG RESULTS. THIS IS A FOLLOW -UP TO NUMBER 9.
		17	101500H	3/3: REPORTED TRUCK HIT A MINE A VIC (995559).
				RESULTS: (2) FRIENDLY WIA(MEDEVAC). FOLLOW-UP
				TO NUMBER 9.
		18	101500H	3/3: REPORTED TRUCK HIT MINE AT VIC (995559).
				PRIOR TO TRUCK HITTING MINE (2) ROAD SWEEPS AND
				A LARGE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC PASSED OVERSAME POS
				WITH NEG EXPLOSIONS. 3/3 SENT OUT (2) REIN SQUADS

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				WITH AIR & 81 MORTAR CAPABILITIYS. CB & USA
				DUSTERS TO SEARCH COMPLETE AREA FOR ENEMY
				ACTIVITIES. NEG RESULTS.
		19	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		NO	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	101515H	I/3/3: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BUNKER CONTACT,
				BUNKER WERE NEW AND LOW TO GROUND. APERTURE
				WAS 4" TO 6" HIGH AND 12" TO 18" WIDE. APPROX
				1" OFF THE GROUND.
		2	110115H	M/3/3; SQD AMBUSH AT VIC (001622) THREW GERNADE
				AT MOVEMENT AND IN RETURNED REC'D (2) CHI-COMS.
				RESULTS: (3) USMC WIA(MINOR)
		3	101900H	K/3/3: AT VIC (012617) HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT
				OF LINES. FIRED S/A, WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST
				LIGHT.
		4	110600H	AO CHANGE BETWEEN 3DMAR & 2ND ARVN WENT INTO EFF.
		5	111030H	AO CHANGE BETWEEN ALL 3 BNS WENT INTO EFF.
		6	111030H	2 BN'S OF 2ND ARVN REGT MOVED OUT OF AO.
		7	110730H	D/1/3: AT VIC (008645) PTL FND BUNKER COMPLEX
				OF (30) BUNKERS. TRAIL RAN N/S THROUGH COMPLEX,
				TRAIL BRANCHED OFF. TRAIL WAS 1½ METERS WIDE
				AND RECENTLY USED. FND GEAR & BLOOD STAINS ON
				TRAIL. CHECKED AREA THROUGHLY. BLEW (6) 60MM
				RDS IN PLACE. FND (1) NVA BELT W/CANTEEN, FOOD
				AND OTHER MISC GEAR. ALL CAPTURED GEAR BROUGHT
				BACK TO CP. BUNKERS DESTROYED.
		8	110915H	FOLLOW-UP, M/3/3: PLT WAS SENT A FIRST LIGHT TO
				AMBUSH SITE AND CONDUCTED A THOROUGH SEARCH .

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				BLOOD SPOTTED LEAVES WERE FOUND IN AREA. NO
				GEAR OR BODIES WERE LOCATED. NUMEROUS ESCAPE
				TRAILS IN THE AREA. (1) USMC WIA.
		9	110945H	K/3/3: FOUND (3) UNCOMPLETED ENEMY BUNKERS, 3-4
				MONTHS OLD. ALL BUNKERS WERE 8'X8'X6'. SUR-
				ROUNDING AREA HAD SOME TREES SAWED OFF. SMALL
				TRAIL RUNNING DOWN HILL TO THE WEST. TRAIL NOT
				USED FOR LAST 3-4 MONTHS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG
				RESULTS.
		10	111200H	2/3: REPORTED 3D TANKS(A CO'S TANK) HIT ANTI-
				TANK MINE. BLEW TREAD. NEG CASUALITIES.
		11	111130H	FINAL, I/3/3: SWEPT COMPLEX WHCIH CONSISTED OF
				AN AREA APPROX 80 METERS LONG DOWN THE FINGER,
				50 METERS WIDE. THERE WERE 10 NEW BUNKERS ,
				APPROX (1) MO OLD. THEY WERE 5X7X5', COVERED W/
				LOGS & DIRT. (8) OTHER BUNKERS WERE FND & APPROX
				4 MO OLD, COVERED W/LOGS & DIRT. (20) FRESH
				FIGHTING HOLES WERE ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE
				COMPLEX. (1) KITCHEN BUNKER WAS FND ABOUT 4'
				BELOW GROUND. BUNKERS WERE SEARCHED & DESTROYED.
				MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DOCUMENTS & OTHER MISC GEAR
				THAT WERE FND WAS TURNED OVER TO S-2.

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		12	112015H	A/1/3: AT VIC (001652) REC'D 6-8 RDS OF 82MM
				FROM APPROX VIC (005662). CONDUCTED 81MM & 105'S
				COUNTER FIRE.
		13	111925H	48 HOUR CHANGE BETWEEN 3/3 & 2/3 WENT INTO EFF.
		14	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			120001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	120326H	CB UNIT: AT VINH DAI ROCK CRUSHER OBSERVED (3)
				FLASHES.
		2	120625H	H/2/3: REC'D (6) RDS 60MM IN VOLLEYS OF (2).
				RDS LANDED INSIDE WIRE. COULD NOT HEAR TUBES.
		3	120740H	2/3: SWEEP TM 307 AT VIC (104576) TURNED IN TWO
				M-79 RDS, (1) M-26 GRENADE, (1) BAYONET WITH
				SCABBARD, (8) RDS 5.56 AMMO.
		4	120910H	I/3/3: LIFT COMPLETED TO FSB FULLER.
		5	121030H	A COMMAND & 81 LIFT COMPLETED TO FSB FULLER.
		6	121300H	REC'D BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3DMAR/T.F. HOTEL,
				EFF ON ORDER.
		7	111900H	K/3/3: FND BUNKERS AT VIC (024630) AND SPOTTED
				LIGHTS AT VIC (106635) CALLED ARTY & 81 MM MSN.
				OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
		8	121145H	K/3/3: FND (4) BUNKERS (020623).
		9	121620H	1/3 CP & D: REC'D APPROX (24) RDS MORTAR FIRE
				FM VIC (021663). ALL OF RDS IMPACTED ON LZ
				IRON SIDE& JUST OVER. FIRED COUNTER MORTAR WITH
				81MM MORTAR & ARTY. REQUESTED EMER MEDEVAC
				BIRDS FOR (10) USMC WIA(EVAC).
		10	121745H	A/1/3: AT VIC 014655 HILE MOVING REC'D APPROX
				(27) RDS OF MORTAR FIRE FROM (2) DIFFERENT POS.
				FLASHES WERE OBSD BY 61. CONDUCTED COUNTER

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				MORTAR MISSION OF 81MM & ARTY. MEDEVACS WILL GO
				OUT TOMORROW. (6) USMC WIA(MINOR)
		11	122219H	D & C 1/3: EMER RESUPPLY COMPLETED.
		12	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			130001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	121530H	A/1/3 AT (021649) PLT REPORTED CH-46 REC'D (1)
				SHORT BURST AK-47 FIRE WHILE ON LZ. 6/2 RAN
				MISSION & F/W. DESTROYED (9) BUNKERS.
		2	130730H	1/3/9: FND MINE ON RT 9 AT VIC (997561) ON NORTH
				SIDE OF ROAD. APPROX 2" DEEP X 10" DIA. DESTROYED
				IN PLACE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
		3	130625H	H/2/3: AT (A-4) REC'D 6-8 RDS 82MM FROM VIC
				(140720/140730) REACTED WITH COUNTER MORTAR FIRE.
				CALLED ARTY MSN.
		4	121500H	A/1/3: DESCOVERED AT VIC (012655) (35) BUNKERS,
				(20) WERE 2 MAN BUNKERS, APPROX (6) MONTHS OLD
				FACING SW ON A FINGER. UNIT WILL DESTROY AFTER
				THEY CONDUCT SEARCH.
		5	130625H	(FOLLOW-UP) H/2/3: AT (A-1) CRATER ANAL REVEALED
				APPROX ENEMY MORTAR POS; LOCATION DIRECTION
				(0750 MILS.)
		6	131505H	1/3 CP & D: AT VIC (021649) REC'D (13) RDS 82MM
				MORTAR. CONDUCTED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE & CALLED
				F/W & ARTY. NEG/RES.
		7	131505H	FINAL ON 1/3 CP & D: ARTY & 105'S AND AO FIXED
				ON POSITION. ENEMY COORD (018665)
		8	131622H	CP & D 1/3: REC'D (6) RDS. 82MM COUNTER MORTAR
				FIRED. CALLED ARTY.

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		9	131500H	L/3/3: PLT AT VIC (044619) LOCATED (15) BUNKERS
				(3X4X6')-CAN HOLD APPROX (3) MEN EACH. APPEARS
				1-2 WKS OLD. MISC NVA 782 GEAR , 100LBS RICE
				& (1) RADIO HEAD SET WERE FOUND .
		10	131620H	B/1/3: A PLT MADE CONTACT WITH (3) ENEMY MOVING
				NW, FIRE S/A & GUNSHIP WORKED OVER AREA WITH
				NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		11	131900H	H/2/3: PLT FOR ROAD BUILDING SECURITY REC'D
				(6) RDS UNK CAL. ROCKETS. ARTY CALLED. AO ON
				STATION. RESULTS: (1) USMC MEDEVAC).
		12	131910H	A/1/3: PLT OBS (5) ARMED NVA MOVING TO NE. FIRE
				S/A & M-79 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		13	131700H	L/3/3: FND ADDITIONAL GEAR IN BUNKER COMPLEX
				VIC (045618). WILL AMBUSH SITE TONIGHT & SEARCH
				FUTHER TOMORROW.
		14	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		NO	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	140720H	2/3 SWEEPTEAM AT VIC (104576) HAD (5) VIET BOYS
				TURN IN (5) M-79 RDS & (3) M-16 MAG. BOYS WERE
				PAID 200 P'S.
		2	140930H	C/1/3 LIFT TO D/1/3 POS,&(81'S & H20) COMPLETED.
		3	141000H	G/2/3 FND (79) BUNKERS, (2) AP MINES, (2) AT
				MINES & ASSORTED 782 GEAR. DESTROYED GEAR IN PLACE.
		4	141130H	K/3/3 AT VIC 032628) AT PLT PTL FND MISC GEAR
				APPROX 6 MONTHS OLD.
		5	141430H	E/2/3 PLT PTL LOCATED BOOBY TRAPPED M-26 GERNADE
				& FLARE , (1) CASE OF U.S. 60MM RDS. DESTROYED
				BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE. TAKING 60MM RDS TO CP.
		6	140700H	A/1/3 FND (23) BUNKERS AT VIC (019662) (018663)
				& (019663). SEARCHED & FND MISC 782 GEAR & (1)
				SKS.
		7	140830H	A/1/3 FND (7) BUNKERS (014655).
		8	140900H	A/1/3 AT VIC (108658) FND (9) AP MINES ON FINGER
				& HILL TOP.
		9	141030H	A/1/3 FND (14) BUNKERS AT VIC (009654).
		10	141600H	G/2/3 AT VIC (051586) FND FRESH GRAVE W/1 BODY.
		11	141715H	K/3/3 AT VIC (034639) SPTD (2) NVA/VC, CALLED
				ARTY MSN W/UNK RESULTS.
		12	140800H	L/3/3 FND 42 BUNKER VIC (047617) CONSISTING OF
				MISC GEAR, ORDNANCE, COMM, (1) AK-47.
		13	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			150001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	150745H	2/3 ROADSWEEP AT VIC (YD 104576), VIETNAMESE
				BOY TURNED IN (2) AK MAGS & 35 RDS OF AMMO.
				PAID BOYS 250 PIASTERS.
		2	150810H	K/3/3 FND (5) BUNKERS CONSISTING OF MISC GEAR
				AT VIC (038636).
		3	150845H	VN INDIGUNOUS BOY TURNED IN GRENADE AT VIC 079572.
		4	150915H	D/3/3 PLT PTL FND ENEMY AMBUSH AT VIC (060616).
		5	151600H	L/3/3 FND BUNKER COMPLEX (058612) UNDERGROUND.
		6	151600H	K/3/3 AT VIC (030627) FND 8-10 FIGHTING BNKERS
				CONSISTING OF (1) AK-47.
		7	151600H	L/3/3 FND LARGE BUNKER COMPLEX AT VIC (058608).
		8	152126H	ENG RD SWEEP RT 558 TO MAI LOC WILL NOT BE
				CONDUCTED FOR THE NEXT 2-3 DAYS DUE TO OTHER
				ENG COMMITMENTS.
		9	150950H	K/3/3 AT VIC (030637) FND (7) LAND MINES, (3)
				OF WHICH WERE M-46 TYPE & (4) WERE CHINESE TYPE;
				(2) 82MM RDS WERE FND ABOUT 120 METERS FM THIS
				POS. FOOTPRINTS OF APPROX 10-12 PERSONS, 24 HRS
				OLD, WERE FND ON A TRAIL NEAR THE STREAM. THERE
				WERE ALSO SOME COM WIRE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE
				STREAM. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. WILL
				AMBUSH THAT AREA TONIGHT.
		10	151420H	K/3/3, PLT CHASED (1) NVA/VC FROM VIC (039636).

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				THE NVA/VC LEFT CANTEN & FIRST AID KIT ON BELT.
				BELT SEEMS TO BE AN OFFICER'S TYPED. FRESH
				WATER TRAILS WERE FOUND OVER THE AREA HE LEFT.
				SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
		11	151815H	K/3/3 AT VIC (032633) FND BUNKER COMPLEX.
				SEARCHED REVEALED MORTAR RDS, (1) AK-47, (18)
				(4X8X6') BUNKERS, (6) FIGHTING HOLES, (2)
				HOOCHES(1 MESSHALL) & ASSORTED NVA 782 GEAR,
				GRENADES, AMMO & DOCUMENTS. ORDNANCE & BUNKERS
				DESTROYED. DOCUMENTS RETURNED TO K POS. ALSO
				ASSORTED AMMO WAS CAPTURED & (7) CHINESE GAS
				MASKES.
		12	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			160001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	160715H	K/3/3 FND (7) OLD BUNKERS AT VIC (043633).
		2	160600H	H/2/3 REC'D (4) RDS 82MM FM VIC (124733).
		3	161400H	H PLT 2/3 CHOPPED BACK OPCON TO 2/3.
		4	160855H	K PLT 3/3 FOUND ENEMY CACHE AT VIC (058612)
				CONSISTING OF ASSORTED AMMO.
		5	161845H	A/1/3 SPOTTED (4) NVA MOVING NORTH TO NORTH EAST
				WEARING TAN UNIFORMS. FIRED 60 & 81MM AT POS
				W/NEG RESULTS. GRID (022648).
		6	161130H	L/3/3 FND BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF APPROX
				60 BUNKERS AT VIC (058612).
		7	131652H	(3) SOUT VIET BOYS LED A SQD PTL , FROM E/2/3,
				TO (1) BURIED AK-47 RIFLE. PAID BOYS 1,000 PIA.
		8	161030H	A/1/3 AT VIC (022648) FND BNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING
				OF (8) 1 MAN BNKERS. FND (4) DEAD NVA ABOUT
				1-3 MONTHS OLD.
		9	131600H	H/2/3 REPORTED GRADER AT VIC (076637) HIT MINE
				WHILE CUTTING ROAD & CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE. RE-
				SWEPT AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
		10	161730H	M PLT 3/3 REC'D S/A & RPG FIRE FM BUNKER COMPLEX
				EST APPROX 10 ENEMY. USED C/S GAS & MANUVERED
				SQD UP TO COMPLEX. CALLED IN AIR, 81MM & ARTY.
				OBS (6) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FROM AIR STRIKES.
				RESULTS: (4) USMC WIA(MED), (1) USMC WIA(MINOR)

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				(4) NVA KIA, (1) IWC.
		11	162040H	M PLT 3/3 REC'D EMER RESUPPLY, CLASS V-H20
		12	162355H	H/2/3 AT (A-4) NODS PICKED UP (2) ENEMY. CALLED
				81'S & DUSTERS W/NEG RESULTS.
		13	162400H	JOURNED CLOSED.

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			170001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	170430H	M/3/3 CAPTURED (1) NVA (991632); HE WAS 10 METERS
				OF LINES. UNIT SPOT INTERROGATED W/NEG RESULTS.
				THE POW HAD NO WPN. HE HAD A HIGH FEVER.
		2	170715H	1/3 CP LIFT TO c/1/3 COMMENCED.
		3	170815H	1/3 CP LIFT TO C/1/3 COMPLETED.
		4	170830H	A/1/3 AT (072657) FND MISC GEAR.
		5	170730H	L/3/3 CONTIUNE EXPLOIT OF BNKER COMPLEX REVEALED
				(1) DAMAGED 82MM MORTAR TUBE, PLUS TRIPOD &
				SIGHT.
		6	171250H	D/1/3 MOVED OUT OF 3/3 NEW AO ALLOWING BOUNDARY
				CHANGE TO GO INTO EFFECT.
		7	171130H	AT (111574) USA TRUCK AMBUSHED BY UNK ENEMY
				FORCE. CIDG A101 SEARCHED ARE W/NEG RESULTS.
				RESULTS: (1) BRU KIS, (2) BRU WIA(MED).
		8	171000H	B/1/3 PLT AT (080616 TO 085616) FND BUNKER
				COMPLEX CONSISTING OF (15) BUNKERS; APPROX (3)
				MO OLD. BELIEVED 1-2 ENEMY WERE OCCUPING POS
				JUST PRIOR TO DISCOVERY. IN (1) BUNKER FND
				LARGE AMMOUNT OF COMM WIRE, 200LBS RICE, (5)
				ARTY RDS(CHINESE MARKINGS ON IT), 200 RDS AK-47,
				(2) AK-47 MAG, (1) 60MM RD. DESTROYED BNKERS &
				S/A AMMO; SENT ARTY ROUNDS TO S-2.
		9	171000H	FOLLOW-UP TO NUMBER (10) ON JOURNAL FROM 160001H

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				TO 162400H: PLT FND BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF
				(15) BUNKERS WHERE CONTACT WAS MADE ON MAY 16.
				FND MISCO ORDNANCE, 782 GEAR(US & NVA MIXED),
				PERSONAL PAPERS & MAPS.
		10	171700H	M/3/3 SPT (1) NVA IN PARTLY COVERED HOLE AT VIC
				989629. WHEN APPROACHED NVA , NVA DETONATED
				CHI-COM GRENADE KILLING HIMSELF AND WOUNDING
				(1) MARINE.
		11	172100H	A-4 TAKING INCOMING MORTAR RDS.
		12	171645H	C/1/3 PTL ELEMENT REC'D S/A FM (057638). PTL
				RETURNED FIRE & CALLED IN 81MM & ARTY. SNIPER
				FM C/1/3 GOT ONE CONFIRMED HIT. RESULTS: (1)
				KIA & (1) AK-50 CAPTURED.
		13	172150H	END OF MISSION (TOT'S), 524 RDS FIRED.
		14	171930H	E/2/3 AMBUSH SPT (5) TO (6) NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH
			ON RT 561.	CALLED 81MM MSN W/NEG RESULTS.
		15	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		1	180130H	AT (176632), E/2/3 WHILE IN AMBUSH POS HEARD
				MOVEMENT & SCOUT DOGS WERE ALERTED. AMBUSH MOVED
				BACK & CALLED IN 81MM W/UNK RESULTS.
		2	180650	H/2/3 AT A-4, G-S RADAR PICKED UP (5) PERSONNEL
				MOVING SE (132701). DUSTER SATURATED AREA W/UNK
				RESULTS.
		3	180515H	C/1/3 AT VIC (062644) HEARD MOVEMENT & OBS. 9-10
				NVA (062644). FIRED S/A INTO AREA OF MOVEMENT;
				REC'D S/A & CHI-COM IN RETURN. SEARCHED AREA OF
				CONTACT & FND HEAVY BLOOD TRAIL, S/A, M-79.
				FIRED 81'S INTO AREA & RAN (2) FLIGHTS OF F/W.
				RESULTS: (2) USMC WIA(MINOR). CAPTURED (1) AK-
				47, (1) RPG RD, (8) CHI-COMS & MISC GEAR.
		4	180810H	H/2/3:(134724) DUSTER HIT 20LB PLASTIC MINE.
				RES: REAR DRIVE DESTROYED AND (3) USMC WIA(MED).
		5	180900H	B/1/3:(087628) OBSERVED (2) ENEMY AT 083628.
				TANK FIRED 90MM INTO AREA. SEARCHED ARE W/NEG
				RESULTS.
		6	180930H	F/2/3:(083572) PLT SIGHTED DOWNED CHOPPER &
				SECOND CHOPPER APPEARENTLY DEVELOPED TECH DIFFI-
				CULTIES & IS UNABLE TO TAKE OFF AT THIS TIME. A
				THIRD CHOPPER LANDED & EVAC ALL PERSONNEL. SENT
				(2) FIRE TEAMS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DOWN

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				CHOPPERS.
		7	181100H	L/3/3 LIFT COMMENCED.
		8	181205H	L/3/3 LIFT COMPLETED.
		9	181445H	C/1/3 REC'D INCOMING ARTY FM (045685)-CP&D ARE
				RECEIVING INCOMING TOO.
		10	180730H	C/1/3 MADE CONTACT WITH (4) ENEMY IN BUNKERS AT
				(062648). RESULTS: (3) NVA KIA. CAPTURED GEAR:
				(4) IWC. ALSO (1) NVA KBA & (1) USMC WIA(MINOR).
		11	181240H	M/3/3 PLT AMBUSH SPT (3) NVA AT (980260); MADE
				CONTACT. RES: (2) NVA KIA. (1) IWC.
		12	180930H	C/1/3 SPT (4) NVA ON HILLTOP AT VIC (055630);
				CALLED F/W.
		13	181315H	TANK DETONATED A/T MINE IN B/1/3 POS. RES: (5)USMC
				WIA(MEDEVAC).
		14	181100H	C/1/3 FND (4) UNDERGROUND BUNKERS, "A" FRAME TYPE,
				AT VIC (056638).
		15	181400H	B/1/3 AT (043638) FND (6) BNKERS & (3) FIGHTING
				HOLES; NO RECENT SIGNS OF ACTIVITY. BUNKERS
				DESTROYED.
		16	181715H	M/3/3 REC'D 12 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE: ALL RDS
				LANDED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. RETURNED FIRE WITH
				ARTY & 81'S CALLED. AO ON STATION.
		17	182310H	C/1/3: ENEMY PROBING LINES.

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		18	181830H	M/3/3: AT VIC (988625) WHILE MOVING TO AMBUSH
				SITE. SQD SPOTTED (1) NVA. THE SQD USED S/A
				FIRE, THEN SWEPT AREA. FND (1) HELMET WITH
				BLOOD STAINS, (1) CHI-COM GERNADE, & A HEAVY
				BLOOD TRAIL WITH DRAG MARKS. WILL AMBUSH THAT
				AREA.
		19	181800H	M/3/3 AT VIC (989628) REC'D (3) ADDITIONAL 82MM
				RDS. ALL IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. CONT-
				INUED TO CALL 81MM & ARTY.
		20	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			190001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	181845H	A/1/3: SQD FND (1) SET OF TRACKS AT VIC (059659) HEADING NW; ALSO FND MISC GEAR. FOLLOWED TRACKS TO DET DIR. FIRED 60MM MSN IN AREA W/NEG RES.
		2	18600H	C/1/3: VIC (072640) OBSD BTWN 12 & 19 ENEMY; SOME W/OUT WPNS. CONDUCTED 60MM, 81MM, S/A FIRE & F/W MSN IN AREA W/NEG RES.
		3	190200H	M/3/3: VIC (989628) TOOK (3) RNDS RPG FIRE FM NW. ALL RNDS HIT PERIMETER AREA. FIRED 81'S & 60MM AROUND PERIMETER. CALLED ARTY MSN. RES (1) USMC KIA; (3) USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
		4	190615H	1/3: CP RECVD (5) RNDS 60MM FM (048630); RNDS IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER.
		5	190610H	H/2/3 (A-4): RECVD (6) RNDS 82MM FM (131725); ALSO SPT (3) NVA MOVING N. RES (2) USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)
		6.	182330H	C/1/3 (061642): WAS PROBED BY APPROX (3) NVA. RES (2) WIA (MINOR); CHECK @ 1ST LIGHT FND (3) BLOOD TRAILS.
		7	190100H	D/1/3 (048635): WAS PROBED; CHECK @ 1ST LIGHT FND WIRE CUT.
		8	190800H	M/3/3: (989628) WHILE CHOPPERS WERE LANDING UNIT RECVD (3) RNDS 82MM; ( ) RETURNED 81MM MSN.

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		9	190750H	3/3: CP COMPLETED HELILIFT TO LZ CHAMP
		10	191045H	1/3: RECVD (6) RNDS 60MM FM AZ 340 DEGREES; RNDS IMPACTED 600 METERS FM PERIMETER.
		11	191030H	M/3/3: PLT PTL FND (1) NVA KIA AND (1) AK-47 ON TRAIL (988629); RES OF LAST NIGHTS CONTACTS.
		12	191050H	M/3/3: RECVD (3) RNDS 82MM (973634); COUNTER MORTAR FIRED.
		13	191300H	G/2/3: MOVE TO C-2 COMPLETED.
		14	191330H	3/3: CP & M PLT RECVD (10) RNDS 82MM MORTAR; RETURNED FIRE W/81MM & ARTY; AO ON STATION.
		15	190940H	A/1/3: AT (043632) FND (4) FIGHTING HOLES 3'x4'x 4' & TRAIL RUNNING SW ABOUT 2-3' WIDE. TRAIL USED W/IN LAST MONTH. AT (049631) FND (6) 82MM MORTAR & (6) 122MM ROCKET RNDS W/FUSES, & OTHER MISC GEAR.
		16	191330H	D/1/3: AT VIC (048635) RECVD (6) RNDS OF 60MM ALL OUTSIDE PERIMETER. CONDUCTED 81MM COUNTER MORTAR FIRE & ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION; REQ F/W
		17	191000H	I PLT: HELILIFT COMPLETE TO QTCB.
		18	191520H	D/1/3: VIC (045635) RECVD (17) RNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. FIRED ARTY & 81MM COUNTER MORTAR FIRE; USED (1) FLIGHT OF FW NEG RESULTS.

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		19	191415H	K/3/3: VIC (984636) INIATED CONTACT WITH
				APPARENT NVA FO TM IN A SMALL BUNKER COMPLEX.
				DESTROYED BUNKERS WITH 81MM FIRE. RES (2)
				NVA KIA; (4) AK-47'S; (12) CHICOMS & 8 M-26
				FRAG GRENADES.
		20	191530H	A/1/3: VIC (066654) TOOK APPROX (25) RNDS
				82MM MORTAR FIRE VIC (029667) (051659); CALLED
				ARTY MSN ON MORTARS. RES (4) USMC KIA; (17)
				USMC WIA(MEDEVAC).
		21	192140H	H/2/3: (A-4) SIGHTED (2) ENEMY VIC (123713).
				CALLED 81MM MSN W/UNK RES.
		22	192210H	G/2/3: REP (1) TANK HIT A MINE VIC (166698)
				WHILE MOVING INTO NIGHT POS. DAMAGED TRACK
				ROADWHEELS & ROADWHEELS ARMS. RES (2) USMC
				WIA (EVAC).
		23	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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			200001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	200045H	D/1/3:(045635) LINES WERE PROBED BY EST (6) NVA; UNIT FIRE S/A, THRE GRENADES, AND FIRED 81MM MSN, RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA.
		2	200320H	C/1/3: (063640) WAS PROBED BY APPROX (20) NVA. THE UNIT REC'D RPG RDS & CHI-COMS. UNIT FIRED 60MM, 81MM AND ARTY MSN. RESULTS: (7) USMC WIA(MED), (2) USMC KIA. WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
		3	200320H	FOLLOW-UP TO ENTRY NO. 2; C/1/3 (063640) SWEEPING AREA. (8) USMC WIA(MEDEVAC); NVA (8) KIA.
		4	200130H	2/3: GROUND SERVIELANCE UNIT AT C-2, PICKED UP APPROX (8) PEOPLE IN VIC (129653) ON RADAR. 81MM MORTAR MSN CALLED IN WITH GOOD COVERAGE. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.
		5	200700H	2/3: SWEEPTEAM FND (2) ANTI-TANK MINES, AT (619092) BURIED 2' BELOW SURFACE OF GROUND. DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		6	200450H	D/1/3: AT(045635) REC'D APPROX (6) RDS FM VIC (035634) EST. 60MM MORTAR . CONDUCTED 81MM MORTAR FIRE.
		7	200900H	LIFT OF 106'S & 81MM TO 3/3 COMPLETED.
		8	200320H	FOLLOW UP TO ENTRY NO 2. C/1/3 (063 640) LINES PROBED BY EST 60-70 NVA USING S/A, CHI-COMS & RPG'S. ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AT (2) SIDES OF PERIMETER. RESULTS: (3) USMC KIA, (8) USMC WIA(E), (5) USMC WIA(M), (15) NVA KIA, (5) IWC, (1) CSWC. MISC GEAR CAPTURED.
		9	200930H	G/2/3: (167697) WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REPAIR TRACK ON TANK

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				DAMAGED BY PREVIOUS MINE. TANK DETONATED ANOTHER MINE
				BLOWING OFF THE OTHER TRACK.
		10	200800H	E/2/3: (083620) TANK HIT HIT A MINE.
		11	200 045H	D/1/3: FOLLOW-UP TO NO (1). (5) NVA KIA; (3) IWC, (1) CSWC
				& MISC S/A AMMO & DEMOLITIONS CAPTURED.
		12	192200H	M/3/3: (989629) PLT LINES WERE PROBED BY EST SQD NVA.
				ENEMY REPELLED. RES: (1) IWC.
		13	200930H	G/2/3: (156698) PLT FND (2) NVA BODIES IN A GRAVE ALONG
				TRAIL. THEY WERE WEARING GRENN UTILITIES & SNEAKERS.
				BODIES WERE APPROX 1-2 WEEKS OLD. RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA.
		14	201155H	CP/3/3: (988629) REC'D (5) RDS 82MM FIRE. AT 201200H
				REC'D ADDITIONAL RD. 82MM, AO ON STATION. CALLED IN ARTY
				MSN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		15	191210H	(LATE ENTRY) CP/3/3: (988629) REC'D (3) RDS OF 82MM FIRE.
				ALL RDS LANDED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. NEG CAUS. CONDUCTED
				COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WITH 81MM. M/3/3 CLOSING ON ENEMY
				POS. AT VIC (975633).
		16	201325H	L/3/3: LIFT COMMENCED.
		17	201508H	K PLT 3/3 & ALL LIFTS FOR 3/3 COMPLETED.
		18	201255H	H/2/3: PLT PTL (125688) FND BOOBY TRAP WITH DARTS INSIDE,
				SAME SIZE AS ARTY BEEHIVE RD.
		19	201300H	G/2/3: PLT PTL VIC (158696) FND (2) 82MM RDS ON THE SIDE
				OF A TRAIL.

