DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96602

UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

3/JFC/bhw
5750
10 Dec 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 November 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A W.Ch 1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B W/Ch 1

Encl: (1) Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(2) Headquarters Company, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(3) First Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(4) Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(5) Third Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology

Filed Sep

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted as the Command Chronology for the Fifth Marine Regiment for the period 1-30 November 1968.

J. F. CODY
By direction

S & C FILES
HEADQUARTERS
1ST MARINE DIVISION
68 5358
Copy 1 of 5 copies

5TH MAR S&C FILES
00825-68
COPY NO. 1 OF 7

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted]

(Tab I)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

5750
10 Dec 1968

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1968

INDEX

PART I	-ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
PART II	-NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PART III	-SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.
PART IV	-SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ENCLOSURE (1)
SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

5750
10 Dec 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

5th Marine Regiment — Colonel J. B. ORD, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company, 5th Marines	1stLt A. A. DORNBACH
1st Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol R. F. DALEY
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol J. W. STEMPLE
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol H. E. ATKINSON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location

Quang Nam Province, An Hoa, RVN Regimental CP

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol B. A. PATES, JR.
S-1	Capt R. E. STONER
S-2	Maj P. E. O'TOOLE
S-3	Maj J. F. CODY
S-4	Maj S. K. MCKEE 1-20 Nov 68
	Maj L. A. BEHYMER 20-30 Nov 68
S-5	1stLt D. L. NEWMAN
CommO	Maj R. E. EDWARDS
MTO	1stLt R. D. STROM
Regt SupplyO	Capt P. M. GANS 1-20 Nov 68
	1stLt J. F. CONNELLY 20-30 Nov 68
HqCo Supply O	2ndLt D. G. KEATING
Regimental Chaplain	LtCdr R. P. BECK, USNR 1-4 Nov 68
	LtCdr B. A. AHERN, USNR 5-30 Nov 68
Regimental Surgeon	Lt J. E. MCGILLICUDDY, USNR
Regimental Sergeant Major	SgtMaj W. H. BEAN

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
111	3650	12	168

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

5750
10 Dec 1968

UNCLASSIFIED

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 1 November 1968 the Second and Third Battalions and elements of the First Battalion continued to conduct concentric attacks against enemy pockets of resistance in the Chau Phong area. The enemy made no determined or coordinated defense but attempted to disguise themselves in civilian clothing, conceal their weapons, and enfiltrate from the battalo area under cover of darkness. These enemy efforts were countered by the employment of observation aircraft and the immediate shifting of small units to encircle and attack.

2. At the completion of the Chau Phong action the Second and Third Battalions returned to the An Hoa area for rehab and preparation for CHOP to the 1st Marines for Operation MEADE RIVER. The First Battalion, Co M, Third Battalion (directly OPCON to the Fifth Marines) continued to conduct limited offensive operations and patrols and ambushes in the An Hoa AO along the axis of Liberty Road.

3. On 20 November 1968 the Fifth Marines CHOPPED the 2nd and 3rd Battalions to the First Marines to take part in Operation MEADE RIVER south of Danang. With only four rifle companies of the Fifth Marines left in the whole An Hoa AO the enemy began infiltrating back into the area attempting a buildup of forces around the An Hoa Combat Base. On 21 November 1968 at 2100H an enemy battalion made a coordinated ground attack against the Combat Base. Employing the fires of 82mm and 60mm mortars, 57mm recoiless rifles, B-40 rockets, and M-79 grenade launchers the enemy force attacked from the east to west against the base's eastern perimeter. The battle raged for five hours with the enemy sending in assault forces armed with grenades and AK-47's. Tanks firing beehive 90mm cannister, artillery firing direct lay 105mm canister, and LVT's firing machineguns broke up four separate waves of NVA and VC. CAP 2-9-1, in the path of the attack performed outstanding service by taking the attackers under fire from the flanks and rear, and directing artillery and air strikes. The enemy effort was a complete failure resulting in maximum enemy and minimum friendly casualties.

4. Following the massive attack the enemy forces withdrew and continued to harass with ambushes, mines, and mortar attacks. On the night of 22 November 1968 an enemy ambush attacked an unarmed German medical missionary vehicle killing one German civilian and wounding a second. The vehicle was clearly marked and identified by a flashing red light and appropriate painted symbols.

5. Heavy and continued rains turned Liberty Road, the only overland route to An Hoa, into a dangerous mud-slick. The enemy took full advantage of the mud and bad weather to employ ambushes and plant a maximum number of mines. The employment of tanks and LVTs armed with 106mm recoiless rifles to protect convoys totally discouraged an expansion of these efforts.

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

[redacted]

5750
10 Dec 1968

6. For detailed information see the After Action Reports for Operations HENDERSON HILL and MEADE RIVER.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

[redacted]

5750
10 Dec 1968

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

UNCLASSIFIED

a. The command received an imput of 12 officers and 347 enlisted personnel during the month of November 1968.

b. A total of 3 officers and 188 enlisted personnel were medically evacuated out of RVN during the month.

c. The average chargeable strength for the Regiment was 104 Marine Officers, 3417 Marine Enlisted, 12 Naval Officers, and 160 Naval Enlisted.

Casualties for the month of November

USMC

KIA	WIAE	WIANE	NBCE
30	140	30	10

USN

WIAE
1

2. Intelligence

a. General. During the month of November the S-2 section continued collection, analysis, and dissemination fo intelligence information in support of operation HENDERSON HILL.

(1) During the reporting period liaison was continued in the An Hoa AO with intelligence collection agencies of GVN. The use of their operational personnel continued to provide valuable and current information concerning the organization and functioning of the enemy clandestine logistic support apparatus and NVA/VC operational units.

(2) Continued planning and close operational coordination with Duc Duc District Headquarters and the First Reconnaissance Battalion permitted maximum surveillance and information of suspected enemy movements and locations.

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (1)

[redacted]

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

b. Cumulative enemy losses during the reporting period are as follows:

(1) NVA KIA 362/VC KIA 117

(2) NVA KIA DISCOVERED 7/VC KIA DISCOVERED 1

(3) DETAINEES 52

(a) NVA PW 7
(b) VC PW 4
(c) NVA RTNE 1
(d) VC RTNE 1
(e) CIV DEF 10
(f) INN CIV 24
(g) POW DOW 0
(h) UNCLASSED 5

(4) WEAPONS CAPTURED

(a) INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS 34

(b) CREWSERVED WEAPONS 4

(5) CAP 2-9-1 and 2-9-2 received no ralliers during this reporting period.

c. Significant aspects of Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy

(a) Enemy activity throughout the Regimental AO increased in intensity and frequency during the reporting period. An increase in enemy sightings in the northeast sector of the AO, and throughout the Arizona area was detected during early November. Predominant direction of movement was to the north-northeast of the Regimental AO. The enemy's attempt to move large elements of his forces toward the Danang vital area were seriously hampered during 1-20 November as 5th Marines maneuver elements sought out enemy platoon/company size elements attempting to move through the north-northeastern sector of the AO. This increase of enemy movement was highlighted when field interrogations on 1-3 November 1968 reported the 1st Bn, 36th NVA Regiment located vicinity AT9651, and the 1st Co, 2nd Bn Quang Da Province VC located vicinity AT9551. Operations in Chau Phong area (AT9651) terminated on 13 November 1968 resulting in: 43 NVA KIA/12 PS's. In addition, ammunition, explosives, medical supplies, and rice were captured. 106 tons of rice were recoovered. This action seriously deprived the enemy's attack manouver elements of logistical support.

(b) The general increase of enemy sightings and contacts noted during the period were principally attributable to the favorable weather conditions which prevailed during much of the month.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

(c) Moderate to light attacks on isolated outposts and An Hoa combat base continued through the end of the reporting period. At the close of the reporting period, the Q81 LF and the 38th NVA Regimental Headquarters were possibly located in the northeastern sector of the AO. Elements of the 21st NVA Regiment were reported located in the northern Arizona area, center mass AT8453, with the 1st Bn, 36th NVA Regiment plus the 36th NVA Regimental Headquarters reported vicinity AT9739. Acute food shortages among enemy main and local forces were also reported.

(d) Efforts by the enemy to fortify hamlets throughout the AO continued to be evident. Enemy contacts were light to moderate. The enemy continued to show no willingness to risk the defeat of his major units in detail in an all out effort against outposts and Marine elements.

(2) Weather

The weather for the most part was clear to partly cloudy with occasional light to moderate daytime/nightime showers. For the most part weather enhanced the use of air support in the An Hoa AO.

(3) In view of the northeast monsoon season, continuous studies are being compiled in order to chart an alternate trail system.

d. Miscellaneous

(1)	Rice Captured:	110.6 Tons
(2)	Ordnance	
	Chicom Grenades	150
	7.62 Ammo	730 Rds
	M-26 Grenades	3
	M-33 Grenades	2
	B-40 Rds	5
	LAAW	1
	60MM Rds	61
	105 Rds	1
	12.7 Ammo	150 Rds
(3)	Equipment:	
	Assorted 782 Gear	50 Lbs
	Medical Gear	10 Lbs
	AK-47 Mags	13
	Comm Wire	1 Roll
	Clothing	10 Lbs
	Mess Kit	1
	Boat (Unk Type)	1

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

(4) Caches

AT943505	3 Tons Rice
AT971507	7 Tons Rice
AT975514	Food and Ammo
AT971516	13 Tons Rice
AT944515	50 Tons Rice
BT002540	120 Rds 12.7mm
BT015509	8 1/2 Tons Rice

3. Training

a. During the period 1-30 November 1968, the following schools were attended by personnel of this command:

(1)	Officers Leadership School	5
(2)	Staff NCO Leadership School	6
(3)	NCO Leadership School	23
(4)	III MAF Viet Language School	2
(5)	Embarkation School (Okinawa)	1
(6)	Embarkation School (III MAF)	4
(7)	Registered Publications School	1
(8)	Basic Infantry Weapons School	2
(9)	Division Scout Sniper School	8
(10)	Basic Organic Supply Accounting School	4
(11)	Basic Ammo Tech School	2
(12)	Military Justice School	1
(13)	Kit Carson Orientation School	3

b. The Regiment continued it's indoctrination training for all newly assigned personnel.

4. Operations

During the month of November all operational activities of the Fifth Marines were included in operation HENDERSON HILL Combat After Action Report.

5. Fire Support

Artillery and Air Support was as indicated in Combat After Action Report for HENDERSON HILL.

6. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

a. Land Transportation

The MSR between An Hoa and Danang has deteriorated due to continued rains and inadequate maintenance. The ferry at Liberty Bridge operated at marginal operating capacity due to sandbars and continuous river flooding. The MSR from An Hoa to Liberty Bridge/Phu Lac (6) was trafficable during all but two days but hazardous.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

b. Air Transportation

Supply and resupply was accomplished by both fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. Cargo lifted to An Hoa by C-123's and C-130's amounted to 4,607,418 Lbs. Helicopters lifted 2,825,000 lbs of cargo and 100,000 lbs of captured rice. The TACAN at An Hoa was placed in operation in November 1968 and the GCA will be installed in the very near future.

c. Base Development

A shortage of materials, equipment, and qualified engineer personnel stymied the progress of developing necessary facilities during the month. However, the expectation of coming operations provided increased impetus to expeditious completion of necessary base improvements as the month closed.

d. Service Support

Class I, III and V supply support provided by LSU continued to be excellent. Class II support via RUC line at LSU An Hoa more than doubled during the month of November. The LSA at An Hoa operated by Company "B", 1st Engineer Battalion provided outstanding support throughout the month.

e. Maintenance

Support provided by Maintenance detachments from FLC continued to increase in effectiveness within the limitations of available equipment. In addition, engineer and office equipment contact teams visited An Hoa during November.

7. Communications

a. During the month of November 1968 communications in the Fifth Marines area of operation was maintained as previously established.

b. Friendly frequency interference has been a problem throughout this month on both radio and radio relay in VHF range (FM). There is a definite requirement for good spare frequencies at both the Division and Regimental level.

8. Medical

a. During the month of November 1968, the Regimental Aid Station continued in full operation. In addition to Headquarters Company, a number of company, platoon, and smaller sized detachments were provided medical support by RAS. Support of the POW Compound was discontinued when it displaced to 1/5 area at mid-month. On 29 November 1968, liaison with MCB-3 medical section was established and preparations made to utilize RAS facilities in support of that unit. During the reporting month, the RAS treated 226 military outpatients, 29 Vietnamese, 213 POW and detainees, and 115 MEDCAP people at My Son (1).

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

b. First Battalion BAS treated 260 Vietnamese at their MEDCAP Disponsary on base.

c. During the period 19 through 21 November 1968, Division Surgeon and his staff conducted medical technical inspections of all Regimental Units.

d. At 2210, 22 November 1968, two German Nationals on the staff of the Knights of Malta German Hospital were brought to the RAS for aeromedical evacuation. Both men were injured when Viet Cong insurgents attacked their jeep ambulance. Identified as follows: Otto HEISS suffering from a sucking chest wound and Gzeslaw DIXA suffering from penetrating wound of the head and sucking chest wound. Both men evacuated by helo to USA 95th Evac Hospital.

e. On 26 November 1968, CDR FULIFFSON, DC USN; the Regimental Surgeon and HMCS QUINNAN accompanied the Regimental S-5 to My Son (1) where a MEDCAP was held.

f. On 27 Nov 1968, an emergency resupply of 200 litters was requested and received from FLC and distributed to all Regimental units.

g. Division FMS conducted a sanitation inspection of all An Hoa based units on 29 Nov 1968.

h. On 29 November 1968, advance echelon of MCB-3 began arriving at An Hoa in prepparation for major repair work on the airstrip. MCB-3 established liaison with the RAS; it is planned to utilize the facilities of RAS for sick call and emergency treatment of Seabee personnel while deployed at An Hoa. Four MCB-3 hospital corpsmen will be utilized by the RAS to provide 24 hour manning of sick bay while work on the airstrip progresses.

9. Civil Affairs

Employment of Vietnamese civilians on a day to day basis has continued during the month of November. The number of refugees employed has increased to a total of 150 and are utilized to dig trenchlines, build bunkers, and defensive fortifications. Payment again is being made with rice captured from the VC and NVA. Civic action supplies which have been donated to aid refugees amounted to 268,435 $VN and consisted of scrap lumber, plastic, blankets, along with clothes, soap, school kits, masonry kits, blacksmith kits, resettlement kits, and 2 sewing machines. In addition, 70,000 $VN was donated for civic action projects. A total of 890 man-hours were devoted to civic action work during November. A total of 262 Vietnamese civilians were treated in MedCaps and 37 civilians were medevaced to the German Hospital at Danang.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

10. Psychological Operations

Ground broadcast teams were utilized extensively in support of 5th Marines operations and were very effective. The number of hours of broadcast were not reported but results have been excellent with a total of 4 Hoi Chanhs for the month of November. A total of 2000 rewards leaflets were also distributed and the number of pieces of ordnances turned in is on the increase.

11. Chaplain

The Regimental Chaplain provided regular Catholic coverage for the Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines, two CAP units as well as 1/5 and 3/5 Battalion CP's. A memorial service was conducted for the male nurses from the German Hospital for the staff of the hospital.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

5750
10 Dec 1968

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 100-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 101-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 102-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 103-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 104-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 105-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 106-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 107-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 108-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 109-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 110-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 111-68
   FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 112-68
2. Operation HENDERSON HILL Monthly Journal
3. Operation HENDERSON HILL Monthly Six Hour SITREPS
4. After Action Report MAMELUKE THRUST
5. Headquarters Company Command Chronology
6. First Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology
7. Second Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology
8. Third Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology

Filed

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 231205Z OCT 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
FIRST MARINES
SEVENTH MARINES
ELEVENTH MARINES
FIRST RECON BN
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
PREC: OP IMMEDIATE
CLASS: SECRET

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AO		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

BT
S E C R E T

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 100-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORD 99-68
B. FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORD 98-68

1. FIFTH MARINES TERMINATED OPN MAMELUKE THRUST AND COMMENCED OPN HENDERSON HILL 231200H OCT 68.

2. CHANGE REFS A AND B FROM MAMELUKE THRUST TO HENDERSON HILL.

3. EXECUTION

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES: DEPLOY CO A 1/5 FROM AN HOA TO CAP 292 POSIT BY MOTOR VEH. RELIEVE CO F 2/5 IN PLACE AND RETURN CO F TO AN HOA BY MOTOR VEH. ON RETURN TO AN HOA CHOP CO F 2/5 TO SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES. EXECUTED AT 240900H OCT 68.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ASSIGN CO H 2/5 AS ONE HR REACTION FORCE AT 231800H.

(2) ASSUME OPCON CO H 2/5 FROM FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES ON ORDER AOA 240900H OCT 68. COMMENCE REHAB AND TRNG OF THAT UNIT ON ARRIVAL AT AN HOA.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES: NO CHANGE TO REF B.

GP-4
BT

[illegible]

super

231205z

SECRET

//has been cont//

oct68

SECRET

195

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

0 25 14 46Z OCT 68

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
Asst OpnChief		
Opns Trng		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES
SA QUANG NAM PROV (HOI AN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J.
RELEASER: CO COL J. B.
PREC: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

BT
S E C R E T

COPY 5 OF EIGHTEEN COPIES

FRAG ORDER 101-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR OPO 301A-68

(S) 1. SITUATION

(S) A. ENEMY: FIRM INTELLIGENCE INDICATES STRONG PRESENCE OF VC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THU BON ONE AND TWO (AT880510) EXTENDING INFLUENCE TO MY LOC ONE AND TWO (AT913518). VC ORGANIZATION MINING OF ENTIRE AREA BETWEEN LIB ROAD AND SONG THU BON, EFFORTS TO SUPPLY RICE TO ADJACENT NVA AND MFVC UNITS, AND HARRASSING SMALL ARMS FIRE DIRECTED TOWARD AIRCRAFT LANDING AND DEPARTING THE AN HOA AIR STRIP.

(S) B. FRIENDLY:

(1) AIR: FIRST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARY WING AO AND PSY OPS BROADCAST AND LEAFLET DROP SUPPORT.

(2) ARTY: NO CHANGE TO REF (A).

(3) DET CO B FIRST TK BN PROVIDES HVY TK SEC TO REINFORCE CORDON ON LIB ROAD.

(4) QUANG NAM PROV PROVIDES MULTI PLAT NATIONAL FIELD POLICE FORCE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND IDENT IN OBJ AREAS.

(S) 2. MISSION: CORDON TO DENY ESCAPE OF ENEMY PERSONNEL FROM DESIG REGT OBJ'S, AND PROVIDE SECURITY TO GVN FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH OF OBJ'S.

SECRET

(S) 3. EXECUTION:

(S) A. CONCEPT: PRIOR TO H-HR ONE BN EXECUTES COVERT NIGHT MOVEMENT TO BLOCKING POSITS CORDONING SOUTH, WEST, AND NORTH OF REGT OBJ ONE. ONE BN WITH HVY TK SEC PROVIDES BLOCK ALONG LIB ROAD CORDONING EAST OF REGT OBJ ONE. ALL BLOCKS IN POSIT NLT H MINUS THREE HRS. AT H-HR GVN NATIONAL FIELD POLICE FORCE MOVES INTO OBJ AREA AND CONDUCTS DETAILED SEARCH. AT COMPLETION OF OPERATION, AND ON ORDER, FORCE IS PREPARED TO EXECUTE COVERT MOVE TO CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH OF REGT OBJ TWO.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

(S) B. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D MINUS ONE DAY PROVIDE MESSING, BILLETING, AND ASSY AREA FOR GVN NATIONAL FIELD POLICE FORCE AT LIB BRIDGE SOUTH.

(2) ON D MINUS ONE DAY PROVIDE ASSY AREA FOR BN HQ AND TWO RIFLE CO OF 3/5 AT LIB BRIDGE SOUTH.

(3) NLT H MINUS NINE HRS PROVIDE GUIDES VIC CP THREE (AT908505) TO LEAD ELEMENTS OF 3/5 INTO BLOCK SOUTH OF REGT OBJ ONE. BLOCK TO BE IN POSIT NLT H MINUS THREE HRS.

(4) NLT H MINUS THREE HRS, WITH A HVY TK SEC IN SUPPORT, ESTAB A BLOCK ON LIB ROAD FM CP THREE (AT908505) TO LIB BRIDGE SOUTH (AT925530), FRONT WEST, TO CORDON EAST APPROACH TO REGT OBJ ONE.

(5) FM D MINUS ONE DAY TO COMPLETION OF OPN PROVIDE MAX AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES VIC REGT OBJ TWO TO DENY ENEMY MOVEMENT IN OR OUT OF THAT AREA.

(6) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO PROVIDE ELEMENTS TO CORDON REGT OBJ TWO AT THE COMPLETION OF OPNS IN REGT OBJ ONE.

(S) B. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D MINUS ONE DAY DISPLACE BN HQ AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES BY HELO AND MTR VEH TO ASSY AREA VIC LIB BRIDGE SOUTH (AT925530); AND TWO RIFLE COMPANIES BY FOOT TO ASSY AREA VIC MY SON ONE (AT895467).

(2) NIGHT OF D MINUS ONE DAY, IN CLOSE COORD WITH 1/5, MOVE TWO-CO-FORCE FM MY SON ONE COVERTLY BY FOOT ALONG AXIS OF LIB ROAD TO CP THREE (AT908505) TO LINK UP WITH GUIDE PTY FM 1/5. IN COMPANY WITH 1/5 GUIDE PTY CONTINUE COVERT NIGHT MARCH ALONG AXIS OF OLD ROAD TO ESTAB BLOCK FM CP THREE (AT908505) TO SONG THU BON (AT903520), FRONT NORTH-EAST, TO CORDON SOUTH-WEST APPROACH TO REGT OBJ ONE. BLOCK TO BE IN POSIT NLT H MINUS THREE HRS.

(3) ON THE NIGHT OF D MINUS ONE DAY MOVE BN HQ AND TWO-CO-FORCE FM LIB BRIDGE SOUTH ALONG OLD RT 537 TO BLOCK POSIT ALONG ROAD FM AT923529 TO AT903520, FRONT SOUTHEAST, TO CORDON NORTHWEST APPROACH TO REGT OBJ ONE. BLOCK TO BE IN POSIT NLT H MINUS THREE HRS.

(4) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO PROVIDE ELEMENTS TO CORDON REGT OBJ TWO ON COMPLETION OF OPNS IN REGT OBJ ONE.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET

(S) D. COORD INST:

(1) GVN FORCES COMMENCE SEARCH AT H-HR.

(2) D-DAY/H-HR: 270700H OCT 68.

(3) RECT OBJ ONE: MY LCC ONE AND TWO, CENTER OF MASS AT923528.

(4) RECT OBJ TWO: THU BON ONE AND TWO, CENTER OF MASS AT880930.

(5) 1/5 AND 3/5 LINK UP AT FOLLOWING POSITS:

(A) L UP ONE: AT907505.

(B) L UP TWO: AT923529.

(6) DIR IN IS DIRECTED.

4. ADMIN-LOG: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

5. COMM-ELEC: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

///PAGE 2 OF 3 PAGES///

SECRET

OP-4
EP

TOD:251633E/DIV-TT/OCN:445/RWN SUPVR

2514467 SECRET OCT68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 260630Z OCT68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
PRE: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES
SA QUANG NAM PROV

COPY 5 OF 18 COPIES

BT
S E C R E T

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
XO		
WECDefO		
OpsChief	FF	
AsstOpsChief		
AOps / Trng		
Scol NCO		
Mag NCO		
FILE		

FRAG ORDER 102-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR OPO 301A-68
B. FIFTH MAR ADO 301A-68
C. FIFTH MAR FRO 101-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

(S) 1. SITUATION: NO CHANGE TO REF C.

(S) 2. MISSION: NO CHANGE TO REF C.

(S) 3. EXECUTION:

(S)A. CONCEPT: ON D-DAY PRIOR TO 2H-HR ONE BN EXECUTES COVERT NIGHT MOVE FROM REGT OBJ ONE TO BLOCKING POSITIONS CORDONING REGT OBJ TWO. ONE BN PROVIDES FORCE TO GUIDE BLOCKING FORCES INTO POSITION AND FORCES TO SCREEN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ROUTES OF EGRESS FROM OBJ AREA. GVN COMMENCE SEARCH OF OBJ AREA AT 2H-HR ON D PLUS ONE DAY.

(S)B. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) PROVIDE FORCE TO GUIDE 3/5 INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS CORDONING REGT OBJ TWO. GUIDES TO LINK UP WITH WITH KM 3/5 AT LUP THREE ON D-DAY AT 2H MINUS NINE HOURS.

(2) PROVIDE FORCES TO SCREEN SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST ROUTES OF EGRESS FROM REGT OBJ TWO.

(3) PROVIDE A REACTION FORCE PREPARED TO ASSIST GVN FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH OF REGT OBJ TWO ON ORDER.

(S)C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D-DAY PRIOR TO 2H-HR CONDUCT NIGHT COVERT FOOT MOVE FROM REGT OBJ ONE TO BLOCKING POSITIONS CORDONING REGT OBJ TWO.

(2) LINK UP WITH FORCE FROM 1/5 AT LUP THREE ON D-DAY AT 2H MINUS NINE HOURS. 1/5 FORCE WILL ACT AS GUIDES INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS.

S E C R E T SECRET ///PAGE ONE OF TWO///

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

S E C R E T ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///

(3) ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS TO SEAL OFF REGT OBJ TWO NLT 2H MINUS THREE HOURS ON D PLUS ONE DAY.

(4) MAINTAIN CLOSE LN WITH 1/5 FORCES PROVIDING GUIDES, AND SCREENING FORCES TO SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF REGT OBJ TWO.

(5) MAINTAIN CLOSE LN WITH AND BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A REACTION FORCE TO GVN FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH OF REGT OBJ TWO.

(S) D. COORD-INST:

(1) GVN FORCES COMMENCE SEARCH OF REGT OBJ TWO AT 2H-HR.

(2) 2H-HR: 280700H OCT 68.

(3) REGT OBJ TWO: THU BON ONE AND TWO, CENTER OF MASS AT880510.

(4) LNP THREE: BRIDGE AT AT885505.

(S) 4. ADMIN-LOG: NO CHANGE TO REF B.

(S) 5. COMM-ELEC: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

S E C R E T ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///
BT

GP-4 TOD: Z/OCT68/DIV-TT/CCN468/GTE

260630Z S E C R E T OCT68

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 291604Z OCT 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
SEVENTH MARINES
ELEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J.B. CRD JR.
PREC: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

COPY 4 OF 18 COPIES

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
SCDO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn Trng		
NCO		
NCO		
FILE		

BT
SECRET

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 103-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MARINES OPO 301A-68
B. FIFTH MARINES ADO 301A-68

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY:

(1) MAU CHANH TWO (AT890474) A PACIFIED AREA WITH POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE GVN. HOWEVER, RECENT REPORTS FROM AGENTS INDICATE STRONG ENEMY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AID AND COMFORT AND TO ESTABLISH A VC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THAT AREA.

(2) REPORTS FROM UNRELATED SOURCES INDICATE ENEMY ACTIVITY AND A WELL DEVELOPED VC INFRASTRUCTURE IN PHU NHUAN NINE AND SIX (AT890490) AREA. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE AREA HAS BEEN USED BY ENEMY FORCES AS A MORTAR POSITION FOR FIRE ATTACKS AGAINST AN HOA.

(3) VERY RECENT INTEL FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND INTER OF CHIEU HOI PUTS THE FIRST BN THIRTY SIX NVA REGT IN POSITS NEAR CHAU PHONG TWO (AT937497). INTEL ALSO INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF OTHER NVA FORCES IN STRENGTH OF FOUR HUNDRED LOCATED VIC AT9751.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) AIR AND ARTY: REF A.

(2) QUANG NAM PROV PROVIDES NAT FIELD POLICE FORCE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND IDENT DURING PRELIM OPNS IN REGT OBJ'S THREE AND FOUR.

SECRET

SECRET

347

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

(3) BY PRIOR AGREEMENT CAP 291 PROVIDES GUIDES TO 3/5 VIC REGT OBJ THREE ON D MINUS ONE DAY.

(4) DET CO B FIRST TK BN PROVIDES ONE HVY SEC DS TO 1/5 VIC REGT OBJ FIVE.

2. MISSION: CONTINUE WIDESPREAD OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT:

(1) D MINUS TWO DAYS: 3/5 CONDUCTS COVERT NIGHT MOVE WITH TWO COMPANIES TO CORDON REGT OBJ THREE.

(2) D MINUS ONE DAY: ONE COMPANY OF 1/5 CONDUCTS [redacted] EARLY MORNING COVERT MOVE TO ATTACK POSITION NORTHWEST OF REGT OBJ FOUR. NLT H MINUS ONE HR ONE COMPANY OF 1/5 WITH TK SEC DS ESTABLISHES BLOCK SOUTHEAST OF REGT OBJ FOUR. AT H-HR ON D MINUS ONE DAY NORTHWEST COMPANY OF 1/5 ATTACKS TO SEIZE AND SEARCH REGT OBJ FOUR; AND, WITH TWO COMPANIES OF 3/5 IN CORDON, GVN FORCES SWEEP TO CONDUCT SEARCH OF REGT OBJ THREE FOLLOWED BY A COUNTY FAIR. AT ABOUT H PLUS ONE HR 2/5 CONDUCTS RETROGRADE BY HELICOPTER FROM ARIZONA AREA TO AN KOA.

(3) D-DAY: PRIOR TO L-HR TWO COMPANIES OF 3/5 EXECUTE NIGHT COVERT MOVE TO ATTACK/BLOCK POSITION SOUTH OF REGT OBJ FIVE. TO BE IN POS NLT L MINUS TWO HRS. PRIOR TO L-HR ONE COMPANY OF 1/5 WITH HVY TK SEC IN DS EXECUTES NIGHT COVERT MOVE TO BLOCK POSITION NORTHWEST OF REGT OBJ FIVE. FOLLOWING HEAVY AIR AND ARTY PREP, SHIFTING ONTO REGT OBJ FIVE, 2/5 WITH THREE COMPANIES LAND BY HELO IN LZ EAGLE, LINK UP WITH ONE COMPANY MOVED IN ZONE COVERTLY BY FOOT, AND ESTABLISH BLOCKS NORTHEAST OF REGT OBJ FIVE. ARTY AND AIR CONTINUE TO STRIKE ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ FIVE UNTIL L PLUS THREE HRS. AT L PLUS THREE HRS 3/5 ATTACKS TO [redacted] DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

B. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) PRIOR TO H-HR ON D MINUS ONE DAY MOVE ONE COMPANY WITH TK SEC DS TO BLOCK ENEMY EGRESS FROM REGT OBJ FOUR TO SOUTHEAST. AT H-HR ATTACK WITH ONE COMPANY FROM NORTHWEST TO SEIZE REGT OBJ FOUR AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

(2) PRIOR TO L-HR ON D-DAY MOVE ONE COMPANY WITH TK SEC DS TO BLOCK NORTHWEST OF REGT OBJ FIVE. EAST LIMIT STREAM JUNCTION AT943512 WEST LIMIT LIB ROAD. BLOCK TO BE IN POSITION NLT L MINUS THREE HRS.

(3) ON D MINUS ONE DAY MOVE CO B COVERTLY AT NIGHT TO POSIT 600 METERS FROM LZ EAGLE. CO B WILL CONTROL AIR AND ARTY PREP OF LZ ON MORNING OF D-DAY AND COVER HELILANDING BY 2/5. ON ORDER, AT ABOUT L-HR, CHOP CO B TO 2/5.

C. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) COMMENCING D MINUS ONE DAY AT H PLUS TWO HRS EXECUTE RETROGRADE BY HELICOPTER FROM ARIZONA AREA TO AN HOA. RON AT AN HOA AND PREPARE FOR OPNS ON D-DAY.

(2) ON D-DAY AT L-HR EXECUTE HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ EAGLE. LINK UP WITH AND ASSUME OPCON CO B 1/5 AND ESTABLISH BLOCKS NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF REGT OBJ FIVE. WEST LIMIT OF BLOCK STREAM JUNCTION AT943512, EAST LIMIT LAKE SHORE AT966490.

(3) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO TO CHOP TO FIFTH MARINES 310001H OCT AS REGT RESERVE.

D. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D MINUS ONE DAY, WITH TWO COMPANIES, CONDUCT COVERT NIGHT MOVE FROM AN HOA AND ESTAB BLOCKS TO CORDON REGT OBJ THREE. CORDON TO BE IN POSIT NLT H MINUS TWO HOURS.

(2) ON D MINUS ONE DAY AT H-HR SUPPORT GVN FORCES COMMENCING DETAILED SEARCH OF REGT OBJ THREE TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND ENEMY PERSONNEL. SUPPORT COUNTY FAIR AT COMPLETION OF SEARCH.

(3) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE PLAT AS SECURITY TO GVN SEARCH FORCE, AND BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A REACTION FORCE TO ENGAGE ENEMY FORCES IN THE OBJ THREATENING THE GVN SEARCH FORCE.

(4) PRIOR TO L-HR ON D-DAY MOVE THREE COMPANIES BY FOOT TO ATTACK/BLOCK POSIT SOUTH OF REGT OBJ FIVE TO BE IN POSIT NLT L MINUS THREE HOURS. AT COMPLETION OF AIR AND ARTY STRIKES AT L PLUS THREE HOURS, ATTACK TO SEIZE REGT OBJ FIVE AND LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

E. REGT RESERVE: BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY BY ANY DESIG MEANS WITHIN THIRTY MIN OF RECEIPT OF ORDER.

F. COORD INST:

(1) D-DAY: 31 OCT 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET

(2) H-HR: 300700H OCT 68

(3) L-HR: 310900H OCT 68

(4) REGT OBJ THREE: NAU CHANH TWO, CENTER OF MASS AT890474.

(5) REGT OBJ FOUR: PHU NHUAN NINE AND SIX, CENTER OF MASS AT890490.

(6) REGT OBJ FIVE: CHAU PHONG TWO, CENTER OF MASS AT937497.

(7) LZ EAGLE: AT965523

(8) 1/5 SOA FROM L MINUS 9 HRS: UL AT920530, LR AT943500.

(9) 2/5 SOA FROM L-HR: UL AT943540, LR AT990490.

(10) 3/5 SOA FROM D MINUS ONE DAY AT H MINUS SEVEN HOURS: UL AT880480, LR AT900460. SOA FROM L MINUS NINE ERS: UL AT920500, LR AT980470.