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		20	201235H	B/1/3: FND (2) ENEMY IN BUNKER VIC (057644) ASK THEM TO G
				CHIO-HOI. THEY REFUSED. USED GERNADES ON BUNKERS. RES:
				(2) NVA KIA, (2) IWC, 1-AK-47, 1-AK-50.
		21	201415H	G/2/3: (167706) FND 138 82MM RDS, 230 60MM RDS. 8 BOXES
				OF 60MM FUSES. 3 BOXES OF 82MM FUSES, 500 AK RDS, 3 CHI-
				COM, (2) BELTS OF MACHINE GUN AMMO(300 RDS).
		22	201235H	G/2/3: FND (1) ANTI-PERSONAL TYPE MINE BESIDE ROAD VIC
				(118688).
		23	201500H	G/2/3: FND (1) ANTI-TANK T PE MINE ON R SIDE OF ROAD(156697).
		24	201540H	A CO 3DTANKS: RPTED (1) TANK HIT MINE VIC (092614) WHILE
				MOVING TO C-2.
		25	201545H	G/2/3: FND (1) 40LB MINE AT VIC (164697).
		26	201817H	2/3: SWEEPTEAM FND (1) 40LB A/T MINE AT VIC (091618).
		27	201100H	D/1/3: FND (15) BUNKERS (048640).
		28	201830H	G/2/3: POINT ELEMENT SPT (6) NVA MOVING WEST (159201).
		29	201525H	H/2/3: FND A/T MINE AT (156697) DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		30	201315H	FOLLOW-UP T ENTRY NO 9. B/1/3: FND (15) BNKERS USED AS
				WAY STATION AND POLES W/MORTAR LASHED TO THEM.
		31	201330H	D/1/3: (044633) FND (1) NVA BODY. DEAD APPROX (2) WKS.
		32	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			210001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	210425H	AT 210425H, H/2/3: AT VIC (114706)SPOTTED (2) NVA. SEARCHED
				AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		2	210845H	F/2/3: VIC (053564) FND A GROUP OF VIET CIV WHO HAD
				TRIGGERED A BOOBY TRAP. CALLED MEDEVAC. CHECK AREA W/NEG
				RES. CONTIUNE SWEEP. RESULTS: (4) VIET CIV WERE KILLED.
				(6) WOUNDED .
		3	210900H	SWEEPTEAM 303: FND (1) 40LB ANTI-TANK MINE AT VIC
				(102603). BLEW IN PLACE.
		4	211025H	1/3 CP & D: VIC (046636) REC'D (3) RDS 82MM. FIRED ARTY
				WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		5	211030H	K/2/3: VIC 036564 RPTED AT TRACTOR PULLING A LOW BOY HIT
				MINE BLOWING OFF (1) SET OF DUAL WHEELS & DAMAGING A
				FENDER & GAS TANK. TRAILOR WAS BLOWN FREE OF THE TRACTOR.
				REPORT ON TRAILER & ROAD TO FOLLOW.
		6	211100H	G/2/3: MOVED BY TRUCK FROM A-4 HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
		7	210900H	K/3/3: REAR SECURITY OPENED FIRE ON 3 NVA KILL 2 AND
				CAPTURING (1) AK-47. MISC 782 GEAR, AND MEDICAL GEAR.
				AT VIC (973638).
		8	210930H	K/3/3: PTL MADE CONTACT AT VIC (978647) WITH APPROX (4)
				NVA. RESULTS 2 USMC WIA(E).
		9	211200H	K/3/3 FND AN UNKOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT VIC (979653).
				SEARCHED AREA AND FND (1) SKS, (2) CHI -COM GRENADES.
		10	211215H	TANK DETONATED MINE AT (037564) DAMAGING REAR WHEEL & TRACK.

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		11	211415H	H/2/3: PTL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM (134667). PLT CHECK
				AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		12	211030H	D/1/3: PTL HEARD MOVEMENT IN VIC (043633). FIRED S/A &
				AUTO/WPNS AND SWEPT AREA AND FND (2) HAMMOCKS TIED TO
				TRESS, (7) FRESH FIGHTING HOLES, AND (3) SMALL TRAILS.
		13	212010H	ENERGENCY LIFT OF (2) PALLETS 81 AMMO COMPLETED TO L/3/3.
		14	211245H	D/1/3: SQD PTL AT VIC (045638-045644) FND A BLOOD TRAIL
				RUNNING 400 METERS & ENDING AT A CREEK. SEARCHED AREA &
				FND MISC ORDNANCE.
		15	211800H	K/3/3: AT (969638) PTL FND (1) MORTAR PIT, (4) BUNKERS &
				(12) 82MM MORTAR RDS. THE MORTAR PIT, BUNKERS & TRAIL LEADING
				TO THEM WERE ALL BOOBY TRAPPED. POINT MAN TRIPPED (1)
				CHI-COM GRENADE BOOBY TRAP. RESULTING IN (1) USMC WIA(E).
				MORTAR RDS WERE DESTROYED.
		16	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		1	220820H	K/3/3: IN CONTACT.
		2	220110H	B/1/3: SPTED 40-50 NVA IN OPEN.
		3	220645H	1/3 CP & D: RECIEVING INCOMING.
		4	2208330H	G/2/3: IN CONTACT.
		5	220830H	REFER TO ENTRY NO 4 SPTED (3) NVA MOVING NORTH (049586)
				FIRED S/A, ARTY & 81MM MSN. RES: (1) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47.
		6	220820H	REFER TO ENTRY NO (1). SQD PTL MADE CONTACT WITH 2 TO 3
				NVA ON TRAIL (978650). TRAIL WAS PARRALLED TO COMM WIRE
				WHICH WAS FND IN AREA. RES: (1) NVA KIA, (1) 60MM MOTAR
				TUBE COMPLETE.
		7	220645H	REFER TO ENTRY NO 3. BETWEEN 0645H AND 1200H, 1/3 CP & D
				REC'D APPROX 120 RDS 82MM. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE, ARTY MSN,
				F/W WITH AO ON STATION. RES: (4) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA(M)
		8	220900H	K/3/3: AT (965636) PTL FND (50) 82MM MORTAR RDS WITH RED
				& SOME WI H GREEN BANDS & OTHER MISC ORDNANCE. COLLECTED
				SAMPLES OF EACH & DESTROYED REMAINER.
		9	221400H	K/3/3: VIC (978650) WHILE ON DAY AMBUSH KILLED (1) NVA &
				WOUNDED ANOTHER; NOW IN PURSUIT OF WOUNDED. RESULTING IN
				(1) USMC WIA(E), (1) NVA KIA.
		10	221615H	D/1/3 & CP: LIFT TO A-4 COMMENCED. WAS HALTED BY 82MM
				MORTAR FIRE, AND THEN RECOMMENCED.
		11	221900H	D/1/3 & CP: LIFT TO A-4 COMPLETED.

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		12	221900H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 & 2/3 WENT INTO EFFECT.
		13	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			230001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	222300H	B/1/3: REAR SECURITY OF AMBUSH INIATED CONTACT WITH (10) NVA AT VIC (052615). RES. (1) NVA KIA, WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
		2	222330H	K/3/3: SQD AMBUSH INIATED AMBUSH ON (8) NVA (962649) WHILE SEARCH PARTY WAS SEARCHING AREA, ALL ENEMY FORCE OF 20 FIRED ON PARTY. RESULT: (3) USMC WIA(MINOR), (2) NVA KIA.
		3	231000H	H(-) 2/3: RETURNED OPCON TO 2/3.
		4	231330H	D/1/3: VIC (049627) FND (2) RPG RDS & (2) CHINESE CLAYMORES ON LZ. BLEW IN PLACE.
		5	230840H	C/1/3: FND (2) DEAD NVA. KILLED BY ARTY WITHIN LAST 24HRS. IN SAME GRID H&I WAS FIRED. SEARCHED AREA. FND (10) CHI-COMS, 782 GEAR, MONEY, PICTURES & MISC PAPERS.
		6	231730H	K/3/3: CHECKED AREA OF AMBUSH SITE(962649). FND ANOTHER DEAD BODY AND (1) AK-47.
		7	231900H	K/3/3: FND BUNKER COMPLEX(964634) AND MISC 82MM RDS, (18) RDS BLUE-GREY WITH RED BANDS (27) RDS GREEN W/RED BANDS.
		8	231815H	K & M 3/3: REC'D 15 TO 20 RDS 60MM FR (957645).
		9	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			240001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	240345H	C/1/3: 3-4 EN MOVED UPON LP, ENEMY MOVED TO THE NORTH.
				LP INIATED CONTACT WITH FRAG & 60MM. SEARCHED AREA AT
				FIRST LIGHT WI H NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		2	240745H	C/1/3: VIC (050675) REC'D 30-40 RDS 60MM FM (042678).
				CONDUCTED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WITH 60MM & ARTY. RES: (10)
				USMC WIA(E).
		3	240710H	A/1/3: (069686) 3-4 ENEMY APPROCHED LINES. TOOK ENEMY
				UNDER S/A & CONDUCTED 60MM MSN. PLT CONTIUNE TO SWEEP
				AREA OUTSIDE OF LINES WITH CONTACT. RES. (2) NVA KIA,
				FND MISC 782 GEAR, AMMO, AND BLOODY TENNIS SHOES.
		4	241351H	G/2/3: RECEIVING INCOMING.
		5	241300H	C/1/3: (050675) REC'D UNK CAL MORTAR FM(037669). CONDUCTED
				COUNTER MORTAR FIRE. WILL MOVE TO NEW POS.
		6	240915H	M/3/3: FND (2) SFD (983637) LOOKED LIKE TRIP FLARES,
				W/SPOONS ON TOP-SPRINGS STRECHED ACROSS TOP W/ROCK ON TOP
				OF DEVICE
		7	241345H	G/2/3:(055615) REC'D (15) RDS 82MM FM(045631). RESULTS:
				(15) USMC WIA(MEDEVAC).
		8	241300H	K/3/3: FND GRAVE W/2 BODIES AT VIC (953632).
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			250001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	250245H	B/1/3: (055684) REPORTED UNK CAL MORTAR FIRE. NO RDS LANDED INSIDE THE LINES. FIRED ARTY ON POSSIBLE MORTAR & FO POSS W/UNK RESULTS.
		2	251125H	B/1/3: (055684) REC'D (10) RDS 82MM FM (030702).
		3	251211H	K/3/3: IN CONTACT (S/A).
		4	251500H	2/3: VIC (056564) REPORTED 6X6 HIT MINE AT APPROX 1100. VEHICLE WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED. NO CAUSALTIES.
		5	251330H	K/3/3: VIC (972659) LEAD ELEMENT MADE CONTACT W/APPROX 8-10 NVA IN A BUNKER COMPLEX ON REVERSE SLOPE, AT VIC (968662). ENEMY INITIATED ACTION W/HVY MACHINE GUN FIRE, S/A, & EITHER RIFLE GRENADE OR RPG'S. K/3/3 ASSAULTED UP HILL USING 60MM, 81MM, ARTY, & (2) FLIGHTS OF F/W. RESULTS: (8) USMC WIA(MED), (2) USMC WIA(MINOR), (4) NVA KBA, (2) IWC(1-AK-47, (1) SKS).
		6	251100H	K/3/3: VIC (928615) FND (1) NVA BODY NEAR TRAIL. BODY WAS SEVERAL DAYS OLD. DEATH HAD BEEN CAUSED BY S/A. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED DURING CONTACT WITH K/3/3 ON 22 MAY 1969. RESULTS: (1) NVA KIA.
		7	251615H	B/1/3: VIC (055684) REC'D APPROX (20) RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE, FROM VIC (063693). AO ON STATION OBS (4) ENEMY W/MORTAR TUBES MOVING WEST ADONG TRAIL VIC (032702). 81MM & ARTY MSN CALLED ON ACTIVE MORTAR POS. ARTY MSN CALLED ON ENEMY MOVEMENT. RESULT OF MSN UNK: (1) USMC WIA(E).

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		8	251730H	B/1/3: VIC (055684) REPORTED (1) RD OF INCOMING 81MM MORTAR SET OFF INCREAMENTS IN 81MM PITS WHICH IN TURN SET OFF RDS IN READY PIT WHICH AGAIN IN TURN SET OFF A PALLET OF 81MM RDS. BECAUSE 81MM RDS CON'T TO COOK OFF IN AREA B CO WAS FORCED TO MOVE OFF HILL. LEAVING (7) MIA'S. WILL RETURN AND SEARCH HILL BEFORE 2400HRS. RESULTS: (3) USMC KIA, (24) WIA(E), (7) MIA.
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			260001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	261115H	2/3: VIC (114554) ROADSWEEP 305 REC'D SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED
				FIRE & SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		2	261010H	2/3:ROADSWEEP 308 FND PLASTIC AT-MINE ON ROAD. MINE WAS
				BOOBY TRAPPED & BURST INTO PIECES WHEN REMOVED BY
				GRAPLING HOOK. RESWEPT ROAD WITH NEG RESULTS.
		3	261100H	CHESTERBROOK, VIC (968675) HAD CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN ENEMY
				FORCE IN BUNKER COMPLEX. RES: (2) USMC WIA(E). (1) NVA KIA,
				(1) NVA WIA POW.
		4	261300H	CHESTERBROOK: VIC (968675) TEAM RETURNED TO ENEMY BUNKER
				COMPLEX. SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT & SET UP RECON POS OVER
			+	COMPLEX. FND (1) AK-47 & MISC GEAR.
		5	261430H	H/2/3: PLT VIC (083634) FND APPROX 40 NVA BUNKERS &
				FIGHTING HOLES. APPROX (1) MONTH OLD. ALSO FND MISC AMMO.
		6	261825H	G/2/3: REC'D (2) RDS 60MM FM VIC (058644) AT (056636).
		7	261330H	G/2/3: FND BUNKER COMPLEX CONTAINING 60 BUNKERS AT VIC
				(056630). ALSO FND (3) MORTAR PITS, (3) FRESH GRAVES AND
				782 GEAR CACHE.
		8	261945H	D/1/3: REC'D (1) RD 82MM FM VIC (079730).
		9	262200H	M/3/3: PLT OBSERVED APPROX (40) NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL
				(003657). ENEMY WAS MOVING RAPIDLY CARRYING S/A, AND APPROX
				3' - 4' APART WITH EVERY 4TH OR 5TH MAN WELLING ORDERS TO
				THE NEXT MAN. FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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		10	261900H	K/3/3: REC'D (30) RDS 82MM FROM VIC (973657). RDS IMPACTED
				OUTSIDE PERIMETER. CONDUCTED ARTY FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		11	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			270001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	262223H	I/3/3: (LZ FULLER) REPORTED THAT WHILE CONDUCTING H&I FIRE
				(1) RD LANDED SHORT. I/3/3 IS CONTINUING TO CHECK INTO
				SHORT RD & AND INVESTIGATING OFFICER HAS BEEN APPOINTED.
				RESULTS: (10) USMC NBC(E).
		2	271030H	G/2/3: VIC (057644) PLT SAW (2) NVA WHILE CHECKING BUNKERS.
				ENGAGED ENEMY. RES: (2) NVA KIA, (2) IWC(AK-47).
		3	271000H	K/3/3: VIC (978672) PTL SOUTHERN EXCHAN ED FIRE WITH (1)
				NVA WHO WAS ENCOUNTERED MOVING WEST. RES. (1) NVA KIA.
		4	271030H	REFER TO ENTRY 2. ENEMY RETURNED S/A. KILLED (1) MARINE.
				SEARCHED AREA AND FND (2) NVA BODIES KILLED BY AIR THE
				PREVIOUS DAY.
		5	271325H	AO WORKING FOR 2/3 SPTD (10) NVA BY STREAM VIC (045635).
				RAN (1) MSN F/W. RESULT: (3) NVA KBA.
		6	271100H	HUNGARIAN M/3/3: PTL FND (12) BUNKERS THAT WERE 2-3 MOS
				OLD. ALSO MISC 782 GEAR.
		7	271300H	CHESTERBROOK K/3/3 RETURNED TO COMPLEX FND 261800H TO
				DESTROY SAME. WHILE LEAVING COMPLEX MADE CONTACT WITH
				EST PLT NVA. RESULTS: (1) NVA KIA & CAPTURED (1) AK-47.
		8	271600H	AO WORKING FOR 1/3 REPORTED HE SPOTTED (2) NVA BODIES
				VIC (059644). RESULTS OF F/W MSN ON 26173 OH. (7) NVA
				BODIES (055665) & (3) NVA BODIES (055664) RESULTS OF ARTY.
		9	271650H	K/3/3: REC'D APPROX (20) RDS 60MM MORTAR. CALLED IN ARTY
				& AO. RESULTS: (3) USMC WIA(MINOR)

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ACTS
		10	271745H	G(-) 2/3: AT 059643 CAME IN CONTACT WITH (4) NVA WHILE
				MOVING THROUGH BNKER COMPLEX. RESULTS: (4) NVA KIA;
				(3) AK-47'S CAPTURED, ALSO (2) SKS, (2) AK-50, 200LBS
				RICE, SEVERAL RDS OF S/A AMMO, & DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED
				BUNKERS.
		11	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			280001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	280210H	A/1/3: AMBUSH AT VIC (097713) REC'D (6) RDS S/A FM NORTH
				VIC (098715). RDS APPEARED TO BE FM M-16. MOVEMENT WAS
				SPOTTED & SEVERAL M-79 RDS WERE FIRED WITH UNK RESULTS.
				RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E).
		2	271920H	C/1/3 & RINGLET: C/1/3 (063687) & RINGLET (047697)
				SIMULTANEOUSLY REC'D INCOMING MORTARS FM (049682) FOR
				C/1/3 AND (035672) FOR RINGLET. COUNTER BATTRY FIRE.
				WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
		3	280715H	ROADSWEEP TEAM 308 FND A/T MINE AT VIC (054564).
		4	280530H	K/3/3: (971658) REC'D (1) RPG RD FM VIC (967662).
		5	281015H	C/1/3: FND (2) NVA BODIES AT (673680), KILLED BY MORTARS.
				DEAD FOR APPROX 4-7 DAYS. NEG I.D.
		6	281015H	C/1/3a AT VIC (073680) FND (2) NVA BODIES WHICH HAD
				APPARENTLY BEEN KILLED BY MORTARS.
		7	281200H	L/3/3: AT VIC (998642) FND (1) DEAD NVA BODY IN GRAVE.
				BODY WAS APPROX (3) MOS OLD & APPE ARED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED
				BY AIR STRIKE.
		8	281230H	G/2/3: AT VIC (043639) SPOTTED (5) NVA COMING OUT OF
				BUNKER COMPLEX. FIRED 60MM MSN. RESULTS: (3) NVA KIA &
				CAPTURED (3) AK-47, (4) RPG RDS, (10) 61MM RDS, (24)
				FUZES FOR 61MM, DOCUMENTS & (1) PAIR OF BINOCULARS.
		9	281519H	1stPLT K/3/9: REVERTED OPCON OF 3/9.
		10	281800H	AO AT (041638) SPOTTED 15-20 NVA MOVING NW DIRECTION.

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				SEEMED TO BE CARRING OUNDED. ARTY & F/W WERE RUN ON
				TARGET. RESULTS: (11) NVA KBA.
		11	281935H	K/3/3: VIC (973640) OBS TRIP FLARE GO OFF, WHICH HAD
				BEEN LEFT ON OLD POS. CALLED ARTY MSN & FIRED 60MM
				WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		12	281900H	G/2/3: VIC (043642) REC'D 30-40 RDS 82MM -ALSO SPOTTED
				12-15 NVA MOVING ALONG RIVER BED. CALLED ARTY MSN &
				FIRED 60MM MISSION WITH UNK RESULTS.
		13	281810H	H/2/3: VIC (075653) REC'D (15) RDS 82MM. CALLED ARTY MSN
				WITH UNK RES. RESULTS: (7) USMC WIA(MINOR).
		14	282200H	1/3 CP: A-4 REC'D (7) RDS 82MM RDS. CALLED ARTY & CONDUCTED
				COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.
		15	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			290001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	290830H	AO FOR 2/3 SPOTTED 3-5 NVA. CALLED IN FIXED WING. RESULTS
				(4) NVA KBA.
		2	291200H	H/2/3: FND (1) NVA KBA AT (057639)
		3	291100H	M/3/3: FND (3) "A" FRAME BUNKERS. 2½ - 3 MOS OLD. RECENT
				ACTIVITY WI HIN LAST 5-7 DAYS. FOUND 2 82MM PITS -USED
				EXTENSIVELY BUT NO RECENT ACTIVI Y IN LAST 2-3 WKS. MANY
				EMPTY ENCREMENT CANS AND MORTAR FUZE CANS. SEARCHED AREA
				AND DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		4	291419H	A/1/3: RETROGRADE OUT.
		5	291420H	E/2/3: LEFT C-2 BY TRUCK FOR DH.
		6	291615H	EFFECTIVE 271800H MAY 69 CG, THIRD MARDIV (RI&N) ASSUMES
				OPCON OF (1) PLT, K/3/9 FM CG, TASK FORCE HOTEL AND
				SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 3DMAR.
		7	291330H	G/2/3: VIC (042643) SPOTTED (4) NVA CROSSING OPEN AREA M
				MOVING N. INITIATED CONTACT W/M-60. CALL IN ARTY & AIR.
				RES: (1) NVA KIA.
		8	291520H	L/3/3: PLT VIC (986626) FND A BNKER COMPLEX OF 16 BUNKERS.
		9	291600H	H/2/3: VIC (061641) REC'D (1) RPG & 6-7 60MM RDS FM VIC
				(057637). RETURNED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE & S/A. SENT (2)
				SQDS IN PURSUIT: RESULTS: (4) USMC WIA(E).
		10	291300H	M/3/3: VIC (965625) SPOTTED 8-10 ENEMY MOVING W TO VIC
				(966624). INITIATED CONTACT W/S/A. CALLED IN 81MM, ARTY &
				AO. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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		11	291500H	H/2/3: VIC (061641) WHILE CLEARING FIELD OF FIRE FND
				(1) AK-47 & (2) BANANA CLIPS.
		12	291643H	A/1/3: REC'D 6-8 RDS 60MM FM VIC (1333731). RES: (2) USMC
				WIA(MINOR).
		13	291715H	H/2/3: SQD, WHILE CHECKING ARE (057635), REC'D SNIPER FIRE
				FM SW & W. MANEUVERED TO ASSULT AND REC'D S/A FIRE.
				CONDUCTED 60MM MSN. RES: (2) USMC KIA, (5) USMC WIA(E).
		14	292100H	F/2/3: AMBUSH INITIATED W/6 NVA/VC (040565). RESULTS:
				(2) USMC WIA(MEDEVAC).
		15	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	NO	DTG 300001H	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ACTS JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	300800H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED TO DIVISION. ALL SECURE.
		2	300900H	" " "
		3	300600H	F/2/3: VIC (040565) SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT OF 292100H.
				FND SEVERAL ITEMS OF BLOODY CLOTHING & (1) AK-47 WITH
				MAG. ENEMY SCATTERED IN ALL DIRECTIONS.
		4	301000H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED TO DIVISION. ALL SECURE.
		5	301100H	" " "
		6	301200H	" " "
		7	301200H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 & 2/3 GOES INTO EFFECT.
		8	301300H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED TO DIVISION. ALL SECURE.
		9	301400H	" " "
		10	301500H	" " "
		11	301600H	" " "
		12	301700H	" " "
		13	301800H	" " "
		14	301900H	" " "
		15	302000H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED TO DIVISION. ALL SECURE.
		16	302100H	" " "
		17	302200H	" " "
		18	302300H	" " "
		19	302400H	" " "
		20	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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FROM 310001H
TO 312400H

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			310001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	310100H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		2	310225H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		3	310300H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		4	310400H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		5	310500H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		6	310600H	HOURLY SITREP SUBMITTED -ALL SECURE
		7	310600H	RESUME OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS
		8	310900H	K/3/3: FND BUNKER COMPLEX AND MISC 782 GEAR
		9	311132H	K/3/3: RECIEVING INCOMING, (14) RNDS 60MM; ALL IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER; NEG CASUALITIES
		10	311215H	G/2/3: RECIEVING INCOMING (7) RNDS 82MM; RESULTING IN (1) USMC KIA & (7) USMC WIA (EVAC)
		11	311245H	H/2/3: AT 059636 FND GRAVES CONTAINING (9) NVA BODIES; EST (1) MONTH OLD. ADD (9) NVA KIA
		12	311930H	H/2/3: AT 059636 FND BUNKER COMPLEX OF 40 TO 50 BUNKERS; FND MISC 782 GEAR & AMMO.
		13	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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	DTG	SUBJECT	CLASSIFICATION
1.	021630Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 1	C
2.	031430Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 2	C
3.	041124Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 3	C
4.	051230Z	KYK-12	C
5.	051310Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 4	C
6.	051646Z	Reconnaissance Patrols for period 8-14 May 69, Request for	S
7.	061322Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 5	C
8.	071328Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 6	C
9.	080840Z	Req for Battalion Surgeons	U
10.	081420Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 7	C
11.	081200Z	Night and Day Acts Report	
12.	091110Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 8	C
13.	091112Z		U
14.	100448Z	Pers in Contact with Laboratory Positive Rabid Dog	U
15.	101324Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 9	C
16.	111336Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 10	C
17.	120436Z	Supporting Arms Employment Within the Virginia Ridge AO	C
18.	121400Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 11	C
19.	130526Z	Distribution of Frag Orders	U
20.	131300Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 12	C
21.	132328Z	Concept of Future Operations in Virginia Ridge AO	S
22.	140428Z	Sapper Attacks	C
23.	140822Z	Reconnaissance Patrols for period 14-20 May 1969, Request for	S

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24.	140900Z	Quarterly Training Plan	C
25.	141256Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 13	C
26.	151330Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 14	C
27.	161334Z	Drum Collapsible Potable Water 55 Gal Cap FSN 8110-089-4505	C
28.	161336Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 15	C
29.	171236Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 16	C
30.	181422Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 17	C
31.	191328Z	Officer and NCO Fitness Reports	U
32.	191330Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 18	C
33.	201600Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 19	C
34.	210530Z	Reconnaissance Patrols for Period 21-27 May 1969, Request For	S
35.	210722Z	Patrols in the DMZ	S
36.	211600Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 20	C
37.	221754Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 21	C
38.	230446Z	Policy Guidance for Dud Ordnance	C
39.	230448Z	Exemplary Combat Performance	U
40.	230450Z		U
41.	231314Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 22	C
42.	240616Z		U
43.	241400Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 23	C
44.	251240Z	Request for Scout Dog Teams	S
45.	251242Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 24	C
46.	261558Z	Temporary Cessation of Offensive Opns for Buddha's Birthday	S
47.	270500Z	Reconnaisance Patrols for Period 1-7 May 1969, Request for	S
48.	270502Z		U
49.	261640Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM 25	C
50.	271310Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM 26	C
51.	281320Z	Frag Order 54-69	S
52.	281630Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 27	C
53.	290452Z	Brevity Code	C
54.	281322Z		S

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√55.	291410Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 28	C
√56.	291408Z	Fishing and Woodcutting Program for Refugees of Cam Lo	C
√57.	301630Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 29	C
√58.	310430Z	Measures to Prevent Moisture from Effecting the Accuracy of Mortars	U
√59.	311220Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge Area INTSUM No 30	C

The following listed messages are included in Tab C.

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	FRAG ORDER	
√30 Apr 69	33-69	S
√011800H	34-69	S
√041000H	35-69	S
√051755H	36-69	S
√061555H	37-69	S
√071830H	38-69	S
√081643H	39-69	S
√091515H	40-69	S
√101904H	41-69	S
√121745H	42-69	S
√121745H	43-69	S
√151545H	44-69	S
√161712H	45-69	S
√162330H	46-69	S
√172130H	47-69	S
√181800H	48-69	S
√192300H	49-69	S
√201530H	50-69	S
√211700H	51-69	S
√231700H	52-69	S
√241900H	53-69	S
√251448H	54-69	S
√261710H	55-69	S
√280406H	56-69	S
√291600H	57-69	S
√010110H	58-69	S
	OP ORDER	
√221530H	7-69	S

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1. [illegible] EN [illegible] VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 1.

2. 011801H TO 021800H MAY 1969

3. SUMMARY OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE [illegible]
THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF A HELO REC SA FIRE AND 1 INCIDENT [illegible]
3 BOOBY TRAPS WERE FD.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 021400H C/1/3 FD 2 BOOBY TRAPPED M-16 RDS AND 1 [illegible]
TRAPPED M-79 RD, VIC YD 021648. RDS WERE SET AS FOOT [illegible]
DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 021600H 1/3 REPORTED THAT A RESUPPLY HELO REC SA [illegible]
FM VIC YD 005665. CALLED ARTY AND F/[illegible] UNK RES [illegible]

4. EN LOSSES - NEG.

5. [illegible] NEG

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2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR
4TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 2.

2. 021801H TO 031800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 INCIDENTS OF HELO'S REC SA FIRE AND 2 CONTACT INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: DIV INTSUM # 121-69 PAR 3.A.(1)(G).) 010700H D/1/3 HAD CONTACT WHILE AO BELONGED TO 9TH MAR. CONTACT WAS VIC YD 026642 , THIS AREA WAS SEARCHED ON 2 MAY AND 3 MAY FINDING 16 DEAD NVA, 1/82MM MORTAR W/EXTRA BIPOD, 1 AK-47 W/3 MAGS, 25 REIN LOG BUNKERS W/FALSE FLOORS, 230/82MM MORTAR RDS, 10 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 NEW COMPLETE 82MM MORTAR SIGHT, 7 E-TOOLS, 100/7.62MM RDS, MISC SMALL AMOUNTS OF CLOTHING AND FOOD, AND MISC DOC'S. RES: 16 NVA KIA, 2 IWC, AND 1 CSWC

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 021700H 1/3 REPORTED THAT F/W STRIKE VIC YD 004645 DEST 12 BUNKERS AND HAD 2 SEC EXPL. ALSO A/S VIC YD 018658, AO OBS'D 12.7MM AA PSN W/GUN DEST.

(C) 021810H C/1/3 REPORTED THAT A RESUPPLY HELO REC SA FIRE FM VIC YD 018658. CALLED F/W. UNK RES.

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(D) 030840H 1/3 REPORTED THAT A RESUPPLY HELO REC SA FIRE FM VIC YD 018659. CALLED F/W DESTROYING 4 BUNKERS, UNCOVERING A TRENCHLINE, AND SILENCING THE SA FIRE.

(E) 031315H D/1/3 OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT W/3 EN VIC YD 029644. EN BROKE CONTACT, UNIT SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(2) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 021110H RECON TM FAIRLANE HD METAL CLANGING IN TREELINE VIC YD 042538. CALLED ARTY MSN. RES UNK.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 021340H RECON TM FAIRLANE MADE CONTACT W/3 EN VIC YD 044536. CALLED AO AND AO DIRECTED F/W RECEIVING 2 SECONDARY EXPL.

(C) 021900H RECON TM FAIRLANE REC AW FIRE FM APPROX 10 EN VIC YD 034537. TM KILLED 3 NVA AND OBS'D 2 NVA DRAGGING BODY INTO TREELINE. NOT ADDED TO 3D MAR TOTALS.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 16
INC - 1
CSWC - 1

5. - 14. NEG

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 3.

2. 031801H TO 041800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 MINE INCIDENT, 1 BOOBY TRAP, AND 3 SA SNIPER FIRE INCIDENTS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 040802H 1/3 REPORTED THAT A F/W STRIKE VIC YD 021639 RESULTED IN 1 SEC EXPL AND 1 SEC FIRE.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 04[illegible]H H/2/3 REC 1 RD SA SNIPER FIRE FM VIC YD 12[illegible]. RETURNED FIRE W/SA. RES UNK.

(B) 041000H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE CB'S FD 1 BOOBY TRAPPED 60MM MORTAR RD W/PRESSURE TYPE FUSE VIC YD 079584. DEST BY UNIT.

(C) 041[illegible] [illegible] REPORTED THAT A CB TRUCK DEL AT MINE VIC YD 060574. AT SAME TIME TRUCK REC SA FIRE AND [illegible] RD [illegible] FM VIC YD 079596. [illegible]

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(3) OTHER

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 2) 020900H RECON TM HAD CONTACT KILLING 3 NVA, NVA KIA WILL BE ADDED TO 3D MAR TOTALS. RES: 3 NVA KIA

(B) 041730H AO DIRECTED F/W VIC YD 009644 DESTROYING 12 BUNKERS, 1 MORT PSN, AND 20 METERS OF TRENCHLINE.

4. EM LOSSES

NVA KIA - 19
JWC - 1
OSNC - 1

5. - 14. NEG

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ATTN: (SC-10)
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 4.

2. 041801H TO 051800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE AND 1 INCIDENT OF AIRCRAFT RECEIVING SA FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 041330H C/1/3 FD 20/3 MAN BUNKERS VIC YD 023653. AREA HAD SIGNS OF USE WITHIN PAST WEEK. ALSO FD 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 1 M-33 GRENADE, 1 BOTTLE OF US PLASMA, 1 PR OF BROKEN US FIELD GLASSES, 1 E-TOOL, 50 M-16 RDS, 25/50 CAL RDS, AND 1 US TRANS RADIO (BROKEN).

(B) 042010H 1/3 AT LZ IRONSIDE REC 5 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 020685. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(C) 050603H 1/3 AT LZ IRONSIDE REC 5 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 020670. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(D) 051500H D/1/3 FD TRAIL RUNNING FM YD 029649 TO YD 029643. ALSO FD 1/50 LB BAG OF RICE ON TRAIL AT SECOND GRID.

(E) 051630H 1/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO DIRECTED F/W VIC YD 010665 DESTROYING A TUNNEL AND KILLING 1 NVA. ALSO F/W DESTROYED 9 BUNKERS AND A 50 CAL PSN W/GUN [illegible]
RES: 1 NVA KBA

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(2) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 30 Apr 69 AO DIRECTED F/W VIC YD 043644 RESULTING IN 1 NVA KBA.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 1 MAY 69 AO DIRECTED F/W VIC YD 043659 RESULTING IN 1 NVA KBA.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 19
NVA KBA - 3
IWC - 1
CSWC - 1

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FM: 3D MAR
TO: 3D RECON BN
INFO: CG 3D MAR DIV

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RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FOR PERIOD 8-14 MAY 1969, REQUEST FOR

1. THE FOLLOWING RECON TEAMS TO BE INSERTED:

DATE	RECON ZONE	MISSION
10-14 MAY	YD 0069-0267	CONDUCT RECON & SURV OF AREA TO DETERMINE EN INFILTRATION AND/OR POSS EN BASE CAMPS OR STAGING AREAS. PLOT TRAILS AND EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS.
10-14 MAY	YD 0871-0669	TO CONDUCT RECON OF ASSIGNED AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES. REQUEST TEAM TO INCLUDE SURVEY OF RTE 561. REQUEST TEAM BE INSERTED AT CON THIEN AND BOOT INTO RZ.
10-14 MAY	YD 0967-1063	RECON & CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES. PLOT WATER SOURCES AND TRAILS.
10-14 MAY	YD 0254-0452	CONDUCT RECON & SURVEILLANCE OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY BUILDUPS TO INCLUDE POSS BASE CAMPS OR STAGING AREAS. PLOT TRAILS & AREAS OF RCNT ACTY.
10-14 MAY	YD 1454-1652	- SAME AS ABOVE -
10-14 MAY	YD 1251-1449	- SAME AS ABOVE -

2. ON REQUESTS 1D, 1E AND 1F ABOVE, REQUEST CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED FROM CIDG. FOR RECON INSERTS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 5.

2. 051801H TO 061800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
THERE WAS NO EN ACTY IN THE 3D MAR AO DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 061130H C/1/3 FD 2 NVA BODIES IN BUNKER VIC YD 008643. NVA HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 1 DAY AND HAD BEEN KILLED BY ARTY OR MORTARS. ALSO FD 100 RDS 30 CAL AMMO, 1 CANTEEN, AND 1 BATTLE DRESSING. RES: 2 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 19
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 1
CSWC - 1

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(D) 070745H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 150 $VN FOR 2 M-16 MAGS AND 1 M-79 RD TO 2 VN CHILDREN VIC YD 088575.

(E) 070840H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 200 $VN FOR 2 M-26 GRENADES AND 20 M-79 RDS TO 2 VN CHILDREN VIC YD 076572.

(F) 070950H 2/3 REPORTED THAT MCB 58 FD A BOOBY TRAPPED 60MM MORTAR RD W/POINT DETONATING DEVICE ATTACHED VIC YD 080589. DEST IN PLACE.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 061000H K/3/3 FD RECENTLY HELL-USED TRAIL 3' WIDE VIC XD 995590 TO XD 992595. SEARCHED ARE W/NEG RES.

(B) 070830H K/3/3 FD CAVE W/3 TUNNELS INSIDE VIC YD 966584. NO SIGN OF RECENT USE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 070945H M/3/3 CHICOM GRENADES AND 1 LB OF TNT BESIDE TRAIL VIC XD 991613. NO SIGN OF ACTY WITHIN PAST MONTH.

(D) 071300H M/3/3 FD 5 FIGHTING HOLES COVERED W/LOGS AND 1 CAMO MORTAR PIT VIC XD 985613 TO XD 991613. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 20
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 2
CSVC - 2

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FR: THIRD MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)

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REQ FOR BATTALION SURGEONS

1. RECENT OPERATI NS HAVE RESULTED IN INCREASED NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES. THIS INCREASE MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT BNS HAVE THE TWO SURGEONS AUTH AVAILABLE TO PROCESS AND TREAT NBC AND WIA PATIENTS.
2. PRESENTLY EACH BN HAS ONLY ONE MED O FICER ASSIGNED. IT IS REQ THAT EACH BN HAVE ASSIGNED TWO SURGEONS SOONEST.

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(B) (LATE ENTRY) 071640H K/3/3 FD 8 OLD FIGHTING HOLES VIC XD 993593. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 080715H I/3/3 DET OR REC COMMAND DET DIRECTIONAL MINE ON POINT ELEMENT VIC XD 991613. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND NO TRIP DEVICE.

(D) 080825H I/3/3 DET BOOBY TRAP VIC XD 991613. DEVICE WAS POSSIBLY A M-26 FRAG GRENADE BOOBY TRAPPED.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 4
CSWC - 2

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FR: AN-3
TO: GH-3, 7UP, MT-3

SUBJ: NIGHT AND DAY ACTS REPORT

1. IN THE INTEREST OF REDUCING THE VOLUME OF REPORTS REQUIRED OF BATTALIONS IN THE FIELD, ALL DAY AND NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE 1700 SITUATION REPORT. THIS REPORT WILL BE IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

A. NIGHT ACTIVITIES. INFORMATION WILL BE BY COMPANY TO INCLUDE:
(1) COMPANY NIGHT POSITIONS
(2) SIZE AND LOCATION OF AMBUSHES
(3) NIGHT PATROLS, INCLUDING ROUTE AND ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TIME (ETD).
(4) NUMBER OF LISTENING POSTS (LP).

B. DAY ACTIVITIES. BY COMPANY, SUBMIT:
(1) COMPANY MOVES INCLUDING TERMINAL POINT AND ETD.
(2) PLATOON MOVES & PATROLS INCLUDING TERMINAL POINT.
(3) NUMBER OF SQUAD PATROLS.

C. TACTICAL LOGISTICS. NOTE ALL MOVES WHICH REQUIRE PRIORITY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. EXAMPLE: COMPANY A'S MOVE REQUIRES RETROGRADE OF TWO EXTERNALS BY 0800.

2. THIS CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS ELIMINATES THE BUSHMASTER REPORT, STRENGTH REPORTS (FROM THE FIELD), AND A SEPARATE ACTIVITIES REPORT. IT FURTHER ELIMINATES ROUTES OF SQUAD DAY PATROLS. IT REDUCES THE INFORMATION OF PLATOON DAY PATROLS TO ONLY THE TERMINAL POINT AND ETD. FINALLY IT ASSISTS THIS HQ IN DOUBLE CHECKING TACTICAL AND LOGISTICAL NEEDS.

3. IT IS FELT THAT CONTROL, AND KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE FULFILLED BY SPOT AND SITUATION REPORTS, TO INCLUDE THIS EXPANDED 1700 REPORT.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 8.

2. 081800H TO 091800H MAY 1969.

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 1 SNIPER INCIDENT.

4. GRND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 091115H DX1/3 HAD CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC YD 029652. UNIT PULLED BACK AND CALLED ARTY AND A/S MSNS. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 090840H 2/3 REPORTED THAT MCB-58 UNIT FD 1/3.5 WP RD APPROX 50 METERS OFF ROAD VIC YD 093580. DEST IN PLACE.

(B) 090900H 2/3 REPORTED THAT A SWEEP TM REC 4 SNIPER RDS FM SV THEIR PSN VIC YD 143643. NEG ACTION.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 081330H K/3/3 REPORTED THAT A MEDEVAC HELO WAS HIT BY RPG-2 RKT VIC XD 983546. NEG ACTION.

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FROM: THIRD MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)

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A. YR 081330Z MAY69

1. ACKNOWLE GE REC IPT OF REF A.

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FM: THIRD MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REAR)

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A. YOUR 090708ZMAY69

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3D BN 3D MAR
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 10.

2. 101801H TO 111800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 2 MINE INCIDENTS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 101030H A/1/3 FD 4 OVERHEADED BUNKERS VIC YD 002647. SEARCHED BUNKERS FINDING 549/82MM MORT RDS, 332 AP MINES, 16 AT MINES, 200/50 CAL RDS, AND 40 LBS OF TNT. AREA WAS 4-6 MONTHS OLD, IN GOOD CONDITION, AND HAD NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. ORD AND BUNKERS DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 110730H A/1/3 FD 30 BUNKERS VIC YD 008645. BUNKERS WERE OF DIFFERENT SIZES AND WELL-BUILT. AREA HAD SIGNS OF ACTY AND 2 WELL-USED TRAILS WERE IN AREA, ONE GOING N-S AND THE OTHER GOING NE-SW. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 NVA BELT, 3 HELMETS, 1 CANTEEN, 6/60MM MORT RDS, 1 RPG-2 RKT, 3 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 FULL AK-47 MAGS, 1 M-16 MAG, AND MISC CLOTHING.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 111200H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT TANK HIT AT MINE VIC YD 132735. NEG ACTION.

(B) 111615H E/2/3 REPORTED THAT TANK HIT AT MINE VIC YD 082641. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 101515H I/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC XD 990629. EN FIRED FM BUNKERS USING SA, RPG-2 RKTS, AND GRENADES. CALLED ARTY AND F/W MSNS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 RPG-2 RKT LAUNCHER w/3 RKTS, 75/7.62MM RDS, 20 NVA PACKS, 9 E-TOOLS, 15 PONCHOS, 100 LBS OF RICE, 11 HAMMOCKS, 29 LBS OF TNT, 10 PR OFSANDALS, MISC CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND MISC DOC'S. RES: 1 CSWC

(B) 101900H K/3/3 HRD MOVEMENT VIC YD 012643. FIRED SA AND SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 110115H M/3/3 HRD MOVEMENT WHILE SET IN AMBUSH VIC YD 001622. UNIT THREW GRENADES AND REC 2 CHICOM GRENADES BACK. THREW MORE GRENADES AND SEARCHED AREA IN MORNING W/ NEG RES. SOME BLOOD STAINED LEAVES WERE FD AND FRESH SIGNS OF EN ACTY IN AREA.

(D) 110945H K/3/3 FD 3 UNCOMPLETED BUNKERS 3-4 MONTHS OLD VIC YD 011628. ALSO FD SMALL TRAIL LEADING OUT OF AREA TO THE WEST. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(E) 111430H K/3/3 OBS'D MOVEMENT VIC YD 017628. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 5
CSWC - 3

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PRIORITY DTG: 120436 Z MAY 69

FROM: 3d MARINES
TO: 1/3; 2/3; 3/3
INFO: 3d MARINE DIVISION; 1/12

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.

1. ARTILLERY SUPPORT AVAILABLE. IN SUPPORT OF MOST LOCATIONS IN THIS AO WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ARTILLERY SUPPORT:

LOCATION	UNIT	RELATIONSHIP
FULLER	"A" BTRY (105)	D/S REGT
C-2	"B" BTRY (105)	"
	2d PROV (155)	"
ELLIOT CB	"C" BTRY (105)	"
	"W" BTRY (4.2)	"
VARIOUS	4/12 (155)	QUICK FIRE (Rein) 1/12

IT IS FELT THAT THE REGIMENT IS NOT TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT QUANTITY OF POSSIBLE ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

2. DEFENSIVE FIRES. DEFENSIVE FIRES ARE FELT TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR EACH SEPARATE POSITION. ALTHOUGH FREQUENTLY TIME CONSUMING TO PREREGISTER, IT IS CONSIDERED WORTH TOTAL EFFORT TO OBTAIN AND REGISTER DEFENSIVE FIRES.

a. ARTILLERY NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES (NDF). ARTILLERY NDF'S ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE FIRED BY TWO GUNS IN ADJUSTMENT. THE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS WILL FIRE THEM IN AS CLOSE AS 500 METERS WITH GOOD GUN TARGET LINES (GTL) AND 800 METERS WHEN THE ANGLE "T" IS LESS THAN 900 MILS. FREQUENTLY THIS IS NOT CLOSE ENOUGH AND THEREFORE, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE INFANTRY BATTALION COMMANDER, THIS DISTANCE CAN BE REDUCED TO 300 METERS. IN THE LATTER CASE, NDF'S WILL BE RECHECKED BY THE ARTILLERY DURING METRO CONDITION CHANGES WITH W.P. ROUNDS, TIME FUZED, WITH 200 METER HEIGHT OF BURST. UPON ENEMY CONTACT THESE FIRES MAY BE ADJUSTED TOWARDS THE FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN 50 METER INCREMENTS.

b. MORTAR NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES. MORTAR NIGHT D'S ART USED TO CLOSE THE FIRE SUPPORT GAP BETWEEN THE ARTILLERY FIRES AND THE INFANTRY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THESE FIRES SHOULD ALSO BE REGISTERED AS CLOSE AS SAFETY PERMITS. UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION 81'S HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN TO 100 METERS AND 60'S TO 50 METERS, FROM THE FRIENDLY LINES. MORTAR AMMO CAN BE BUILT UP QUICKLY ON ANY POSITION BY PRIORITY RESUPPLY.

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c. ILLUMINATION FIRES. ILLUMINATION BY ANY AND ALL MEANS IS OF GREAT ASSISTANCE ONCE UNDER ATTACK. THESE TARGETS MAY ALSO BE PREREGISTERED BY ARTILLERY & MORTAR BATTERIES AND FIRED IN MINUTES WHEN UNDER ATTACK. THE LACK OF FRIENDLY ILLUMINATION, WHEN AN ATTACK IS IMMINENT, IS THE ONE GREAT ADVANTAGE THE ENEMY HAS TO EXPLOIT OUR CONFUSION AND INITIAL LACK OF ORIENTATION. PROPERLY USED ILLUMINATION PROVIDES FRIENDLY FORCES THE ADVANTAGE.

d. ARTILLERY FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRES (FPF). EACH INFANTRY BATTALION IS HEREBY ASSIGNED ONE ARTILLERY FPF, UNLESS PRIORITIES ARE READJUSTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. A BATTERY FPF WILL HAVE THE SAME SAFETY CRITERIA AS THE ARTILLERY NDF'S. HOWEVER, THE REGISTRATION IS MORE TIME CONSUMING BECAUSE SIX GUNS VERSUS TWO WILL BE REGISTERED. THE FPF WILL BE LAID ON THE BATTERY'S GUNS AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT ENGAGED IN ANOTHER MISSION.

3. HARRASSING & INTERDICTION FIRES (H & I). H & I'S CAN BE USED TO COVER EVERY AVENUE OF APPROACH & DANGER AREA NOT AMBUSHED OR COVERED BY A WELL PLACED LISTENING POST. THIS REGIMENT WILL NEVER RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF H & I TARGETS, IF THE ASR DOES NOT PRECLUDE SAME.

4. MASSED FIRE. THERE ARE SEVERAL MEANS BY WHICH FIRES CAN BE MASSED TO PROVIDE VOLUME & AREA DESTRUCTION. THESE INCLUDE ZONE & SHIFT FIRES, TIME ON TARGET (TOT) FIRES, AND REINFORCING FIRES. WITHIN THE LIMITS OF UNIT SAFETY THESE TYPES OF FIRES CAN BE WELL EMPLOYED AGAINST KNOWN, SUSPECTED, OR FLEETING TARGETS, IF THE ENEMY POSITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED BY MAP PLOTS WITHIN 200 METERS ACCURACY.

a. TOT'S. IF THE ENEMY PRESENTS A LUCRATIVE MOVING OR STATIC TARGET, HIS POSITION AT THE LAPSE TIME IN FIRING IS ESTIMATED AND A TOT FIRE FOR EFFECT (FFE) CAN BE REQUESTED. FOR SUBSEQUENT FIRES, CORRECT AND REPEAT THE FFE.

b. ZONE & SHIFT FIRES (Z & S). IF THE KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TARGET IS AREA IN NATURE, WHETHER MOVING OR FIXED, ZONE & SHIFT, FFE CAN BE REQUESTED. FOR SUBSEQUENT FIRES, CORRECT AND REPEAT THE FFE.

c. REINFORCING FIRES. IF A GREATER VOLUME OF FIRES OR A LARGER CALIBER OF ARTILLERY IS DESIRED REQUEST REINFORCING FIRES BE ADDED TO a. & b. ABOVE.

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 11.

2. 111801H TO 121800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 112015H A/1/3 REC 6-8 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 005662. CALLED ARTY AND 81MM MORT MSNS. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 120326H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE CB UNIT AT THE VINH DAI ROCK CRUSHER OBS'D 3 ROCKET FLASHES VIC YD 178606.

(B) 120625H H/2/3 AT A-4 REC 6 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORT FIRE FM UNK EN PSN. NEG ACTION. RECD RDS VIC YD 116701.

(C) 120740H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TEAM PAID 160 $VN TO 5 VN BOYS FOR 2 M-79 RDS, 1 M-26 GRENADE, 1 BAYONET, AND 8/5.56MM RDS VIC YD 104576.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 111900H K/3/3 FD 4 BUNKERS VIC YD 024630. BUNKERS WERE 2-3 MONTHS OLD W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE. AT 2010H UNIT OBS'D LIGHTS VIC YD 106635. CALLED ARTY MSN. LIGHTS WENT OUT WHEN RDS HIT. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(B) 121145H K/3/3 FD 4 BUNKERS AND 6 FIGHTING HOLES VIC YD 020623. AREA WAS APPROX 6-12 MONTHS OLD, BUT SHOWED SIGNS OF USE BY FRIENDLY UNIT APPROX 1 WEEK AGO.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 5
IWC - 5
CSWC - 3

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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SUBJ: DISTRIBUTION OF FRAG ORDERS

1. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE BATTALIONS, A HARD COPY OF ALL FRAG ORDERS, NOT EXPOSED TO FIELD CONDITIONS, IS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE BATTALION REARS.

2. IT IS FELT THAT THIS WILL BE OF VALUE FOR PREPARATION OF COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES AND ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS/REPORTS.

3. ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS AS TO THE VALUE OF THIS PROCEDURE TO YOUR UNIT.

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12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 12.

2. 121801H TO 131800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 ATTACKS BY MORTAR FIRE AND 1 MINE INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 121530H B/1/3 REPORTED THAT A HELO REC SA FIRE FM VIC YD 022656. CALLED F/W MSN, A/S UNCOVERED AND DEST 9 BUNKERS AT SAME GRID.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 121620H D/1/3 REC APPROX 24 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RDS FM VIC YD 021663. FIRED COUNTER BRTY, AND CALLED AO. UNK RES.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 121745H A/1/3 REC APPROX 27 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD015662 AND YD 023661. FIRED COUNTER BRTY. UNK RES.

(D) (LATE ENTRY) 121500H A/1/3 FD 35 BUNKERS VIC YD 012655. AREA WAS APPROX 6 MONTHS OLD, BUT HAD RECENT SIGNS OF USE. DEST BY UNIT.

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(E) 131305H D/1/3 REC 13 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 019665. CALLED ARTY AND F/W MSNS. UNK RES.

(F) 131622H D/1/3 REC 6 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 018665. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 130625H H/2/3 AT A-4 REC 6 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM THE YD 1472 OR YD 1473 GRIDS. FIRED ARTY MSNS VIC YD 138725. UNK RES.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 130730H L/3/3 AND SWEEP TM FD AT MINE IN ROAD VIC XD 997561. DEST IN PLACE.

(B) 131500H L/3/3 FD 15 BUNKERS VIC YD 044619. AREA WAS APPROX 2-3 WEEKS OLD AND HAD RECENT SIGNS OF USE. ALSO FD MISC NVA GEAR, 100 LBS OF RICE, AND 1 NVA RADIO HEAD SET.

(4) OTHER

(A) 121850H RECON TM CPL PETE OBS'D 2 NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH VIC YD 083688. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 7
INC - 5
CSWC - 3

5. - 13. NEG

14. (LATE ENTRY) 11 MAY 69 AO DIRECTED ARTY MSN ON 4-6 NVA RESULTING IN 1 NVA KBA VIC YD 138742.

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2ND BN, 3D MARINES
3RD BN, 3D MARINES

INFO: CG, 3D MARDIV
1ST BN, 12TH MARINES

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SUBJ: CONCEPT OF FUTURE OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO

1. DUE TO RECENT ENEMY MORTAR INCIDENTS IN THE FOXTROT RIDGE AREA, 3D MARINES PREPARES TO REDEPLOY ITS FORCES TO MEET THE CURRENT ENEMY THREAT.

2. IN KEEPING WITH OUR HIGH MOBILE CONCEPT, A PATROL ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED; AN AREA 3000 METERS WIDE ALONG THE DMZ IN OUR AO. WITH ONE BN OCCUPYING, PATROLLING FROM AND PROVIDING SECURITY FOR FIXED POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE #9 & #561, TWO BNS WILL DEPLOY THEIR FORCES ALONG THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE PATROL ZONE.

3. THROUGH THE USE OF AGGRESSIVE, QUICK REACTION PATROLS IN THE AREA UP TO THE DMZ, THE ENEMY WILL BE CONSTANTLY IN DOUBT, AS TO OUR POSITIONS. IN KEEPING WITH THE PATROLLING CONCEPT A QUICK REACTION FORCE WILL BE DISPATCHED FROM THE BN AS THE NEED ARISES TO HIT THE ENEMY; INFLICT HIGH LOSSES AND WITH DRAW TO DISPATCH PATROLS INTO THE AREA AGAIN. THE BN COMMANDER WILL INDIVIDUALLY PERSCRIBE THE SIZE OF PATROLS, AND REACTION FORCE EMPLOYED IN KEEPING WITH THE ENEMY SITUATION.

4. A HIGH DEGREE OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE 1ST AND 3RD BNS IS ESSENTIAL IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF THEIR FORCES. THE 1ST BN WILL MOVE OVERLAND TO THE EASTERN END OF MUTTERS RIDGE AND REALIGN ITS FORCES TO THE NORTH. 3RD BN, WHILE 1ST BN IS MOVING, WILL CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN MUTTERS RIDGE, DONG HA AREA, AND REALIGN ITS FORCES TO THE NORTH.

5. THIS CONCEPT WILL ALEVIATE THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH LARGE FORCES ALONG THE DMZ, WHICH ARE UNABLE TO REACT, DUE TO THE CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

6. AERIAL OBSERVATION TO THE LIMIT OF ASSETS IS A MUST ALONG THE DMZ; FROM DAWN TO DUSK IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS ENEMY MORTAR ACTIVITY.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

INFO: FIRST BN, TWELTH MARINES
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SUBJ: SAPPER ATTACKS

REF: (a) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 031514Z MAR 69
(b) CG THIRD MAF MSG 050128Z (C) MAR 69
(c) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 210146Z (C) MAR 69
(d) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 240100Z (C) MAR 69
(e) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 080604Z (C) MAR 69
(f) CG THIRD MARDIV LTR 3/HLC/cs 1500, SER 03A09869 OF 8 APR 69.

1. THE ENEMY HAS FOUND A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEANS OF TAKING A HIGH TOLL OF FRIENDLY LIVES AND EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES: THE SAPPER ATTACK. FOR EVERY WAVE OF THESE ATTACKS THERE IS A NEW SERIES OF GUIDANCE MESSAGES ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT ENEMY SAPPERS FROM PENETRATING OUR POSITION.

2. THIS MESSAGE IS NOT INTENDED TO COVER WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN WELL MESSAGED IN REFERENCES (a) THROUGH (f). IT IS INTENDED TO REDIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO REFERENCES (a) THROUGH (f) AND SUGGEST THEY BE MADE A MATTER OF REVIEW FOR ALL COMMANDERS, REGARDLESS OF ECHELON. GENERAL CONTENTS OF THESE MESSAGES ARE:

a. REFERENCE (a) DISCUSSES THE FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SAPPER ATTACKS.

b. REFERENCE (b) DIRECTS A REVIEW OF DEFENSIVE PROCEDURES AND PREVENTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

c. REFERENCE (c) GIVES SOME BACKROUND INFORMATION ON SAPPER ATTACKS AND SUGGESTS WHAT CAN BE DONE.

d. REFERENCE (d) DIRECTS THAT INTERNAL WIRE BE INSTALLED ON FIXED POSITIONS, ESPECIALLY AROUND ARTILLERY PIECES.

e. REFERENCE (e) DISCUSSES NEW CLANDESTINE EXPLOSIVE PACKAGING.

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3. REFERENCE (f) DIRECTS THAT ALL UNITS INCLUDE A ONE HOUR CLASS ON SAPPER ATTACKS TO EACH QUARTERLY TRAINING PROGRAM. IT IS FELT THAT THE IN COUNTRY INDOCTRINATION TRAINING WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE TO INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT (REFERENCE (f) PROVIDES A LESSON PLAN).

4. ALTHOUGH NOT CONVENIENT FOR THE BATTALION TO FURNISH "HARD COPY MESSAGE TRAFFIC" TO THE FIELD, ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE TACTICAL INTEREST MUST BE DELIVERED TO FORWARD ELEMENTS. THE THIRD MARINES CAN ASSIST IN COURIER DELIVERY OF HIGH PRIORITY TRAFFIC SUCH AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

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TO: 3D RECON BN
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RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FOR PERIOD 14-20 MAY 1969, REQUEST FOR

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING RECON TEAMS BE INSERTED:

DATE	RECON ZONE	MISSION
17-20 MAY	YD 0370-0568	CONDUCT RECON & SURV OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION AND/OR POSSIBLE ENEMY BASE CAMPS OR STAGING AREAS. EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS. PLOT TRAILS & AREAS OF RECENT ACTIVITY.
17-20 MAY	XD 9969-0167	- SAME AS ABOVE -
17-20 MAY	YD 0772-0970	- SAME AS ABOVE -

2. REQUEST CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED FROM 4TH MARINE REGIMENT FOR FOLLOWING RECON INSERT:

DATE	RECON ZONE	MISSION
17-20 MAY	XD 9559-9756	CONDUCT RECON & SURV OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES INTO CAM LO RIVER VALLEY. ACT AS A SCREENING FORCE FOR FRIENDLY OPERATIONS. PLOT TRAILS & AREAS OF RECENT ACTIVITY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: QUARTERLY TRAINING PLAN
REF: A. DIVO P3000.1E
B. DIVO P1500.2

1. IAW REF A AND B FOLLOWING TRAINING GUIDANCE IS PROMULGATED FOR FOURTH QTR FY69.

A. TRAINING OBJECTIVE. TO DEVELOP INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS TO THE THE STATE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS REQUISITE TO SUCCESSFUL COMBAT OPERATIONS IN RVN.

B. EACH BN AND HQ CO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR TRAINING. SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT MAXIMUM TIME, WITHIN, TACTICAL LIMITATIONS, IS DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THEIR UNITS.

C. FORMAL SCHOOL QUOTAS AND CONTACT TEAMS MAY BE REQUESTED THROUGH CG, THIRD MARDIV.

D. STRESS SHOULD BE PLACED ON DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS.

E. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE PRESCRIBED FOR EMPHASIS IN TRAINING.

1. HAND GRENADES, MINES AND SURPRISE FIRING DEVICES.

2. CROSS TRAINING WITH ORGANIC WPNS (IE: M-60, M-79, 60 AND 81MM MORTARS, LAAW, ETC).

3. FIRST AID: FIELD SANITATION, BUDDY AID AND PERSONAL HYGIENE; TO INCLUDE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PYODERMA (JUNGLE ROT) AND IMMERSION FOOT.

4. INDIVIDUAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

5. USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS, TO INCLUDE FO PROCEDURES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON METHODS OF UTILIZING FIRE. IE:

a. USE OF CLOSE-IN PROTECTIVE FIRES COUPLED WITH DEEP FIRES TO DESTROY THE ENEMY AND BLOCK HIS WITHDRAWAL AFTER ATTACKS.

b. USE OF MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTY TO DESTROY BUNKER COMPLEXES PRIOR TO TROOPS ENTERING ZONE OF FIRE.

c. USE OF ARTY TO SEAL OFF ESCAPE ROUTES.

6. AMBUSHES, DAY AND NIGHT.

7. COMBAT INTELLIGENCE: INCLUDING THE NECESSITY FOR TIMELY, ACCURATE REPORTING.

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8. SCOUTING AND PATROLLING TO INCLUDE IMMEDIATE ACTION DRILLS AND ACCURATE PATROL REPORTS.

9. CAPTURING POW'S. (FIVE S', PROPER METHOD FOR TAGGING AND EVACUATION)

10. " CHIEU HOI" PROGRAM AND PSYOPS EMPLOYMENT.

11. NBC WARFARE: USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS AND PROTECTIVE MASK.

12. WEAPONS TRAINING: ANNUAL REQUALIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED IN RVN, HOWEVER, LIVE FIRE TRNG, AT KNOWN DISTANCE TARGETS, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE PROFICIENCY IN THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WPNS.

13. MAP READING AND LAND NAVIGATION.

14. INDOCTRINATION OF PERSONNEL ROTATING TO CONUS CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH NEWS MEDIA. STRESS ACCURACY, AVOIDING EXAGGERATION AND HEARSAY, AND ENSURE EACH MARINE KNOWS WHY HE HAS BEEN IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF FRIVOLOUS COMMENTS.

f. OJT SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO DEVELOP PROFICIENCY WITHIN SPECIFIC BILLETS AND MOS'S.

g. CROSS TRAINING SHOULD BE UTILIZED AT ALL LEVELS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS DISPITE PERSONNEL LOSSES.

h. ADDITIONAL INDOCTRINATION TRNG DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY COMMANDERS REGARDING: RELATION WITH LOCAL POPULACE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THE VIETNAMESE; THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS; NATURE OF THE ENEMY AND "CODE OF CONDUCT", EMPHASIZING ESCAPE AND EVASION.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 13.

2. 131801H TO 141800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 131620H B/1/3 MADE CONTACT W/3 NVA/VC VIC YD 042649. EN BROKE CONTACT AND FLED EAST. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(B) 131910H A/1/3 MADE CONTACT W/5 NVA/VC VIC YD 013658. EN BROKE CONTACT AND FLED NE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 140830H A/1/3 FD 7 BUNKERS VIC YD 014655. AREA WAS APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD AND 2 OF THE BUNKERS WERE ONLY PARTIALLY COMPLETED. DEST BY UNIT.

(D) 140900H 1/3 REPORTED THAT THE ENGR'S WORKING FOR THEM FD 9 AP MINES IMPLACED ON FINGER VIC YD 008658. ALSO FD WIRE WHICH LEAD TO AN AW PSN. THERE THEY FD 3 AP MINES, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 E-TOOL, 1 PICK, AND A BUNDLE OF COMM WIRE.