4. ADMIN-LOG: REF B.

5. COMM-ELEC: REF A.

SECRET

///PAGE 4 OF 4 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD: /DIV-TT/CON;494/ALW SPVR____

291604Z SECRET OCT 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

R 011053Z NOV 68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
SEVENTH MARINES
ELEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTED: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASED: CO COL J. B. ORR, JR.
PREC: ROUTINE
CLASS: SECRET

SECRET

COPY ___ OF EIGHTEEN COPIES

	Action	Info
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
AOpns NCO		
ANCO		
FILE		

BT
S E C R E T

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 104-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORDER 103-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

1. ENEMY SIT: ENEMY FORCES HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO PHU MHUN FOUR (AT930530) AND LE NAM THREE (AT950505). IT APPEARS THAT THE FORCE WILL WAIT FOR DARKNESS TO ATTEMPT A RETROGRADE EXFIL/TRATION.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES: CONTINUE TO HOLD BLOCK ALONG STREAM FROM AT922500 NORTH AND EAST TO AT943511, FRONT SOUTH.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES: CONTINUE TO HOLD BLOCK ALONG STREAM FROM AT943511 NORTH AND EAST TO AT956517, FRONT SOUTH; AND FROM AT956517 SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO AT960500.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES: AT H-HOUR ATTACK TO SEIZE RECT OBJS SIX AND SEVEN AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

D. COORD INST:

(1) H-HOUR: 311500H OCT 68.

(2) RECT OBJ SIX: AT950505.

(3) RECT OBJ SEVEN: AT930530.

(4) 1/5 SOA: SOUTH BDRY FROM AT907500 EAST ALONG GL 50 TO AT922500, THEN NORTH AND EAST ALONG STREAM TO AT943512. EAST BDRY FROM AT940540, STRAIGHT LINE SOUTH TO AT943512. NORTH BDRY AND WEST BDRY NORMAL BN AO.

(5) 2/5 SOA: SOUTH BDRY FROM AT943512 NORTH, EAST, AND SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO AT965490, THEN EAST ALONG GL 49 TO AT020490. EAST BDRY FROM AT943512 STRAIGHT LINE NORTH TO AT940520. NORTH AND WEST BDRIES NORMAL RECT AO.

SECRET

4/8

S E C R E T

///PAGE ONE OF TWO///

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

(6) 3/5 SOA: NORTH BDRY FROM AT907500 EAST ALONG GL 50 TO AT922500, THEN NORTH, EAST, AND SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO AT966490, THEN EAST ALONG GL 49 TO AT020490. EAST, SOUTH, AND WEST BNRIES NORMAL BN AO.

S E C R E T
BT

GP-4 TOD;0103337/DIV-TT/CON;[illegible]/RNN/SUPVR

41 1337 S E C R E T NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

R 010131Z NOV 68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
SEVENTH MARINES
ELEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES
CG SECOND BDE ROKMC

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
PREC: ROUTINE
CLASS: SECRET

COPY ___ OF EIGHTEEN COPIES

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn 2/Trng		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

BT
S E C R E T
FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 105-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 103-68 (HENDERSON HILL)
B. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 104-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

1. ENEMY SITUATION: AFTER ATTACKS BY FIFTH MARINES ENEMY FORCES HAVE BROKEN INTO SMALL UNITS AND ARE HIDING WITHIN THE CORDON HELD BY THE REGT.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) MAINTAIN BLOCK POSIT ALONG SOA SOUTHERN BDRY TO SUPPORT SWEEP WEST BY 3/5.

(2) PROVIDE ONE PLAT WITH HVY TK SEC IN DS TO BLOCK VIC AT910490.

(3) RESUME OPCON OF CO B 1/5 FROM 2/5 AT 011200H.

(4) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, TO CONDUCT EXTENDED TWO-COMPANY DETAILED HOLE HUNT IN REGT OBJS FIVE, SIX, AND SEVEN, AT THE COMPLETION OF SWEEP BY 3/5.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) MAINTAIN BLOCK POSIT ALONG SOA SOUTHERN BDRY TO SUPPORT SWEEP WEST BY 3/5.

(2) AT 011200H CHOP CO B 1/5 BACK TO 1/5.

(3) AT L-HOUR, CO F 2/5 (OPCON TO FIFTH MARINES) LANDS BY HELO IN LZ CONDOR. ON ORDER, AT L-HR, RESUME OPCON OF CO F 2/5.

(4) WHEN 3/5 SWEEP HAS CLEARED 2/5 BLOCK, AND ON ORDER, WHEEL AND ATTACK EAST, MANEUVERING AGAINST CO F BLOCK, TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

S E C R E T

SECRET

PAGE ONE OF TWO

4/9

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) PRIOR TO H-HOUR ESTAB ONE-COMPANY BLOCK IN SOA ALONG RAILWAY, FRONT NORTH, FROM LIB ROAD TO REGT OBJ FIVE.

(2) AT H-HOUR, WITH TWO COMPANIES, WHEEL LEFT WITH PIVOT ON REGT OBJ FIVE, AND SWEEP WEST TO LIB ROAD TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

(3) AT COMPLETION OF SWEEP, AND ON ORDER, RETURN TO REGULAR AO AND COMMENCE AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS.

D. REGT RESERVE (CO F 2/5):

(1) AT L-HOUR LAND IN LZ CONDOR AND ESTABLISH BLOCK, FRONT WEST, TO SUPPORT 3/5 ATTACK EAST.

(2) ON LANDING IN LZ CONDOR CHOP FROM FIFTH MARINES BACK TO 2/5.

E. COORD INST:

(1) H-HOUR: 010800H NOV 68.

(2) L-HOUR: 011200H NOV 68.

(3) LZ CONDOR: AT998518.

(4) 1/5 SOA: DISESTAB AT COMPLETION OF 3/5 SWEEP AND ON ORDER. RESUME NORMAL BN AO EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY 2/5 SOA.

(5) 2/5 SOA: NO CHANGE TO REF B.

(6) 3/5 SOA: DISESTAB AT COMPLETION OF 3/5 SWEEP AND ON ORDER. RESUME NORMAL BN AO.

[redacted]

(7) FIFTH MARINES AO EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SOA WEST OF NS GL BT02 FROM BT020525 SOUTH TO BT020514. SOA GRANTED BY CG SECOND BDE ROKMC FROM 010001 TO 042400H NOV 68.

SECRET ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///

BT

TOD:[illegible]/DIV-TT/CON:002/RWN/SUPVR

GP-4

[illegible]Z SECRET NOV 68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

R 012001Z NOV 68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
PREC: ROUTINE
CLASS: SECRET

	INFO	Action
S-3	106	
S-3A		
COPIES		
XO/CofS		
OpnChief	FF	
AsstOpnChief		
AOps/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Mng NCO		
FILE		

COPY 6 OF EIGHTEEN COPIES

SECRET

BT
SECRET

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 106-68

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 105-68

1. ENEMY SITUATION: TWO DAYS OF ENEMY CONTACT HAVE SHOWN TWO DISTINCT PATTERNS: FIRST, ENEMY FORCES IN THE CHAU PHONG AREA (AT940540) HAVE SHOWN NO DESIRE TO STAND AND FIGHT. AT EVERY EFFORT ENEMY FORCES HAVE BROKEN INTO SMALL GROUPS AND FLED, PRIMARILY TO THE WEST. TWO, ENEMY FORCES IN THE LE MAN (AT960520) AND AN TAM (AT960510) AREAS HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION OF QUITTING THEIR GROUND. THEY HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO HOLD THEIR POSITIONS AGAINST FRIENDLY EFFORTS AND HAVE COUNTERED WITH WELL ORGANIZED DEFENSE AND COUNTERATTACKS.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) AT 011800H NOV CHOP CO B 1/5 TO 2/5 FOR EST TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD.

(2) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED BY REF A.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) AT 011800H ASSUME OPCON CO B 1/5 FOR EST TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD.

(2) MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE CO VIC LZ CONDOR TO BLOCK ENEMY MOVEMENT EAST.

(3) ON D-DAY AT H-HOUR CONSOLIDATE FORCES AND ATTACK EAST IN ASSIGNED SOA TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN Z ONE.

(4) SIEZE AND SEARCH REGT OBJ MIGHT.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

SECRET

(1) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED BY REF A.

(2) MAINTAIN ONE RIFLE CO IN ALERT STATUS PREPARED TO DEPLOY TO ANY DESIG AREA WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF RECEIPT OF ORDER.

(3) BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY BN HQ AND A SECOND AND/OR THIRD RIFLE CO WITHIN NINETY MINUTES OF RECEIPT OF ORDER.

446

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

D. COORD INST:

(1) D-DAY AND H-HOUR: 020700H NOV 1968.

(2) RMGT OBJ EIGHT: CENTER OF MASS [redacted] AT996511.

S E C R E T ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///

BT

GP-4

TOB/DIV-COUR/CCN;031/RWN/SUPVR

[redacted] S E C R E T OCT68

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 021616Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
PREC: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

INFO: SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
REQ REL TO: CG SECOND BDE ROKMC
ONE NINETY SIXTH LT INF BDE

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
ABCDelO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

//COPY 2 OF 18 COPIES//

BT
S E C R E T

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 107-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 103-68
B. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 104-68
C. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 105-68
D. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 106-68

1. ENEMY SITUATION: ENEMY FORCES CONTINUE TO WITHDRAW FROM CHAU PHONG AREA.

2. MISSION: CONTINUE WIDESPREAD OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO FIND AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) CONTINUES TASKS ASSIGNED BY REF B.

(2) CONTINUE O PNS WITH ONE CO (CO C) IN CHAU PHONG AREA (AT9450).

(3) AT 030700H NOV RESUME OPCON CO B 1/5 FROM 2/5, AND WITH THAT CO SWEEP WEST INTO BLOCK CAUSED BY CO C IN CHAU PHONG AREA.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ESTAB AND MAINTAIN A CO PATROL BASE WITH TWO 106MM RR AT LZ CONDOR.

(2) CONDUCT SEARCH IN DETAIL IN SOA TO FIND AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPNS FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

S E C R E T

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

SECRET

465

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

S E C R E T

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED BY REF B.

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE RECON IN FORCE IN AREA UL AT9249, LR AT9644.

D. COORD INST:

(1) COMMENCE OPNS 030600H NOV 68.

(2) LZ CONDOR: AT993513.

(3) 2/5 SOA ESTAB BY REF B CANCELLED AT 030600H NOV. AT THAT TIME SOA FOR 2/5 ESTAB AS UL AT9854, LR BT0249.

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOR: 021710 Z/DIV-TT/CCN:#50/CL SUPVR

#21616Z S E C R E T NOV68

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 050600Z NOV68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES(PASS FORWARD)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES(PASS FORWARD)

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
FIRST MARINES
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
CLASS: SECRET
PREC: O IMMED

COPY 6 OF 18 COPIES

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

TO CG FIRST MARDIV
REQ REL TO CG SECOND BDE ROKMC
ONE NINETY SIXTH LT INF BDE

BT
S E C R E T

FRAG ORDER 108-68

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 107-68

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: INTEL REPORTS INDICATE ENEMY HOSPITAL LOCATED VIC AT976476 AND ARMS CACHEXE LOCATED VIC AT971469.

B. AIR: FIRST MAW SUPPORTS WITH FIXED WING AND AO COVERAGE AND LIFTS ONE COMPANY OF 2/5 FROM LZ HENDERSON TO LZ SHEPHEARD.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D-DAY AT L-HR, WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY, LAND IN LZ SHEPHEARD BY HELO AND ATTACK NE TO SEIZE AND SEARCH REGT OBJS NINE AND TEN.

(2) AT COMPLETION OF SEARCH OF DESIG REGT OBJS, CONTINUE ATTACK NE WITH AXIS OF ADVANCE ALONG KHE PHU LOC TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES: NO CHANGE TO REF A.

S E C R E T SECRET ////////PAGE ONE OF TWO/////

536

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

S E C R E T ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///

D. COORD INST:

(1) D-DAY AND L-HR: 060800H NOV 68.

(2) LZ HENDERSON: BT018515.

(3) LZ SHEPHERD: AT968468.

(4) REGT OBJ NINE: AT976476.

(5) REGT OBJ TEN: AT971468.

S E C R E T ///PAGE TWO OF TWO///
BT

GP-4

TOD: 0507002/CCN93/RLM/DIV-TT/00

SUPVR E

0506007 S E C R E T NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT///

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 050705Z NOV 68

FM FIFTH MARINES
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES (~~PASS TO FIRST~~)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)

INF CG FIRST MARDIV
FIRST MARINES
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

TO CG FIRST MARDIV

REQ REL TO CG SECOND BDE ROKMC
ONE NINETY SIXTH IT INF BDE

BT
S E C R E T

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
CLASS: SECRET
PREC: OP IMMED

COPY 5 OF 18 COPIES

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
XBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn /Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
VILE		

FRAG ORDER 109-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORDER 108-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY: LATE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON ENEMY CONTACTS INDICATE ENEMY REIN CO POSSIBLE Q81 IN VIC AT970550. OTHER CONTACTS VIC AT998542, BT003550, AND BT018519 OF ENEMY SQUAD SIZED FORCES POSSIBLE ELEMENTS 36TH NVA REGT.

B. FRIENDLY: FIRST MAW PROVIDES HELILIFT TO CO I 3/5 AND CONTINUES FIXED WING, AO, AND PSY OPS AERIAL BROADCAST SUPPORT.

2. MISSION: CONTAIN, CLOSE WITH, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) MAINTAIN CONTACT AND CONTINUE TO CONTAIN ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ ELEVEN.

(2) ON HELILIFT OF CO I 3/5 INTO LZ HAWK, ASSUME OPCON OF THAT UNIT (FOR A PERIOD OF 48 HRS). WITH CO I 3/5 AND TWO CO OF 1/5 CLOSE WITH AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN OBJ ELEVEN.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) CONTAIN, CLOSE WITH, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ'S TWELVE AND THIRTEEN.

537

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

S E C R E T

(2) DELAY OPNS, D-DAY, AND L-HR OF REF A, TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO (CO I 3/5) TO HELILIFT FROM AN HOA TO LZ HAWK. LIFT TO COMMENCE NLT 051430H NOV 68.

(2) ON LANDING FIRST ELEMENTS OF CO I 3/5 IN LZ HAWK, CHOP THAT UNIT TO 1/5.

(3) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED IN REF A.

D. COORD INST:

(1) COMMENCE OPNS IMMED 05 NOV 68.

(2) LZ HAWK: AT964541

(3) REGT OBJ ELEVEN: AT970550

(4) REGT OBJ TWELVE: BT000545

(5) REGT OBJ THIRTEEN: BT018519

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD: /DIV-TT/CCN096/RLM

SUPVR E

050705Z

S E C R E T

NOV68

////HAS BEEN SENT/////

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

FM FIFTH MARINES

TO FIRST BN (REIN) FIFTH MARINES (PASSED)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES (PASSED)

INF CG FIRST MAR DIV
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: CO COL J. B. ORD, JR.
CLASS: SECRET
PREC: OP IMMED

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
UBCDefO		
OpnChief	Mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

BT
S E C R E T

COPY 5 OF 18 COPIES

FRAG ORDER 110-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR OPO 7-68 (HENDERSON HILL)
B. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 109-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: RECENT CONTACTS IN DODGE CITY AREA INDICATE PRESENCE IN STRENGTH OF 2D BN 36TH NVA REGT VIC AT9860. OTHER CONTACTS IN GO NOI AREA INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF ELEMENTS OF 1ST BN 36TH NVA REGT AND V25 BN WITHDREW NORTH INTO DODGE CITY AREA.

B. FRIENDLY: ELEMENTS OF SEVENTH MARINES REIN BY FIRST BN (MINUS) FIRST MARINES IN COORD AND COOP WITH FIRST ARVN RANGER GROUP CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPNS NORTH OF SONG KY LAM. ENEMY FORCES MAY ATTEMPT EGRESS FROM ACTION INTO FIFTH MARINES AO.

2. MISSION: SUPPORT FRIENDLY OPNS NORTH OF REGT AO BY BLOCKING IN STRENGTH AND DESTROYING ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ESCAPE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN (REIN) FIFTH MARINES:

(1) RETAIN OPCON CO I 3/5 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(2) ESTABLISH THREE COMPANY BLOCK FROM AT930530 EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG THU BON TO AT980540, FRONT NORTH.

(3) DESTROY ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ESCAPE SOUTH ACROSS SONG THU BON.

7 B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ESTABLISH TWO COMPANY BLOCK FROM AT980540 EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG THU BON TO XX BT020550, FRONT NORTH.

(2) DESTROY ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ESCAPE SOUTH ACROSS SONG THU BON.

C. COORD INST:

(1) ALL BLOCKS TO BE IN POSITION NLT 070700H NOV 68.

(2) FIRST AND SECOND BN LINK UP AT980540. DIRLNAUTH.

SECRET

590

S E C R E T
BT

TOD:061600Z/DIV-TT/CCN:124/RJ

SUPVR

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

O 081215Z NOV 68

	INF	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NSCDet		
OpnChief		
Asst OpnChief		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES (PASSED)
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES (PASSED)
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (PASS FORWARD)

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
FIRST MARINES
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: BG GEN J. E. ORD, JR.
PREC: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

///HAS BEEN SENT///

COPY 4 OF 16 COPIES

TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
REQ REL TO: SA FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP (DANANG)
CG, SECOND BDE ROKMC

BT
S E C R E T

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 311-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MAR OPO 7-68 (HENDERSON HILL)
B. FIFTH MAR FRAG ORD 110-68 (HENDERSON HILL)
C. FIFTH MAR ADO 301A-68

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: REF B AND CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP LANDS IN LZ BILL BY HELO AND CROSSES SONG KY LAM BY APC ON D-DAY AT L-HR. WITH TWO BNS ABREAST ATTACKS FM EAST TO WEST TO AOA, WHEELS AND SWEEPS BACK OVER SAME GROUND FROM WEST TO EAST TO LZ BILL AND IP, AND RETROGRADES FROM SOA.