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2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 131915H H/2/3 REC 6 INCOMING RKTS OF UNK CAL FM VIC YD 031665, YD 065685, AND YD 054684. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES. RDS RECD VIC YD 074642.

(B) 140720H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 200 $VN TO 5 VN BOYS FOR 5 M-79 RDS AND 3 M-16 MAGS VIC YD 104576.

(C) 141000H G/2/3 FD 70 BUNKERS VIC YD 049584. COMPLEX RAN NEXT TO STREAM AND WAS PARTIALLY DEST BY A/S. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 AP MINES, 2 AT MINES, 21 LBS OF TNT, AND MISC NVA 782 GEAR.

(D) 141430H E/2/3 FD BOOBY TRAPPED M-26 GRENADE AND FLARE VIC YD 143636. ALSO FD 1 CASE OF US 60MM MORTAR RDS. DEST BOOBY TRAP AND RETURNED MORTAR RDS.

(E) 141600H G/2/3 FD FRESH GRAVE CONTAINING 1 DEAD NVA VIC YD 051586. NVA HAD DIED OF UNK TYPE WOUNDS APPROX 3 WEEKS AGO. RES: 1 NVA KBA

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 131700H L/3/3 FD 30 BUNKERS VIC YD 045618. BUNKERS VARIED IN SIZE AND APPEARED TO BE WELL-BUILT. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 CLAYMORE MINE SET UP TO BE COMMAND DETONATED, 2 RPG-2 RKTS, SEVERAL AK-47 MAGS, 1 TELEGRAPH KEY, 1 LARGE HAND SET, 300 LBS OF RICE, 50 LBS OF DRIED FOOD, 1 FIRST AID KIT, MISC MEDICAL GEAR, AND 1/3 LB DETONATING DEVICE. AREA APPEARED TO BE WAY STATION.

(B) 141130H K/3/3 FD 1 SANDAL, 30 METERS OF COMM WIRE (GREEN), AND 2 PR OF KHAKI SHORTS VIC YD 032628. ITEMS WERE APPROX 3 MONTHS OLD. NEG SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 8
IWC - 5
CSWC - 3

5. - 13. NEG

14. (LATE ENTRY) 11 MAY 69 AO DIRECTED ARTY MSN ON 4-6 NVA RESULTING IN 2 NVA KBA CONF, RATHER THAT 1 KBA AS REPORTED IN INTSUM NO. 12.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 14.

2. 141801H TO 151800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 140700H A/1/3 FD 22 SMALL BUNKERS VIC YD 019662, YD 018663, AND YD 019663. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 SKS, 7/82MM MORT RDS, 11/82MM MORT FUSES, 9 E-TOOLS, 50 [illegible] OF COMM WIRE, 20 LBS OF TNT, 3 AK-47 MAG, 1 M-16 MAG, AND MIS[illegible] 782 GEAR. AREA DEST BY UNIT. RES: 1 IWC

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 141030H A/1/3 FD 14 BUNKERS VIC [illegible] AREA WAS APPROX 3 MONTHS OLD AND HAD NO SIGN OF RECE[illegible] DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 150745H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 250 [illegible] TO VN BOY FOR 2 AK-47 MAGS AND 37/7.62MM RDS VIC YD 104576.

(B) 150845H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TM PAID 50 $ VN TO VN BOY FOR 1 M-26 GRENADE VIC YD 079572.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM #13) 121700H L/3/3 FD 30 BUNKERS VIC YD 045618. ADDITIONAL GEAR FD WAS 1 AK-47, 100 LBS OF RICE, 20 CHICOM GRENADES, 7 CLAYMORE MINES, 4 CANTEENS, AND 1 DRUM MAG. RES: 1 IWC

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 141715H K/3/3 OBS'D 2 NVA/VC MOVING NW VIC YD 034639. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(C) 150810H K/3/3 FD 5 BUNKERS VIC YD 038636. AREA HAD NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. ALSO FD 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 3 CHICOM AT MINES, 2/82MM MORT RES, 2 HELMETS, AND MISC CLOTHING.

(D) 150915H L/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/ES/ 6 NVA/VC VIC YD 056637. NVA WERE SETTING UP AMBUSH FOR UNIT. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 CLAYMORE, 5 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 1 NVA BELT AND COVER. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(E) 151430H L/3/3 FD 12 BUNKERS VIC YD 058612. BUNKERS WERE BUILT UNDERGROUND. SEARCHED AREA FINDING ASSORTED NVA GEAR. FOLLOW-UP TO COME.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 8
IWC - 7
CSWC - 3

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DRUM COLLAPSIBLE POTABLE WATER 55 GAL CAP FSN 8110-089-4505

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 040556Z APR 69

1. TWO (2) OF SUBJ ITEM RECIEVED 15 MAY 69. REF A REFERS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 15.

2. 151801H TO 161800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

4. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 151400H A/1/3 FD 6 BUNKERS AND 1 DUD 250 LB BOMB VIC YD 019662. ALSO FD MISC NVA 782 GEAR, 2 RADIO MSG SLIPS, AND 1 RADIO WATCH LIST. DEST AREA.

(B) 151845H D/1/3 OBS'D 4 NVA/VC MOVING NNE VIC YD 022648. NO WEAPONS OR PACKS WERE OBS'D. FIRED 60MM AND 81MM MORTARS AT EN PSN. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 161030H C/1/3 FD 8 OLD BUNKERS VIC YD 047641. BUNKERS WERE IN POOR CONDITION AND HAD NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. IN ONE OF THE BUNKERS UNIT FD 4 DEAD NVA, NVA HAD BEEN DEAD 1-3 MONTHS. ALSO FD 7 AK-47 MAGS, 5 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 3 RPG-2 RKTS. RES: 4 NVA KBA

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 131600H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT A ROAD GRADER DETONATED AT MINE VIC YD 076637. SEARCHED AREA W/ NEG RES.

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(B) 160600H H/2/3 AT A-4 REC 4 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 124733. CALLED AO W/NEG RES.

(C) 161200H E/2/3 PAID 1000 $VN TO 3 VN BOYS FOR 1 AK-47 VIC YD 136652. RES: 1 IWC

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 150950H K/3/3 FD 3 US AT MINES AND 4 CHICOM AT MINES VIC YD 040637. ALSO FD FOOTPRINTS OF 10-12 PEOPLE APPROX 1 DAY OLD AND 1 SPOOL OF CHICOM COMM WIRE. COMM WIRE RAN UP AND DOWN STREAM SOUTH OF ABOVE GRID. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 151420H K/3/3 CAME UPON WATER POINT VIC YD 039636. UNIT FD NVA CANTEEN AND FIRST AID PACK ON BELT NEXT TO WATER AND FRESH SIGNS OF SOMEONE HAVING JUST LEFT AREA. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 151600H L/3/3 FD 30 BUNKERS VIC YD 054612. AREA WAS RECENTLY USED AND APPROX 1 MONTHS OLD. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 20 E-TOOLS, 20 PICKS, 20 NVA PACKS, 3 RPG-2 RKTS, AND OTHER MISC GEAR.

(D) (LATE ENTRY) 151620H K/3/3 FD 10 BUNKERS VIC YD 030628. AREA WAS APPROX 2 MONTHS W/NO SING OF RECENT ACTY. ALSO FD 2 GRAVES CONTAINING THE HEADS OF 2 NVA. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER FINDING 7/82MM MORTAR RDS, 16/60MM MORTAR RDS, 1 AK-47, 1 RAM ROD FOR CLEANING AN 82MM MORTAR, 1 USMC PACK, 1 NVA PACK, AND 3 AK-47 MAGS.
RES: 2 NVA KBA AND 1 IWC

(E) 151815H K/3/3 FD 2 HOOTCHES, 18 BUNKERS, AND 6 FIGHTING HOLES VIC YD 032633. ONE OF THE HOOTCHES WAS USED AS A MESSHALL. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 BROKEN AK-47, 16/60MM MORT RDS, 3000/7.62MM RDS, 31 CHICOM GRENADES, 3 DRUM MAGS, 6 ELECTRIC BLASTING CAPS, 3 DRY CELL TYPE RADIO BATTERIES, 7 CHICOM GAS MASKS, MISC GEAR FOR CLEANING AN 82MM MORT, 7 CANTEENS, MISC COOKING GEAR, 10 PR OF SANDALS, 10 NVA PACKS, 3 NVA HELMETS, 1 3D MAR DIV SWEATSHIRT, 8 FIRST AID PACKS, 5 BUSH HATS, 1 PONCHO, 1 PONCHO LINER, 1 E-TOOL, 2 US CANTEEN CUPS, 2 NVA RADIO LOG BOOKS, AND MISC DOC'S. RES: 1 IWC

(F) 160715H K/3/3 FD 7 VERY OLD BUNKERS W/THE ROOFS CAVED IN AND NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY VIC YD 043633.

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(G) 160855H K/3/3 FD SMALL CACHE VIC YD 039637. CACHE CONSISTED OF 14/82MM MORT RDS, 15/82MM FUSES, 30/82MM PROPELLENT CHARGES, 30/60MM MORT RDS, 36/60MM FUSES, 1 BOX OF 7.62MM RDS (720 RDS), 1 CHICOM AT MINE, AND 1 CHICOM GRENADE. DEST BY UNIT.

(H) 161130H L/3/3 FD BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF APPROX 60 BUNKERS 6 MONTHS OLD TO 1 WEEK OLD VIC YD 058612. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 25/82MM MORT RDS, 15/60MM MORT RDS, 18 RPG-2 RKTS, 5 AT MINES, 3 CLAYMORES, 30 E-TOOLS, 500 LBS OF RICE, 15 NVA PACKS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 PLOTING BOARD AND PROTRACTOR, 35 LBS OF TNT, MISC COOKING GEAR, 1 50 CAL MG BARREL, 10 NVA FIRST AID KITS, 2 HELMETS, 2000' OF COMM WIRE, 9 GAS MASKS, 500 RDS 7.62MM AMMO, 1/82MM MORT TRIPOD, 1/82MM MORT BASE PLAT, 20 HAMMOCKS, 1/82MM MORT SIGHT, 5 NVA CANTEENS, 30' OF TIME FUSE, 2 FIELD GLASS CASES, 32 MACHETES, MISC DRIED FOOD PACKS, AND MISC CLOTHING.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 25
NVA KBA - 14
IWC - 10
CSWC - 3

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 16.

2. 161801H TO 171800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AREA. THERE WAS 1 POW CAPTURED DURING THE NIGHT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 170830H A/1/3 FD MISC GEAR VIC YD 072657. GEAR CONSISTED OF 30 LBS OF RICE, 1 CAN OF M-16 AMMO (820 RDS), 1 NVA E-TOOL, 1 NVA PACK, AND 1 RPG-2 RKT. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 171000H B/1/3 FD 15 BUNKERS VIC YD 080616 TO YD 082616. AREA WAS APPROX 3 MONTHS OLD AND DUE TO NEW PERSONAL GEAR FD IT IS BELIEVED THAT AREA WAS OCC BY 1-2 EN JUST BEFORE DISC. IN AREA FD 200 LBS OF RICE, 6 ARTY RDS OF UNK CAL,(RDS HAD CHICOM MARKINGS), 1 NEW PR OF SANDALS, 1 CLEAN T-SHIRT, 2000 RDS 7.62MM AMMO, 2 AK-47 MAGS, 2 E-TOOLS, 1/60MM RD, SMALL AMOUNT OF COMM WIRE, AND MISC COOKING GEAR.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 162355H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT A NOD AT A-4 DETECTED 2 EN VIC YD 116706. FIRED 81MM MORTARS AND DUSTERS W/UNK RES.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM NO.15) 161130H L/3/3 FD BUNKER COMPLEX VIC YD 058612. FD ADDITIONAL GEAR CONSISTING OF 1/82MM MORTAR TUBE (DAMAGED), 100 LBS OF RICE, 34 NVA PACKS, 15 PICKS, 25 E-TOOLS, 5 LBS OF TNT, 12 HAMMOCKS, 13 MACHETES, 1 GAS MASK, MISC COOKING GEAR, 10 WHISTLES, 3 POCKET KNIVES, 40 MOSQUITO NETS, 30 BOTTLES OF DDT, AND 1 ANTENNA BASE. RES: 1 CSWC

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 161730H M/3/3 REC SA/AW AND RPG FIRE FM APPROX 10 NVA VIC XD 989633. UNIT RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARTY AND F/W MSNS, F/W HAD 5 SECONDARY EXPL. SEARCHED AREA FINDING BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF 20 BUNKERS. ALSO FD 4 DEAD NVA, 2 AK-47'S, 2 AT MINES, 2 CLAYMORE MINES, 15 CHICOM GRENADES, 8 REG BLASTING CAPS, 13 ELECTRIC BLASTING CAPS, 12 NVA PACKS, 20 LBS OF TNT, 1 RPG-2 RKT, 3 US CANTEENS, 4 NVA CANTEENS, 8 AK-47 MAGS, 10 PONCHOS, 7 NVA FIRST AID KITS, 20 LBS OF RICE, MISC NVA CLOTHING, 2 WALLETS, MISC BOOKS AND DIARIES, 1 CHART W/GRIDS, AND MISC PAPERS. AT 0450H VIC XD 991632 UNIT HEARD AN NVA YELLING FOR HIS PEOPLE. UNIT CAPTURED NVA AS HE APPROACHED THE LINES. NVA WAS WEARING JUNGLE BOOTS AND DARK GREEN UNIFORM, AND HAD NO WEAPON. RES: 4 NVA KIA, 2 IWC, AND 1 NVA POW

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 29
NVA KBA - 14
NVA POW - 1
IWC - 12
CSWC 4

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8. EN MOVEMENT

(A) THE POW CAPTURED BY M/3/3 AT XD 989629 HAS STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 88TH REGT, 308TH NVA DIV. AT THE TIME OF CAPTURE, HE WAS ON A 10 MAN RECON TEAM WHOSE MSN WAS TO RECONNITER THE AREA FOR U.S. OPERATIONS.

BASED ON INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS, THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONSOLIDATING HIS FORCES ORGANIC TO THE 308TH DIV FOR A COORDINATED ATTACK DIRECTED AT MILITARY TARGETS. IN OBSERVANCE OF HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY, IT IS FELT THAT THIS OFFENSIVE OPERATION MAY COMMENCE WITHIN 48 HRS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 17.

2. 171801H TO 181500H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY INCREASED IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 CONTACTS, 2 MINE INCIDENTS, AND 2 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 171645H C/1/3 REC SA FIRE FM 3-4 NVA VIC YD 057638. CALLED 81MM MORT AND ARTY MSNS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 DEAD NVA AND 1 AK-50. RES: 1 NVA KIA & 1 T/C

(B) 180515H C/1/3 HD MOVEMENT AND FIRED SA VIC YD 062648. APPROX 9-10 NVA WERE OBS'D FIRING SA AND RPG'S BACK AT US. SEARCHED AREA AFTER ARTY AND F/W MSNS FINDING 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-2 RKT, 4 AK-47 MAGS, 8 CHICOM GRENADES, AND BLOODY CLOTHING. RES: 1 IWC

(C) 180730H C/1/3 OBS'D 4 NVA IN HOLES VIC YD 062648. FIRED 81MM MORTARS AND CALLED F/W MSN. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 NVA KILLED BY AIR. RES: 1 NVA KBA

(D) 180900H B/1/3 OBS'D 2 NVA/VC VIC YD 083628. TANKS FIRED IN AREA. SEARCHED W/NEG RES.

(E) 180910H C/1/3 REC SA FIRE FM 3 NVA IN BUNKERS VIC YD 062648. RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA FINDING 3 NVA KIA, 40 OVERHEADED BUNKERS, 2 AK-47'S, 1 SKS, 100 CHICOM GRENADES, 40 RPG-2 RKTS, 20/60MM MORT RDS, 40 LBS OF RICE, 20 NVA PACKS, 10 PITH HELMETS, 1 RPG-2 RKT LAUNCHER, 100 SETS OF TROUSERS, AND MISC PAPERS. RES: 3 NVA KIA AND 1 CSWC AND 3 IWC

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(F) 180930H C/1/3 OBS'D APPROX 4 NVA/VC ON HILLTOP VIC YD 055630. CALLED FOR F/W. GOOD COVERAGE W/UNK RES.

(G) 181100H C/1/3 FD 4 UNDERGROUND BUNKERS VIC YD 056638. AREA WAS APPROX 3 MONTHS AND HAD NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(H) 181315H B/1/3 REPORTED THAT A TANK DETONATED AN AT MINE VIC YD 076623. SEARCHED AREA AND FD 2 MORE AT MINES IN SAME VIC. DEST IN PLACE BY UNIT.

(I) 181440H 1/3 VIC YD 066654 REC 4 INCOMING RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY FM VIC YD 046686. CALLED ARTY AND F/W MSNS. UNK RES.

(J) 181500H D/1/3 FD 7 BUNKERS AND 2 FIGHTING HOLES VIC YD 046636. AREA NOT USED IN PAST 3 MONTHS. DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 171930H E/2/3 OBS'D 5-6 NVA/VC IN BLACK PJ'S MOVING SOUTH ALONG RTE 561 VIC YD 134631. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(B) 172030H H/2/3 AT A-4 REC 5 INCOMING RDS OF UNK CAL MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 112713. FIRED DUSTERS W/UNK RES.

(C) 180130H E/2/3 SCOUT DOGS ALERTED OF EN MOVEMENT VIC YD 126632. FIRED 81MM MORTARS. UNK RES.

(D) 180630H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT A SID DETECTED MOVEMENT OF 2 EN MOVING SE VIC YD 132701. FIRED DUSTERS W/UNK RES.

(E) 180810H H/2/3 REPORTED THAT A DUSTER DETONATED A 20 LB PLASTIC AT MINE VIC YD 134724. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 171700H M/3/3 OBS'D 1 NVA IN HOLE VIC XD 980620. UNIT SENT KGS AND S-2 SCOUT TO CAPTURE NVA. PERSONNEL HD GRENADE GO OFF. SEARCHED AREA FINDING THAT THE NVA HAD KILLED HIMSELF WITH A CHICOM GRENADE. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 181240H M/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/3 NVA ON TRAIL VIC XD 980620. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 DEAD NVA AND THE BLOOD TRAIL OF THE THIRD NVA, 1 AK-47, 2 NVA PACKS, 4 CHICOM GRENADES, 180/7.62MM RDS, 2 E-TOOLS, 3 MACHETE, 2 HAMMOCKS, 1 CARTRIDGE BELT, 1 CANTEEN, 1 US PONCHO LINER, MISC CANNED FOOD, MISC PERSONAL GEAR, BOOKS, DIARIES, AND ID PAPERS. RES: 2 NVA KIA AND 1 INC

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(4) OTHER

(A) 181630H RECON RADIO RELAY MAPMAKER SIERRA OBS'D UNK TYPE ROCKET BEING FIRED FM VIC XD 989600. CALLED ARTY MSN. GOOD COVERAGE W/UNK RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 36
NVA KBA - 15
IWC - 18
NVA POW - 1
OSWC - 5

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1. ONCE AGAIN I FIND IT NECESSARY TO REMIND THE REPORTING SENIORS OF THIS REGIMENT OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITES IN THIS CAPACITY. AGAIN I AM RECEIVING REPORTS FOR REVIEW WHICH ARE TARDY BY AS MUCH AS THREE AND FOUR MONTHS. THIS IS AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION.

2. YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE CONTENTS OF REFERENCE A AND B. THEY, ALONG WITH MESSAGE, ARE TO BE REVIEWED BY EACH AND EVERY REPORTING SENIOR WITHIN THE REGIMENT. THEY ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 18.

2. 181801H TO 191800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY INCREASED AGAIN IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 30 ATTACKS BY FIRE AND 4 CONTACT INCIDENTS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181400H B/1/3 FD 6 OVERHEADED BUNKERS AND 3 FIGHTING HOLES VIC YD 043638. AREA WAS OLD W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 182600H C/1/3 OBS'D 12-19 NVA/VC VIC YD 061644. NOT ALL OF THE EN WERE CARRYING WEAPONS. FIRED SA, 60MM MORT, AND 82MM MORT W/NEG RES. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 BLOODY NVA PACK.

(C) 181805H A/1/3 FD 1 SET OF FOOTPRINTS HEADING NW AND MISC GEAR VIC YD 059658. GEAR CONSISTED OF 1 FULL AK-47 MAG, 1 CHICOM GRENADE, AND 1 FRESH BLOODY BANDAGE. FIRED 60MM MORT IN AREA THAT BACKS HEADED. UNK RES.

(D) 182330H C/1/3 HRD MOVEMENT VIC YD 061643. FIRED SA AT MOVEMENT OF APPROX 10 NVA/VC WHEN 3 EN TRIPPED FLARES. EN RETURNED FIRE W/SA AND THEN APPROX 15 CHICOM GRENADES. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT FINDING POOLS OF BLOOD AND 3 SUPPRESSED DRAG TRAILS.

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(E) 190100H D/1/3 HRD MOVEMENT AND FIRED 60MM [illegible] AND THREW GRENADES. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT FOUND THE WIRE CUT AT YD 045636 AND THE WIRE MASHED DOWN AT YD 047636.

(F) 190615H 1/3 CP AT YD 048635 REC 5 INCOMING RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 048630. FIRED 81MM MORTAR AND 106 MSNS. UNK RES.

(G) 190730H C/1/3 FD 3 NEW OVERHEADED BUNKERS VIC YD 065647. IN ONE OF THE BUNKERS FD 1 AT MINE (30 LBS). VIC YD 049641 UNIT FD WELL-USED TRAIL RUNNING N-S. BUNKERS AND MINE DEST BY UNIT.

(H) 190940H D/1/3 FD 4 FIRETING HOLES AND ORDNANCE VIC YD 043632 AND YD 049631. AREA WAS USED LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGO. ORD CONSISTED OF 6/82MM MORT RDS W/3 CANS OF INCREMENTS, AND 6/122MM RKTS (DAMAGED BY ARTY). ALSO FD 1 BLOOD STAINED NVA PACK.

(I) 191050H D/1/3 VIC YD 048635 REC 6 INCOMING RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM UNK EN PSN AT AN AZIUMTH OF 340 DEGREES. FIRED COUNTER BRTY W/UNK RES.

(J) 191330H 1/3 VIC YD 048635 REC 6 INCOMING RDS OF 60 MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 045644. COUNTER BTRY W/UNK RES.

(K) 191520H D/1/3 VIC YD 048635 REC 17 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 035658. CALLED 81MM MORT MSN AND F/W MSN. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 190610H H/2/3 AT A-4 REC 6 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 131725. FIRED 81MM MORT MSN. CALLED FOR AO. AO OBS'D 3 NVA/VC MOVING NORTH IN SAME VIC.

(B) 190330H H/2/3 SPOTTED 2 EN VIC YD 121709 AND AN AO OBS'D 4 EN VIC YD 176706. FIRED 81MM MSN W/UNK RES.

(C) 191735H E/2/3 REPORTED THAT SOME VEHICLES REC SEVERAL SNIPER RDS BETWEEN THE C-3 BRIDGE AND CAM LO. NEG ACTION.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181715H M/3/3 VIC XD 989628 REC 12 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK EN PSN. FIRED ARTY MSN IN APPROX DIRECTION OF MORT FIRE. UNK RES.

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(B) 181801H M/3/3 REC 3 INCOMING 82MM MORT RDS VIC XD 989628 FM UNK EN PSN. FIRED ARTY AND 81MM MORT MSNS VIC XD 987642, XD 976631, YD 971638, AND YD 983637. UNK RES.

(C) 181830H M/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/1 NVA/VC VIC XD 988625. FIRED SA AND SEARCHED THE AREA FINDING 1 CHICOM GRENADE AND A BLOOD TRAIL W/DRAG MARKS.

(D) 190200H M/3/3 REC 3 RPG RKTS FIRED AT THEIR PERIMETER. CALLED 60MM MORT AND ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(E) 190700H M/3/3 VIC XD 989629 REC 3 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK EN PSN. FIRED 81MM MORT MSNS THROUGHOUT AREA.

(F) 191030H M/3/3 FD BLOOD TRAIL VIC XD 988629 LEADING TO 1 DEAD NVA, 1 AK-47, AND MISC NVA 782 GEAR. NVA POSS DIED OF ACTION AT 190200H. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(G) 191050H M/3/3 VIC XD 988629 REC 3 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC XD 973634. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(H) 191330H M/3/3 VIC XD 988629 REC 10 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC XD 975633. RETURNED FIRE W/81MM MORT AND CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(I) 191415H K/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/POSS FO UNIT OF UNK SIZE VIC XD 984636. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 DEAD NVA, 4 AK-47'S, 17 AK-47 MAGS, 12 CHICOM GRENADES, 66/7.62MM RDS, 8 M-26 GRENADES, MISC PERSONAL GEAR, AND MISC CLOTHING. RES: 2 NVA KIA AND 4 IWC

(4) OTHER

(A) 18 MAY 69 AO OBS'D 3 DEAD NVA NEAR BUNKERS VIC XD 062644. NVA APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ARTY MSN. RES: 3 NVA KBA

(B) 191050H RECON TM NOONWATCH FD 10-15 BUNKERS VIC YD 080703. AREA WAS APPROX 2-3 MONTHSOLD W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE. NEG ACTION.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 39
NVA KBA - 18
NVA POW - 1
IWC - 23
CSWC - 5

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5. - 13. NEG

14. LATE ENTRIES

(A) 191530H A/1/3 VIC YD 066654 REC APPROX 25 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 029667 AND YD 051659. FIRED COUNTER BRTY. UNK RES.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 19.

2. 191801H TO 201800H MAY 69.

3. SUM OF E. ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY EMANATED AT AN INCREASED LEVEL IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 6 MINING INCIDENTS, 3 SIGHTINGS, 4 CONTACTS, 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF ENEMY ORDNANCE FOUND.

A. GRND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 200450H 1/3 CP RECD 6 RNDS 60MM INCOMING FM YD 035634. FIRED COUNTER-MORTAR FIRE. MADE RECD VIC YD 043633.

(B) 200450H D/1/3 RPTD 6 ENEMY PROBED LINES TO W ACTIVATING TRIP FLARE. SAF AND FRAGS EMTT AGAINST ENEMY. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 5 NVA KIA VIC YD 043634. ALSO FND 1 RPG-2, 3 AK-47'S, 1 HOMEMADE DEMO CHARGE (BANGALORE TYPE), 3 RPG RNDS, 3 RPG BOOSTERS, 16 CHICOM GREN, 7 LB TNT, 7 SATCHEL CHARGES, 7 AK-47 MAGS, 210 AK-47 RNDS, 5 PAIR TENNIS SHOES, 1 WALLET, 1 COVER, MISC 782 GEAR, DEHYDRATED CHOW & MED GEAR. RES: 5 NVA KIA, 3 IWC, 1 CSWC.

(C) 200320H C/1/3 YD 059640 RPTD APPROX 60-70 NVA PROBED LINES FIRING SA & RPG'S & THROWING CHICOMS. RETURNED FIRE W/SA, M-60, CLAYMORES, MORTARS AND ARTY. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 15 NVA KIA OF WHICH ONE WAS AN OFFICER AND ONE WAS RADIO OPERATOR. NUMEROUS DRAG TRLS WERE FOUND IN AREA. ALSO FND IN AREA WAS 4 AK-47'S, 1X9MM PISTOL, RADIO W/HEAD-SET AND CABLE, MISC 782 GEAR, 17 CHICOMS, 10 RPG-6 RNDS, 1 RPG-6 LAUNCHER, 540 AK-47 RNDS, 19 AK-47 MAGS, AND 6 LB TNT. DOCUMENTS WERE FND ON RADIO OPERATOR GIVING FREQUENCIES. RES: 15 NVA KIA, 5 IWC, 1 CSWC.

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(D) 201100H D/1/3 FND 15 NEW BUNKERS 3' X 4' X 4' VIC YD 048640. SEARCH OF BUNKERS REVEALED 1 RECENTLY USED. ALSO VARIOUS 782 GEAR, 3 CHICOM GREN AND 1 LETTER DATED 20 APRIL. ALSO FND IN BUNKERS.

(E) 201235H B/1/3 FND ENEMY IN BUNKER VIC YD 057644. THREW GREN IN BUNKER. RES: 2 NVA KIA, 2 IWC(1 AK-47, 1 AK-50). ALSO FND 2 AK-50 MAGS.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 192140H H/2/3 OBSD 2 ENEMY YD 123713. FIRED MORTAR MSN.

(B) 192210H G/2/3 TANK HIT MINE WHILE MOVING INTO NIGHT PSN YD 166698. WHILE TRYING TO FIX TRACK TANK HIT ANOTHER MINE DAMAGING OTHER TRACK.

(C) 200130H GROUND SURVEILLANCE RADAR DETECTED 9 MOVERS. MORTAR MSN CALLED YD 129683.

(D) 200700H 2/3 ENGINEERS FND 2 AT MINES BURIED 2' BELOW GRND. MINES WERE BLOWN IN PLACE LEAVING CRATER 4' WIDE BY 3' DEEP. MINES FOUND YD 092619.

(E) 200800H E/2/3 TANK HIT MINE YD 083620.

(F) 200930H G/2/3 FND 2 NVA BODIES IN GRAVE ALONG TRL, VIC YD 156698. BODIES WERE CLOTHED IN GREEN UTILITIES AND SNEAKERS. GRAVES WERE APPROX 1-2 WEEKS OLD. RES: 2 NVA KBA.

(G) 201200H E/2/3 TANK HIT MINE VIC YD 092615.

(H) 201235H G/2/3 FND AP MINE ALONG ROAD VIC YD 118688. BLEW MINE IN PLACE.

(I) 201255H H/2/3 FND BOOBY-TRAPS W/DARTS INSIDE. BOOBY-TRAPS WERE SAME SIZE AS BEEHIVE RND. MINE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

(J) 201300H G/2/3 RECON PTL FND 2X82MM ROUNDS ON SIDE OF TRL VIC YD 158696. RNDS BLOWN IN PLACE.

(K) 201415H G/2/3 RECON PTL FND 138X82MM RNDS, 230 60MM RNDS, 8 BOXES OF 82MM FUSES(TOTAL 13), 500 AK RNDS, 3 CHICOM GREN, AND 2 BELTS MG AMMO VIC YD 167706.

(L) 201500H G/2/3 FND AT MINE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD VIC YD 156697. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.

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(M) 201525H H/2/3 VIC YD 156697 FND AT MINE. BLEW MINE IN PLACE.

(N) 201540H A/3D TANKS TANK HIT MINE WHILE MOVING TO C-2. MINE WAS EMPLACED VIC YD 092617.

(O) 201545H G/2/3 ENGR FND 40 LB MINE VIC YD 164697. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.

(P) 201817H ENGR SWEEP TM FND 1 X 40 LB MINE BURIED 6 IN UNDERGRND. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.

(Q) 201830H LEAD ELEMENT OF G/2/3 OBSD 6 NVA MOVING W VIC YD 159701. INIT CONTACT AND ENEMY FLED N. FIRED ARTY MSN.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 191210H (LATE ENTRY) M/3/3 VIC YD 988629 RECD 3 RNDS 82MM OUTSIDE LINES. RNDS CAME FM YD 975633. FIRED MORT MSN AND CALLED F/W.

(B) 192200H M/3/3 VIC YD 989629 RPTD EST ENEMY SQD PROBED LINES. REPELLED ENEMY W/FRAGS AND ARTY. SEARCH OF AREA AT 1ST LITE REVELAED 1 AK-47 MAG W/AMMO, 1 PACK, 2 USMC TROUSERS. ALSO FND 1 AK-47. RES: 1 IWC.

(C) 201155H 3/3 CP RECD 5 RNDS 82MM IMPACTING YD 988629. AT 201200H RECD ADDITIONAL 5 RNDS 82MM. RNDS CAME FM YD 969638. AO CALLED ON STATION, ARTY MSN FIRED.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 61
NVA KBA - 20
NVA POW - 1
IWC - 34
OSMC - 7

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TO: 3D RECON BN
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RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FOR PERIOD 21-27 MAY 1969, REQUEST FOR

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING RECON TEAMS BE INSERTED:

DATE	RECON ZONE	MISSION
23-27 MAY 1969	YD 0166-0364	CONDUCT RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION STAGING AREAS AND/OR ACT AS A SCREENING FORCE FOR FRIENDLY OPERATIONS TO THE E AND SW. EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS AND PLOT TRAILS.
23-27 MAY 1969	YD 0370-0568	CONDUCT RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OR AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION AND/OR ENEMY BASE CAMPS OR STAGING AREAS. PLOT TRAILS AND EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS.
23-27 MAY 1969	YD 0572-0770	CONDUCT RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION AND/OR ENEMY BASE CAMPS OR STAGING AREAS. PLOT TRAILS AND EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS.
23-27 MAY 1969	YD 0873-1071	CONDUCT RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OR AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION AND/OR STAGING AREAS. EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS. CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF ROUTE # 564. ACT AS A SCREENING FORCE FOR CON THIEN.

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23-27 MAY 1969 YD 0876-1074 CONDUCT RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OF AREA TO DETERMINE ENEMY INFILTRATION AND/OR STAGING AREAS. EMPLOY SUPPORTING ARMS ON TARGETS. CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF ROUTE #564. ACT AS A SCREENING FORCE FOR CON THIEN.

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IMMEDIATE DTG: 210722Z MAY 69

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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PATROLS IN THE DMZ

A. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CG
B. DMZ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
C. THIRD MARDIV OP ORDER 10-69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, THE FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES WILL COMMENCE A SERIES OF SUPPORTED RECON BN PATROLS AND ORGANIC SQD PATROLS INTO THE DMZ ON 23 MAY 69. INITIALLY THESE PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AREAS BETWEEN THE 02 AND 10 N - S GRID LINES.

2. THE CONCEPT WILL BE TO EMPLOY THIRD RECON BN PATROLS DEEP INTO THE DMZ NEAR THE BEN HAI. UPON CONTACT, THESE PATROLS WILL BE AERIAL REINFORCED BY A 1/3 REACTION PLT OF 60 MEN. THE ENTIRE GROUP WILL THEN WALK OUT OF THE DMZ. SIMULTANEOUSLY, 1/3 WILL EMPLOY SQD SIZED PTLS INTO THE DMZ, SUPPORTED BY THEIR PARENT COMPANIES. UPON CONTACT THESE PTLS WILL BE REINFORCED BY A 60 MAN FORCE WHICH WILL LINK-UP OVERLAND. THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE THE SAME AS WITH RECON BN PTLS.

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3. TO PROVIDE TIMELY SUPPORT FOR THESE OPERATIONS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIRD MARINES BE GRANTED THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITY WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF REF B:

A. COMPLETE AIR AND GROUND CONTROL OVER THE AREA SOUTH OF THE PMDL BETWEEN THE 02 AND 10 N - S GRID LINES.

B. TO GRANT CLEARANCE FOR FIRES INTO THE DMZ FOR ENEMY CONTACTS, OCCUPIED ENEMY POSITIONS, AND NEW FORTIFICATIONS.

C. TO LAUNCH A REACTION FORCE (1/3) INTO THE DMZ TO ASSIST ANY PTL (THIRD RECON OR 1/3) IN CONTACT OR IN JEOPARDY OF CAPTURE.

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4. TO ENSURE RAPID REACTION, WHEN THE DECISION IS MADE TO REINFORCE A CONTACT (OR EXTRACT IN DIRE EMERGENCIES), IT IS REQUESTED THAT ADEQUATE AIRCRAFT SUPPORT BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY. THIS WILL PREVENT AN UNACCEPTABLE TIME LAG BETWEEN CONTACT AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE REACTION FORCE, AND THE INHERENT INCREASED RISK TO THE RECON ELEMENT INVOLVED. TO ENSURE TIMELY SUPPORT, THE DEDICATED AIR PACKAGE AS REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPH B (3) OF REF (C) IS CONSIDERED A NECESSITY.

5. THE REQUIRED REPORTS REGARDING ACTION ANTICIPATED OR TAKEN, WITHIN GRANTED AUTHORITY, WILL BE EXECUTED BY THE THIRD MARINES.

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2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 20.

2. 201801H TO 211800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY REMAINED AT AN INCREASED LEVEL IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 5 MINE INCIDENTS, 1 SNIPER INCIDENT, AND 1 ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 19) 201245H B/1/3 FND A BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF 15 BUNKERS VIC YD 057644. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER FINDING ADDITIONAL GEAR CONSISTING OF 100/82MM MORTAR RDS, 20/60MM MORTAR RDS, 12 AT MINES, 5 AK-47 MAGS, 100/7.62MM RDS, 15 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 500 LBS OF RICE.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 201330H D/1/3 FND 1 NVA BODY AND 1 AK-47 W/FULL MAG, DEAD APPROX 2 WEEKS, VIC YD 044633. NVA WAS KILLED BY GND TROOPS. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(C) 211025H D/1/3 AT CP VIC YD 046635 REC 3 INCOMING RDS OF POSSIBLE 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM UNK EN PSN . FIRED COUNTER BTRY AT AZIMUTH OF 5800 MILS. UNK RES.

(D) 211030H D/1/3 HRD MVOEMENT VIC YD 043633. RECONED THE AREA BY SA FIRE. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 7 FRESH FIGHTING HOLES, 2 HAMMOCKS TIED TO TREES, 1 HELMET, 1/20 MM RD, AND 1 AK-47 MAG POUCH. ALSO FRESH TRAILS IN ALL DIRECTIONS WERE UNK NO. OF EN HAD LEFT AREA.

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(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 202050H 2/3 REPORTED THAT A TANK DETONATED MINE OR BOOBY TRAP VIC YD 092603. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RES.

(B) 210025H H/2/3 SPOTTED 2 NVA/VC VIC YD 114706. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 210845H F/2/3 PATROL W/ROAD SWEEP TEAM CAME UPON A GROUP OF VN PEOPLE THAT HAD TRIPPED A BOOBY TRAP VIC YD 053564. BOOBY TRAP WAS OF UNK TYPE OR SIZE. THERE WERE 4 VN CIV KILLED AND 6 VN CIV MEDEVACED.

(D) 210900H 2/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TEAM FND 1/40 LB METAL AT MINE VIC YD 102603. MINE WAS BURIED 1 INCH BELOW SURFACE OF ROAD. DEST IN PLACE.

(E) 211030H F/2/3 REPORTED THAT A TRUCK DETONATED AN AT MINE IN ROAD VIC YD 036564. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(F) 211215H F/2/3 REPORTED THAT A TANK DETONATED AN AT MINE VIC YD 037564. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(G) 211415H H/2/3 REC SNIPER FIRE FM VIC YD 134667. NEG ACTION TAKEN.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 210900H K/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/3 NVA VIC XD 973638. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 DEAD NVA, 1 AK-47 W/2 MAGS, 4 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 CANTEEN, 2 BELTS, 1 BATTLE DRESSING, 1 FIRST AID PACKS, AND 4 MEDICAL NEEDLES. <u>RES: 2 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC</u>

(B) 210930H K/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/APPROX 4 NVA/VC VIC XD 978647. EN BROKE CONTACT AND FLED NORTH. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 211200H K/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC XD 979653. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 SKS AND 2 CHICOM GRENADES. <u>RES: 1 IWC</u>

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(4) OTHER

(A) 211330H RECON TM LUCKY PUNCH HRD 7-10 NVA/VC MOVING AROUND THEIR PSN VIC YD 002654. TM MOVED AND CALLED FOR AO. AO DIRECTED F/W STRIKE W/UNK RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 64
NVA KBA - 20
NVA POW - 1
IWC - 37
CSWC - 7

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14. LATE ENTRIES

(A) 211245H D/1/3 FND SMALL STREAM OF BLOOD VIC YD 045638 LEADING TO VIC YD 045644 WHERE UNIT FND A SMALL STREAM USED AS A WATER POINT. AREA WAS USED RECENTLY, ALSO FND 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 LBS OF TNT, 2 SPOOLS OF COMM WIRE, 110/7.62MM RDS, AND 2 RUSSIAN BATTLE DRESSINGS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
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2D BN 3D MAR
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12TH MAR
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 21.

2. 211801H TO 221800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY REMAINED AT A INCREASED LEVEL IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 5 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 1 ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE LASTING 5 HRS AND TOTALING 120/82MM MORTAR RDS.

4. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 220650H D/1/3 AT CP VIC YD 046635 REC APPROX 120 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE BETWEEN 0650H AND 1200H FM VIC YD 029652. FIRED COUNTER BTRY AND CALLED F/W AND GUNSHIP MSNS. UNK RES.

(B) 220800H B/1/3 AMBUSHED 40-50 NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL VIC YD 056668. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 19 DEAD NVA, 2 WOUNDED NVA, 1/60MM MORTAR TUBE, 2 RPG-2 RKT LAUNCHERS, 8 AK-47 W/31 FULL MAGS, 55 CHICOM GRENADES, 8 RPG-2 RKTS, 100 LBS OF TNT, 20/60MM MORT RDS, AND 4/122MM RKTS. RES: 19 NVA KIA, 2 NVA POW, 8 IWC, & 3 CSWC

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 220845H G/2/3 MADE CONTACT W/3 NVA MOVING NORTH VIC YD 049586. FIRED SA AND CALLED ARTY AND 81MM MORT MSNS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 DEAD NVA AND 1 AK-47. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 220900H K/3/3 SEARCHING AREA VIC XD 965636 UNCOVERED 50/82MM MORT RDS. RDS HAD RED AND GREEN BANDS ON THEM. ALSO FND 12 CANS OF FUSES (2 TYPES), 3 FUSES PER CAN, AND MISC SMALL AMOUNT OF INCREMENTS. SAMPLES WILL BE FORWARDED TO 3D MAR S-2.

(B) 220830H K/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/2-3 NVA MOVING ON TRAIL VIC XD 978650. SEARCHED AREA FINDING TRAIL RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH W/COMM WIRE PARALLEL TO IT. ALSO FND 1 DEAD NVA, 1/60MM MORTAR TUBE W/BASE PLATE AND NEW SIGHT, 12/60MM MORT RDS, 2 CANTEENS, AND 2 NVA PACKS. UNIT SEARCHED AREA FURTHER AND SET UP AMBUSH.
RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 CSWC

(C) 221400H K/3/3 AMBUSHED 2 NVA VIC XD 978650. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 DEAD NVA, A BLOOD TRAIL OF THE OTHER, 1 AK-47, 1 NVA PACK, 2 CANTEENS, 1 HELMET, 6 AK-47 MAGS, 8 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 1 SLIP OF PAPER (PAY RECEIPT). RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(D) (LATE ENTRY) 211800H K/3/3 VIC XD 965636 FND 8 A-FRAME BUNKERS AND SMALL TRAIL LEADING TO A CAMOUFLAGED 82MM MORT PIT. PIT HAD TRENCH LEADING TO 4 BUNKERS. THE TRAIL AND BUNKERS WERE BOOBY TRAPPED WITH CHICOM GRENADES, ONE OF WHICH WAS TRIPPED BY UNIT. ALSO FND 12/82MM MORT RDS AND 2 CANS OF INCREMENTS. MANY TRAILS WERE IN AREA, WHOLE AREA LESS THAN 1 WEEK OLD AND USED IN PAST 2 DAYS.

(4) OTHER

(A) 221707H RECON TEAM LUCKY PUNCH HAD CONTACT W/UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY. TM WAS EXTRACTED. FOLLOW-UP TO COME. CONTACT WAS VIC XD 002652.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 86
NVA KBA - 20
NVA POW - 3
IWC - 47
CSWC - 11

5. - 7. NEG

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8. ENEMY MOVEMENT

A. THE POW CAPTURED BY B/1/3 VIC XD 056668 STATED THAT HIS UNIT WAS THE 3D SQUAD, 3D PLT, 4TH CO, 1ST BN, 27TH REGT. HIS UNIT OF 80 MEN WAS ON THEIR WAY SOUTH AND HAD JUST CROSSED THE BEN HAI RIVER ON THE NIGHT OF CAPTURE.

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
INFO: THIRD ENGINEER BN
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POLICY GUIDANCE FOR DUD ORDNANCE

1. DESTRUCTION OF DUD ORDNANCE, EXCEPT BOMBS, IS WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF ENGINEERS ASSIGNED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF INFANTRY UNITS. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT WITHIN THE ENGINEERS' CAPABILITY OR MISSION TO DISARM, MOVE OR TAMPER WITH THESE ITEMS.

2. DISARMING OF ALL DUD ORDNANCE AND DESTRUCTION OR DISARMING OF AERIAL DROPPED BOMBS IS A FUNCTION OF EOD PERSONNEL AND REQUESTS FOR EOD ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS, (ATTN: S-4).

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SEC: S-3
22 MAY 69

PRIORITY DTG: 230448 Z MAY 69

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

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EXEMPLARY COMBAT PERFORMANCE.

1. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND PASS THEM ON TO COMPANIES C AND B FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMBAT ACTIONS OF 20 MAY AND 22 MAY RESPECTIVELY.

2. BY THESE UNITS EFFORTS THEY HAVE SERIOUSLY DETERRED THE ENEMY'S ABILITY AND WILL TO FIGHT WITHIN THE THIRD MARINES AO.

3. WELL DONE.

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ROUTINE 230450Z MAY 69

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TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN)
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A. COMUSMACV MSG 091010Z MAY 69 (S)
B. CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 220040Z MAY 69 (S)

1. RECEIPT REF A ACK IAW REF B.

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23 MAY 1969
CPL R.D. LACKIE

FROM: 3D MAR
TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 22.

2. 221801H TO 231800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY DECREASED IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 221330H D/1/3 FND 2 RPG RKTS AND 2 CHICOM CLAYMORE MINES ON LZ VIC YD 049627. DEST BY UNIT. NEG SIGN OF ACTY.

(B) 222300H B/1/3 INITIATED AMBUSH ON APPROX 10 NVA VIC YD 056668. NVA WERE MOVING EAST ALONG HILLSIDE, AND FLED SOUTH CARRYING WOUNDED. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 DEAD NVA AND 1 AK-47. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(C) 230840H C/1/3 FND 2 NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY IN THE PAST DAY VIC YD 047671. ALSO FND 10 CHICOM GRENADES, MISC 782 GEAR, AND MISC DOC'S. RES: 2 NVA KBA

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 222330H K/3/3 INITIATED AMBUSH ON APPROX 8 NVA VIC XD 962649. AFTER CONTACT STARTED, APPROX 20 NVA FOLLOWING THE FIRST GROUP OPENED FIRE ON UNIT. EN BROKE CONTACT AND FLED. FIRED 60MM MORT, 81MM MORT, AND ARTY MSNS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 NVA BODIES. RES: 2 NVA KIA

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(3) OTHER

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 21) 221707H RECON TM LUCKY PUNCH OBS'D 1 NVA FILLING CANTEEN VIC YD 006658. TM MADE CONTACT W/NVA AND REC SA FIRE FM APPROX 7-10 NVA IN SAME VIC. TM BROKE CONTACT AND WAS EXTRACTED.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 89
NVA KB A - 22
NVA POW - 3
IWC - 48
CSWC - 11

5. -14. NEG

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ROUTINE 240616 Z MAY 69

DRAFTER 1/HTA/hta
SECTION S-1 PHONE 3259

FM THIRD MAR
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV

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A. CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 230936Z MAY 69

1. RECEIPT OF REF A ACK.

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S-2 SECTION
24 MAY 1969
CPL R.D. LACKIE

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
9TH MAR

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 23.

2. 231801H TO 241800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 4 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 240345H C/1/3 HRD MOVEMENT AND OBS'D 3-4 NVA MOVING NORTH UP TO THEIR PSN VIC YD 051676. UNIT THREW GRENADES AND FIRED 60MM MORT, BUT NVA DID NOT RETURN FIRE. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 240710H A/1/3 MADE CONTACT W/3-4 NVA VIC YD 069684. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 DEAD NVA, 3 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 BELT, 1 NVA HELMET, 3 STRETCHERS MADE OF WOOD AND CLOTH, AND SEVERAL BLOODY BANDAGES. RES: 2 NVA KIA

(C) 240745H C/1/3 REC 30-35 INCOMING MORTAR RDS OF UNK CAL FM VIC YD 042678. FIRED COUNTER BTRY. UNK RES.

(D) 241300H C/1/3 REC 15 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 038668. FIRED COUNTER BTRY. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 241345H C/2/3 REC 15 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 045631. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 22) 222330H K/3/3 AMBUSHED NVA UNIT, SEARCHED AREA FURTHER FINDING 1 DEAD NVA AND 1 AK-47 IN ADDITION TO INITIAL RPT. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(B) 231845H K/3/3 AND M/3/3 REC 15-20 INCOMING RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 957645. COUNTER BTRY WAS FIRED. UNK RES.

(C) 231900H K/3/3 FND 5 BUNKERS AND MISC ORD VIC XD 964634. ALSO FND A BOOBY TRAPPED LAAW IN BUNKER. ORD CONSISTED OF 18/82MM MORTAR RDS (BLUE-GRAY W/RED BANDS) AND 27/82MM MORTAR RDS (GREEN W/RED BANDS).

(D) 240915H M/3/3 FND 2 POSS BOOBY TRAPS VIC XD 983637. ONE WAS LOCATED ON A FINGER AND THE OTHER IN A DRAW. THEY LOOKED MUCH LIKE TRIP FLARES WITH SPOONS ON THE TOP OF THE DEVICE. ROCKS WERE PLACED ON TOP OF THE SPRINGS AND THEY WERE NOT CAMOUFLAGED. DEVICES WERE MARKED SO THEY COULD BE SEEN EASILY AND LEFT IN PLACE.

(E) 241300H K/3/3 FND GRAVE W/2 NVA BODIES VIC XD 953632. BODIES HAD BEEN IN GRAVE APPROX 2 MONTHS. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. RES: 2 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 93
NVA KBA - 24
NVA POW - 3
IWC - 49
CSWC - 11

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-3)

INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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REQUEST FOR SCOUT DOG TEAMS

1. REQUEST (6) SCOUT DOG TEAMS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR SUPPORT TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

2. TEAMS TO REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS, THIRD MARINES (S-3).

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S-2 SECTION
25 MAY 1969
CPL D.A. MORRILL

FROM: 3D MAR
TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 24.

2. 241801H TO 251800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 1 CONTACT INCIDENT, & 1 MINING INCIDENT.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 250600H B/1/3 VIC YD 055684 REC'D APPROX 12 RNDS OF INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE, FROM VIC YD 063693. UNIT CONDUCTED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WITH ARTY AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE W/UNK RESULTS.

(B) 251125H B/1/3 VIC YD 055684 REC'D APPROX 10 RNDS OF INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE, FROM VIC YD 030702. UNIT CALLED IN BOTH ARTY AND 81MM MORT MISSIONS W/UNK RESULTS.

(C) 251600H C/1/3 VIC YD 050682 REC'D APPROX 15 RNDS OF INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE, FROM VIC YD 035675. UNIT CONDUCTED COUNTER ARTY MISSION W/UNK RESULTS.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 251500H 2/3 RPTS A VEHICLE WAS MINED ALONG RTE #9 AT APPROX 1100H TODAY, DURING THE MORNING CONVOY RUN TO VCB. VEHICLE DETONATED MINE VIC YD 056564. NEG ACTION.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 251100H K/3/3 VIC XD 978651 FND 1 NVA BODY NEAR A TRL. BODY WAS SEVERAL DAYS OLD. IT'S BELIEVED THAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS FM SAF DURING THE CONTACT OF 22 MAY BY K/3/3. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 251330H K/3/3 HAD CONTACT W/8-10 NVA IN A BNKR CMPLX VIC XD 968662. EN INITIATED CONTACT W/SA/AW & RPG'S. FIRED 81MM & ARTY MSNS. CALLED F/W MSNS ON EN WITHDRAWAL TO N. SEARCHED AREA & FND 4 NVA KBA, 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, 30 CHICOM GRENADES, & 2 MINES. RES: 4 NVA KBA & 2 IWC

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 94
NVA KBA - 28
NVA POW - 03
IWC - 51
CSWC - 11

5. - 14. NEG

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
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TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FOR BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY (30 MAY 69)

A. COMUSMACV MSG 091010Z MAY 69
B. THIRD MARINES OPERATION ORDER 7-69

1. REFERENCE A DIRECTS A TEMPORARY CEASE FIRE FROM 300600H TO 310600H MAY 69 IN OBSERVANCE OF BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY. THIS, AS IN PREVIOUS CEASE FIRES, PRECLUDES THE INITIATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS DURING THE STATED TIME PERIOD. THE BIGGEST IMPACT WITHIN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO, WILL BE THE BAN ON H & I FIRES; NO H & I FIRES.

2. ADDRESSEES WILL CONTINUE TO EMPLOY:
A. DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES AND SECURITY PATROLS.
B. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE.
C. ILLUMINATION FIRES.
D. AERIAL GUNSHIP COVERAGE FOR DEFENSIVE ACTS, RESUPPLY, AND LOC'S AS USUAL.
E. ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE.

3. INCREASED VIGILANCE WILL OBTAIN DURING THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD AND UNIT COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT AGGRESSIVE ENEMY ACTS ARE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY AND DECISIVELY.

4. OPERATION PINK PANTHER (REF B) WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE CEASE FIRE.

5. REPORT PROMPTLY AT 300600H A "STAND DOWN" FROM OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. REPORT AT 310600H A "RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATIONS". REPORT ALL ENEMY VIOLATIONS TO THE CEASE FIRE AND FRIENDLY COUNTER ACTION AS THEY OCCUR.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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TO: 3D RECON BN
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RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FOR PERIOD 1-7 MAY 1969, REQUEST FOR

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING RECON TEAMS BE INSERTED:

DATE	RECON ZONE	MISSION
1-5 MAY	XD 9662-9861	OP FOR EN ACTY TO THE SW, S, & SE. BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL AT NIGHT FOR EN MOVEMENT. ALSO REPORT ANY WATER SOURCES FND.
1-5 MAY	YD 0660-0859	OP FOR EN ACTY TO THE NW, N, & NE. THE REST SAME AS ABOVE. WALK IN FM RTE AREA.
1-5 MAY	YD 0070-0266	RECON FOR EN ACTY. WATCH FOR INFILTRATION ACTY THROUGH AREA AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT. WALK IN. M/3/3 PATROL WILL ESCORT TM TO DMZ. MAKE RZ SMALLER AS TM MOVES NORTH.

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R 270502 Z MAY 69

FM: THIRD MARINES

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (SC-10)

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 240424Z MAY 69

B. CG III MAF 212332Z MAY 69

1. IAW REF A. A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 25.

2. 251801H TO 261800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 1 BNKR SIGHTING, & 1 MINING INCIDENT.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 251645H B/1/3 VIC YD 065684 REC'D APPROX 20 RNDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. UNIT RETURNED COUNTER 82MM & ARTY MSNS. AO ON STATION OBS'D 4 EN W/MORT TUBE CARRYING 4 NVA BODIES. RES: 4 KBA (NVA). COUNTER BTRY WAS FIRED ON YD 063693.

(B) 251739H B/1/3 VIC YD 065684 REC'D 1/82MM RND, WHICH SET OFF INCREMENTS IN MORT PITS, WHICH SET OFF RNDS IN BREAK OFF PIT, WHICH AGAIN IN TURN SET OFF A PALLET OF 82MM MORT RNDS. RESULT OF ATTACK WAS 6 FRIENDLY KIA, 24 FRIENDLY WIA, & 2 FRIENDLY MIA. EN FIRED MORTS FM YD 046697, 040701, & 035675.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 261010H 2/3 RPT SWEEP TM FND A AT MINE VIC YD 058564. MINE WAS BOOBY TRAPPED AND BURST INTO PIECES WHEN REMOVED BY GRAPLING HOOK. SWEEP TM RESWEPT THE ROAD W/NEG RES.

(B) 261115H 2/3 RPT SWEEP TM REC'D SNIPER FIRE FM VIC YD 134554. UNIT RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED THE AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 261430H H/2/3 FND APPROX 40 NVA BNKRS & FGT HOLES IN VIC YD 083634. THE BNKRS WERE APPROX 1 MONTH OLD, UNIT FND 40/61MM MORT RNDS, 300 AK-47 AMMO, 1 RPG RND & PLT ROSTERS.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 251745H K/3/3 VIC XD 971658 REC'D APPROX 25-30 RNDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/ARTY & 81MM MORT FIRE W/UNK RES. COUNTER BBRY FIRED ON XD 956659.

(B) 261100H K/3/3 FND AN OCCUPIED EN BNKR COMPLEX & EN OPENED UP ON UNIT. UNIT RETURNED M-16, M-60, M-79, & A 60MM MORT MSN. EN BROKE CONTACT VIC XD 968653 AND UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FND 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 1 AK-47, 8 CHICOM GRENADES, MISC 782 GEAR, & 1 PERSONAL LETTER FM HOME. RES: 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 1 IWC

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 95
NVA KBA - 32
NVA POW - 04
IWC - 52
CSWC - 11

5. -7. NEG.

8. EN MVNT

A. THE POW CAPTURED BY K/3/3 TODAY VIC XD 968653 STATES HIS UNIT AS THE 4TH SQUAD, 2D PLT, 6-2 CO, K-2 BN, 246TH REGT. STATES HIS BN IS LOCATED IN VIC OF GRID XD 9766.

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2D BN 3D MAR
3D BN 3D MAR
12TH MAR
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 26.

2. 261801H TO 271800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 5 SIGHTINGS BY BN'S, & 3 AO SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 281945H D/1/3 VIC YD 114703 REC'D 1 RND OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 079730, WHICH LANDED ABOUT 50M OUTSIDE OF N PERIMETER. UNIT FIRED ARTY MSN IN RETURN W/UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 261330H G/2/3 VIC YD 056630 & 056634 FND 60 BNKRS & 3 MORT PITS. THE MAJORITY OF THE CMPLX HAD ALREADY BEEN DEST BY ARTY & AIRSTRIKES. UNIT ALSO FND 26/82 MM MORT RNDS, 84/60MM MORT RNDS, 30 RPG RNDS, 10 AT MINES, 19 CHICOMS, 25 BOXES OF 82MM FUSES, 37/60MM FUSES, 960 RNDS OF AK-47 AMMO, 78 LBS OF TNT, 1/60MM MORT SIGHT, 100 LBS OF RICE, & 25 PACKS. UNIT ALSO FND 3 FRSH GRAVES.

(B) 261825H G/2/3 VIC YD 056636 REC'D 2 RNDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 058644. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/60MM MORT & ARTY MSNS, & INCOMING CEASED.

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(C) 271030H G/2/3 VIC YD 059644 HAD CONTACT W/2 NVA IN A BNKR, KILLING BOTH NVA, & CPTRED 2 AK-47'S. FURTHER SEARCH OF BNKR REVEALED 2 MORE NVA KILLED FM PREVIOUS DAY AIRSTRIKES. RES: 2 NVA KIA, 2 NVA KBA, & 2 INC

(D) 271305H H/2/3 VIC YD 089629 FND APPROX 12 BNKRS ABOUT 2-3 MO'S OLD. ALSO FND MISC 782 GEAR IN THE BNKRS.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR 271310Z

(A) 261900H K/3/3 VIC XD 973657 REC'D 30 RNDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. ALL RNDS FELL SHORT OF THEIR PERIMETER. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY ON SUSP EN PSN W/UNK RES.

(4) OTHER

(A) 261635H AO SPTED 1 BODY IN VIC YD 066692 & ALSO SPTED 5 METALLIC OLIVE DRAB TUBES, APPROX (12"x6") IN VIC YD 072687. RES: 1 NVA KBA

(B) 262030H RECON TM "CHECKPOOL" SPTED 8 NVA 500M TO THEIR E MOVING ACROSS A RIDGELINE CARRYING A WPN OR UNK TYPE AT VIC XD 999578. NEG ACTION TAKEN.

(C) 270930H RECON TM "CHECKPOOL" OBS'D 1 NVA/VC ON RIDGELINE BY CAMPFIRE VIC XD 999578. TM CALLED F/M ON EN W/FAIR COVERAGE & UNK RES.

(D) 271325H AO VIC YD 045635 SPTED 10 EN AT STREAMLINE. AO CALLED IN 1 FLIGHT OF F/W RESULTING IN 3 NVA KBA. RES: 3 NVA KBA

(E) 271600H AO SPTED 8 BODIES VIC YD 059644 RES OF FLIGHT OF F/W MSN ON 261730H. ALSO SPTED 7 NVA BODIES VIC YD 055665 & 3 NVA BODIES VIC YD 055664, BOTH WERE RESULTS OF ARTY FIRE. RES: 12 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 98
NVA KBA - 50
NVA POW - 04
INC - 55
CSWC - 11

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TO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
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INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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FRAG ORDER 54-69

A. THIRD MAR MSG 251448Z MAY 69

1. REFERENCE (A) IS CANCELLED.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 27.

2. 271801H TO 281800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 4 CONTACTS, 1 MINE INCIDENT, & 3 MISC SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 271930H C/1/3 VIC YD 063687 REC'D 15 RNDS OF UNK CAL MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 049682. UNIT ALSO REC'D 5 RNDS OF UNK CAL MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 035677. UNIT CONDUCTED ARTILLERY MSN ON SUSP EN MORT PSN WHICH SILENCED THE TUBE.

(B) 280210H A/1/3 VIC YD 097713 REC'D SAF FM UNK EN FORCE VIC YD 098715. UNIT ENGAGED EN WITH M-79 FIRE W/UNK RES.

(C) 281015H C/1/3 VIC YD 073680 FND 2 NVA BODIES WHICH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN KILLED BY MORTARS. THE 2 NVA HAD BEEN DEAD FOR APPROX 4-7 DAYS. SEARCHED SURROUNDING AREA W/NEG RES. RES: 2 NVA KBA

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 271745H G/2/3 VIC YD 057644 CAME IN CONTACT W/4 NVA WHILE MOVING THROUGH BNKR CMPLX. UNIT ASSAULTED POSITIONS RESULTING IN 4 NVA KIA & CPTRED 2 SKS, 2 AK-50, & 3 AK-47. UNIT ALSO BLEW THE BNKRS.
RES: 4 NVA KIA & 7 IWC

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(B) 280715H 2/3 RPTS SWEEP TM 308 FND PLASTIC AT MINE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD, BURIED 3 INCHES IN GRND, VIC YD 036562. A MOUSE TRAP DEVICE WAS UNDER MINE W/30 LBS TNT. UNIT DEST MINE IN PLACE.