(2) SEVENTH MARINES TF CONTINUES OPNS NORTH OF SONG THU BON/KY LAM IAW REF A.

2. MISSION: SUPPORT FRIENDLY OPNS NORTH AND EAST OF REGT AO BY BLOCKING IN FORCE AND DESTROYING ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ESCAPE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) CHOP CO I BACK TO 3/5 AT 0614000H NOV 68.

(2) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED BY REF B.

SECRET

S E C R E T

634

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) ON D-DAY AT L MINUS TWO HOURS RELINQUISH PORTION OF AO DESCRIBED BELOW AS SOA FOR FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP.

(2) NLT D-DAY BY L MINUS TWO HOURS, ESTABLISH ONE REIN CO BLOCK EAST OF RAILWAY FROM AT998546 SOUTH TO BT003523, FRONT EAST; AND ONE CO BLOCK SOUTH OF SONG CHIEM SON FROM BT003520 EAST TO BT020523, FRONT NORTH.

(3) DESTROY ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING ESCAPE WEST AND SOUTH FROM FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP SOA.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) RESUME OPCON CO I AT 061400H NOV 68.

(2) CONTINUE TASKS ASSIGNED BY MLF A.

D. COORD INST (APPLY TO 2/5 IN COORD WITH FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP):

(1) D-DAY/L-HR: 090805H NOV 68.

(2) FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP SOA: NORTH BDRY FM AT998546 EAST ALONG SOUTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM/DIEN BINH TO BT074545. SOUTH BDRY FM BT074545 WEST ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG CHIEM SON TO BT003523. WEST BDRY FM BT003523 NORTH ON RAILWAY TO AT998546. SOA EFF 090605H NOV 68 NFZ FIRST ARVN RANGER GRP NFZ ALL OTHERS.

(3) LZ PREP COMMENCES 090630H NOV 68.

(4) BY PRIOR AGREEMENT ANY FIRE WITHIN 500 METERS AND AIR STRIKES WITHIN 1000 METERS OF BOUNDARIES WILL BE CLEARED BY ADJACENT UNITS.

(5) LZ BILL: BT060556.

(6) IP (INITIAL POINT): BT064561.

(7) EST 48 HRS PRD OF OPNS.

(8) DIELNAUTH.

4. ADMIN LOG: REF C.

5. COMM-ELEC:

A. REF A.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET

B. FIRST AEVN RANGER GRP RADIO INFO:

(1) AIRBORNE CONTROL UHF 253.5 LOPEZ.

(2) SA GRP HQ VHF 56.75 FLAKE/BADMAN ONE.

(3) SA 39TH BN VHF 56.75 FLAKE/BADMAN BRAVO.

(4) SA 37TH BN VHF 56.75 FLAKE/BADMAN CHARLIE.

///PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES///

GP-4
MT

TOD:061258Z/DIV-TT/CON:176/RJ

061215Z

SECRET.

SUPPR

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES (PASSED)
[illegible] (PASSED)
[illegible] (PASS FORWARD)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. GOBY
RELEASER: COL J. D. ORD, JR.
PREC: OP IMMED
CLASS: SECRET

SECRET

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
FIRST MARINES
SEVENTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

S-3	AB	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDelO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn - Trng		
Seol NCO		
Trng NCO		

TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
REQ REL TO: ONE NINETY SIXTH LT INF BDE
CG, SECOND BDE ROKMC

BT
S E C R E T

FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 112-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

A. FIFTH MARINES OPO 7-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: SEARCH OF AN TAM AREA (VIC AT9651) REVEALED LARGE RICE CACHE LARGE NUMBER OF MALE VN IN CIV CLOTHING WITH NO WPNS SHOWING APPEARED TO FLEE IN GROUPS OF TWO AND THREE TO NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) FIRST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARY WING AND AO SUPPORT.

(2) ELEMENTS OF 4.2 MTR BTRY 2/11 IN DS OF 2/5 DISPLACE BY HELO FM FIREBASE/LZ CONDOR TO AN HOA COMMENCING 120800H NOV.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT SEARCH TO LOCATE AND DESTROY OR CAPTURE ENEMY FORCES, WPNS, MATERIEL, AND POSITIONS IN ZONE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) BREAK TWO COMPANY-BLOCKS ALONG SONG THU BON/KY LAM (VIC AT9755) NLT 111600H NOV.

(2) NLT 111600H NOV, WITH TWO COMPANIES, COMMENCE SWEEP SOUTH IN SONG THU BON/KY LAM. SIEZE AND SEARCH REPT OBJS 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, AND 19.

S E C R E T

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

SECRET

699

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

[illegible] NOV INCREASE [illegible] AND [illegible] PATROL AND [illegible] ALONG [illegible] ROAD.

(4) AT 111600H NOV RELINQUISH THAT PART OF EN AO FALLING IN SOA ASSIGNED 2/5 BY THIS ORDER.

B. SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES:

(1) COMMENCING 111600H NOV SWEEP SOUTH WEST IN SOA TO SIEZE AND SEARCH REGT OBJS 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, AND 25.

(2) COMMENCING 120800H NOV RETROGRADE BY HELO HVY WPNS AND EQUIP TO FIREBASE/LZ CONDOR TO AN HOA. AT COMPLETION OF LIFT DISESTAB CONDOR AND ALL SUPPORTING POSITIONS.

C. THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES: AT 111600H NOV RELINQUISH THAT PART OF EN AO COVERED BY SOA ASSIGNED 2/5 BY THIS ORDER.

D. COORD INST:

(1) 2/5 SOA EFF 111600H NOV. NORTH WEST BDRY EM AT980542 SOUTH ON GL [illegible] TO AT980520, THEN WEST ON GL 52 TO AT970520, THEN SOUTH ON GL 97 TO STREAM AT970518, THEN WEST AND SOUTH ALONG STREAM (RHE VIER TRIPH) TO RAILWAY AT958500, THEN WEST ALONG RAILWAY TO AT913490. SOUTH BDRY EM AT913490 EAST ON GL 49 TO AT940490, THEN SOUTH ON GL 94 TO AT940[illegible], THEN EAST ON GL 48 TO REGT BDRY. NORTH AND EAST BDRY NORMAL RAIL BDRY.

(2) 2/5 SOA TO BE EXPANDED AS EN SWEEPS SOUTH.

(3) SOA FFE 2/5 NFZ ALL OTHERS.

(4) REGT OBJ 14: AT95[illegible]32
REGT OBJ 15: AT95[illegible]25
REGT OBJ 16: AT945517
REGT OBJ 17: AT9[illegible]512
REGT OBJ 18: AT940507
REGT OBJ 19: AT950505
REGT OBJ 20: AT965517
REGT OBJ 21: AT962510
REGT OBJ 22: AT963493
REGT OBJ 23: AT946478
REGT OBJ 24: AT926467
REGT OBJ 25: AT915466

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

TOD:120505Z/DIV-TT/CCN219/RLM

SUPVR [illegible]

111425Z

//HAS BEEN SENT////

NOV66

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

01 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MAR. REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 010001H TO 012400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0125	0105	2	311830H	E 2/5 CO DEF. POSIT A.T. 956513. UNIT OBS. 1 NVA CROSSING RIVER NEAR ABOVE COORD. TOOK EN. UNDER FIRE WITH S/A. SWEPT TREELINE & FOUND 1 WOUNDED NVA. MED EVACKED HIM TO AN HOA W/ GUARD	S.F.D.
0125	0105	3	311530H	E 2/5 CO DEF. POSIT. A.T. 956513. UNIT FOUND 1 WOUNDED NVA HIDING IN TALL GRASS. ENEMY WAS MED EVACKED TO AN HOA WITH GUARD.	S.F.D.
0530	-	4	310500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 34 H.H.	S.F.
0530	-	5	310500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 9 H.H.	S.F.
0545	-	6	310500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 32 H.H.	S.F.
0730	0740	7	010100H	H 2/5 PLT. AMB A.T. 955517. UNIT OBS. APPROX. 15 - 20 NVA NEAR ITS AMB. SITE. INITIATED CON. WITH S/A, A/W, M-79 & EN. RET'D S/A & GRENS. FOUR USMC WERE WOUNDED & EVACKED. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RES.	S.F.D.
1035	1050	8	010945H	I 3/5 CO S&C A.T. 952509. UNIT FND. 49 US MADE 60 MM RNDS, 1 81 MM RND & ASSORTED DOCUMENTS ROUNDS WERE DES. & DOC. TO BE FORWARDED TO S-2	S.F.D.
1045	-	9	011100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 33 H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	10	011100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 10 H.H.	S.F.
1140	-	11	011100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 35 H.H.	S.F.
1215	1300	12	011135H	M 3/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT945505. UNIT FD 3 TONS RICE LOC AT ABOVE COORD.	S.F.D.
1300	1330	13	011141H	A 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT898505. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FM EST 3-5 VC. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC UNIT MOVING TO DEVELOPE CONTACT.	S.F.D.
1400	1430	14	011205H	I 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT953517. UNIT FD 100 RDS AK-47 AMMO AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS AT ABOVE COORD. RDS DESTROYED, DOCUMENTS TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
1445	1530	15	011230H	F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT998518. UNIT OBS 1 VC RUNNING SW FR LZ CONDOR & 20 VC CROSSING BLUE LINE TO THE NORTH. FIRED S/A & A/W FIRE KILLING (1) VC AND CALLED MARINE ARTY & AIR ON 20 VC.	S.F.D.
1600	1700	16	011537H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT960506. USMC DET M-26 GREN SUR EXPL DEV. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
1800	1805	17	011100H	L.I.M 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT938598. OBS ENEMY IN SMALL GPS RUNNING OUT OF TREELINE. FIRED ON ENEMY AS THEY EMERGED FM TRL KILLING 15 VC.	S.F.D.
1830	1900	18	011635H	AO 15 SUPPORTING 2/5. RAN FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON VC LOC AT975517. RES: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1845	1900	19	011645H	H&S 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT909506. OBS two GPS OF VC LOC AT905507. FIRED S/A KILLING 1 VC.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

01 NOVEMBER 1968 CONT'D

UNIT OR SECTION

PLACE

FROM TO

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1800	1850	20	011400H	11TH MTRS. USMC INJURED DUE TO VEHICLE RUNNING OVER HIM. MED-EVACED TO DANANG. 1 USMC NBCE.	S.F.D.
1700	-	21	011700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #36 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	22	011700H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #34 H.H.	S.F.
2045	2300	23	011630H	AO 2 IN SUPPORT OF 5TH MAR. OBS 4 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT978523. TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE KILLING 2 NVA.	S.F.D.
2100	-	24	011730H	1ST RECON INSERT "PARKER PEN" LOC 4 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT818523. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.
2230	-	25	011540H	1ST RECON BN INSERT "CITATION" WAS AMBUSHED BY EST 12-15 NVA LOC AT950427. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC: 3 NVA KIA. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.	S.F.
2300	-	26	012300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #37 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	27	012300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #38 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	28	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
HENDERSON HILL

020001H TO 022400H NOV 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINE REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 020001H TO 022400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED.	S.F.
0100	0030	2	011430H	E 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 964507. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W, & B-40 ROCKETS FM. 966507. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W M-79 & ROCKET FIRE. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN THEN SWEPT PART OF OBJ. AREA. PULLED BACK TO DEFEND POSIT BECAUSE OF DARKNESS. RES. 1 USMC KIA, 12 WIAE, 5 WIANE, 11 NVA KIA, 2 DET, 4 IWC, 1 CSWC	S.F.D.
0100	0030	3	011510H	G 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 966506. WHILE ATTACKING NE UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W, ROCKET FIRE FM. VIC. ABOVE GRID. RET'D FIRE. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN OF 17 RNDS & 4 FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING. CONTINUED ATT. UNTIL DUSK. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. RES. 3 USMC WIANE, 1 NBCE	S.F.D.
0000	0030	4	011512H	H 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 961521. UNIT ENGAGED EN. PLT. IN FORTIFIED POSITS. REC'D S/A, A/W & ROCKET RNDS. ENEMY FIRE WAS VERY ACCURATE & CAME FROM WELL CONCEALED POSITS. RET'D FIRE & CALLED 1 FLIGHT FIXED WING. CONTACT CONT'D TO DUSK. UNIT PULLED BACK TO SET UP DEF. PERIM. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 6 USMC KIA, 10 WIAE, 1 WIANE 6 NVA KIA, 1 DET., 1 AK-47	S.F.D.
0100	0030	5	011530H	F 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 990515 UNIT OBS. 2 NVA RUNNING FM. TREELINE. FIRED 50 RNDS S/A KILLING 1 NVA & WOUNDING OTHER. SEARCHED AREA & APP. 2ND NVA FURTHER SEARCH REV. ANOTHER DET.	S.F.D.
0100	0030	6	012015H	B 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 956517. UNIT OBS. 4 NVA NEAR ITS POSIT. ENEMY FLED INTO BUSHES. ONE RAISED HIS ARMS & SURRENDERED.	S.F.D.
0100	0030	7	012030H	G 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 976510. UNIT RED'D 7 RNDS 60 MM FM. ENEMY AT 971517. CALLED FOR MAR. 81 MSN. A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBS. FIRE CEASED.	S.F.D.
0335	0345	8	020125H	G 2/5 CO DEF. POSIT. A.T. 987510. 60MM RND FELL SHORT ON FRIENDLY POSIT. WOUNDING 3 USMC. RND WAS APPARENTLY DEFECTIVE AS IT WAS 8TH RND OF 10 RND VOLLEY. ALL OTHER RNDS ON TARGET. MED EVAC CALLED & COMPLETED FOR 3 USMC NBCE.	S.F.D.
0800	0740	9	011530H	F 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 990515. ONE WIA DET. DIED OF	S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	WOUNDS. CHANGE TOTALS TO READ: 2 NVA KIA, 1 DET	
0800	-	10	020500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 38 H.H.	S.F.
0800	-	11	020500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 36 H.H.	S.F.

/PAGE ONE OF TWO/

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

020001H TO 022400H ~~OCTOBER~~ NOVEMBER

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MAR. REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA. R.V.N.

FROM 020001H TO 022400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0820		12	020125H FOLLOW UP	G 2/5 CO DE F . POSIT. A.T. 987510. LINE E TO READ: BECAUSE WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED DURING EN. CONTACT, CHANGE 3 NBCE TO 3 WIAE.	S.F.D.
0820		13	011510H FOLLOW UP	G 2/5 CO S&C A.T. (966506) LINE E TO READ: ONE NBCE CHANGE TO ADDITIONAL WIAE. WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED DURING CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.	S.F.D.
0915		14	020730H	F 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 995515. USMC DET. M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MED EVAC CALLED & COMPLETED FOR 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1125		15	020730H	F 2/5 CO S&C A.T. 987518. UNIT REC'D APPROX. 40 RNDS S/A FIRE FM. ABOVE EN. COORD. RET'D S/A & M-79 FIRE. SEARCHED AREA & FOUND 1 VC KIA, 1 DET., 3 SKS'S, 1 RPD MACHINE GUN.	S.F.D.
1125	-	16	021100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 39 H.H.	S.F.
1125	-	17	021100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 37 H.H.	S.F.
1300	1400	18	021229H	2/5 CP LOC AT971507. UNIT FD 2 TONS RICE AND 1 NVA SP PACK. RICE DESTROYED.	S.F.D.
1400	1430	19	021030H	1/5 CO C CP LO C AT942500. USMC DET DUD M-79 RD WOUNDING TWO USMC. MED-EVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
1830	1900	20	021735H	1/5 H&S CP W/SNIPER. UNIT REC'D 3-4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM 2 VC LOC AT904502. SNIPER RET'D S/A FIRE KILLING 1 VC.	S.F.D.
1645	1900	21	021445H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT984516. UNIT FD 1 RPD & ASSORTED PERSONAL ITEMS. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
1845	1900	22	021530H	1/5 B VEHICLE TRANSPORT LOC AT907500. VN MALE ON MTR CYCLE THREW ONE CHICOM GREN AT VEHICLE. UNIT APPREHENDED TWO VN MALES AS VC SUSPECT.	S.F.D.
1800	-	23	021800H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #41 H.H.	S.F.
1800	-	24	021800H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #38 H.H.	S.F.
1900	1930	25	021610H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT988517. UNIT FD 1 SKS AND WILL FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
2000	2045	26	021231H	C 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT943503. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE WHO WAS WOUNDED. FWD TO BAS AND THEN WILL BE FWD TO REGT S-2 FOR CLASS BY ITT.	S.F.D.
2300	-	27	020915H	F 2/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT866493. 3 DTNE'S CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2300	-	28	241700H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT807477. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA RTNE.	S.F.D.
2300	-	29	251030H	D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT945528. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2300	-	30	251210H	H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT815483. 3 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2300	-	31	261410H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT809468. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2300	-	32	261455H	E 2/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT806498. 2 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