(C) 281230H G/2/3 SPTED 5 NVA COMING OUT OF BNKR CMPLX. UNIT FIRED 60MM MSN AT EN PSN VIC YD 043639 & THEN SWEPT THROUGH BNKR CMPLX DESTROYING BNKR CMPLX. IN SEARCH FND 3 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47, 4 RPG RNDS, 10/60MM RNDS, 24 FUZES FOR 61MM, 1 PR OF BINOCULARS, & MISC DOC'S. RES: 3 NVA KIA & 3 IWC

(D) 281800H 2/3 RPT AO SPTED 15-20 NVA MVG NW ALONG TRL. EN SEEMED TO BE CARRYING THEIR WOUNDED. ARTY & F/W WERE RUN ON TARGET RES 11 NVA KILLED. RES: 11 NVA KBA. EN PSN VIC YD 041638.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 271650-271845H K/3/3 REC'D APPROX 20 RNDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC'S XD 958667 & XD 964646. FR UNIT VIC YD 971658 CALLED IN ARTY ON EN PSN W/UNK RES.

(B) 280530H K/3/3 VIC XD 971658 REC'D 1 RPG RND FM VIC XD 967662. FR UNIT CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON SUS EN PSN W/UNK RES.

(C) 281200H L/3/3 VIC XD 998642 FND 1 DEAD NVA BODY IN GRAVE. GRAVE WAS 5'X2' WIDE & 2' DEEP. BODY WAS APPROX 3 MONTHS OLD & APPEARED TO BE KILLED BY AIRSTRIKE. RES: 1 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 105
NVA KBA - 64
NVA POW - 04
IWC - 65
CSWC - 11

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BREVITY CODE

1. THE FOLLOWING BREVITY CODE WILL BE UTILIZED BY ALL UNITS COMMENCING ON ORDER IN EARLY JUNE 69.

2. MAXIMUM CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION TO SUBORDINATE UNITS, YET RETAINING PROPER SECURITY.

3. BATTALIONS WILL NOTIFY THIS HQ AS SOON AS FULL DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CODE IS AFFECTED, SO IT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED.

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ITEM	CODE
OPERATION	GAME PRESERVE
DEPARTED	LAUNCH
RETURNING	RE-ENTER
AO	EAGLE
FO	VULTURE
EMERGENCY	BLIZZARD
PRIORITY	FLURRY
RESUPPLY	HAND OUT
AMMO	WOOD
WATER	VINE
CHOW	LEAVES
COMBAT PATROL	SAFARI
RECON PATROL	ROUND-UP
AMBUSH	SNARE
OP	STAND
LP	TUNNEL
PATROL BASE	WHEEL
FRIENDLY	CAT
ENEMY	RAT

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ITEM	CODE
FIRE TEAM	PANTHER
SQUAD	LEOPARD
PLATOON	TIGER
COMPANY	LION
BATTALION	PONY
REGIMENT	MUSTANG
DIVISION	STALLION
KIA	ACE
WIA	KING
MIA	QUEEN
NBC	JACK
POW	DUCE
MED EVAC	CARD
NORTH	PINE
SOUTH	PALM
EAST	ELM
WEST	REDWOOD
TANK	BULL
ONTOS	COW
TRUCK	MOOSE
JEEP	DEER
ROAD	CART
TRAIL	BIKE
RIVER	CANOE
HILL	GLIDER
106	CHICKEN
4.2	TURKEY
81MM	PIGEON
60MM	SPARROW
105	HAWK
155	CONDOR
INCOMING	BATS
PREP FIRE	HAIL STORM
ARTILLERY	BIRDS
ROCKETS	BEES
CH-54	MACK
CH-53	DODGE
CH-47	BUICK
CH-46	CHEVY
GUNSHIP	JAGUAR
SLICK	ROLLS
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1. MY MSG 270500Z MAY 69

A. CHANGE DATE OF RECON PLAN TO READ 1-7 JUNE, CHANGE DATE OF TEAM INSERTS TO READ 1-5 JUNE 69.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA LITSUM NO. 28.

2. 281801H TO 291800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 4 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 7 MISC SIGHTINGS, & 1 SIGNIFICANT CACHE FND.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 282200H CP&D/1/3 AT (A-4) REC'D 7 RNDS 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 111720. COUNTER MORT & ARTY MSNS WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 281810H H/2/3 VIC YD 075653 REC'D APPROX 15 RNDS 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 045675. AN ARTY MSN WAS CALLED IN W/UNK RES.

(B) 281900H G/2/3 VIC YD 043642 REC'D 30-35 RNDS 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 029643. AT SAME TIME UNIT SPTED 12-15 NVA MOVING ALONG RIVER BED VIC YD 038642. A MORT & ARTY MSN WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(C) 290830H 2/3 RPT AO VIC YD 070635 SPTED 3-5 NVA. MAN F/W MSN ON EN RESULTING IN 4 KBA'S.
RES: 4 NVA KBA

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(D) 291200H H/2/3 VIC YD 057639 WHILE SEARCHING THE AREA FND 1 DEAD NVA/KBA. RES: 1 NVA KBA

(E) 291330H G/2/3 SPTED 4 NVA CROSSING OPEN AREA, MVG TO THE N. UNIT FIRED M-60 KILLING 1 NVA. UNIT ALSO CALLED IN ARTY & AIR W/UNK RES. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(F) 291500H H/2/3 VIC YD 061641 WHILE CLEARING FIELDS OF FIRE, FND 1 AK-47 & 2 BANANA CLIP MAGS. RES: 1 IWC

(G) 291600H H/2/3 VIC YD 061641 REC'D 1 RPG RND & 6-7/60MM MORT RNDS FM VIC YD 057637. UNIT RETURNED COUNTER MORT & SAF, & SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 271300-291520H L/3/3 VIC XD 986626 FND 16 BNKRS, 1/82MM RECOILESS GUN, 1 SKS, 56 RPG RNDS, 406 82MM RNDS, 119/82MM RR RNDS, 54/75 PACK HOWITZER RNDS, 97 120MM RNDS, 1800/7.62 RNDS, 13,800/AK-47 RNDS, 46,000/50 CAL RNDS, 29 CLAYMORE MINES, 357 CHICOM GRENADES, 96 SHOTGUN TYPE PRIMER FOR 82MM RR GUN, 145 FUSES FOR 82MM RR GUN, 7 AT MINES, 340LBS OF TNT, 3,830 FUSE IGNITERS, 50/AK-47 BANANA CLIP MAGS, 1/7.62 MG BARREL, 1 AIMING STAKE, 4 E-TOOLS, 1 PICK, & 2 WIRE CUTTERS. RES: 1 CSWC & 1 IWC

(B) 281935H K/3/3 VIC XD 973640 OBS'D TRIP FLARE GO OFF, WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON AN OLD FRIENDLY PSN VIC XD 971659. UNIT FIRED ARTY & MORTS ON PSN W/UNK RES.

(C) 291100H M/3/3 VIC XD 970633 FND 3 A-FRAME BNKRS, ABOUT 2-3 MO'S OLD W/RCNT ACTY. ALSO FND 2/82MM MORT PITS USED EXTENSIVELY, BUT NOT RCNTLY. MANY EMPTY INCREMENT CANS & 82MM FUSE CANS. UNIT DEST BNKRS & SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RES.

(D) 291300H M/3/3 VIC XD 965625 SPTED 8-10 EN IN FULL GEAR MVG W TO E, ABOUT 200M AWAY, VIC XD 966624. UNIT FIRED ON EN W/SAF, 82MM MORTS, & ARTY. AO LATER SEARCHED THE AREA WHERE THE EN WERE SEEN W/NEG FURTHER RES.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 109
NVA KBA - 69
NVA POW - 04
IWC - 67
CSWC - 12

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14. LATE ENTRIES

(A) 291643H D/1/3 VIC YD 131729 REC'D 6-8 RNDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 133731. UNIT CONDUCTED BOTH COUNTER MORT & ARTY FIRE W/UNK RES.

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ROUTINE DTG: 291408 Z MAY 69

FM: CO THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION

INFO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
DSA, CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P)

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FISHING AND WOODCUTTING PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES OF CAM LO

1. THIS COMMAND WAS APPROACHED DURING THE MIDDLE OF MAY, BY THE DSA OF CAM LO (D) REGARDING A RVN PROGRAM TO EXPAND FISHING AND WOODCUTTING IN THE HILL AREA WEST OF THE RE-SETTLEMENT HAMLET. THE LIMITS OF THE AREA ARE GENERALLY FROM HILL 37 (YD089579) ON THE EAST TO THE 00 N-S GRID LINE ON THE WEST.

2. THIS PLAN WAS HEARTILY APPROVED BY THE THIRD MARINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN INDOCTRINATED AS TO THE AREA, TIMES, AND COOPERATION REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM. THE ONE STIPULATION PLACED ON CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM WAS, THAT THE AREA WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN RELATIVELY SECURE FROM ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PRO-TECTION OF BOTH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE MARINE OPER-ATING FORCES. IF AT ANY TIME THE LOCAL MARINE COMMANDER CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURITY FOR THE MSR (ROUTE #9) AND CLOSE-BY KEY INSTALLATIONS DETERMINED THE AREA UNSAFE, THE FISHING AND WOODCUTTING WOULD BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

3. SINCE 21 MAY THERE ~~HAVE~~ ~~BEEN~~ HAVE BEEN SIX MINES EM-PLACED BY THE NVA/VC WITHIN THE AREA OF DISCUSSION ALONG ROUTE #9. FOUR OF THESE HAVE BEEN DETONATED WITH THE FOL-LOWING LOSS OF LIVES AND EQUIPMENT:

A. 210845H MAY. AT YD053564, MINE WAS DETONATED BY GROUP OF CIVILIANS, RES 4 VN CIV KILLED & 6 VN CIV MEDEVAC.

B. 211030H MAY. AT YD036564, TRUCK DETONATED A MINE, RES DAMAGE TO WHEELS, FENDER, AND GAS TANK.

C. 211215H MAY. AT YD037564, TANK HIT A MINE, RES TRACK, AND ROAD WHEEL DAMAGED.

D. 251500H MAY. AT YD056600H, TRUCK HIT MINE WITH UNK DAMAGE.

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4. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY SITUATION IS NOW ~~LESS SECURE~~ MORE THREATENING THEN AT THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM, THE FISHING AND WOODCUTTING ARE CONTINUING. HOWEVER, ANY FURTHER INTENSITY OF MINING OR OTHER AGGRESSIVE ENEMY ACTS MAY CAUSE THE TEMPORARY CESSATION OF THE PROGRAM.

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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MEASURES TO PREVENT MOISTURE FROM EFFECTING THE ACCURACY OF MORTARS

1. MOISTURE IN ANY AMOUNT WILL EFFECT THE RATE OF BURNING OF PROPELLANT IN MORTAR ROUNDS (INCREMENTS), CAUSING ERRATIC FIRING (SHORT ROUNDS).

2. ALTHOUGH INCREMENTS ARE ENCASED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, THIS DOES NOT OFFER 100% PROTECTION AGAINST MOISTURE.

3. MORTAR AMMUNITION IS MADE AND PACKED TO WITHSTAND ALL CONDITIONS NORMALLY ENCOUNTERED IN THE FIELD. DO NOT BREAK THE MOISTURE RESISTANT SEAL OF THE CONTAINER UNTIL THE AMMUNITION IS TO BE USED. WHILE IN A SEMI-FIXED POSITION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AMMUNITION WILL BE STORED 6" ABOVE THE GROUND AND COVERED WITH A WATERPROOF SHEET.

4. PREVENTING MOISTURE FROM ENTERING TUBE:
A. MORTAR TUBE IS PROVIDED WITH A LEATHER COVER AND SHOULD BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES.
B. DURING PERIODS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE ENTIRE MORTAR SHOULD BE SHROUDED WITH A WATER PROOF COVER.

5. STEPS PRIOR TO FIRING:
A. CLEAN BORE AND FIRING MECHANISM WITH CLEAN, DRY RAGS. DO NOT APPLY OIL TO THE BORE BEFORE FIRING.
B. PREPARE ONLY THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPECTED TO BE FIRED, KEEPING INCREMENTS DRY FROM CONTAINER TO MORTAR TUBE.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO FIRING:
A. SWAB BORE AND CLEAN ALL WORKING PARTS-IF NOT POSSIBLE, APPLY OIL CAREFULLY TO PREVENT RUST.
B. AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY, CLEAN, OIL AND INSPECT ALL PARTS.

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7. SWAB BORE WITH CLEANING SOLVENT AFTER EVERY 10 ROUNDS OR AFTER EVERY FIRE FOR EFFECT. RESIDUE WHICH BUILDS UP IN THE TUBE ABSORBS MOISTURE AND CAUSES RUST.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 30.

2. 301801H TO 311800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORT FIRE, & 2 MISC SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 311240H G/2/3 VIC YD 047640 REC'D APPROX 7/82MM MORT RNDS FM VIC YD 042655. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY W/UNK RES.

(B) 311245H H/2/3 VIC YD 059636 FND 9 NVA BODIES WRAPPED IN PLASTIC & BODY BAG, WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS & SNEAKERS. ESTIMATE 1 MONTH OLD, KILLED BY ARTY.
RES: 9 NVA KIA

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 310900H K/3/3 VIC XD 979639 FND (7) BNKR CMPLX. BNKRS WERE 4'x5' COVERED BY LOGS & DIRT. UNIT SEARCHED BNKRS & FND MISC 782 GEAR & TOOLS. UNIT DEST BNKRS & GEAR.

(B) 311125H K/3/3 VIC XD 973640 REC'D 14/60MM MORT RNDS FM VIC XD 970657. ALL RNDS LANDED OUTSIDE THEIR PERIMETER. UNIT CALLED IN 60MM, 81MM, & ARTY MSNS W/UNK RES. AO WAS ALSO ON STATION.

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4. EN LOSSES

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Operation Order 6-69

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014 Sheets 6442 IV and 6342I

Code Name: Virginia Ridge

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B.

b. Friendly Forces. 3d Marine Division redeploys major forces to continue pressure and exploit contacts with enemy forces infiltrating across the central portion of the DMZ and prepares for search and destroy operations in the upper Da Krong Valley. 2d ARVN Regt operates to the east of 3d Marines AO and currently has units deployed in the Mutter's Ridge, Helicopter Valley area. 4th Marines is deployed to the west while 9th Marines prepares for operations in the upper Da Krong River Valley. 1/12 (-) is in direct support of 3d Marines. 4/12 is in general support of the 3d Marine Division. Other G/S Arty to incl., 105, 8", and 155, located at C-2, A-4; PASEP. 1st Marine Air Wing provides helicopter support in coordination with 7th Air Force, provides fixed wing support.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A.

2. MISSION 3d Marines phases out Operation Maine Crag on 1 May 69, and redeploys to commence search and destroy operation (Virginia Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ. 3d Marines relieves 9th Marines at A-4, C-2, Cam Lo, Khe Gio Bridge, ECB, and FSB Fuller.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Annex C, Operation Overlay.

(1) Maneuver with one battalion occupying fixed positions along Route #561, to the east and Route#9 to the south, two battalions of the 3d Marines conduct coordinated search and destroy operations, attacking from SW to NE against the fixed positions along Route #561. One battalion to the south along the Dong Ha Mtn, About Cao Ridge Line. One battalion to the north along Mutter's Ridge/Helo Valley.

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(2) Fires. Priority of Arty and Tactical Air Support to 1st and 3d Battalions.

b. 1st Bn.

(1) On 29 April, chop OPCON to 9th Marines for employment in vic of Camp Carroll.

(2) On 1 May return OPCON 3d Marines, begin S/D operations in the Dong Ha Mtn/About Cao Ridge Line, relieve element of 2/9 and provide security for FSB Fuller.

(3) On 1 May chop company at FSB Elliot to 2/3 until 4 May.

(4) On 4 May attack SW to NE along the Dong Ha Mtn/About Cao Ridge Line in conjunction with 3/3, in accordance with Annex C.

c. 2d Bn.

(1) On 1 May, assume AO within operation Virginia Ridge and provide security for A-4, C-2, C-3 Bridge, and Cam Lo Hq, relieving 1/9; assume security for Routes #9 and #561, Khe Gio Bridge, and FSB Elliot relieving 2/9, assuming OPCON Co/1/3 vic FSB Elliot.

(2) Chop Co/2/3 at FSB Whisman to 3/3.

(3) Be prepared, on 2 May, for return to 2/3's OPCON, Co/2/3 from FSB Whisman.

(4) Upon closing of Co/2/3 at FSB Elliot release Co/1/3.

(5) Be prepared, about 23 May to R & R at Cua Viet. Upon return, be prepared for S/D operations.

d. 3d Bn.

(1) On 30 April relieve Co/2/3 on FSB McClintock.

(2) On 1 May assume OPCON Co/2/3 at FSB Whisman; Be prepared to revert to OPCON to 9th Marines in present AO.

(3) On 3 May, relieved in AO by 9th Marines unit and return to OPCON 3d Mar vic Rockpile and FSB Pete.

(4) On 9 May, attack from SW to NE along Mutter's Ridge/Helo Valley in conjunction with 1/3 in accordance with Annex C.

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e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Operation Maine Crag terminates and Operation Virginia Ridge commences on 1 May 69.

(2) 1st and 3d Battalions will employ a totally mobile concept, with all elements foot transportable, and minimum dependence on helicopter support.

(3) In lieu of a boundary between 1st and 3d Battalions a FCL will be utilized, to allow closer direct coordination of fires and maneuvers between the two units.

(4) Direct Support Artillery units are in supporting range throughout the entire Virginia Ridge AO.

(5) The following thrust points in effect 010001H May 69.

Fish	1072	After Shave Lotions	0462
Furniture	1468	Planets	0158
Magazines	0666	Cars	9757
Ice Cream	0264	Cities	0555
Snakes	9963	Cowboy Stars	1658
Presidents	0959	Beers	1462
Nato Countries	0862		

(6) DMZ Rules of Engagement remain in effect.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex E

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. 3d Marines Command Post. Displace from Maine Crag AO to Dong Ha Combat Base. Be prepared to redeploy jump CP within AO as situation dictates within (1) hour after alert.

b. Communications. Annex F.

/S/ P.D. LA FOND

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3d Marines		Col P.D. LA FOND
1st Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein)	DS	Lt Col MOSS
Co B, 3d ENGR Bn	DS	Capt Goodale
Co, 3d Tank Bn	DS	
Det, 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
Det, 3d Recon Bn	DS	
Det, 7th ITT	DS	
Det, ARVN Liaison III MAF	DS	
Plt, MT Bn	DS	
Hq Co		1st Lt Greenfield
1st Bn		Lt Col Kyle
Det, A/1/12 (-)	DS	
Det, 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
2d Plt, B Co, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
INT ARVN Liaison III MAF	DS	
Scout/Sniper Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
Scout Dog, 3d MP Bn	DS	
Kit Carson Scouts	DS	
H & S Co		Lt CAMPBELL
Co A		Capt McADAMS
B		Capt SAMPSON
C		Capt OETTIN
D		Capt GAST
2d Bn		Lt Col McMONAGLE
Co, 3d Tank Bn	DS	
Det, 1/12 (-)	DS	
1st Plt, B Co, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
Scout Dogs, 3d MP Bn	DS	
Scout Sniper, Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
H & S Co		1st Lt McDONNELL
Co E		
F		1st Lt AYERS
G		Capt HARGROVE
H		1st Lt MAZOLA
3d Bn		Lt Col SCHULZE
Det, 1/12 (-)	DS	
HST, 3d SHORE Party Bn	DS	
3d Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn		

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 29.

2. 291801H TO 301800H MAY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 1 SNIPER INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 300100H D/1/3 HRD 3 EXPLOSIONS INSIDE WIRE BELIEVED TO BE GRENADES VIC YD 137726. FIRED ARTY MSN ON SUS EN PSN. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM NO. 28) 291600H H/2/3 REC 1 RPG RKT AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA VIC YD 057635 AND REC SNIPER AND AW FIRE FM UNK NO. OF EN. RETURNED FIRE W/SA AND 60MM MORTARS. UNK RES.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 291200H H/2/3 FND 1 DEAD NVA KILLED BY AIR STRIKE OR ARTY VIC YD 055637. SEARCHED BODY AND FND 1 ID CARD. RES: 1 NVA KBA

(C) 292100H F/2/3 AMBUSHED THE POINT OF APPROX 6 NVA/VC VIC YD 040565. EN RETURNED FIRE AND UNIT FIRED SA AND 60MM MORTARS. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT FINDING NUMEROUS ARTICLES OF BLOODY CLOTHING AND 1 AK-47. RES: 1 IWC

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(3) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 28 MAY 69 OBS'D 3 DEAD NVA VIC YD 058644. ALSO RAN OV-10 ORD ON 2 NVA ON TRAIL VIC YD 040683 KILLING BOTH OF THEM. RES: 5 NVA KBA

(B) 301400H A/9TH MT REPORTED THAT A TRUCK ON RTE #558 REC 1 SNIPER RD VIC YD 108547 FM UNK EN PSN. NEG ACTION.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 109
NVA KBA - 75
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DA, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, APO 96308 30 July 1969

TO: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FPO 96602

1. Combat Operation After Action Report Maine Crag has been reviewed by Headquarters, XXIV Corps.

2. Except as noted below, concur with the report as endorsed by 3d Marine Div.

a. Paragraph 11c(1), page 19, reads 717.8 tons of rice captured. Should read 356 tons of rice captured.

b. Added PSYOP comments:

(1) Leaflets utilized during Operation Maine Crag were of standard design and theme (Anti-NVA, Anti-VC, Chieu Hoi, and rewards). No special leaflets were utilized with themes directed toward specific enemy forces encountered during the operation.

(2) No intelligence exploitable for PSYOP purpose was obtained from the four NVA POW's captured during the operation.

(3) Primary PSYOP media used in conjunction with the MEDCAP Program in the Cua Valley was face-to-face communication.

(4) Twelve tons of captured rice went to G5, 3d Mar Div for Civic action and the remaining captured food-stuff went to CORDS, Quang Tri, for distribution.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Current Intsums.

(2) Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Task Force Hotel continues operation PURPLE MARTIN and on order commences operation in Southwestern portion of AO.

(2) Artillery

(a) 1/12(-) (Rein) D/S 3d Marines(-) (Rein)

(b) 108th Artillery Grp G/S XXIV Corps.

(3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed wing and helicopter support augmented by 7th Air Force.

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization

3. MISSION

3d Marines conducts helicopterborne assault into Vietnamese Salient and establishes FSB's to support search and destroy operations along Route #926 to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications and supply caches.

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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: Annex C (Operation Overlay).

b. 1st Bn(-) (Rein), 3d Marines.

(1) On D-1 assume OPCON Company L/3/3.

(2) At H-hour on D-day establish FSB TIGER vic (835227).

(3) At H+35 on D-day conduct helicopterborne assault to seize and block Western end of Route #926 vic LZ PARIS vic (807237) and LZ PASSPORT vic (797228).

(4) Conduct detailed search and destroy operations along Route #926 in AO.

(5) Conduct search and destroy operations along AXIS RED in AO.

(6) Mine and destroy Route #926.

c. 2nd Bn (Rein), 3d Marines.

(1) On D-1 assume OPCON Company M/3/3.

(2) At H-hour on D-day establish FSB SAIGON vic (813274).

(3) At H+35 on D-day conduct helicopterborne assault to secure LZ HOUND vic (818264), and DOMINO vic (822278).

(4) Conduct search and destroy operations along AXIS WHITE in AO.

(5) Conduct detailed search and destroy operations along Route #926 in AO.

(6) Mine and destroy Route #926 in AO.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Operation Nickname: MAINE CRAG

(2) This plan effective for planning on receipt, execution on order.

(3) Rules of engagement will be stringently adhered to.

(4) D-day: TBA.

(5) H-hour: TBA.

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(6) Boundaries: Annex C.

(7) Thrust Points effective: H-hour on D-day.

(8) Fire Support Coordination: Annex D.

(9) Air Support: Annex E.

(10) Fires cleared into LAOS.

(11) Arc light and CS denial have been requested.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. (See Admin Plan 2-69 to be passed separately at a later date).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. CP's

(1) 3d Marines

(a) D-1 VANDEGRIFT

(b) D-day FSB SAIGON

(2) 1/3 and 2/3 report CP's when established.

b. Communications: Annex F.

c. Thrust Points:

ICE CREAM	7623
COLORS	7731
CIGARETTES	7925
SODA POP	8122
BEER	8230
WHISKEY	8628
BOYS NAMES	9032
FISH	9127
ANIMALS	9336
PACIFIC ISLANDS	9429

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HqCo, 3d Marines
1st Bn(-) (Rein), 3d Marines D/S
7th ITT D/S
Co B(-) (Rein), 3d Engineer Bn D/S

1st Bn (Rein), 3d Marines — LtCol J. S. [illegible]

Co L 3d Bn, 3d Marines
Det, Interpreters HqBn D/S
Det, Kit Carson Scouts D/S
Det, NST Co C, 3d Shore Pty Bn D/S
Plat Co B(-) (Rein), 3d Engineer Bn D/S
Det, Scout Sniper Plt HqCo 3d Marines D/S

2nd Bn (Rein), 3d Marines — LtCol J. J. [illegible]

Co M 3d Bn, 3d Marines
Plat Co B(-) (Rein), 3d Engineer Bn D/S
Det, Interpreters HqBn D/S
Det, Kit Carson Scouts D/S
Det, NST Co C, 3d Shore Pty Bn D/S
Det, Scout Sniper Plt HqCo 3d Marines D/S

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(b) DivO P2000.4 (CommSOP)
(c) DivO P02000.2 (COI)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 2-69

(2) Enemy has an excellent EW capability. Direction finding, intercept and deception is expected.

(3) Captured or abandoned enemy communications-electronics equipment shall be handled in accordance with ref (a) and (b).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 2-69.

(2) Command Posts.

(a) Initial (D-day)

Hq 3d Marines	907279
1st Bn, 3d Marines	813275
3d Bn, 3d Marines	891261
1st Bn, 12th Marines	907279

(b) 3d Mar Div remains Comm Crypto Guard for 3d Marines.

2. MISSION

On order install, operate and maintain communication facilities to support operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communication section 3d Marines establish communications in accordance with reference (b) and (c).

b. Radio shall be in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).

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c. Call signs and frequencies shall be in accordance with reference (c) and 3d Marines COI (issued seperately).

d. Helicopter message runs shall be established between 3d Marines (Rear) DMCB and 3d Marines CP.

e. Wire installation shall include the local CP security.

f. 3d Marines Headquarters [illegible] shall [illegible] the Regimental Command Nets (#1 and #2) using call sign "Beware Victor".

g. Battalions shall maintain the capability of operating covered on the Regimental Net 1 and Net #2 simultaneously.

h. Loss of radio equipment or possible compromises shall be reported in accordance with reference (c).

i. "B" Co Engineers shall establish an internal Company Command Net.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administrative functions shall remain at DMCB (3d Marines Rear).

b. Logistics control point shall be established at VCB.

c. All units shall have a 5 days supply of DA-386's initially.

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Time Zone: H

2/3	1/3	3d Mar (Log)	3d Mar (Rear)	3d Marines	TF "Ext"	Unit	FREQ	NET
				x	z		46.75	Div Tac 2"A"
x	x	a	x	z			35.70	Regt Tac #1
x	x	a	a	z			65.25	Regt Tac #2
a	a	x	x	z			P68.3	Regt Cmnd #1
							S74.15	
		x	x	z			P3322.0	Regt Cmnd #2
							S6345.0	
x	x			z			51.8	TACP Common
x	x			z			58.2	Engin Co Cmnd

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Administrative Plan 3-69 to accompany Operation Plan 3-69

Ref: (a) DivO P4000.1E

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General

(1) Logistic support for the 3d Regiment will be provided by the LSU located at Vandegrift Combat Base. The LSA at VCB will be the distributing agency and each unit being supported will maintain personnel at the LSA.

(2) Supplies and Equipment

(1) The prescribed loads are:

(a)	Class I	1 day MCI and 6 days LRPR's
(b)	Class II	normal arms and equipment
(c)	Class III	as required
(d)	Class IV	as required
(e)	Class V	BA plus 3 DOA's
(f)	Class VI	none
(g)	Class VII	all essential T/E and special allowance items
(h)	Class VIII	normal
(i)	Class IX	high usage items as determined by units operating levels
(j)	Class X	as required
(k)	Water	three full canteens per man plus 5 days halizone/iodine tablets and 3 days salt tablets.

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c. Supplies and Equipment Available

(1) Supply levels to be maintained:

(a) Fire Support Bases will maintain six days MCI's and LRPR's. Not more than ten days Class V will be maintained. (Reference a)

(b) Rifle companies will maintain two days MCI's and six days LRPR's.

(2) Equipment

(a) Protective masks and portable flame throwers with compressor will be carried and made available for use in the objective area.

(b) Engineer equipment will be provided by Bravo Company 3d Engineers and will consist of bulldozers and backhoes for improvement of Fire Support Bases.

d. Resupply

(1) First resupply (6 days) to arrive at Fire Support Bases beginning on D+1 and continuing until D+3.

(2) Subsequent resupply sorties for rifle companies are scheduled in four day increments beginning on D+3. Supply discipline should be strictly enforced in order to ensure maximum time between resupply periods and to guard against shortages of LRPR's at supply agencies.

(3) Requests for emergency resupply will be addressed to higher headquarters by subordinate unit commanders. Air drop packages are available on six hours notice and are considered emergency resupply.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. See medical annex.

3. TRANSPORTATION

(a) Transportation will be by truck to VCB and by air to and from the objective area.

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4. SERVICES

a. Maintenance

(1) Units are responsible for 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance.

(2) Maintenance contact teams are available from FLSG-B upon request. Weapons and equipment requiring repair will be delivered to the FLSG-B maintenance facilities at Dong Ha

b. Engineer

(1) Combat engineer support will be provided in the task organization if required.

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Annex A (Medical) to Administrative Plan 3-69

1. ORGANIZATION: The 3d Marine Regiment (-)(Rein) will be supplemented by two (2) additional medical officers for this operation.

a. Battalion, Infantry (1/3 and 3/3): Two (2) surgeons and fifty-three (53) corpsmen.

(1) Forward BAS: To operate in support of battalion on FSB occupied by battalion CP. One M.O. will be stationed at this BAS.

(2) Rear BAS: Remain at battalion rears in Quang Tri. One M.O. and 15-20 corpsmen will carry on normal routine.

(3) Each fire team will have one corpsman, each company will have one senior corpsman, and the weapons platoon will be covered with supplementary corpsmen from BAS at discretion of Battalion Surgeon.

note: These figures are to be used as guidelines for operational planning. The Battalion Surgeon is given full authority to utilize his men as the situation dictates.

b. Battalion, Artillery (1/12)(-): Each battery will have two (2) corpsmen attached to it.

(1) Medevacs of artillery personnel will be coordinated through the Battalion Surgeon on FSB.

c. Regimental Headquarters: One (1) surgeon and four (4) corpsmen.

(1) Jump CP: Two corpsmen will be attached to the element operating at FSB. These men will coordinate their medevacs through the Battalion Surgeon on FSB.

(2) Forward Supply Element: One (1) corpsman to work in conjunction with "C" Medical Co.

(3) Rear CP: One (1) surgeon and one (1) HMC to carry on normal administration and coordinate support of operation.

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d. Attached Units (Engineers, Shore Party, etc.): Parent infantry unit to offer any required medical assistance.

2. MISSION: To provide first aid and emergency medical attention as the tactical situation calls for, to treat the wounded and sick and to ensure that the health of the Command remains in the best possible condition.

3. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE: Instruction will be given all personnel in this organization by unit corpsmen concerning proper foot care, Malaria Discipline, Handling of Non-Potable Drinking Water, and the treatment of minor lacerations and abrasions. It is quite likely that malaria will be a major problem after 5-7 days of operation in this new AO and it is imperitive that the Command take rigorous measures to ensure that all Marines practice proper MALARIA DISCIPLINE. All units under the 3d Marines will continue to take the daily DAPSONE antimalaria pill during this operation.

4. EVACUATION:

a. Movement and Assault Phases: All medevacs will be funneled to the 3d Medical Battalion, Quang Tri.

(1) Medevac Helicopters will be on standby around-the-clock for emergency requests. Priority and routine requests will be evacuated only during daylight hours and when weather permits.

(2) Two (2) CH 46 helicopters with gunships are stationed at Vandegrift, and will be used for all medevacs until an overload is reached, then helicopter support will be furnished by MAG 39 at Quang Tri.

(3) Routine and Priority medevacs will be routed through Charlie Medical Co. at Vandegrift, emergencies will be taken directly to 3d Medical Battalion at Quang Tri (C-Med will be used when time will not permit transportation of patient to Quang Tri).

5. HOSPITALIZATION:

a. C-Med: 50 bed capacity. To be used to collect and sort patients for further evacuation (if needed) to Quang Tri.

b. 3d Medical Battalion: 240 beds

c. Hospital Ships (U.S.S. Repose AH-16 or U.S.S. Sanctuary AH-12) 300 bed capacity (off shore).

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d. 22nd CSF: 500 bed capacity.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLIES:

a. Individual Marine: (One kit per man)

6545-823-8165 FIRST AID KIT, INDIVIDUAL (Total Wt. 1.00lbs.) Suggested addition to be carried by each Marine in his Flak Jacket: 6510-201-7430 Dressing, 1st Aid, Field, 7½ x 8" Two (2) per man (Total Wt. 5½ oz.)

b. Individual Line Corpsman:
6545-927-4960 SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY SET, INDIVIDUAL (Total Wt. 9.5 lbs.)
note: each corpsman can supplement needed items as required.

c. Individual Senior Line Corpsman:
6545-927-4960 SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY SET, INDIVIDUAL (Total Wt. 9½ lbs.)
6545-912-9900 BAG, MEDICAL INSTRUMENT & SUPPLY SET (Total Wt. 45 lbs.)
comment: BAS should have supplies to augment the above set when depleted due to combat and field sick call.

d. Emergency Supplies: Requests will go through battalion S-4 chain to rear area. Requested supplies will be staged and flown to position by Medevac helicopter from Quang Tri.

7. MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION:

a. Medevacs: Recorded on DD Form 1380 (copy with patient and one at BAS).

b. Daily Morning Report of the Sick: Advises the respective Commands of medical dispositions of sick and wounded.

c. Casualty Reports: To be handled by S-1.

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
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OPERATION ORDER 5-69

1. SITUATION.
A. ENEMY
(1) ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS SHOWN A DEFINITE DECREASE. HE SEEMS TO PREFER MOVING OUT OF THE AREA RATHER THAN DEFENDING HIS PAST POSITIONS.
(2) THE ENEMY STILL HAS THE CAPABILITIES TO MOUNT A LARGE OFFENSIVE FROM LAOS. OUR CONSTANT STRIKES BY AIR AND ARTILLERY HAVE STOPPED HIM FROM GROUPING IN THE PAST. HIS CAPABILITIES, HOWEVER, STILL REMAINS THE SAME.

B. FRIENDLY
(1) FOURTH MARINES OPN PURPLE MARTIN SCREENS TO NW. CONDUCTS S/D OPNS IN AO.
(2) NINTH MARINES OPERATES FROM FIXED POSITIONS TO SCREEN TO NORTH.
(3) FIRST BDE, FIFTH MECH, ASSIST.

2. MISSION. THIRD MARINES (-) (Rein) IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH THE 2D ARVN REGT (-) SEALS OFF THE LAOTION SALIENT, SCREENS WEST AND EAST OF KHE SANH, CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO, DESTROYS ENEMY IN AO, AND CONDUCTS MASSIVE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE WITHIN LAOTIAN SALIENT.

3. EXECUTION.
A. CONCEPT. THIRD MARINES WITH TWO BNS AND 2D ARVN REGT (-) SEAL OFF LAOTION SALIENT TO THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST WHILE TASK FORCE REMAGEN CONTINUES TO SCREEN THE WESTERN AREA OF AO ALONG THE SVN-LAOTION BORDER. ONE BN (-) OF THIRD MARINES WILL CONTINUE NORTH OF ROUTE #9 EAST OF KHE SANH.
B. 1/3
(1) UPON HELILIFT OF 2/3 COMMAND GROUP ASSUME OPCON (2) COMPANIES 2/3.
(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB SPARK AND SAIGON.
(3) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE S/D OPERATIONS TO NORTH IN AO.
(4) ON ORDER, ABOUT 2 APRIL, RETURN TWO COMPANIES

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OF 2/3 TO PARENT UNIT FOR HELIBORNE ASSAULT ON HILL 391 (XD006305).

(5) ON ORDER, ABOUT 3 APRIL CONDUCT TWO COMPANY HELIBORNE ASSAULT TO SECURE HILL 745 (YD044298).

(6) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR TWO BATTERY FSB AT HILL 745.

C. 2/3

(1) AT 300830H CONDUCT BN (-) HELIBORNE ASSAULT TO SECURE HILL 401 (XD973333) FSB WHISMAN.

(2) ON HELILIFT OF COMMAND GROUP CHOP (2) COMPANIES TO 1/3.

(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB WHISMAN.

(4) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE S/D OPNS IN AO.

(5) ON ORDER ABOUT 2 APRIL RESUME OPCON OF TWO REMAINING COMPANIES OF 2/3.

(6) ON ORDER, ABOUT 2 APRIL, CONDUCT TWO COMPANY HELIBORNE ASSAULT ON HILL 39 (YD006305).

D. 3/3 (-)

(1) CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN AO.

(2) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB CATES, HILL 691 AND HILL 950.

E. TF REMAGEN

(1) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE S/D OPNS WEST OF KHE SANH TO LAOTION BORDER.

(2) CONTINUE SCREENING OPERATIONS IN WESTERN PORTION OF THIRD MARINES AO ALONG LAOTION BORDER.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ON HELILIFT OF 2/3 (-), 2D ARVN WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 2/3'S PRESENT AO.

(2) BOUNDARY FOR 2/3 EFFECTIVE 300500H FROM LAOTION BORDER NORTH ALONG N-S GRID LINE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT XD960401, THEN EAST ALONG DA KRONG TO XD998369, THEN DUE EAST TO YD 021361, THEN SOUTH ALONG PROVINCE BOUNDARY TO LAOTION BORDER AT YD017274. ALL OTHER BOUNDARIES REMAIN IN EFFECT.

(3) PREP FIRES OF Z WILL BE SCHEDULED BY THIS HQ.

(4) ZIPPO WILL BE USED FOR LZ'S.

(5) FIRPO WILL BE USED FOR ESTABLISHMENT FSB.

(6) RIPO WILL BE SCHEDULED BEFORE FSB'S ARE CLOSED OUT.

(7) ASSAULT LIFTS LIMITED TO SIX EXTERNAL PER BN.

(8) HELILIFTS FOR 30 MAR.

(A) H-CP-G/2/3 FROM XD903237 TO XD973334 AT 0830 WITH 8 CH-46, AERIAL OBSERVER ON STATION AT 0730 WITH FOUR FLIGHTS FIX WING.

(B) B CO THIRD ENGR 1-46 EXTERNAL EXPLOSIVES FROM VCB TO FSB WHISMAN AT 1200.

(C) B CO THIRD ENGR 1-46 EXTERNAL DOZER BLADE, 8 PACS, 4 CHAIN SAW, 4-53 EXTERNALS, 1 DOZER, 1 BACKHOE, 2 EXPLOSIVES, FROM VCB TO FSB WHISMAN AT 1500.

(D) B CO THIRD ENGR 1-47 EXTERNAL DOZER INTACT FROM XD903237 TO FSB WHISMAN AT 1500.

(E) FIRPO AND C/1/12 RECON PARTY FROM SAIGON TO FSB WHISMAN AT 1510.

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(F) 2/3 2-54 EXTERNALS 2 ONTOS AND 4-53 EXTERNALS & AMMO AND 2 ARMOR AND 2-53 INTERNALS PACS AND TUBES FROM XD903237 TO VCB.

(9) INITIALLY, UNTIL ARTILLERY LIAISON PARTY ON FSB, INFANTRY BNS WILL MONITER CONSTRUCTION ON FSB'S.

(10) ARTILLERY

(A) PREP FIRE SCHEDULE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY.

(B) H & I'S REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY 1800 DAILY.

(11) THIRD MARINES CP WILL MOVE TO FSB WHISMAN ABOUT 2 APRIL

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. STRENGTH REPORT TO COMPANY LEVEL REQUIRED REPORT THIS HQ BY 0900 DAILY.

B. STATUS REPORT, CLASS I WATER, MCI, LRPR'S AND BA 386'S; CLASS V SMALL ARMS, MORTAR AMMUNITION BY DOS REQUIRED REPORT THIS HQ BY 1600 DAILY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMM. N/C

B. COMMAND. THIRD MARINES CP FSB SAIGON BN'S REPORT WHEN ESTABLISHED.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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PERISHABLE INFORMATION, DO NOT SERVICE
THIRD MARINES OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
SITREP NR 02-69 FM 021801 TO 022400H MAY 69
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT A/1/3 (031653): C-CP/1/3 021649
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
ALL UNITS CONDUCTED SCHEDULED NIGHT ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. D1/3 UPON SEARCH OF PREVIOUS DAY'S CONTACT AT 027642 DISCOVERED 16 NVA BODIES, 1 AK47 AND MISC . FOOD AND 782 GEAR.
B. A RESUPPLY HELICOPTER WORKING FOR C-1-3 REC'D SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VIC 018658. HELICOPTER RPT NEGATIVE HITS ON AIR CRAFT.
1/3 CALLED IN F/ W WITH UNK RES.

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PAGE TWO UUMSQD 071 C O N FI D E N TI A L
1/3 RAN F/ W AT VIC 004645 RESTING IN12 BUNKERS DESTROYED AND SECONDAY EXPLOSIONS, ALSO RAN F/W AT 018658 RESULTING IN DESTRUCTUION

OF A 50 C AL. POSITION.
5. PLANS: NO CHANGE
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 1 USMC WIA
B. ENEMY: 16 NVA KIA
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(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 May 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8A
(c) DivO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) 3d Marine Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (Rein)	Col P.D. LA FOND	1-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines	1st Lt C.A. GREENFIELD	1-31 May
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.S. KYLE Lt Col D.G. HERRON	1-10 May 11-31 May
2nd Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.J. MCMONAGLE	1-31 May
3d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col R.C. SCHULZE	1-31 May

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

01 - 021300H May: Fire Support Base Whisman

021300H - 31 May: Dong Ha Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Lt Col D.G. HERRON Lt Col H.M. SMITH	1-10 May 13-31 May
S-1	Capt B.B. PORTER	1-31 May
S-2	CWO-2 R.M. CONLEY Capt W.J. QUIGLEY	1-31 May
S-3	Maj T.C. DOLSON	1-31 May

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S-3A [redacted]	1st Lt M.M. SHEPARD	1-31 May
S-3A/LN OFF	2nd Lt P.E. FEDELES	1-31 May
S-3A/LN OFF/NBC OFF	1st Lt J.J. MURPHY	1-31 May
S-3A/LN OFF/TRNG OFF	1st Lt G.E. PLANT	1-31 May
ALO	Maj T.J. HAUSCHER	1-31 May
S-4	Maj J.F.X. CONNOLLY	1-31 May
S-4A	1st Lt D.E. RAGSDALE	1-31 May
ASST S-4/REGT SUPPLY OFF	1st Lt R.G. HOWLE	1-31 May
S-5	Maj G.L. SHELLEY	1-31 May
HQ CO SUPPLY OFF	1st Lt R.O. BURNS	1-31 May
MTO	1st Lt K.J. CONLON	1-31 May
COMM OFF	Maj J.H. HARTE	1-31 May
ASST COMM OFF	1st Lt D.M. SHARPE	1-31 May
REGT SURGEON	Lt G.W. GREGORY (USN)	1-31 May
CHAPLAIN	Cmdr J.F. LABOON	1-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER ARVN	
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview of All Activities.

May was a transitional month for the 3d Marines. Operation Maine Crag, wherein the largest food cache of the war was captured, was terminated. This required the displacement of the Regiment from the upper Da Krong Valley to the new operational area, immediately south of the DMZ.

The new area was generally bounded on the left by the XD 96 N-S grid line, on the east by the YD 15 N-S grid line and on the south by the Mai Loc TAOR (just below Route #9). The new operation which commenced early in May was named Virginia Ridge. The 3d Marines had worked in the new AO quite extensively in the past, having fought for Mutter's Ridge, Foxtrot Ridge and Helicopter Valley, plus having fought from Dong Ha Mtn, Con Thien and C-2.

Based on these past experiences and knowledge of the terrain, it was decided that the best operational concept would employ a minimum of force defending the fixed installations and LOC's. This would leave most of the Regiment (two battalions) to conduct continuous and extensive S/D operations in the west and north. During this initial deployment the 1st Battalion was on the north driving east along Foxtrot Ridge and Helo Valley; the 3d Battalion was disposed along Mutter's Ridge and Dong Ha Mtn, also attacking to the east; and the 2d Battalion was deployed along the positions of A-4, C-2, C-3 Bridge, Cam Lo, and Khe Gio Bridge. Also, two battalions of the 2d ARVN Regt were conducting S/D operations in cooperation and coordination (C & C) on the eastern end of Mutter's Ridge.

Remnants of the NVA 36th Regt were being driven back north during the 3d Marines initial committment to Virginia Ridge. And by the 5th or 6th of May the AO was relatively quiet. This respite didn't last long, as by 10 May the enemy commenced a series of ground and mortar attacks on the 1st Battalion. Adopting their tactics to the enemy and terrain, this battalion soon successfully defeated several night attacks. The attacks by fire, however, did increase and remained high throughout the month, especially in the areas just south of the DMZ and south and east of Helo Valley.

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During the reporting period several shifts of direction and forces occurred within the AO. After the initial positioning previously described, the two mobile battalions were reoriented on a N-S axis and astride Mutter's Ridge, thus creating a patrol zone of 3 kilometers immediately south of the DMZ. This was done to combat the enemy mortar attacks from the DMZ, against which we had little active defense due to the Rules of Engagement (precluded unobserved defensive fires into the DMZ). This disposition was somewhat modified in the last third of the month, when at the direction of the CG, 3d Marine Division, the Regiment conducted extensive reconnaissance patrols into the DMZ to determine enemy strengths, disposition, and routes. Concomitant to this was a search for enemy prisoners.

The DMZ patrolling had limited success. The enemy seemed to avoid contact and contented himself to continue mortar attacks on the company sized units south of the DMZ which were supporting the recon patrols. Two prisoners were taken in the DMZ, however, and shortly thereafter the program was discontinued and the patrol zone re-established.

With the re-establishment of the patrol zone, the 1st Bn relieved the 2d Bn of the fixed position and LOC security roles. Thus, the month ended with the 3d Bn on the west, disposed from south to north; the 2d Bn in the center of the AO, also disposed from south to north; and the 1st Bn in the south and east defending the fire bases, key installations, and LOC's, plus conducting limited S/D operations.

During May an attempt had been made to extensively use the tanks and APC's of the 3d Tank Bn as terrain allowed (eastern portion of AO). However due to previous extensive armor employment by the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, the enemy had layed scores of interdicting mines along restricted routes, fords, and channelizing terrain features. In spite of an aggressive mine sweep for each tank patrol, the toll was high to a point of being excessive. Resultantly it was decided that the tanks would be positioned at key, fixed installations to mass and exploit ground contacts wherein their fire power, speed, and crushing action would be decisive.

Great strides were made in the utilization of fire support in the Virginia Ridge Operation. Not only were air and artillery employed in their normal supporting roles for the infantry battalions, but the Regiment more and more began to influence the battle with supporting weapons. Through an intensive intelligence targeting system, fires were massed in a timely fashion on likely suspected and known enemy targets. The results were scores of enemy dead found abandoned on the battle field. Thus maneuver, fire and maneuver, and fire in lieu of maneuver were the tactical means by which we denied the enemy use of the 3d Marines AO during the month of May.

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2. Command Relations.

a. During the period 01-021259H May, the 3d Marine Regt (Rein) was OPCON to Task Force Hotel.

b. During the period 021300H - 31 May, the 3d Marine Regt (Rein) was OPCON to the 3d Marine Division.

3. Missions Assigned.

a. 01-021300H May - 3d Marines (-) (Rein) in cooperation and coordination with the 2d ARVN Regt (-) seals off the Laotion Salient, screens west and east of Khe Sanh, conducts extensive search and destroy operations in AO, destroys enemy in AO, and conducts massive destructive fire within Laotion Salient.

b. 021300H May - 31 May 69 - 3d Marines (-) (Rein) phases out Operation Maine Crag on 2 May 69 and redeploys to commence search and destroy operation (Virginia Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ. 3d Marines relieves 9th Marines at A-4, C-2, Cam Lo, Khe Gio Bridge, ECB, and FSB Fuller.

4. Intelligence.

a. Narrative Summary

On the 2d of May, the 3d Marine Regiment terminated Operation Maine Crag and moved right into Operation Virginia Ridge.

Operation Virginia Ridge started off with D/1/3's contact on 1 May with an unknown size enemy force at YD 026642. Action resulted in 16 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, 1 CSWC and the finding of 230 x 82mm mortar rounds.

During the next nine days, contacts with enemy forces were generally point actions or sniper incidents although on one occasion the enemy did attack D/1/3 on 10 May with an unknown size force. Action resulted in unknown casualties to the enemy, whereas D/1/3 had 8 KIA's and 10 WIA's (medevac).

Commencing with the 11th of May the primary tactic employed by the enemy was attacks by fire. During the period 11-31 May the enemy initiated 54 attacks by fire and expended 703-736 rounds of mortar and rocket ammunition.

The enemy throughout the month of May utilized his mining capabilities to interdict LOC's and delay friendly movements within the AO. There were 64 incidents of mines and booby traps employed by the enemy during this period.

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Contacts with the enemy during the period 11-31 May consisted of point or sniper initiated actions, ambushes, and probes of friendly positions. Significant contacts during this period were as follows:

(1) At 200320H, C/1/3 located vicinity YD 059640 reported 60-70 NVA probed the lines employing SAF, RPG's and grenades. Action resulted in 15 NVA KIA, 5IWC and 1 CSWC.

(2) At 220800H, B/1/3 ambushed 40-50 NVA moving south on a trail at YD 056668. Action resulted in 19 NVA KIA, 2 NVA PW's, 8 IWC and 3 CSWC.

(3) At 222330H, K/3/3 ambushed approximately 8 NVA vicinity YD 962649. During the course of this contact the enemy was reinforced by additional NVA. This action resulted in 3 NVA KIA and 1 IWC.

Friendly operations during the month of May brought about the discovery of numerous cache areas that the enemy had pre-staged for future operations. The most significant caches found were:

(1) At 101030H, A/1/3 found a bunker complex vicinity YD 002647. Area was searched and 549 x 82mm mortar rounds, 332 x AP mines, 16 x AT mines, 200 x 50 cal ammunition and 40 lbs of TNT were found.

(2) At 201245H, B/1/3 found a bunker complex at YD 057644. Area was searched and found 100 x 82mm mortar rounds, 20 x 60mm mortar rounds, 12 x AT mines, 15 Chicom grenades and 500 lbs of rice.

(3) At 201415H, G/2/3 found 138 x 82mm mortar rounds, 230 x 60mm mortar rounds, 8 boxes 82mm mortar fuzes and 3 Chicom grenades. Cache found in vicinity YD 167706.

(4) At 271300-291520H, L/3/3 found a bunker complex vicinity XD 986626. Searched area and found 1 x 82mm recoilless gun, 1 x SKS, 56 x RPG rounds, 406 x 82mm mortar rounds, 119 x 82mm recoilless rounds, 54 x 75mm pack howitzer rounds, 97 x 120mm mortar rounds, 1800 x 7.62mm rounds (linked), 13,800 x AK-47 rounds, 46,000 x 50 cal rounds, 29 claymore mines, 357 Chicom grenades, 96 shotgun primers for 82mm rounds, 145 fuzes for 82mm rounds, 7 AT mines, 340 lbs of TNT, 3830 fuze lighters, 50 x AK-47 banana magazines, 1 x 7.62mm barrel, and 1 aiming stake.

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b. Statistics

(1) Contacts: SA/Sniper

		Day	Night	Total
(a)	1st Bn, 3d Mar	10	8	18
(b)	2d Bn, 3d Mar	14	0	14
(c)	3d Bn, 3d Mar	15	5	20
(d)	Recon	4	0	4
	Total	43	13	56

(2) Contacts: Grenades

(a)	1st Bn, 3d Mar	1	3	4
(b)	3d Bn, 3d Mar	0	1	1
	Total	1	4	5

(3) Mines and Booby Traps Discovered

(a)	1st Bn, 3d Mar	2	0	2
(b)	2d Bn, 3d Mar	20	2	22
(c)	3d Bn, 3d Mar	9	0	9
	Total	31	2	33

(4) Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire

(a)	1st Bn, 3d Mar	23	5	28
(b)	2d Bn, 3d Mar	12	1	13
(c)	3d Bn, 3d Mar	13	0	13
	Total	48	6	54

(5) Miscellaneous Sightings and Incidents

(a)	1st Bn, 3d Mar	11	3	14
(b)	2d Bn, 3d Mar	10	7	17
(c)	3d Bn, 3d Mar	17	1	18
(d)	Recon	6	1	7
	Total	44	12	56

(6) Enemy Units Sighted

Number	Coordinate	Day
3 NVA/VC	YD 044536	2
2 "	YD 098711	10
4 "	YD 004654	10
2 "	YD 083688	12
2 "	YD 034639	14
6 "	YD 134631	16
2 "	YD 083628	18
4 "	YD 062648	18

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15	"	YD 061644	18
3	"	YD 131725	19
2	"	YD 121709	19
4	"	YD 126706	19
2	"	YD 123713	19
2	"	YD 114706	21
7	"	YD 002654	21
1	"	XD 999578	26
1	"	XD 999578	27
20	"	YD 041636	28
15	"	YD 038642	28
3	"	YD 083712	29

c. Weather

(1) The weather during most of the month of May consisted of high temperatures with clear skies and unlimited ceilings. Only a few days at the end of the month had low ceilings and rainfall. There was little restriction on air movement.

(2) The averages for the month were:

(a) Mean high temperatures - 99 degrees

(b) Mean low temperatures - 80 degrees

(c) Mean humidity - 79%

5. Operations

a. 01-021300H May - Maine Crag (Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS, Series L 7014, Sheets 6342 III, 6242 II, 6341 IV, 6241 I)

b. 021300H - 31 May - Virginia Ridge (Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6442 IV and 6342 I)

6. Results of Operations

a. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

(1) Maine Crag - none during the reporting period.

(2) Virginia Ridge: NVA KIA - 117; NVA KBA - 73; NVA POW - 4.

b. Casualties sustained.

(1) Maine Crag - None during the reporting period.

(2) Virginia Ridge: KIA - 46; WIA (evac) - 174; WIA (minor) - 53; MIA - 1.

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c. Equipment, ordnance and supplies captured, destroyed or damaged.

(1) Maine Crag - None during the reporting period.

(2) Virginia Ridge

(a) Captured Weapons

1 Crew-Served - 12
7 - RPG's
2 - 82mm mortars complete
2 - 60mm mortars complete
1 - 82mm RR gun

2 Individual - 68
55 - AK-47's
5 - AK-50's
7 - SKS's
1 - 9mm pistol

(b) Captured Weapons Accessories

180 - AK-47 magazines
4 - RPD drum magazines
1 - 82mm mortar sight
1 - 82mm mortar bipod
1 - 60mm mortar sight
1 - 50 cal barrel
1 - Chicom 7.62mm MG barrel

(c) Captured Ammunition

32,300 - 7.62mm rounds
46,225 - 50 cal rounds
195 - RPG rockets
1,666 - 82mm mortar rounds
496 - 60mm mortar rounds
97 - 120mm mortar rounds
119 - 82mm RR rounds
54 - 75mm Pack Howitzer rounds
10 - 122mm rockets

(d) Captured Explosives

972 - Chicom grenades
474 - mines (AT and AP)
787 - pounds of TNT
55 - Claymore type mines
764 - boxes fuze lighters

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25 - boxes 82mm mortar fuzes
37 - 60mm mortar fuzes

(e) Captured 782 Gear

138 - NVA packs
31 - gas masks
106 - E-tools
27 - canteens
33 - helmets
25 - ponchos
14 - mosquito nets
7 - cartridge belts

(f) Captured Medical Equipment

Miscellaneous small amounts of gear and 12 first aid packs.

(g) Captured Documents

Miscellaneous personal papers, letters, notebooks, propaganda leaflets, and diaries.

(h) Captured Food

3,240 - pounds of rice
60 - pounds of grain
60 - pounds of dried food

(i) Fortifications Discovered

770 - bunkers

7. Supporting Arms.

a. Air Support. During the month of May, 3d Marines received Air Support from 1st MAW, 7th Air Force, and US Army. Rotary wing support was provided by MAG-16, MAG-36, and MAG-39. Fixed wing support was provided by MAG-11, MAG-12, MAG-13, and the Air Force. Observer flights were provided by MAG-16 and the Air Force.

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(1) Medevacs

	US WIA	US ILL	US NBC	US KIA	CIV ILL	NVA/VC	US DOGS	Total
1/3	97	46	54	35	0	1	1	234
2/3	31	102	16	3	0	0	0	152
3/3	38	76	51	0	0	2	0	167
Total	166	224	121	38	0	3	1	553

(2) CAS: 174 FLTS/345 AC/1,622,500 lbs of ordnance
CSS: 41 FLTS/ 59 AC/ 294,000 lbs of ordnance
Total 215 FLTS/404 AC/1,916,500 lbs of ordnance

(3) Resupply

1/3 - 516,513 lbs
2/3 - 55,370 lbs
3/3 - 504,098 lbs
Total 1,075,981 lbs

(4) A/O Flts

3d Mar Div	200 Flts / 405 Hrs	15 Min
12th Mar	27 Flts / 47 Hrs	45 Min
Total	227 Flts / 453 Hrs	00 Min

(5) Gunships

48 Flts / 96 AC / 56 Hrs 10 Min

(6) C & C

20 Flts / 40 AC

0/3 - 166 PAX
1/3 - 266 PAX
2/3 - 41 PAX
3/3 - 116 PAX
Total 589 PAX

(7) General

Control functions - 2480
Average daily control functions - 80
High 114 on 4 May
Low 43 on 2 May
Psychological warfare flts - 3/45 min
Spooky flts - 6/8 hrs 15 min
Flare Ship flts - 10/7 hrs 45 min
Bn troop lifts - 2
Co troop lifts - 4
Btry troop lifts - 2

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b. Artillery Support.

(1) Units providing artillery support

(a) Direct support was provided by 1st Bn 12th Marines with the following units under their OPCON:

Btry A, 1st Bn 12th Mar
Btry B, 1st Bn 12th Mar
Btry C, 1st Bn 12th Mar
Btry W, 1st Bn 12th Mar
Btry E, 2nd Bn 12th Mar
Btry 1st Prov
Btry 2nd Prov
Btry C, 6th of the 33d (USA)

(b) General support was provided by the following batteries:

Btry K, 4th Bn 12th Mar
Btry L, 4th Bn 12th Mar
Btry L (D) 4th Bn 12th Mar
Btry M, 4th Bn 12th Mar
Btry A, 1st 8 inch
Btry B, 1st 8 inch
Btry C, 1st 8 inch
Btry A, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry B, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry C, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)

(2) Significant Displacements.

	From	To
Btry A 1st Bn 12th Mar	FSB McClintock	VCB 4 May
Btry A 1st Bn 12th Mar	VCB	FSB Fuller 9 May
Btry B 1st Bn 12th Mar		C-2 1 May
Btry C 1st Bn 12th Mar	FSB Gaucho	ECB 3 May
Btry W 1st Bn 12th Mar	C-4	ECB 5 May
Btry E 2nd Bn 12th Mar		FSB Fuller 2 May
Btry 1st Prov		FSB McClintock 1 May
Btry 2nd Prov		Dong Ha 2 May
Btry 2nd Prov		C-2 29 May

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(3) Missions Fired

Observed	1083
Unobserved	878
H & I	1415
Total	3376

(4) Ammunition Expended

105mm	49,038
107mm	3,737
155mm	8,309
Total	61,084

(5) Control and Coordination

(a) Batteries which were OPCON to 1st Battalion 12th Marines recieved their fire missions from 1/12 FDC who was excercising tactical control and answered all calls for fire.

(b) General Support batteries were under control of 12th Marines and were assigned their missions by 12th Marines who received them from 1/12 for 3d Marine units.

(c) For all missions over 5,000 feet a sav-a-plane was sent to Division FSCC for informational purposes. Missions in support of or close to Recon, missions within 1,000 meters of Regimental boundaries, and general support missions were not cleared until Division gave a sav-a-plane designator. All other missions so stated were cleared by Regimental FSCC and the Battalion FSCC who controlled the area of operations.

8. Logistics

a. General. At the beginning of this month one operation terminated (Maine Crag) and another commenced (Virginia Ridge). The present posture has two battalions receiving helicopter re-supply while one is in fixed positions that are serviced over the road. To ensure more effective helo-resupply, operations were changed from Vandegrift to Quang Tri. The service at Quang Tri LSA has been very satisfactory and no major problems have been encountered. The six trucks provided the battalion in fixed positions have proven to be adequate for their resupply and tactical responsibilities.

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b. Supply

(1) Overall Supply Situation. The overall supply situation for this reporting period has been fair to good. Highlights for this reporting period have been recomputing AMRD.

(2) Typewriters and an 8 cu ft refrigerator are in critical demand. The typewriters have to be moved from one office to another to accomplish their administrative missions. The absence of the 8 cu ft refrigerator leaves the Regimental Aid Station without facilities to store medical supplies that require refrigeration.

c. Hospitalization and Evacuation

(1) During the first two weeks of the Virginia Ridge operation, the Third Marines continued to experience an alarmingly high malarial rate. This has been attributed to the exposure the regiment had during the Maine Crag operation. Over the last two weeks, our Fever of Undetermined Origin (FUO) rate has steadily declined. Battle casualties have shown a marked increase due to the constant mortar fire experienced by our battalions.

(2) Sanitation. A vigorous drive to stamp out rats in our AO by both PMS and the Medical Department has achieved remarkable results.

d. Transportation. When the complete regimental headquarters reestablished operations at Dong Ha Combat Base it was determined that return of the three jeeps on loan to 3d Military Police Battalion was required so that the regimental staff officers could effectively perform their duties. The responsibility of providing the three jeeps was passed to the battalions (one each).

e. Services.

(1) Two of the five SEA huts required to properly billet troops in the regimental area are being constructed. Action is being taken with the Base Development Officer to replace as soon as possible all tents being used to quarter Marines.

(2) All services were satisfactory.

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9. Communications-Electronics.

a. Provided normal communications support of the Third Marine Regiment engaged in Operation Virginia Ridge.

b. During the month of May the Regimental Radio Repair Section recieved 139 pieces of equipment for repair. Of these, 91 pieces were repaired within the shop, 25 pieces were evacuated to higher echelon, and 22 were code "H". The remaining piece is awaiting parts to be repaired locally.

c. The Regimental Message Center processed a total of 1,624 messages. Of these, 1,419 were incoming and 205 were outgoing. (The total exceeds April by 311 messages, and March by 335 messages.)

d. Significant Events.