020001H TO 022400H NOV 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MAR REGT S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 020001H TO 022400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2300	-	33	271030H	D 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT829491. 2 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.D.
2300	-	34	281115H	L 3/5 CO S&C LOC UNK. 2 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2300	-	35	290915H	B 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT954524. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA BTNE.	S.F.D.
2300	-	36	311530H	E 2/5 DEF POS LOC AT956513. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2300	-	37	311815H	I 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT954508. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2300	-	38	311830H	E 2/5 DEF POSIT LOC AT956513. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2300	-	39	012015H	B 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT956517. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 VC POW.	S.F.D.
2230	2300	40	021630H	H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT950517. UNIT FD 1 US MADE M-1 CARBINE. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
2230	2300	41	021645H	F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT988517. UNIT FD 1 UNK TYPE SCOPE AND 50 RDS AK-47 AMMO. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
2130	2213	42	021800H	C 1/5 DEF POSIT LOC AT943503. 6 VN CIV CAME TO POS FOR MEDICAL AID. MED-EVACED TO DANANG.	S.F.D.
2130	2213	43	021830H	C 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT953492. UNIT OBS 6 VC LOC IN IMMED VIC. FIRED S/A, A/W, M-79 KILLING 1 VC. EQP CAP: 1 NVA CARTRIDGE BELT, 1 WRIST WATCH, 1 WALLET, 1 CHICOM GREN.	S.F.D.
2045	2213	44	021850H	C 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT955495. USMC DET M-26 GREN RES IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
2230	2300	45	021945H	F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT998517. USMC DET UNK TYPE SUR EXPL DEV. RES: 2 USMC WIA NON EVAC.	S.F.D.
2300	-	46	022300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #44 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	47	022300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #39 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	48	022300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #1 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	49	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

03 ~~OCT~~ NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MAR. REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 030001H TO 032400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0600	-	2	030500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #43 H.H.	S. F.
0600	-	3	030500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 40 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	4	030500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 2 H. H.	S.F.
1100		5	030930H	H 2/5 PLT S&C A.T. 928528. UNIT OBS VN MALE HIDING IN THE BUSHES. APP. HIM & SENT HIM TO CO. CP FOR INITIAL INTERROGATION.	S.F.D.
1100	1200	6	030745H	2/5 CP S&C A.T. 976523 VN MALE WALKED INTO CP CLAIMING KNOWLEDGE OF VC/NVA MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. HE WILL BE FORWARDED TO REGT S-2.	S.F.D.
1100	1200	7	022130H	H 2/5 CO DEF. POSIT. A.T. 979525. UNIT OBS. MOVEMENT NEAR ITS POSIT. FIRED S/A & A/W. SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT REV. 1 NVA KIA & 1 AK-47.	S.F.D.
1110	-	8	031100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 3 H.H.	S.F.
1110	-	9	031100H	2/5 SPEC . S IT. REP. # 41 H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	10	031100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 44 H.H.	S.F.
1130	1200	11	031005H	A 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL A.T. 903490. USMC DET. BOUNCING BETTY TYPE MINE WOUNDING 3 MARINES. MED EVAC CALLED & COMPLETED.	S.F.D.
1150	1200	12	030600H	C 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 944501. UNIT LOCATED 4 VN CIV WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED DURING 02 NOV. CONTACT. MED EVAC CALLED FOR WOUNDED PEOPLE.	S.F.D.
1300	1315	13	031000H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT986518. APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET AS NVA SUSPECT. MAN HAD 4 CHICOM GREN, 1 NVA GAS MASK.	S.F.D.
1300	1315	14	031000H	H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT980518. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET AS NVA SUSPECT. MAN HAD 3 GRENADES AND MISC OTHER GEAR.	S.F.D.
1400	1500	15	031030H	E 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT975516. CONTROLLED AIR STRIKE DROPPED BOMBS ON E1 AND E2 POSIT. RES: 6 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA EVAC, 2VN CIV WIA EVAC.	
1400	1500			E 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT975516. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET AS NVA SUSPECT. MAN WAS WOUNDED.	S.F.D.
1520	1530	16	031230H	A 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT911487. USMC HAD ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WOUNDING 1 USMC NBC.	S.F.D.
1630	1700	17	031420H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT988524. UNIT OBS 4 VC FIRED S/A, A/W FIRE KILLING 1 VC. APPREHENDED REMAINING 3 AS VC SUSPECT.	S.F.D.
1700	-	18	031700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #45	s.f.
1700	-	19	031700H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #42	S.F.
1700	-	20	031700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #4	S.F.
1800	2000	21	031720H	2/5 CP CO S&C LOC AT987507. RESUPPLY HELO DROPPED NET BEFORE IT HIT THE GROUND, IT FELL DOWN A HILL HITTING ONE USMC. RES: 1 USMC NBC EVAC.	S.F.D.
1830	2000	22	031830H	H 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT006497. USMC DET CHICOM GREN SET W/TRIP WIRE AS SUR EXPL DEV. RES: 1 USMC WIA MINOR.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

03 NVOEMBER 1968 CONT'D

UNIT OR SECTION

PLACE

FROM TO

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1900	2000	23	031700H	2/5 BN S&C LOC AT975514. UNIT CAPTURED 2 IWC ASSORTED FOOD, 89 CHICOM GREN, 1 M-26 GRENADE, 100 LBS BLASTING CAPS, 11 CHICOM GREN W/OUT BLASTING CPAS, ETC. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
2200	2300	24	031700H	B 1/5 PLAT BLK FORCE LOC AT947526. UNIT OBS 4 VC CROSS OPEN AREA LOC AT948528. FIRED S/A KILLING ONE VC. 1 .45 PISTOL IWC, 2 MAG, CL GEAR, CARTRIDGE BELT, TOILET ART, HAMMOK, AND WALLET WITH PAPERS. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
2300	-	25	032300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #46 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	26	032300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #43 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	27	032300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #5 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	28	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

04 NVOEMBER 68 CONT'D

UNIT OR SECTION

PLACE

FROM TO

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2000	2100	26	031000H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT986518. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	27	031000H	H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT980518. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	28	031420H	F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT988524. 3 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 2 VC POW AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.D.
2130	2200	29	041700H	A 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT877507. WHILE SETTING UP NIGHT DEF POSIT XX USMC DET M-33 GRENADE RIGGED AS SUR EXPL DEV RES 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
2130	2200	30	041800H	A 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT892511. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 FEMALE DET WITH A FIRST AID PACK. WILL FWD TO REGT S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
2300	-	31	042300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #49 H.H.	S.F.D.
2300	-	32	042300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #47 H.H.	S.F.D.
2300	-	33	042300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #9 H.H.	S.F.D.
2400	-	34	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

04 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINE REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 040001H TO 042400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	040001H	JOURNAL OP ENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	040500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 44 H.H.	S.F.
0500	-	3	040500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 47 H.H.	S.F.
0500	-	4	040500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 6 H.H.	S.F.
1035	1130	5	040750H	B 1/5 SQD. BLOCKING FORCE A.T. 953515. UNIT ACTING AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR SWEEP OBS. 1 VC. FIRED S/A & KILLED HIM. ALSO CAPT. 1 .45 CAL PISTOL, MAGAZINES, PENCIL FLARES & FLARE GUN.	S.F.D.
1035	1130	6	040830H	L 3/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL A.T. 933444. USMC DET M-33 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. 1 MARINE WAS KILLED & 1 M-60 WAS RENDERED NON OPERATIONAL. MED EVAC CALLED FOR KIA & GUN.	S.F.D.
1100	-	7	041100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 48 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	8	0411 00	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 45 H.H.	S.F.
1130	~~1130~~	9	041100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 7 H.H.	S.F.
1400	1410	10	041100H	B1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT942518. USMC DET M-26 RIGGED AS SUR EXPL DEV RES L USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
1445	1500	11	041330H	L 3/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT941442. UNIT OBS 2 NVA LOC AT945442. FIRED S/A KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.D.
1555	1700	12	041200H	E 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT986517. UNIT FD 1 NVA KIA DISC AND ASSORTED GEAR.	S.F.D.
1700	-	13	041430H	1ST RECON BN INSERT "SADDLE BAG". UNIT OBS 24 VC/NVA LOC AT815472 WITH WPND. PACKS. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 VC, 5 NVA.	S.F.
1700	-	14	041700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #48 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	15	041700H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #46 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	16	041700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #8 H.H.	S.F.
1715	-	17	041625H	1ST RECON BN INSERT "SADDLE BAG". UNIT OBS 12 VC WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT807477. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 VC.	S.F.
2000	2100	18	271030H	D 1/5 S&C LOC AT929491. 2 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 2 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	19	011430H	H 2/5 S&C LOC AT964507. 2 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 2 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	20	011512H	H 2/5 S&C LOC AT961521. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	21	011530H	F 2/5 S&C LOC AT990515. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA RTNE.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	22	020730H	F 2/5 S&C LOC AT987518. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	23	021231H	C 1/5 PLT S&C LOC AT943503. DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 VC POW.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	24	030745H	CP 2/5 S&C LOC AT976528. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.	S.F.D.
2000	2100	25	030930H	H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT928528. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N--H I L L

NOVENBER 68'

UNIT OR SECTION 5TH MARINE REGT S-3

PLACE AN HOA,R.V.N.

FROM 050001H TO 042400 H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED. OPN HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0045	0200	2	042330H	C 1/5 CO NIGHT ATTACK A.T. 938527. USMC DET. WHITE PHOSPHORUS TYPE GREN. SET AS SUR. EX. DEV MED EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
0600	0745	3	050330H	C 1/5 CO NIGHT ATTACK A.T. 953542. UNIT REC'D APPROX. 50 S/A RNDS FROM THE NE WOUNDING 1 USMC RET'D S/A & CONTINUED PREP FIRE ON OBJECTIVES. CALLED & COMP. MED EV ACS.	S.F.D.
0600	-	4	050500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 50 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	5	050500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 48 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	6	050500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 10 H.H.	S.F.
1035	1050	7	050955H	K 3/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 905466. UNIT FND. M-79 RND. SET AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1045	-	8	051100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 49 H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	9	051100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 51 H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	10	051100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 11 H.H.	S.F
1155	1400	11	050730H	B 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT968538. UNIT FD 4 RDS B-40 ROCKETS AND DESTROYED THEM.	S.F.D.
1200	1400	12	050902H	B 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT970544. UNIT CAME UNDER A/W AND S/A FIRE. RET'D FIRE. RES: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA EVAC, 3 NVA KIA, 2 DET, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS ALSO CAPTURED.	S.F.D.
1205	1400	13	050850H	A 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT887502. USMC DET M-26 RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
1200	1400	14	050900H	A 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT895511. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 DETAINEES WITHOUT ID CARDS.	S.F.D.
1210	1400	15	051115H	F /2/5 PLAT S&C LOC ATBT002540. UNIT FD 120 RDS 12.7 MM AA AMMO. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1730	1830	16	051530H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015519. UNIT FD 1500 LBS POLISHED RICE. FWD TO REGT CP.	S.F.D.
1730	1830	17	051600H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015518. USMC DET M-26 DET PRESS TYPE. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
1700	-	18	051530H	1ST RECON BN INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 40 NVA WITH CREW SERVED WPNS. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.D.
1700	-	19	051700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #51 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	20	051700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #12 H.H.	S.F.
1915	-	21	051700H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #50 H.H.	S.F.
1930	1945	22	051500H	B&C 1/5 CO S&C'S LOC AT970542 &AT967550. UNIT ATTACKING AREA HIT A WELL INT 25-30 NVA WITH A/W, S/A, B-40 & RPG'S. CALLED MARINE ARTY AND MARINE FIXED WING. RES: 7 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
2000	2130	23	051815H	H&S 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015517. UNIT FD 3500 LBS RICE AFTER SWEEPING ABOVE OBJ.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

NOVEMBER 68 CONT'D

UNIT OR SECTION

PLACE

FROM TO

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1945	2130	24	051300H	F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT995542. UNIT REC'D HVY FIRE FM EST 25-30 NVA. RET'D FIRE WENT FORWARD SWEEPING AREA AND FOUND 4 IWC, 2 NVA PACKS, 2 CHICOMGREN, 100 RDS AK-47 AMMO, 30 RDS 12.7. ALL FWD TO REGT S-2.	S.F.D.
2000	2130	25	051810H	G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT013510. UNIT FD 5000 LBS RICE. WILL FWD TO REGT CP.	S.F.D.
2215	2230	26	051800H	A 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT811501 . UNIT FD BOUNCING BETTY TYPE MINE WITH A 105MM HE RD ATTACHED. DESTORYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
2245	2300	27	051930H	I 3/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT964544. UNIT OBS 1 NVA WITH WPN. FIRED S/A KILLING 1 NVA, 1 IWC AK-47. UNIT ALSO HAD 1 USMC WIA MINOR.	S.F.D.
2300	-	28	052300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #51 H.H.	S.F.D.
2300	-	29	05 2300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #13 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	30	052300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #52 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	31	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
H E N D E R S O N H I L L

06 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINE REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 060001H TO 062400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0030	-	2	052300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 53 H.H.	S.F.
0120	0140	3	051120H	H&S 3/5 BASE SEC. AN HOA. USMC SUSTAINED GSW TO LEFT LEG WHEN PISTOL HE WAS CLEANING ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED. MED EVAC CALLED & COMP.	S.F.D.
0120	0140	4	050902H FOLLOW UP	B 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 970544. LINE E TO READ: DELETE 2 DET'S ON PREVIOUS SPOT REPORT AS THEY WERE ERRONEOUSLY SUBMITTED.	S.F.D.
0545	-	5	060500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 52 H.H.	S.F.
0700	-	6	060500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 54 H.H.	S.F.
0700	-	7	060500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 14 H.H.	S.F.
0700	0610	8	051500H FOLLOW UP	B & C 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 970542 & 967550. UPDATE LINE E TO READ: CASUALTY TOTALS: 6 USMC KIA AND 13 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1035	1055	9	060501H	C 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 958544. UNIT REC'D APPROX. 50 60MM RNDS FROM THE N. RET'D COUNTER MORTAR FIRE OF 90 RNDS 105 & 60MM. RES. 3 USMC WIANE.	S.F.D.
1035	1055	10	060930H	A 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 894502. USMC DET. M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. RES. 1 USMC WIAE WHO WAS EVACKED.	S.F.D.
1040	-	11	061000H	RECON INSERT HIRELING. UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING E TO W AT A.T. 795489. TWO CARRIED WPNS. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.	S.F.D.
1100	-	12	061100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 15 H.H.	S.F.
1110	-	13	061100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 53 H.H.	S.F.
1300	-	14	061300H	(LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO M CO S&C LOC AT904475. UNIT WAS APPROACHED BY A VN CIV WHO SAID A MARINE WITH WHOM HE WAS RIDING WAS KILLED ON LIB ROAD TO THE NORTH OF AN HOA BY 25 VC WHO STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE JEEP. MARINE WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED VIC AT909499. VN CIV SAID MARINE ATTEMPTED TO TURN VEHICLE AROUND WHEN VC SHOT HIM. VN CIV THEN JUMPED FROM VEHICLE AND RAN BACK DOWN LIB ROAD TO THE SOUTH UNTIL SPOTTED BY CO M 3/5 AT902472. VN CIV GAVE HIS NAME AS NGUYEN THANH LIEN. HE HAS A GOVT OPERATORS PERMIT ISSUED FROM NSA #9729. UNIT IMMED DISPATCHED SEARCH PARTY LED BY VN CIV. WENT TO AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. A RECOVERY TM SENT FROM 5TH MARINES ON 6 NOV 68 LOCATED VEHICLE AND 1 USMC KIA. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO GET TO VEHICLE, UNIT DET A LAND MINE 5 METERS OFF THE ROAD RESULTING IN 8 USMC WIA EVAC. MED-EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.D.
1705	-	15	061705H	1/5 CO H&S DEF POSIT LOC AT926527. 1 VN MALE CAME TO CP FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE WAS DETAINED BECAUSE HIS NAME APPEARED ON S-2 BLACK	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

6 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 060001H TO 062400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
				LIST AS A VC SUSPECT. UNIT WILL FWD TO NSA DANANG.	
1740	-	16	061230H	RECON INSERT HIRELING LOC AT801478. UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING E TO W LOC AT814479 WEARING KHAKI UTILITIES, HELMETS AND CARRYING WPNS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA. UNIT THEN OBS 2 OTHER NVA DRAGGING NVA KIA INTO WOODED AREA. UNIT CALLED FOR A REPEAT MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT COULD NOT OBS.	S.F.
1741	-	17	061335H	RECON INSERT GUNSMOKE. UNIT OBS 40 NVA WAITING AROUND STREAM BED LOC AC213535 WITH PACKS AND RIFLES, WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. UNIT CALLED MAR FIXED WING AIR STRIKE KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.
2020	-	18	061300H	1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT887503. USMC DET M-26 SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MED EVAC.	S.F.
2022	-	19	061400H	2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT988517. UNIT FOUND 1 ASSAULT WPN WITH MAG, 4 CHICOM GREN, 1 AK-47 MAG, AND 1 HAMMOCK. UNIT DESTROYED GREN AND SENT OTHER EQUIP TO REGT S-2.	S.F.
2024H	-	20	061400H	2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT988517 (FOLLOW UP). CHANGE TO READ: FOUND 1 RPD VICE ASSAULT WPN.	S.F.
2026	-	21	061420H	2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC BT012518. WHILE SEARCHING AREA, VN MALE SURRENDERED WITH CHOI HOI LEAFLET. DETAINEE WILL BE SENT TO REGT S-2.	S.F.
2028	-	22	061420H	3/5 CO I CO S&C LOC AT936516. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE WITH NO ID CARD. WILL INTERROGATE WITH CO C S-2 PERSONNEL.	S.F.
2031	-	23	061505H	1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT875506. USMC DET BOX MINE. UNIT CALLED MED EVAC.	S.F.
2033	-	24	061730H	2/5 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC BT015509. UNIT DISC 173 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE. RICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO REGT S-2.	S.F.
2035	-	25	061715H	2/5 CO G CO DEF POSIT. LOC AT980525. USMC DET CHICOM GREN SET WITH TRIP AS SUR EX DEVICE. USMC WILL BE EVACED ON SUPPLY CHOPPER.	S.F.
2130	-	26	061704H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #15 H.H.	S.F.
2132	-	27	061728H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #56 H.H.	S.F.
2134	-	28	061734H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #54 H.H.	S.F.
2240	-	29	062235H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #55 H.H.	S.F.
2255	-	30	061815H	TIGER 6 CAP UNIT LOC AT910487. PC TRAVELING SOUTH WAS AMBUSHED BY 20-25 VC WOUNDING 3 USMC NON-EVACS. LIGHT DAMAGE TO PC. UNIT RET'D FIRE. TRUCK DRIVEN TO 3/5 CP.	S.F.
2256	-	31	062248H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #16 H.H.	S.F.
2345	-	32	062331H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #57 H.H.	S.F.
2345H	-	33	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

7 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 070001H TO 072400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2350	-	1	062350H	JOURNAL OPENED.	S.F.
0145	0155	2	062345H	E 2/5 CO NIGHT DEF. POSIT. E CP REC'D 2 INCOMING GREN. FROM UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE WOUNDING 3 MARINES. RET'D 4 GRENS. & 100 RNDS S/A. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. COORD. 002544.	S.F.D.
0655	-	3	070500H	1/5 SPEC. SITREP. # 58 H.H.	S.F.
0655	-	4	070500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 56 H.H.	S.F.
0655	-	5	070500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 18 H.H.	S.F.
0830	-	6	070800H	RECON INSERT HIRELING A.T. 819463. UNIT OBS. 4 NVA AT A.T. 805463. THEY WERE MOVING E TO W AND CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES. NVA MOVED INTO STRUCTURE AND MARINE ARTY MSN WAS CALLED KILLING 3 NVA.	S.F.
1030	-	7	070840H	RECON INSERT HIRELING OBS. 3 NVA AT A.T. 817469 SITTING IN BOMB CRATER. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING ALL THREE.	S.F.
1100	-	8	071100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 57 H.H.	S.F.
1110	-	9	071100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 18 H.H.	S.F.
1110	-	10	071100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 59 H.H.	S.F.
1400	1500	11	062345H	H 2/5 SQD AMB LOC BT012519. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AFTER BEING PROBED AND FOUND 1 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1330	1500	12	070530H	G1/5 CO S&C LOC AT958545. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 WOMAN WHO SAID SHE IS A VC WIFE.	S.F.D.
1545	1720	13	070645H	D 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT900505. UNIT OBS 12 VC LOC AT903505. FIRED S/A & A/W KILLING 8 VC.	S.F.D.
1744	-	14	071743H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #58 H.H.	S.F.
1745	-	15	071745H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #60 H.H.	S.F.
1745	-	16	071745H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #20 H.H.	S.F.
2000	2030	17	071645H	F 2/5 SQD S&C LOC AT983524. AO OBS 3 NVA LOC ATABOVE COORD. UNIT WAS SENT TO INVESTIGATE AREA. OBS 3 NVA. UNIT FIRED 50 RDS S/A, AND ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. UNIT CAPTURED 1 MALE DETAINEE.	S.F.D.
2000	2030	18	071935H	AO IN SUPPORT OF FIFTH MAR OBS 1 VC TRYING TO CROSS RIVER LOC AT945475. AO FIRED AT ENEMY KILLING 1 VC.	S.F.D.
2000	2037	19	071700H	H 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT010518. UNIT FD 5 100 LBS BAGS OF RICE. MSICH DOCUMENTS. WILL FWD TO BN 2	S.F.D.
2145	2150	20	072000H	L 3/5 SQD AMB LOC AT933743. UNIT SET AMB ON 2 NVA KILLING 1 NVA. PULLED BACK AND WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
2130	2150	21	071800H	L 3/5 SQD OP LOC AT933473. UNIT OBS 8 NVA CS RIVER . FIRED A/W FIRE AND CALLED FIXED WING AIR STRIKE. 60MM MSN AND TWO AO ON STATION SPT WITH ROCKETS AND A/W FIRE KILLING 5 NVA.	S.F.D.
2300	-	22	072300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #21 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	23	072300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #61 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	24	072300H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #59 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	25	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
H E N D E R S O N H I L L

08 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MAR. REGT. S-3

PLACE
AN HOA, R.V.N.

FROM 080001H TO 082400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0600	-	2	080500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 62 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	3	080500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 60 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	4	080500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 22 H.H.	S.F.
0720	0810	5	080301H	2/11 ARTY BATTERY. 155MM HOWITZER EXPLODED IN-	S.F.D.
			[redacted]	JURING THREE MARINES. BN. SURGEON, ORD. OFFICER	
				BN. CO ON SCENE. FIRE CREW FROM AIR STATION ON	
			[redacted]	SCENE TO FIGHT FIRE IN AMMO BUNKER. MED EVAC	
				CALLED. INVESTIGATION IN PROCESS.	
0800	0810	6	080530H	F 2/5 CO DEF. POSIT. A.T. 992542. UNIT REC'D	S.F.D.
				1 INCOMING GREN. WOUNDING 1 USMC. RET'D 150	
				S/A AND SE ARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RESULTS. MAN	
				TO BE EVACUATED TO REGT. CP.	
1005	-	7	080915H	RECON INSERT HIRELING OBS. 4 NVA MOVING W TO E	S.F.
				AT A.T. 799465. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULT-	
				ING IN 2 NVA KIA. REMAINING EN. MOVED INTO	
				TREELINE WHERE OBSERVATION WAS IMPOSSIBLE.	
1045		8	080940H	K 3/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 901437. UNIT FOUND WELL	S.F.D.
				CAMOUFLAGED PUNJI PIT. DESTROYED WITH C-4.	
1045	-	9	081100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP.# 23 H.H.	S.F.
1050	-	10	081100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 61 H.H.	S.F.
1120	-	11	081100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 63 H.H.	S.F.
1440	-	12	080810H	1/5 CO H&S OP LOC AT913508. WHILE SETTING IN	S.F.
				OP. UNIT REC'D AK-47 RDS SAME VIC. UNIT ALSO	
				REC'D 4 CHICOM GREN WOUNDING 1 USMC. UNIT	
				RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR 81MM MSN.	
				CALLED MEDEVAC.	
1445	-	13	081100H	3/5 CO I PLAT RD SWP SEC LOC AT960534. WHILE	S.F.
				MOVING SOUTH TO 1/5 CP UNIT FOUND 1 105MM RD	
				RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. DESTROYED	
				IN PLACE.	
1446	-	14	081115H	3/5 CO I PLAT RD SWP SEC LOC AT934531. WHILE	S.F.
				MOVING TO 1/5 CP UNIT FOUND 1 CHICOM GREN RIG-	
				GED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. DESTROYED	
				IN PLACE.	
1447	-	15	081215H	RECON INSERT HIRELING. UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING	S.F.
				EAST TO WEST LOC AT811465. UNIT CALLED MAR	
				ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.	
1449	-	16	081245H	RECON INSERT HIRELING. UNIT OBS 13 NVA STAND-	S.F.
				ING STILL WITH WPNS, A/W, CREW SERVED WPNS.	
				UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.	
1450	-	17	081300H	1/5 CO H&S CP LOC AT923524. CIVILIANS BROUGHT	S.F.
				1 EN MALE WITH SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN HIS LEG TO	
				1/5 CP. S-2 INTERROGATION REVEALED MAN ON	
				BLACK LIST, BUT DISTRICT AND VILLAGE DO NOT	
				CORRESPOND. DET BEING SENT TO REGT S-2 FOR	
				FURTHER INTERROGATION. MED AID GIVEN.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

8 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 080001H TO 082400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1500	-	18	081410H	RECON INSERT HIRELING. UNIT OBS 6 NVA WEARING KHAKI AND BLACK PJ'S STOP IN HOOTCH LOC AT805 485. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.	S.F.
1630	-	19	081530H	RECON INSERT HIRELING. UNIT OBS 7 NVA MOVING ALONG RIVER BED WEST TO EAST WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT825475. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.	S.F.
1715	-	20	081708H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #64 H.H.	S.F.
1730	-	21	080301H	DELETE JOURNAL ENTRY 080301H T BATTERY 2/11.	S.F.
2030	-	22	081715H	1/5 CO C PLAT BLOCK POSIT LOC AT964555. WHILE IN BLOCK POSIT, UNIT CAME ACROSS FOLLOWING GEAR 1 FEED PLATE FOR 12.7MM MACHINE GUN, 1 HOMEMADE MORTAR TUBE, ASSORTED 782 GEAR, NVA SHORTS, NVA TROUSERS, AND 1 NVA FLAG. ALSO APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO 1/5 S-2 REAR TOMORROW.	S.F.
2032	-	23	081820H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 15 NVA MOVING SOUTH TO NORTHEAST WITH LARGE PACKS, AMMO AND WPNS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 9 NVA.	S.F.
2315	-	24	081930H	1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT976545. UNIT OBS 6 NVA SETTING UP 82MM MORTAR TUBE POINTING WEST. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 6 NVA AND DESTROYING 82MM.	S.F.
2325	-	25	082304H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #65 H.H.	S.F.
2326	-	26	082315H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #63 H.H.	S.F.
2405	-	27	082318H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #64 H.H.	S.F.
2406	-	28	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

9 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 090001H TO 092400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1500	-	23	091255H	1/5 CO A PLAT OP LOC AT913508. USMC DET PRESSURE TYPE M-26 SET AS SUR EX DEVICE. USMC MED EVACED TO AN HOA BY VEHICLE.	S.F.
1700	-	24	091445H	2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT005524. USMC DET M-26 GREN RIGGED W/TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. TREATED BY CORPSMAN. RES: 2 USMC WIANE.	S.F.
1720	-	25	091700H	2/5 SPE SITREP #66 H.H.	S.F.
1721	-	26	091708H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #68 H.H.	S.F.
1915	-	27	091605H	2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT988518. WHILE ON S&C UNIT FND 10 CHICOM 60MM RDS, 1 NVA PACK, MISC CIV CLOTHES, 50 AK-47 RDS, AND 12 BUNKERS. MORTARS AND AMMO ALONG WITH BUNKERS DESTROYED.	S.F
1957	-	28	091745H	1/5 CO A SQD CET PAT LOC AT901510. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D APPROX 125 AK-47 RDS FROM 6 VC IN TREELINE LOC AT905508. WHILE MANEUVERING TO TREELINE, USMC DET 60MM RD SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.	S.F.
2020	-	29	091715H	1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PAT LOC AT965558. WHILE ON PATROL, UNIT OBS 1 NVA HIDING IN GRASS WHO IMMED SURRENDERED. A 2ND NVA NEAR BY ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE BUT WAS CAPTURED. PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD AT PLT CP. UNIT WILL DELIVER TO 1/5 CP FOR TRANS TO REGT S-2. UNIT CAPTURED 2 NVA UNIFORMS, DOCUMENTS, AND NARCOTICS.	S.F.
2230	-	30	092230H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #67 H.H.	S.F.
2345	-	31	092307H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #69 H.H.	S.F.
2346	-	32	092317H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #29 H.H.	S.F.
2355	-	33	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

9 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 090001H TO 092400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2400	-	1	090000H	JOURNAL OPENED.	S.F.
0445	0455	2	090130H	K 3/5 SQD. AMB. A.T. 892437. WHILE SETTING UP CLAYMORE MINE, USMC ACCIDENTALLY DETONATED THE BLASTING CAP. MINOR INJURIES WERE TREATED IN FIELD.	S.F.D.
0445	0455	3	081930H	B 1/5 CO. DEF. POSIT. A.T. 976545. LINE E: ADD 1 CSWC TO CUMULATIVE CASUALTY TOTALS -- 1 82 MM MORTAR TUBE.	S.F.D.
DISREGARD					
DISREGARD					
0445	-	4	090500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 64 H.H.	S.F.
0500	-	5	090500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 66 H.H.	S.F.
0520	-	6	090500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 26 H.H.	S.F.
1045	-	7	091010H	1ST RCN. BN. HIRELING. AUNIT OBS. 8 NVA & VC AT A.T. 816467. THEY WERE MOVING W TO E & 2 HAD WPNS. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 1 NVA	S.F.
1045		8	090530H	D 1/5 SQD. AMB. A.T. 962554. UNIT HEARD MOVEMENT NEAR ITS POSIT & THREW GREN. GREN HIT FOLIAGE & FELL NEAR MARINES WOUNDING 2. MEN WERE TREATED IN FIELD.	S.F.D.
1045		9	090940H	A 1/5 PLT. RD. SWP. SEC. A.T. 927521. UNIT FND BOX MINE SET IN ROAD AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1045		10	031047H FOLLOW UP	E 2/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 975516. DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS NVA POW.	S.F.D.
1045		11	041800H FOLLOW UP	A 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL A.T. 892511. DTNE CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV & 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.D.
1045		12	050900H FOLLOW UP	A 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 895511. 2 DTNES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV. & 11 CIV DEF.	S.F.D.
1045		13	061420H FOLLOW UP	H 2/5 CO S&C B.T. 012518. DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS VC RTNE.	S.F.D.
1045		14	061420H FOLLOW UP	I 3/5 CO S&C A.T. 936516. DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT A S INN CIV.	S.F.D.
1045		15	070530H FOLLOW UP	C 1/5 PLT. AMB. A.T. 958545. DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.D.
1045		16	071 645H FOLLOW UP	F 2/5 SQD. S&C A.T. 981524. DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS NVA POW	S.F.D.
1045		17	081300H FOLLOW UP	CP 1/5 A.T. 927526 DTNE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS CIV. DEF.	S.F.D.
1055	-	18	091100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 67 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	19	091100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 65 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	20	091100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 27 H.H.	S.F.
1455	-	21	090950H	1/5 CO A SQD RD SWP SEC LOC AT 914512. UNIT FND 1 81MM SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT BLEW IN PLACE.	S.F.
1456	-	22	091000H	1/5 CO C PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT968588. UNIT FND FRESH GRAVE. UNIT DUG UP GRAVE AND FND 1 BODY WITHOUT HEAD. BODY HAD ON GREEN NVA UTILITIES. BODY SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

10 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 100001H TO 102400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2400	-	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED.	S.F.
0500	-	2	100500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 30 H.H.	S.F.
0530	-	3	100500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 68 H.H.	S.F.
0550	-	4	100500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 70 H.H.	S.F.
0735	0755	5	091715H	C 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL A.T. 965558. UPDATE LINE	S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	ECHO TO READ: DELETE 2 NVA POW & ADD 2 DFNE'S	
				PENDING CLASSIFICATION BY ITT.	
0945	0955	6	100700H	B 1/5 PLT. OP A.T. 977560. UNIT OBSERVED 40 NVA	S.F.D.
				MOVING N. AT A.T. 981564. THEY CARRIED PACKS,	
				WEAPONS & POSSIBLE 82MM MORTAR TUBE. CALLED &	
				ADJUSTED MAR. ARTY ON TARGET. NVA SPLIT N. & S.	
				OBSERVED 3 KIA ON INITIAL IMPACT.	
1045	-	7	101100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 69 H.H.	S.F.
1150	-	8	101100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 31 H.H.	S.F.
1205	-	9	101100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 71 H.H.	S.F.
1715	-	10	101046H	1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT 927534. UNIT OBS 1 DEAD	S.F.
				NVA FLOATING WEST IN RIVER. NVA WEARING GREEN	
				UTILITIES.	
1725H	-	11	101635H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 4 NVA WITH	S.F.
				PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING WEST TO EAST LOC AT	
				808479. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.	
1730	-	12	101645H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #70 H.H.	S.F.
1731	-	13	101655H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #32 H.H.	S.F.
1732	-	14	101658H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #72 H.H.	S.F.
2330	-	15	102230H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #71 H.H.	S.F.
2333	-	16	102301H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #33 H.H.	S.F.
2335	-	17	102307H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #73 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	18	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

11 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES

PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

FROM 110001H TO 112400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NR	DAYTIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001H	-	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0030	0110	2	102301H	C 1/5 CO. DEF. POSIT. A.T. 959547. USMC OBS'D 2 TO 3 VC ON TRAIL AT ABOVE COORD. HE OPENED FIRE ON ENEMY & SLIPPED WHILE FIRING, HITTING HIMSELF. MED EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
0500	-	3	110500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 74 H.H.	S.F.
0530	-	4	110500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 72 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	5	110500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 34 H.H.	S.F.
1 115		6	110920H	G 2/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 975503. UNIT FND. 4 M-26 GRENS. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROUED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1115		7	111015H	G 2/5 CO. S&C A.T. 971516. UNIT FND. 100 60LB. BAGS OF RICE AT ABOVE COORD. TO BE LIFTED TO AN HOA.	S.F.D.
1115	-	8	111100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 75 H.H.	S.F.
1115	-	9	111100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 73 H.H.	S.F.
1115	-	10	111100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 35 H.H.	S.F.
1420	-	11	111000H	1/5 CO A PLAT COMBAT PATROL LOC AT907517. UNIT FOUND 1 60MM MORTAR RIGGED AS SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT BLEW IN PLACE.	S.F.
1422	-	12	111200H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 2 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES AND WEARING GREY UNILITIES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.
1424	-	13	111300H	2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT971516, 964515, 963507. UNIT FOUND 74 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE AT AT ABOVE LOC. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO AN HOA.	S.F.
1700	-	14	111335H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 12 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST WITH PACKS, CREW SERVED WPNS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 8 NVA.	S.F.
1702	-	15	111430H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 5 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT816470. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.	S.F.
1704	-	16	081715H	(FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLAT BLOCKING FORCE LOC AT964555. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1706	-	17	091715H	(FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C SQD CBT PAT LOC AT965558. 2 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.	S.F.
1708	-	18	111657H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #36 H.H.	S.F.
1720	-	19	111640H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #76 H.H.	S.F.
1945	-	20	111657H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #76	S.F.
1946	-	21	111545H	2/5 CO F SQD S&C LOC AT982487. USMC DET M-26 GREN RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. MEDEVAC CALLED FOR 6 USMC WIA.	S.F.
1952	-	22	111545H	2/5 CO E XXX CO S&C LOC AT971516 (FOLLOW UP) UNIT FOUND A TOTAL OF 301 (100# BAGS OF RICE) AT ABOVE LOC FOR 11 NOV. RICE AWAITING TRANS TO AN HOA.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