(1) In the first week of May, three radio relay circuits (VIA the AN/TRC-27) were established between Third Marines rear at Dong Ha and:

(a) Quang Tri
(b) Cam Lo
(c) Con Thien

While in operation, these shots averaged together approximately 30% down-time, attributable to problems with the power supply and the R/T's. In the last week of May, the Con Thien shot was handed over to Communications Co, Hq Bn.

(2) By mid-May it became apparent that VHF radio traffic over one Regimental Tac Net was too much for that one net to bear. Two nets were then established one for Routine precedence traffic, including lengthy reports from the field, and the other for Priority and above.

(3) Throughout the month of May, personnel and equipment were diverted to be used exclusively for monitoring existing VHF radio nets in an effort to ensure security.

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10. Equipment. The T/E allowance was considered adequate during the reporting period. No recommendations for changes in the allowance were received.

11. Civic Action.

a. Significant Problems Encountered.

(1) Some of the problems which were discussed for the month of April 69 have been at least partially resolved.

(a) The maternity under construction in Huong Van (V), Huong Hoa (D), is rapidly nearing completion. The building itself is finished and the cement deck is now about 50% complete. All that is needed is a coat of paint for the building and some furniture. Midwife kits have been placed on order from the III MAF Warehouse.

(b) The FLSG-B ration dump personnel have been most cooperative in recent weeks; S-5 Section, 3d Marines has obtained a number of usable items which would have otherwise gone to the trash dump. Unfortunately, however, there seems to be a storage problem: unless we appear at FLSG-B to pick up the reject items soon after they are condemned, they are discarded because of a lack of space for storage. Since it is impossible for us to make daily trips to the ration dump, we continue to lose salvagable food which is destroyed. Perhaps arrangements can be made to either (1) prepare a special storage area for condemned rations which could be checked weekly by the various S-5's, or (2) require the trucks which formerly transported the condemned items to the trash heap to deliver them to 3d Marines (rear), DHCB.

(c) The Cua Boarding School for Boys is progressing satisfactorily. The classroom building is nearing completion and the framework and roof for the dormitory building are complete. Several truckloads of timbers and scrap plywood, obtained through MCB-62, have been delivered by 3d Marines to Capt Nhi, Chief Huong Hoa (D), for use in the construction of the school. Some confusion has been generated by the fact that Capt Nhi is cooperating with Fr Neyroud on the construction of the school. Capt Nhi has sufficient roofing tin on hand to complete the project, and has also received funds from GVN for use in the construction. Despite this, Fr Neyroud visited the office of the G-5, requesting roofing tin and plywood. Since the project is at least in part a GVN project, S-5, 3d Marines has been channeling all support through Capt Nhi, the local GVN representative.

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(d) The Bo De (Buddhist) School, Cam Lo, moved rapidly towards completion, once the initial problems of coordination and direction were solved. CBMU-301 and 3d Marines have terminated their direct participation in the project, leaving the finishing touches for the Vietnamese to manage on their own. The dedication of the building is set for 10 June, 1969.

(e) The problems posed by the tract of land set aside for the Cua Valley Brou to cultivate are being solved, largely through the efforts of the MAC V advisory staff, Huong Hoa (D), assisted by CORDS, G-5, and in a small measure the 3d Marines. Because of the lack of water on the high ground, and because the Brou are not knowledgeable in the techniques of wet rice production, a quantity of dry rice seed was located in Cam Lo after a rather lengthy search. In order to transport sufficient water to the high ground for irrigation purposes, CORDS has obtained 3 pumps which can lift 4,200 gallons per hour to a height of 75 feet. The pumps will carry the water to the high ground in stages; at each stage a small reservoir will be contructed. The 3d Marines has provided cement for the construction of the reservoirs.

(f) Reports of "starvation" among the Cua Valley Brou have not been made since the report of a month ago. A considerable quantity of food for the Brou has been delivered to the Cua Valley over the past month, much of it coming from the Catholic Relief Service. In addition the MAC V program aimed at inducing Brou children to drink milk has been highly successful. The milk is being provided by the Red Cross, and given a candy flavor with Carnation Instant Breakfast provided by 3d Marines. An additional project suggested by the Refugee Advisor, Quang Tri (P) is to attempt to interest the Brou in eating CSM, a highly nutritious food (10 to 1 in nutritional value, as compared with rice) which is currently available in quantity. The proposal has been discussed with MAC V personnel Huong Hoa (D), and the CSM is being introduced in conjunction with the milk program.

(2) Problems during May, 1969.

(a) The Brou School, Cam Lo

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1 Construction of the Brou School, which had begun in late April, continued at an exceedingly slow pace. By the end of May, the cement footing and about half of the cement deck had been completed. The Truong Son Cadre which has been tasked with the project will not work Sundays and on rainy days, and frequently takes half-days or full-days off for a variety of reasons. The Brou work in spurts, and seem to have a relatively short attention span - this has been observed by S-5 personnel working with them, and is borne out by what little ethnographic material is available on them. Since we cannot allow our men in the villages prior to about 0700 daily, some of the most productive hours of the Brou day are lost, for they are accustomed to commencing work at first light. Finally, unlike the Cua Valley Brou, the Cam Lo Brou do not appear to have any readily-identifiable, positive local leadership with a genuine concern for their best interests. If the Truong Son Cadre in Cam Lo has an advisor, there is no evidence of it - in contrast to the Cua Valley where there are four competent, very enthusiastic American NCO's working daily with the Truong Son Cadre there.

2 Steps have been taken to exert pressure on the Truong Son Cadre to speed up the construction. The original agreement with Miss Eugenia Johnston, SIL Missionary who in a sense represented the Brou interests during the planning stage, was that she would ensure a proper labor supply. Unfortunately, Miss Johnston's successor in the Quand Tri area, Mr Miller, is not residing in the area which in turn precludes any sort of continuous pressure on the Brou to perform more effectively. However, Mr Miller has been apprised of the situation, and he in turn has discussed the problem with Mr Nghiem, Chief of Ethnic Minorities, Quang Tri (P) (under whose jurisdiction the Truong Son Cadre falls). In recent days, the project has been characterized by more energetic participation, probably due to Mr Miller's intervention.

3 On a day-to-day basis, the Marines who have been most effective in inducing the Brou (and the Vietnamese) to work at peak efficiency have been those men who (1) work hard right along with the indigenous laborers, and (2) who are relaxed and generally easy-going and pleasant. Vietnamese language is an important asset, but a great deal of communication takes place without language. The important factor in the selection of individuals to work CA projects is the whole personality - overly serious men can create more problems than they can solve, no matter what their linguistic or technical skills may be.

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4 The original plan for the Brou School called for plywood walls. Because of the high cost of plywood which is also in short supply, it was decided to change the plan to brick. 6,000 bricks will be purchased from the Cam Lo brick factory. 3d Marines will provide cement for making the bricks (1 x 100 lb bag of cement produces 50 bricks) and labor salaries at the rate of VN $7.00 per brick.

5 The cornerstone ceremony for the Brou School took place on 8 May, 1969. Guests included Major General Jones, CG 3d Mar Div; Col Am, Chief Quang Tri (P); Col LaFond, CO 3d Marines; Col Kerrigan, Asst Chief of Staff G-5; Lt Col McMonagle, CO 2/3; Lt Col Herron, Exec O 3d Marines; Mr Nghiem, Chief Ethnic Minorities Quang Tri (P); Mr Miller, SIL Missionary; Maj Healy, DSA Cam Lo (D); Capt Rao, Chief Cam Lo.

(b) The two new schools constructed under the GVN 1967 budget in Cam Chinh (V) and Cam Nghia (V), Cam Lo (D), Cua Valley were complete as of 10 May, 1969. From the time of completion the buildings have been locked up; the Huong Hoa (D) Chief states that there has been some difficulty in locating teachers.

(c) Two of the Brou teachers being trained by Miss Johnston and Mr Miller, SIL missionaries, have had no means of support, so Miss Johnston had been supporting them from her salary. Upon hearing of this situation, G-5 and Chaplain Mulgueen, FLSG-B, obtained $300.00 to be used for support of the teachers. At about the time the money became available, Miss Johnston was transferred to Saigon, being replaced by Mr Miller in Quang Tri (P). According to Mr Miller, the two Brou have left the Cam Lo area and have gone to Ca Lu, just where, nobody seems to know. The untimely transfer of Miss Johnston and the general unavailability of her replacement, Mr Miller, has resulted in considerable confusion and a lack of continuity in projects in which Miss Johnston had become involved.

(d) Brou returnees from the contested area are no longer classified as refugees, which in turn denies them the right to refugee support payments. This places us in the awkward position of using our PSYOPS media to encourage them to turn themselves in so that they might enjoy a better life, while being unable to offer them any means of support during the adjustment period. Mr Lloyd George, Refugee Advisor, CORDS, Quang Tri (P), has suggested that PL480 supplies can be requested by the District Chief through Mr Hoang Duc Thac, Chief MSWR in Quang Tri City. Mr Thac can arrange for monthly food

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issues. This information has been relayed to CIT, Huong Hoa (D), which is usually the receiving agency for Brou returnees picked up by Marine units in the field. Action will be taken to exploit Mr Thac's sources of food.

(e) Fr Co intends to construct a new 4-room addition to his elementary school. The building will be constructed in the lot adjacent to the existing school; one room will be used as a storage warehouse for his food for needy refugees program. Fr Co seems to be of the belief that one of the Seabee units will be tasked with the project. It would seem, however, that Fr Co is receiving disproportionate share of assistance from American organizations in the area. Despite the fact that Fr Co uses any and all American assistance for worthwhile purposes, it would seem reasonable that we should become involved with a wider, more representative cross-section of the area. There is no reason why Fr Co's new school building should not be built; we can provide the materials, but he should be expected to arrange for the actual construction through his own resources.

b. Beneficial Results of Civic Action.

(1) The Bo De (Buddhist) School Cam Lo project appears to have had a very favorable effect on our relations with the villagers.

(a) The village Buddhist leader, Mr Nguyen Xuan Tay, has requested and received an American flag at the school during the dedication ceremony.

(b) Mr Tay and the villagers are obviously proud of their school; he has described it on a number of occasions as "beautiful" (dep).

(2) The Brou School, Cam Lo, project is serving the additional purpose of providing employment for the Vietnamese of Cam Phu (V) who staff the Cam Lo Brick Factory. Two other projects which will achieve the same goal are presently in the planning stage: (1) The new 4-room addition to Fr Co's Catholic Refugee Elementary School, and (2) Pastor Nguyen's proposed sewing school for Brou girls in Cam Phu (V).

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(3) Capt Nhi, Chief Huong Hoa (D), recently began construction of two badly-needed schoolhouses in the Brou Resettlement Camp, Cua Valley. He is doing this without the advice or direct assistance of his American Advisors. Capt Nhi's initiative and aggressiveness are commendable; his positive, public-spirited leadership deserves some sort of overt recognition, and is the kind of action that should be given emphasis and encouragement by all Americans in Vietnam.

(4) Another example of a public-spirited project being by a Vietnamese official with no advice and very little assistance from American advisors is the Cam Lo Park currently being constructed by Capt Rao, Chief Cam Lo (D). The park will have a childrens playground, as well as a place for adults to relax.

(5) 39 personnel from Headquarters Company visited the 3d Marine Division Memorial Childrens Hospital at Delta-Med in two separate trips. These trips stimulate great interest in the project and appear to have a positive effect.

12. Personnel and Administration.

a. Personnel.

(1) Critical Shortage.

(a) One Mess Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, 3371

(b) One Career Planning NCO, Staff Sergeant, 8421

(2) Summary.

(a) Gains: 2/MCOff, 41/MCEnl, 0/USNOff, 3/USNEnl

(b) Losses: 3/MCOff, 23/MCEnl, 0/USNOff, 3/USNEnl

(c) Monthly average strength: 19/MCOff, 199/MCEnl. 2/USNOff, 4/USNEnl

(3) Awards. During the month one Navy Achievement Medal and one Maritorious Mast were presented by the Regimental Commanding Officer.

(4) Morale continues to be excellent. Excellent club facilities and movies are available at the Regimental Rear CP, DHCB. The R & R program continues to provide a boost to the morale of all hands. During this period there were 2 in-country and eight out of country R & R's taken.

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(5) Chaplain.

(a) Chaplain Assigned: Cdr John F. LABOON Jr CHC, USN, 28 28 05.

(b) Divine Services: Thirty-Nine services were held during the month with an attendence of 793.

(c) Red Cross cases processed: 3

(d) Cases counseled: 10

(e) Other significant activities.

1 Five visits to local churches

2 Two memorial services with the Battalion Chaplains.

3 Distributed rosaries, medals, scapulars, new testaments, and prayer books to personnel within the Regiment.

b. Administration.

(1) Discipline. The following disciplinary action was taken during the month of May.

(a) Three violations of Art 92, UCMJ which resulted in NJP.

(b) One member was recommended for an Undesirable Discharge for possession of marijuana.

(2) Special Services.

(a) The Regiment is presently in the process of having Regimental Plaques made for departing personnel.

(b) Cdr LABOON was assigned as the Regimental Special Services Officer on 20 May 69.

(c) Recreation trips for 25% of the command were made to the Cua Viet Rehabilitation Center for swimming.

(d) Two floor shows were presented to this command during this period, one sponsored by the Enlisted Club and one sponsored by the Staff Club.

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13. Training.

a. Training conducted during the reporting period was oriented toward development of individual and unit readiness requisite to the continuation of successful combat operations in RVN. The training conducted can be categorized generally as General Military Subjects, Orientation (COATIP), Formal/Semi Formal, and OJT.

b. Highlights.

(1) Instruction relative to the adverse effects of the use of drugs.

(2) Familiarization/test firing weapons.

(3) Orientation (COATIP)

(4) Formal/Semi-formal schools - 14 quotas as follows:

Cable Splicer Course - 1
SNCO Leadership Course - 2
Organic Accounting Course - 1
RPS School - 2
Embarkation (Enlisted) - 1
Land Mine/Booby Trap - 1
Scout Sniper - 4
GMS School - 1
Vietnamese Language Course - 1

(5) Application of GMS training was continuous in the preparation of weapons positions, laying protective wire and sandbagging living areas. Individual protective measures were utilized a number of times during attacks by fire. Rehearsals were also conducted for defense against ground attacks.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations.

1 May. Company K lift to FSB McClintock completed at 1125H. OPCON of Company K passed to 2d Bn.

2 May. At 1300H 3d Marines returned to OPCON of 3d Mar Div and assumed responsibility for Virginia Ridge AO. 3d Bn and Company G were passed to OPCON of TFH. 3d Marines received OPCON of Company E, 2d Bn 9th Mar and Company L, 3d Bn 9th Mar and in turn passed OPCON to 2d Bn. At 1540H 3d Mar CP closed on DHCB from FSB Whisman (973333).

3 May. At 0700 to 1400H Company D vic (028643 to 025642) found a bunker complex consisting of approx (26) bunkers. Bunkers contained (30) 82mm mortar rounds and (1) 82mm mortar sight.

4 May. A truck [redacted] MCB-58 hit a mine vic (060574). Lift of 3d Bn CP to FSB Fuller (Dong Ha Mtn) completed at 1330H. At 2010H Company C vic LZ Ironsides received (4-5) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (022649).

5 May. 1st Bn CP at LZ Ironsides received approx (5) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic (020670). At 0605H Company C and 1st Bn CP received (10) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (020670). At 1600H Company L, 3d Bn 9th Mar relieved Company I of security role at Elliot Combat Base. At 2300H ECB and adjacent AO chopped to 3d Marines. 3d Marines in turn chopped Company L, 3d Bn 9th Mar and ECB OPCON to 3d Bn.

6 May. Company C found (2) NVA bodies in a bunker vic (008643).

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8 May. At 0830H lead elements of Company C made contact with a reinforced NVA squad vic (001641). Enemy in bunkers with (1) light machine gun. Results:

(2) USMC KIA
(2) USMC WIA (evac)
(5) USMC WIA (minor)
(5) NVA KIA
(2) IWC

At 0715H Company I vic (991613) was hit by a directional explosive device of unknown type, detonated 40-50 meters off of trail. Res: (4) USMC WIA (evac)
(2) USMC WIA (minor)

9 May. At 1700H Company C vic (995653) resupply helicopter received (2) bursts of light machine gun fire from vic (0066).

10 May. At 0415 Company D vic (007642) was attacked by an estimated platoon size enemy force using small arms, grenades and RPG rounds. Enemy attacked from north and east for approx (10) minutes. Enemy then broke contact and fled to north and northeast. Results:
(8) USMC KIA
(10) USMC WIA (evac)
At 0800H a platoon from Company H in conjunction with Company B,3d Engineer Bn commenced work on building of road to Hill 162 vic (070635) from from Route 591 vic (133646). At 0830H 3d Bn CP helilifted to vic (997613). At 0945H Company A, 3d Tank Bn had a tank hit a mine vic (123724). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1015H 3d Bn road sweep discovered (2) tank trucks that had hit mines vic (994558). At 1220H a platoon of Company I vic (989629) while moving on LZ detonated a mine believed to be a LAAW or 82mm mortar. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1500H a truck vic (994558) hit a large mine resulting in (2) USMC WIA (evac). At 1515 a platoon of Company I received small arms fire and grenades from fresh bunker complex vic (990629). Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac). Company A, vic (002657) discovered in bunkers:
(549) 82mm mortar rounds
(332) Anti-Personnel mines
(16) Anti-Tank mines
(200) Linked 50 cal rounds

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11 May. At 1200H a tank from 3rd Tank Bn hit a mine vic (132735). At 1300H 1st and 2d ARVN Bn's, 2d ARVN Regt moved out of Virginia Ridge AO. At 1615H Company H tank escourt vic (082641) detonated an Anti-Tank mine. A platoon from Company D found bunker complex vic (008645) consisting of (30) bunkers.

12 May. At 1030H 3d Bn CP, 81's and Company I helilifted to FSB Fuller. 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (021649) received approx (24) rounds of mortar fire from vic (021663). All rounds impacted on LZ Ironsides and just over. (10) USMC WIA (evac). Company A while moving vic (014655) received approx (27) rounds of mortar fire from two different positions. (6) USMC WIA (minor). At 1500H Company A discovered (35) bunkers vic (017658).

13 May. At 0625H Company H at Con Thien received (6-8) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (138725). A plt from Company H vic (074642) providing security for road construction received (6) rounds of rocket fire. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1500H 3d Marines returned Company L, 3d Bn 9th Mar at FSB Elliot to OPCON of TFH. At 1600H platoon of Company H reported road grader hit mine vic (076637) while cutting road to Hill 162 causing heavy damage. At 1622H 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (021649) received (13) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (019665).

14 May. At 0800H Company L vic (047617) discovered a bunker complex consisting of (42) bunkers built inside of ravine. At 0900H Company A vic (018658) found (9) Anti-Personnel mines placed along finger leading to a hilltop LZ. Mines were placed to detonate towards LZ. At 1000H Company G vic (049584) found (70) fortified enemy bunkers. At 1600H a platoon from Company G found fresh grave vic (051586). Found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire.

16 May. At 1030H Company A vic (022648) found (4) dead NVA in a bunker complex. At 1130H Company L vic (058612) found a (60) bunker complex. Results: (1) 82mm mortar complete; (500) lbs of rice; (1) NVA flag. At 1730H a platoon from Company M vic (989633) received small arms fire and RPG rounds from a bunker complex vic (991632). Platoon used CS gas and maneuvered squads up to complex while calling 81mm, Artillery and Fixed Wing. Results: (4) USMC WIA (evac); (1) USMC WIA (minor); (1) Kit Carson Scout WIA (evac); (4) NVA KIA; (1) IWC.

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17 May. At 0810H, 1st Bn CP lift from Company D vic (021649) to Company C vic (046635) completed. At 1000H a platoon from Company B vic (080616 to 082616) found a bunker complex consisting of (15) bunkers containing: (1200) lbs of rice; (6) Artillery rounds of unknown caliber. At 1645H Company C vic (057638) point element received small arms fire from approx (4) NVA on high ground. Assaulted hill and received more fire from flanks. 81mm mortar mission called in on avenues of egress. Results: (1) NVA KIA. At 1900H a platoon from Company H vic Hill 162 (070635) reported road completed from Route #9 vic (133646) to Hill 162. Returned to Company H (-) at Con Thien.

18 May. At 0450H Company M vic (991632) captured (1) NVA who was wandering outside unit's lines. At 0810H a platoon from Company H vic (134724) reported duster hit 20 lb plastic Anti-Tank mine heavily damaging rear power drive. From 1100H to 1205 Company L helilifted from vic (058613) to LZ Eagle (063544). At 0730H a platoon from Company C vic (062648) received small arms fire from estimated (4) NVA in bunkers. Unit assaulted bunkers. Results: (1) USMC WIA (minor); (3) NVA KIA; (1) NVA KBA; (3) IWC; (1) CSWC (RPG). At 1240H a platoon ambush Company M vic (980620) spotted (4) NVA walking on trail, initiated ambush killing (2) NVA and capturing (1) individual weapon. At 1315H Company B vic (076623) tank while moving across LZ detonated (1) Anti-Tank mine damaging track and road wheel. Unit searched area and found (2) additional AT mines. At 2330H Company C vic (061642) had lines probed by approx (3-6) NVA.

19 May. At 0200H Company M vic (989628) received (2) RPG rounds in perimeter from the northwest. Results: (1) USMC KIA; (3) USMC WIA (evac). At 0615H Company H at Con Thien received (6) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (131725). Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac). At 0750H 3d Bn CP helilifted to LZ Champ (989629). At 0940H Company D vic (049631) found (6) 82mm mortar rounds and (6) 122mm rockets. Rockets were damaged by artillery. At 1000H a platoon from Company I at FSB Fuller was helilifted to Quang Tri Combat Base to provide convoy security on Route #9 from 21 May to 31 May. At 1030H a platoon from Company M vic (988629) found (1) dead NVA and (1) AK-47 on trail.

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At 1415H Company K vic (984636) initiated contact with possible NVA FO team in a small bunker complex. Results: (2) NVA KIA; (4) IWC (including 9mm pistol). At 1520H Company D vic (045635) received (17) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035658). At 1530H Company A vic (066654) received (25) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (051659). Results: (4) USMC KIA; (17) USMC WIA (evac). At 1600H Company C observed (17-19) NVA vic (061644). Fired mortars and artillery, ran fixed wing with unknown results. At 2210H Company G vic (166698) reported tank hit mine damaging track and roadwheel. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac).

20 May. At 0045H Company D vic (045635) perimeter probed by estimated (6) NVA. Attack was repelled. Results: (5) NVA KIA; (3) IWC; (1) CSWC. At 0320H Company C vic (063640) was attacked by an estimated (60-70) NVA using small arms, grenades and RPG's. Attack was against two places in perimeter. Results: (3) USMC KIA; (8) USMC WIA (evac); (5) USMC WIA (minor); (15) NVA KIA; (5) IWC; (1) CSWC. At 0930H Company G found (2) NVA bodies in a grave vic (156698) dead approx (2) weeks. At 1235H Company B vic (057644) discovered (2) NVA in a bunker. Results: (2) NVA KIA; (2) IWC. At 1330H a platoon from Company D vic (044633) found (1) NVA body dead approx (2) weeks. At 1325H Company L helilift commenced to LZ Champ vic (998618). All lifts including K platoon to (989629) at 1508H completed. At 1415H a platoon from Company G vic (167706) found (138) 82mm mortar rounds and (250) 60mm mortar rounds. At 2050H Company A, 3d Tank Bn, had tank detonate a mine causing extensive damage to left suspension system. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 2200H Company M vic (989629) had lines probed by estimated enemy squad. No casualties.

21 May. At 0900H Company K rear security spotted and fired on (3) NVA vic (973638). (2) NVA KIA and (1) IWC. At 1200H Company K vic (979653) fired on unknown size NVA force. (1) IWC.

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22 May. At 0110H Company B vic (057665) trapped (30) NVA in a draw between Company night position and night ambush vic (056668). Used small arms and spooky gunship. Results: (19) NVA KIA; (2) NVA POW; (8) IWC; (3) CSWC (Including (1) 60mm mortar). At 0645H 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (046636) began receiving incoming rounds of unknown caliber. Received approx (120) rounds in (3) hour period, scheduled helilift to Con Thien delayed. Results: (4) USMC KIA; (2) USMC WIA (minor). At 0830H Company K vic (978650) captured (1) 60mm mortar and killed (1) NVA. At 0845H a platoon from Company G vic (049586) made contact with (3) NVA. Results:(1) NVA KIA; (1) IWC. At 0900H Company K patrol vic (965636) found (50) 82mm mortar rounds. At 1200H Company H (-) was chopped to OPCON of 1st Bn at Con Thien. At 1400H Company K day ambush vic (978650) killed (1) NVA and wounded another. At 1900H Company D and 1st Bn CP helilift to Con Thien completed. At 2300H Company B ambush initiated contact with approx (10) NVA vic (052675). Results: (1) NVA KIA. At 2330H Company K ambush vic (962649) initiated contact with (8) NVA. Results: (3) NVA KIA.

23 May. At 0840H Company C vic (047671) found (2) NVA killed by arty. At 1000H Company H (-) returned OPCON to 2d Bn.

24 May. At 0710H Company A vic (069686) received probe by approx (3-4) NVA. Enemy taken under small arms fire. Results: (2) NVA KIA. At 0745 Company C vic (050675) received (30-35) rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire from vic (042678). Results: (10) USMC WIA (evac). At 1345H Company G (055615) received (15) rounds 82mm mortar fire from vic (045631). Unit moved out of impact area. Results: (5) USMC WIA (evac). At 1405H Company C (050675) received (15) rounds 60mm mortar fire from vic (038668). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).

25 May. At 1100H Company K vic (978651) found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire. At 1125H Company B vic (055684) received approx (10) rounds 82mm mortar fire from vic (030702). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).

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At 1330H Company K vic (972659) lead element made contact with (8-10) NVA in a bunker complex. Enemy initiated contact with heavy machine gun fire and small arms, plus RPG's. Company K called in arty assaulted position. Enemy withdrew using sniper teams to cover retreat. Results: (8) USMC WIA (evac); (2) USMC WIA (minor); (4) NVA KBA. At 1600H Company C vic (050683) received approx (15) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035675). Results (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1615H Company B received approx (20) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (063693). AO observed (4) NVA moving along trail vic (032702). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1730H Company B vic (055684) received incoming 82mm mortars impacting in 81mm mortar pit. Round ignited increments in pit, which in turn cooked off (1) pallet of 81mm mortar rounds staged in vicinity. Exploding rounds forced Company B off of hill until next morning. Results: (9) USMC KIA; (24) USMC WIA (evac); (1) USMC MIA.

26 May. At 1100H, patrol from Company K vic (968653) moving into bunker complex received small arms fire. Returned fire, called artillery mission. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac); (1) NVA KIA; (1) NVA POW. At 1330H Company G vic (056630) to (056634) found (60) bunkers. Majority had been destroyed by air and artillery. At 2200H Company M observed (40) NVA moving south on trail vic (003657). Fired artillery with unknown results. At 2223H Company I at FSB Fuller had 60mm short round land in 105mm Howitzer gun pit. Results: (10) USMC WIA (evac).

27 May. At 0700H platoon from Company K vic (968658) while searching bunker complex initiated contact with NVA platoon. Called 81 and artillery mission. Results: (1) NVA KIA. At 1000H a platoon from Company K vic (978659) exchanged fire with (1) NVA moving west. Results: (1) NVA KIA. At 1030H a platoon from Company G, vic (057644) observed (2) NVA in bunker complex and initiated contact. (1) USMC KIA; (2) NVA KIA; (2) IWC. Additional search of area revealed (2) NVA KBA.

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At approx 1100H vic (982638) resupply helicopter working for 3d Bn crashed with no casualties to crew. Plt of Company M provided security for helo while awaiting Sparrow Hawk. At 1325H AO working for 2d Bn spotted (10) NVA near stream vic (045635). AO ran fixed fing. Results: (3) NVA KBA. At 1600H AO working for 1st Bn observed (2) NVA bodies vic (059644), (7) NVA bodies vic (055665) and (3) NVA bodies (055664). Total: (12) NVA KBA. At 1650H to 1845H Company K vic (972658) received approx (20) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic (958667 and 964646). At 1745H Company G (-) came in contact with (4) NVA while moving through bunker complex. Assaulted positions: Results. (4) NVA KIA; (7) IWC. At 1920H Company C vic (063687) received (15) rounds unknown cal mortar fire from vic (049682). Results: (1) USMC KIA; (5) USMC WIA (evac).

28 May. At 1015H Company C vic (073680) found (2) NVA bodies killed by mortars. At approx 1030H Company K, 3d Bn 9th Mar reached downed helicopter vic (982638). At 1200H Company L vic (998642) found (1) dead NVA in a grave. At 1230H Company G spotted (5) NVA coming out of bunker complex. Fired 60mm mortar and then swept through bunkers. Results: (3) NVA KIA; (3) IWC. At 1515H Company K, 3d Bn, 9th Mar vic (982638) and downed helicopter lifted out. Company K, 3d Bn, 9th Mar helilifted back to VCB. At 1800H 2d Bn AO spotted (15-20) NVA vic (041638) moving northwest carrying litters. Artillery and fixed wing employed. Results: (11) KBA.

29 May. AO spotted (3-5) NVA vic (070635). Ran fixed wing. Results: (4) NVA KBA. At 1200H Company H vic (057639) found (1) NVA KBA. At 1300H Company M vic (965625) observed (8-10) NVA with full packs moving west to east vic (966624). Point initiated contact with small arms fire, called 81mm and arty mission with negative results. At 1330H Company G (042643) observed (4) NVA crossing open area vic (045650) moving north. Fired machine guns, called in air and artillery with unknown results. At 1420H Company E was releived at (C-2) and Cam Lo Bridge by Company A and proceeded by truck to Dong Ha Ramp, from there by boat to Cua Viet for R & R. At 1430H 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company E to 3d Mar Div.

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At 1520H Company L vic (986626) completed search of bunker complex. Results: (1) IWC; (1) 82mm recoilless rifle and large numbers of various calibers of munitions. At 1600H Company H vic (061641) received (1) RPG round and (6-7) 60mm mortar rounds from vic (057637). Returned fire with small arms and mortars. Results: (4) USMC WIA (evac). At 1643H Company D platoon vic (131729) received (6-8) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic (133731). Results: (2) USMC WIA (minor). At 1715H (2) squads of Company H deployed to search area of enemy position vic (057635) and received small arms fire from southwest and west. Unit returned fire, maneuvered to assault enemy position and received automatic weapons fire. Unit conducted 60mm mission, and artillery conducted TOT later in evening with (4) batteries. Observed (4) secondary explosions. Results: (2) USMC KIA; (5) USMC WIA (evac). At 2100H ambush of Company F vic (040565) initiated contact on point element of approx (6) NVA. Enemy returned fire and fled. 60mm mortars fired on avenues of egress. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac); (1) IWC.

30 May. At 1440H Company A, 9th MT Bn; truck moving north on Route 558 vic (108547) received (1) round small arms sniper fire. Neg action taken and truck continued north. Results: (1) USMC WIA (minor).

31 May. At 0430H Company H vic (060635) received (7) 82mm mortar rounds from vic (042655). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac). At 1430H Company H vic (059636) found (9) NVA bodies wrapped in plastic, approx (1) month old. At 1630H Company G vic (050636) while on company sized movement received approx (12-15) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035635). Results: (1) USMC KIA; (7) USMC WIA (evac). At 1930H Company H vic (059636) while searching bunker complex of approx 40-50 bunkers, found: (44) 82mm mortar rounds; (15) Chicom grenades; (32) 60mm mortar rounds; (9) Anti-Tank mines.

2. Other Significant Events. None

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