11 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 110001H TO 112400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1955	-	23	111630H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 10 NVA LOC AT807478 WEARING CAMF UTILITIES, KHAKIS, AND BLACK PJ'S. NVA CARRYING PACKS AND WPNS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 4 NVA.	S.F.
1957	-	24	111640H	2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC AT007511. UNIT FOUND 9000 POUNDS OF RICE AT ABOVE LOC. RICE DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1959	-	25	111745H	2/5 CO F PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT976501. USMC DET 105MM RD RIGGED AS SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MED-EVAC FOR 1 USMC KIA.	S.F.
2000	-	26	111800H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 35 NVA LOC AT809485 WEARING KHAKIS AND CARRYING A/W. 1 MORTAR TUBE (60MM) AND RIFLES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLI NG 8 NVA.	S.F.
2420	-	27	111545	(FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO F SQD S&C LOC AT982487. ADD 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.
2421	-	28	111745H	(FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO F PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT976501. ADD 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.
2422	-	29	111900H	2/5 CO H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT875483. USMC REC'D WOUNDS FROM BLASTING CAP OF CLAYMORE MINE. USMC TREATED AT BAS.	S.F.
2423	-	30	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

12 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 120001H TO 122400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	120500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 78 H.H.	S.F.
0545	-	3	120500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 76 H.H.	S.F.
0545	-	4	120500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 38 H.H.	S.F.
0925	0955	5	111745H FOLLOW UP	F 2/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 976501. CONTINUED SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCED MORE BODY PARTS INDICATING A 2ND MARINE HAD BEEN KILLED. PLATOON MUSTER VERIFIED FACT. ADD 1 USMC KIA TOTAL OF 2	S.F.D.
0935	0955	6	120025H	B 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 955525. WHILE SEARCHING EN. BUNKERS, UNIT APP. 2 DINE'S IN AREA WHERE 15 SNIPER ROUNDS HAD BEEN REC'D FROM. DET'S TO BE FORWARDED TO BEGT. CP.	S.F.D.
0935	0955	7	120830H	B/ 1/5 CO. S&C A.T. 954525. UNIT OBS. A NUMBER OF NVA ON A HILL AT A.T. 957533. CALLED MARINE AIR STRIKE & OBS. 6 NVA RUNNING NE. ALSO OBS'D 3 NVA KIA ON HILL.	S.F.D.
1050		8	120945H	F 2/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 952483. USMC DET. M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MED EVAC CALLED FOR 2 USMC WIAE. ONE MAN TREATED IN FIELD FOR MINOR WOUNDS.	S.F.D.
1125	-	9	121100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 79 H.H.	S.F.
1135	-	10	121100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 39 H.H.	S.F.
1145	-	11	121100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 77 H.H.	S.F.
2025	-	12	120830H	(LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO M CP LOC AT904484. UNIT STOPPED AND QUESTIONED CIV. FOUND 1 VN WOMAN AND 1 VN BOY CARRYING OVER $100 IN VN MONEY. ALSO APPREHENDED 1 VN MAN. UNIT FWD TO 3/5 S-2. INTERP BELIEVED CIV BNYING FOOD FOR ENEMY IN AN HOA AND DELIVERING IT TO SURROUNDING VILLAGES.	S.F.
2026	-	13	111810H	(LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO I SQD OP LOC AT864452. UNIT OBS 6 NVA WITH ONE PACK SETTING UP MORTAR TUBE. UNIT OPENED FIRE WOUNDING 1 NVA. ENEMY FLED. UNIT THEN FIRED 60MM MSN. SEARCHED AREAR WITH NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
2027	-	14	121200H	1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT950524. USMC DET 105 MM RD OR LARGER RD SET AS SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.	S.F.
2028	-	15	121210H	1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT950524. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 3 USMC WIA.	S.F.
2029	-	16	121245H	1/5 CO A PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT883510. USMC DET PRESSURE TYPE BOX MINE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.	S.F.
2030	-	17	121445H	1/5 CO A PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT900514. UNIT REC'D 75-100 RDS MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM LOC AT897507. UNIT RET'D S/A AND M-79 FIRE AND CALLED MAR ARTY	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

12 NOV 1968

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 120001H TO 122400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
				MSN. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.	
2034	-	18	121300H	2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT965514. USMC DET UN KNOWN TYPE SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.	S.F.
2035	-	19	121300H	1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT942517. ITT AT THIS POSIT QUESTIONED 1 VN WOMAN. WOMAN REVEALED HER HUSBAND HAD WORKED FOR VC IN THE PAST AND WAS MISSING AND PROBABLY WITH VC OR NVA. DETAINEE TO BE SENT TO ITT ON NEXT RESUPPLY.	S.F.
2037	-	20	121515H	RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 20 NVA MOVING EAST LOC AT805485 WITH PACKS AND RIFLES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 7 NVA.	S.F.
2038	-	21	121545H	2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT973474 TO AT974496. ENGINEERS BLEW FOLLOWING BOOBY TRAPS: 1 105MM WITH TRIP WIRE, 2 M-26 GREN WITH TRIP WIRE, 9 60MM PRESSURE DET AND 1 30 POUND BOX MINE PRESSURE DET. ALSO BLEW 2 BUNKERS. UNIT DESTROYED ORDNANCE AND BUNKERS IN PLACE.	S.F.
2042	-	22	121650H	2/5 SPEC SITREP # 78 H.H.	S.F.
2043	-	23	121700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #40 H.H.	S.F.
2044	-	24	121740H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #79 H.H.	S.F.
2150	-	25	121145H	2/5 CO H PLAT S&C LOC AT995514. UNIT FOUND 1 250 POUND BOMB AT ABOVE COORD. ALSO FND 1 M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE AND 1 DUD ILLUM RD. ORDNANCE BLOWN IN PLACE.	S.F.
2152	-	26	121320H	2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT961510 TO AT971517. UNIT FND 4½ TO 5 TONS OF RICE VIC OF ABOVE LOC. UNIT DESTROYED 600 POUNDS. OTHER TO BE SENT TO AN HOA.	S.F.
2218	-	27	122223H	2/5 SPEC SITREP #79 H.H.	S.F.
2315	-	28	122250H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #80 H.H.	S.F.
2320	-	29	122306H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #41 H.H.	S.F.
2425	-	30	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 130001H TO 132400H

13 NOVEMBER 1968

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0530	-	2	130500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 81 H.H.	S.F.
0530	-	3	130500H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 79 H.H.	S.F.
3/5	-	4	130500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 42 H.H.	S.F.
1000	1045	5	121920H	L 3/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 867460. MARINE SQD. REIN. WITH 3 VN CIV. GD. MOVING TO AMB. SITE OBS. 3 VN ARMED & ON HIGH GROUND TO SW. SQD. HALTED & DEPLOYED. RADIOED CO L TO CHECK FOR FRIENDLY TROOPS IN AREA. GOT NEG. ANSWER. OPENED FIRE WITH 80 S/a FORCE FIREED ON RET'D 1000 S/A 20 M-79 RNDS AND 6 GREN. MARINE SQD. LEADER CHECKED SQD'S FIRE. HE HAD CIV. GD'S YELL TO FORCE FIRED ON. OTHER FORCE IDENT. ITSELF AS SEC. PATROL FROM DELTA FORCE PROJECT. ALL FIRE CEASED. RES. 1 DF KIA, 1 DF WIA. INVESTIGATION IS NOW UNDERWAY.	S.F.D.
1050		6	130715H	L 3/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL A.T. 897467. UNIT FOUND LAAW IN COCKED POSITION AT ABOVE COORD. ENG. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1055		7	130900H	B 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL A.T. 912495. USMC DET. 82 MM RND. SET WITH TLLUM. CANNISTER AS SUR. EX. DEV. MED EVACKED TO REGT CP BY VEHICLE.	S.F.D.
1115	-	8	131100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 43 H.H.	S.F.
1115	-	9	131100H	2/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 80 H.H.	S.F.
1200	-	10	131200H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #82 H.H.	S.F.
1425	1445	11	131040H	B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT943500. USMC DET UNK TYPE ANTI-PERS MINE WOUNDING 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
1425	1445	12	130900H	B 1/5 SQD MINE SWEEP LOC AT912495. UNIT FD 155 RD SET WITH TRIP WIRE & BLASTING CAP. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1425	1445	13	130930H	B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT954512. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET AS VC SUSPECT WHO HAD A SPLINT ON HIS LEG. FWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.D.
1700	-	14	131700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #83 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	15	131700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #44 H.H.	S.F.
1800	1900	16	130900H	C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT941515. UNIT FD CACHE WITH 50 TONS RICE, 1 LAAW, ASSORTED 782 GEAR, TOOLS CLOTHING AND DOCUMENTS. FWD TO REGT CP.	S.F.D.
2300	-	17	132330H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #84. H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	18	132300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #45. H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	19	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 140001H TO 142400H

14 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0530	-	2	140500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 85 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	3	140500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 46 H.H.	S.F.
0900	1000	4	140230H	C 1/5 PLT. AMB. A.T. 936516. MAN LEFT HIS POSIT. WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE AND WHEN HE WAS RE-ENTERING HIS LINES, HE WAS SHOT BY FRIENDLY POSIT. MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED. 1 USMC WIAE	S.E.D.
0900	1000	5	140730H	B 1/5 CO. S&C A.T. 949502 & 946503. UNIT END. 6000 - 9000 LBS. OF RICE AT ABOVE COORD. RICE PRESENTLY BEING BAGGED AND LIFTED TO REGT. CP.	S.E.D.
1105	-	6	141100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 47 H.H.	S.F.
1145	-	7	141100H	1/5 SPEC. S IT. REP. # 86 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	8	141700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #87 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	9	141700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #48 H.H.	S.F.
2130	2210	10	142130H	5th MAR CP. (1) RD ENEMY 82MM LANDED IN PHU DA (1). FRDLY VILLAGE ADJACENT TO AN HOA. SEARCHED AREA AND HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S.F.D.
2125	2215	11	142125H	3/5 H&S CO CP. USMC KILLED IN DRIVING ACCIDENT IN CP AREA. RES: 1 NBC KILLED.	S.F.D.
2300	-	12	142300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #88 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	13	142300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #49 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	14	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

15 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 150001H TO 152400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED		S.F.
0600	-	2	150500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 89	H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	3	150500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 50	H.H.	S.F.
1125		4	110830H	M-3/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 904484. 2 DET'S CLASSIFIED		S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	BY ITT AS INN. CIV'S.		
1125		5	121300H	C 1/5 CO. S&C A.T. 942517. DET. CLASSIFIED BY		S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	ITT AS INN CIV.		
1125		6	130930H	B 1/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 957503. DET. CLASSIFIED BY		S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	ITT AS CIV. DEF.		
1125		7	120025H	B 1/5 CO. S&C A.T. 955525. 2 DET'S CLASSIFIED		S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	BY ITT AS CIV, DEF'S.		
1130	-	8	151100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 90	H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	9	151100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 51	H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	10	151700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #91	H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	11	151700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #52	H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	12	152300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #92	H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	13	152300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #53	H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	14	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED		

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
HENDERSON HILL

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 160001H TO 162400H

16 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	160500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 93 H.H.	S.F.
0530	-	3	160500H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 54 H.H.	S.F.
1115	-	4	161100H	3/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 55 H.H.	S.F.
1155		5	160915H	L 3/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL A.T. 897483. UNIT APP. VN WHO HAD NO ID & WAS ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS WAY. FORWARDED TO REGT. CP.	S.F.D.
1155		6	160900H	1/5 CP S&C A.T. 941516. UNIT FND 40 LB BOX MINE LYING IN VILLAGE. IT WAS NOT SET AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1200	-	7	161100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #94	
1200	-	8	161050H	1ST RECON BN INSERT "SAND HURST". UNIT OBS 4 NVA LOC AT792476. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.
1700	-	9	161700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #56 H.H.	S.F.
1700	-	10	161700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #95 H.H.	S.F.
1930	2000	11	161400H	D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT950505. UNIT APPREHENDED 3 MALE DETAINEES. FWD TO REGT CP FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
1830	-	12	161830H	AN HOA TOWER OBS AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF FIRST RECON INSERT "LUNGE POINT" TAKING HEAVY A/W FIRE FM ENEMY LOC ZC19354593. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN AND OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.	S.F.
2300	-	13	162300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #96 H.H.	S.F.
2300	-	14	162300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #57 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	15	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

17 NOV 68 CONTINUED

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM TO

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1530	1600	18	171420H	L 3/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT898489. UNIT FOUND 1 82MM RD RIGGED AS SUR EXPL DEVICE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1700	-	19	171700H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #99 H.H.	S.F.
1700	1730	20	171505H	A 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT941515. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 FEMALE DET. CLAIMS TO BE 10 YRS OLD, APPEARS AT LEAST 18. FD BLOODY BANDAGES IN HER HOOTCH. DET HAD BADLY SPRAINED LEG & WAS UNABLE TO WALK BELIEVED TO BE NURSE. FWD TO ITT WITH GUARD.	S.F.D.
1700	-	21	171700H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #60 H.H.	S.F.
2100	2230	22	172100H	F 1/5 SQD AMB LOC AT945524. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE AND GRENADES FM ENEMY LOC IN IMMED VIC. RET'D S/A, M-79 AND CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. RES: 1 VC KIA; 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.D.
2300	-	23	172300H	1/5 SPEC SITREP #100 H.H.	S.F.D.
2300	-	24	172300H	3/5 SPEC SITREP #61 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	25	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 170001H TO 172400H

17 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0300	0510	2	170200H	B 1/5 CO. DEF. POSIT A.T. 925538. UNIT REC'D INCOMING ROUND OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN WOUNDING 8 USMC AND KILLING ONE. MED EVAC CALLED FOR EMERGENCY CASES AND REST TO BE EVACKED AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
0500	-	3	170500H	3/5 SPEC. STT. REP. # 58 H.H.	S.F.
0545	-	4	170500H	1/5 SPEC. STT. REP. # 97 H.H.	S.F.
0710	0710	5	170713H	C 1/5 PLT. CP SEC. A.T. 910512. UNIT OBS. 15 NVA APPROACHING ITS POSIT. INITIATED AN AMB. WITH S/A & M-79 FIRE. ENY. RET'D S/A, A/W, AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE. UNIT CALLED 60MM, 81 MM AND MARINE ARTY FOR EFFECT AND FOR BLOCKING ROUTES OF EGRESS SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT REV. 4 NVA KIA & 1 AK-47. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: 2 KIA - 5 WIAE	S.F.D.
1100	-	6	171100H	1/5 SPEC. STT. REP. # 98 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	7	171100H	3/5 SPEC. STT. REP. # 59 H.H.	S.F.
1130	-	8	160915H FOLLOW UP	L 3/5 PLT. CMDT. PTL A.T. 897483. DET. CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN. CIV.	S.F.D.
1130	-	9	161400H FOLLOW UP	D 1/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 938504. 3 DET'S CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 CIV. DEF & 1 INN. CIV.	S.F.D.
1230	1300	10	170313H	C 1/5 (FOLLOW UP). CONT'D SEARCH AND FOUND 1 VC KIA, 17 CHICOM GRENADES, OBS HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS AND NUMEROUS COMM WIRES.	S.F.D.
1230	1300	11	170313H	C 1/5 (FOLLOW UP). CONT'D SEARCH AND FOUND 2 IWC (1 M-16, 1 AK-47), 9 CHICOM GRNS, 1 M-33 GREN, 2 M.26 GREN, ASST 782 GEAR, NVA CLOTHING, AND 1 ROLL COMM WIRE, AND 288 RDS AK-47 AMMO.	S.F.D.
1200	1230	12	170330H	B 1/5 CO DEF POS LOC AT949506. UNIT REC'D 3-4 RDS B-40 ROCKET INCOMING. RET'D FIRE WITH M-79, S/A AND CALLED 81MM MSN. CALLED FOR FIXED WING AIR STRIKE AT FIRST LIGHT. FOLLOWING AIR STRIKE UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 2000 LBS RICE. TO BE FWD TO REGT CP.	S.F.D.
1200	1230	13	171000H	K 3/5 SQD CME PTL LOC AT863454. UNIT AP PREHENDED I VN MALE DET WHO HAD NO I.D. CARD. TO BE FWD TO BN CP.	S.F.D.
1545	1600	14	171025H	D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT942499. UNIT FD 2 M-26 GRENADES SET WITH TRIP WIRES AS SUR EXPL DEV. BOTH DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1500	1600	15	171500H	D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT951512. UNIT OBS 4 VC WITH WPNS LOC AT956516. FIRED A/W FIRE KILLING 1 VC.	S.F.D.
1500	1600	16	171400H	D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT950500. UNIT APPREHENDED 3 MALE DETAINEES. FWD TO REGT CP FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
1530	1600	17	171400H	C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT904515. UNIT FOUND 1 NVA KIA IN AREA OF PREVIOUS AIR STRIKE.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM TO
18 NOVEMBER 68 180001 H 182400 H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	180001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S. F.
2345	2400	2	172030H	AN HOA RECD 6 RDS 82 MM AND TOWER OBS A/W FIRE BEING FIRED AT MARINE SPOOKY, AT891489, AT845485, AT895500, AT848485, AT839519, AT845475, AT805475, AT905494. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MTR FIRE ON EN POISTS.	S.F.D.
0330	0350	3	172235H	L 3/5 AT915480 UNIT OBS 2 EN MOVING TOWARD THEIR POIST. UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RES IN 2 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
0510	0700	4	180510H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE RECD 5 RDS INCOMING UNK TYPE FM UNK POIST. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MTR PLAN, NO CAUASLITYS SUSTAINED.	S.F.D.
0600	-	5	180500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #101 H.H.	S.F.
0600	-	6	180500H	3/5 SEPC SIT REP #62 H.H.	S.F.
1135	-	7	181100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #63 H.H.	S.F.
1200	-	8	180915H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 80 EN. MOVING W. AT A.T. 801483. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. RES. IN 20 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1200	1215	9	171400H FOLLOW UP	D 1/5 PLT. S&C A.T. 950500. 3 DET'S CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 3 INN. CIV.	S.F.D.
1200	1215	10	171000H FOLLOW UP	K 3/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 863454. DET. CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN. CIV.	S.F.D.
1305	1310	11	181100H	1/5 S&C A.T. 942517 UNITS COMPLETE RETROGRADE OF RICE. TOTAL TO DATE IS 104 TONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT MORE CACHES REMAIN IN AREA. TO CONT. SEARCH	S.F.D.
1540	1630	12	181100H	A 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 933519. USMC DET. M-26 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MAN EVACKED BY VEHICLE TO AN HOA.	S.F.D.
1540	-	13	181420H	RECON INSERT SANDHURST A.T. 805479. UNIT OBS. 3 NVA MOVING NE AT ABOVE COORD. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA.	S.F.D.
1645	-	14	181700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 103 H.H.	S.F.
1720	1720	15	18 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
1820	1820	16	181500H	C 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 901508. WHILE MOVING INTO TREELINE TO SEARCH AREA, USMC WAS SHOT BY EN. SNIPER. MED EVAC CALLED & SEARCH CONT. RES. 1 AK-47 RIFLE, CHICOM GREN, 782 GEAR & MED. SUPP.	S.F.D.
1930	181520	17	181520H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 75 NVA AT A.T. 805479. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 28 NVA KIA AND 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.	S.F.
2000	-	18	181600H	RECON INSERT EMPIRE STATE OBS 3 NVA AT A.T. 976529. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 3 NVA KIA.	S.F.

/// PAGE ONE OF TWO///

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 180001H TO 182400H

18 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			.....	JOURNAL CONTINUED	
2400	-	19	182300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 104 H.H.	S.F.
2400		20	182230H	CP 1/5 A.T. 927528. UNIT REC'D 3 60MM RNDS & 1 M-79 RND. FROM A.T. 901529. RET'D 90 RNDS. 81 MM AND OBS. SECONDARY EXPLOSION THAT BURNED FOR APPROX. 20 MINUTES.	S.F.D.
2400	-	21	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

///PAGE TWO OF TWO///

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 190001 H TO 192400 H.

19 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	190001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	190500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #105	S.F.
0630	0700	3	190350H	C 1/5 SQD LP AT 910516 LP DET MOVEMENT FM NE AND RECD 30RDS AK-47 RES IN 1 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC EVAC EN ATTEMPTED TO BREAK CONTACT TO THE NORTH RES IN 3 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
0800	0830	4	190350H FOLLOW UP	FOLLOW UP C 1/5 SEARCH OF AERA REVEALED 5 ADD VC KIA, 5 AK-47, 1 (.38CAL) HOLSTER AND NUMEROUS MAPS. ALSO THERE WERE 2 ADDITIONAL WIA USMC EVAC.	S.F.D.
0935	0945	5	190350H FOLLOW UP	FOLLOW UP C1/5 DELETE 2 USMC EVAC FM PREVIOES REPORT AND CHANGE THE 5 VC KIA TO NVA KIA, ALSO UNIT FD ASSORTED DOC, MED-GEAR, 782-GEAR. AND 10 AK-47's MAG.	S.F.D.
1300	-	6	191100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 106 H.H.	S.F.
1340	1450	7	190350H FOLLOW UP	C 1/5 SQD. LP A.T. 910516. DURING CONTACT, 3 MAN M/G POSITION SUFFERED 2 WIA & 1 KIA & M/g WAS DAMAGED. AFTER MEN WERE EVACKED, A SEARCH FOR THE GUN PROVED IT TO BE MISSING & PRESUMED CAPTURED. A THOROUGH SEARCH IS BEING CONDUCTED.	S.F.D.
1340	1450	8	191045H	H&S 1/5 PLT. BRIDGE SEC. A.T. 926525. SECTION LEADER, AFTER REPRIMANDING MAN FOR LOADING PISTOL IN SECURE AREA, TOOK IT FROM HIM & PROCEEDED TO CLEAR IT. PISTOL DISCHARGED WOUNDING ANOTHER MARINE. INVESTIGATION BEING HELD.	S.F.D.
1430	1450	9	191330H	C 1/5 SQD. OP A.T. 927523. USMC DET. CONCUSSION TYPE GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX DEV.. TRANSPORTED TO CP FOR FURTHER EVACUATION. 1 WIAE	S.F.D.
1645	-	10	191435H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS APPROX. 55 NVA WITH PACKS & RIFLES AT A.T. 804483. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 33 NVA KIA & 1 SECONDARY EX.	S.F.
1700	1900	11	191315H	C 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 902508. USMC DET. M-26 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MED EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1725	-	12	191700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 107 H.H.	S.F.
1840	-	13	191625H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 35 VC AT 803485. THEY WERE MOVING WEST. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 23 VC KIA.	S.F.
1845	1845	14	19 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
2330	-	15	192300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 108 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	16	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

20 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 200001H TO 202400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	200001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	200500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 109	S.F.D.
0630	0740	3	200445H	C 1/5 AT891514 MARINE WAS HIT BY PIECE OF ILL. CANSITER @ 4.2 RD. MED-EVAC CALLED AND INVEST BEING HELD. 1 NEC EVAC.	S.F.D.
0800	1000	4	192130H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE RECD 5 RSD INCOMING 82 MM. COUNTER MTR FIRE WAS EXCUTED ON AT854486 AND AT895458 WITH 200 RDS 105 MM EN FIRE CEASED.	S.F.DD.
1100	1130	5	200945H	C 1/5 AT898508 MARINE DET UNK TYPE SUR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES 1 USMC NON EVAC.	S.F.D.
1000	-	6	201000	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #110	S.F.
1640	1800	7	201300H	C 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL A.T. 909515. UNIT APP. 2 VN WHO WERE IN POSSESION OF 2 ROLLS OF TRIP WIRE MEN TRIED TO HIDE FROM PTL. DET. TO BE SENT TO REGT. CP	S.F.D.
1640	1800	8	201500H	D 1/5 SQD. CP A.T. 918513. USMC DET, M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MAN EVACKED TO 1/5 CP.	S.F.D.
1720	-	9	2 01500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 111 H.H.	S.F.
1725	-	10	201500H	RECON INSERT TURF CLUB A.T. 880360. UNIT CAME UNDER HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM APPROX. 30 NVA. CALLED MAR. ARTY AND AIR KILLING 11 NVA. UNIT ALSO CAPTURED 1 AK-47 RIFLE. UNIT WAS EXTRACTED AFTER CONTACT.	S.F.
1745	-	11	201600H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 25 NVA AT A.T. 803485. 15 OF THEM WERE APPARENTLY DIGGING TRENCHES. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 5 NVA KIA AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.	S.F.
1905	-	12	201750H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS 35 NVA & VC AT A.T. 825495. THEY WERE MOVING SE AND CARRIED RIFLES, PACKS & 82 MM TUBE. CALLED MAR. ARTY RESULTING IN 10 NVA KIA.	S.F.
2145	2245	13	201630H	D 1/5 SQD. CP A.T. 909501. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. WOUNDED TRANSPORTED BY VEHICLE TO RAS.	S.F.D.
2310	-	14	202300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 112 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	15	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

21 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 210001 H TO 212400 H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	210001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	210500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #113	S.F.
1100	-	3	211100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #114	S.F.
1130	1150	4	201300H	C 1/5 FOLLOW UP 2 DETS CLASS AS INN CIV'S BY ITT.	S.F.D.
1330	-	5	211220H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 21 NVA MOVING E AT A.T. 812496. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 6 CONFIRMED KIA AND ONE STRUCTURE DESTROYED.	S.F.
1715	-	6	211700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 115 H.H.	S.F.
1815	1815	7	211310H	CAP UNIT 291 S&C A.T. 889494. UNIT WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEP, REC'D S/A & 50 CAL. FIRE FROM 885473. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. SWEPT AREA AND FOUND 10 VC KIA, MORTAR SITES, AND TRENCHES.	S.F.D.
1920	1815	8	21 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
2000	-	9	211815H	RECON INSERT LUNGE POINT OBS. 15 VC MOVING E. AT A.T. 805554. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 5 VC KIA.	S.F.
2200		10	211530H	C 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 916523. RF'S FROM CAP 291 FND 1000 LBS RICE AND APP. 1 FEMALE DET. AS VC SUSPECT. RICE & DET. TURNED OVER TO CO. C. BOTH TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT. CP.	S.F.D.
2215		11	211055H	CAP 291 A.T. 918513. UNIT FND. M-26 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
2400		12	212230H	C 1/5 CO DEF. POSIT. AT. 910515. UNIT REC'D 6-7 B-40 RNDS & SPORADIC S/A FIRE FROM A.T. 903515. RET'D 30 CAL. 60 MM. 81MM. & MAR. ARTY MSN. 1 VC WAS KILLED BY M-79 FIRE. 1 USMC WIANE	S.F.D.
2400	-	13	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

22 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 220001H TO 222400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0400	0500	2	212101H	D 1/5 AT924506 UNIT RECD 3 RDS 60 MM, 200 RSD S/A FIRE , AND 5 INCOMING GRENS. RES 1 USMC KIA. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH 60MM AND 81 MM MSN EN FIRE CEASED.	S.F.D.
0430	0530	3	220200H	RF 116 UNIT AT908523 RECD S/A FIRE AND INCOMING GRENS FM 2 - 4 EN. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE RES 1 NVA KIA NAD 1 SKS.	S.F.D.
0430	0530	4	212230 TO 220330H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE RECD 60MM INCOMING GRENS, S/A FIRE AT EAST SIDE OF PERIM. ALSO AT 2335 CAP 291 CAME UNDER ATTACK. SPOOKY WAS CALLED ON STATION AND AN REACTION FORCE OF 2 TANKS AND 3 LVTS, 1 PLT WAS DEPLOYED TO CAP 291 FOR RESUPPLY OF AMMO. AT 0245 AN HOA RECD 7 RDS OF 57 MM RECOILLESS FIRE ON EAST SIDE. MARINE ARTY MSN WAS CALLED AND 4.2 MSN SPOOKY AND HUEY GUNSHIPS AND S/A FIRE WERE ALL EMPLOYED. AN SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED. SERACH AT FIST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
0500	-	5	220500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #117	S.F.
0815	0820	6	212101H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP UNIT RECD 8 RDS 60 MM AT)%0500 RESULTING IN 3 USMC EVAC. UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN AND 81 MM AND REQ AIR AT FRIST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
0930	0940	7	220800 H	RF 116 UJIT SEARCH OF CONTACT AERA FD 6 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47. UNIT CONT TO SERACH AERA.	S.F.D.
1115	1130	8	220615H	RF 116 UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARYT MSN ON AT910525 5 RDS LANDED 100-125 METERS SHORT IN RF CP RES 4 RF KIA 3 RF WIA E 1 USMC WIA E 1 USA WIA E MED-EVAC CALLED AND INVESTION BEING HELD.	S.F.D.
1130	-	9	221100 H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #118	S.F.
1715	-	10	221700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 119 H.H.	S.F.
1900	1940	11	221315H	D 1/5 S&D. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 910498. UNIT FOUND 81 MM RND. SET WITH TRIP WIRE & 1 HOME MADE SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1900	1940	12	221615H	C 1/5 CO S&C A.T. 890505. UNIT OBS. 4 NVA WITH WEAPONS AT A.T. 890502. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. SWEPT. AREA & APP. 1 DET. AS PROBABLE. POW.	S.F.D.
1900	1940	13	220200H FOLLOW UP	RF 116 CO S&C. SEARCH OF AREA REV. 12 ADDITIONAL NVA KIA AND MISC. 782 GEAR.	S.F.D.
1949	1940	14	22 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY CALLED TO DIVISION	S.F.
2350		15	222215H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE DEF POSIT. WHILE TRAVELING FM. GER. QUARTERS TO GERMAN HOSPITAL, VEHICLE WAS AMB. BY UNKNOWN # OF VC. AMB INIT. BY SATCHEL CHARGE THROWN INTO VEHICLE. REACTION FORCE OF LVT & RIFLE SQD. SUPPORTED BY FIXED BOSITIONS ANONG THEROUTE WAS DISPATCHED TO RECOVER THE WOUNDED. GERMANS WERE TAKEN TO BAS & MED EVAC WAS CALLED.	S.F.
2400	-	16	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

23 NOVEMBER 68

FROM 230001H TO 232400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0600	-	2	230600H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #121	S.F.
0900	0915	3	230800H	D 1/5 AT925507 UNIT AMMO CAN CONTAINING 1 RUSS FLAG 1 PROP POSTER, TAX RECORDS, AND OTHER DOC. FORWD TO S-2.	S.F.D.
1100	1115	4	212230H	C 1/5 AT910515 FOLLOW UP CHANGE VC KIA TO NVA	
1130	-	5	231100H	KIA. 1/5 SEPC SIT REP #122	S.F.D.
1705	-	6	231530H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 5 VC BUILDING BUNKERS AT A.T. 833545. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 3 VC AND DESTROYING BUNKER.	S.F.
1710	-	7	231700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 123 H.H.	S.F.
1915	-	8	231725H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT. UNIT OBS. 5 NVA MOVING EAST AT A.T. 821486. ENEMY CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 3 NVA.	S.F.
1939	1939	9	23 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY PASSED TO DIVISION.	S.F.D.
2300	-	10	232300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 124 H.H.	S.F.
2335	2400	11	232200H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE A.T. 875475 ENEMY FORCE OF NVA & VC ENTERED MAU CHANH 2 A.T. 890473 AND SET FIRE TO THE HAMLET. LOCAL POPULACE EVACUATING BY 2200. CALLED FOR SPOOKY WHICH CAME ON STATION AT 2245. REC. CLEARANCE FOR ARTY & WILL FIRE AS REQUIRED.	S.F.D.
2400	-	12	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

HENDERSON HILL

24 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 240001H TO 242400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0500	-	2	240500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #125	S.F.
0200	0740	3	240145H	C 1/5 AT891512 UNIT OBS EN FORCE MOVING INTO KILLING ZONE. UNIT INT CONTACT W/CLAYMORES AND RECD 5 RDS B-40 AND S/A FIRE. EN BROKE CONTACT FLARESHIP ON STATION.	S.F.D.
0830	0840	4	240145H	C 1/5 FOLLOW UP SEARCH OF AERA REVEALED 9 NVA KIA. AND NUMROUS DRAGS MARKS. ALSO 1 USMC NON EVAC	S.F.D.
0830	0840	5	232330H	D 1/5 AT925509 WHILE ENROUTE TO AMB SITE UINT OBS 9 TO 12 ENMW/WPNS MOVING TOWARD THEM. UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RES IN 2 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1030	-	6	240930H	STATION BRAKE RECON INSERT OBS 6 EN MOVING WEST IN OPEN, UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARYT MSN RES 1 NVA KIA AT796462.	S.F.D.
1130	-	7	241100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 126	S.F.D.
1300	-	8	241000H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT. OBS. 5 VC WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST IN VILLAGE AT 209553. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 1 VC AND DESTROYING 7 STRUCTURES.	S.F.
1300	1320	9	232200H FOLLOW UP	AN HOA COMBAT BASE. PATROL SEARCHED VILLAGE AT 890473. REPORTED 1 STRUCTURE DESTROYED BY FIRE AND 1 RICE HUSKING MACHINE ALSO DESTROYED. FIRE CAUSED BY VC/NVA WHO WARNED INHABITATANTS TO LEAVE VILLAGE. ENEMY FURTHER THREATENED VILLAGERS WITH MORE DESTRUCTION UNLESS THEY PROVIDED MORE ASSISTANCE TO ENEMY FORCES. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. 5TH MARINES WERE UNABLE TO REACT DUE TO LACK OF FORCES.	S.F.D.
1400	-	10	241300H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 5 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES AT A.T. 812496. THEY WERE MOVING E. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
1630	-	11	241600H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 5 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST AT A.T. 811496. CALLED MARINE ARTY. MSN. KILLING 2 NVA.	S.F.
1700	-	12	241700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 127 H.H.	S.F.
2000	-	13	241745H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 60 NVA/VC MOVING NE AT A.T. 819502. THEY CARRIED PACKS AND WPNS AND WORE HELMETS. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. KILLING 18 NVA AND 2 VC.	S.F.
2130	0215	14	232200H	FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALS ONE ADD. STRUCTURE DES. BY FIRE & 3 PARTIALLY DES. THERE ARE 25-30 STRUCTURES IN HAMLET. THERE WERE NO CIV. CAS. INTERVIEW OF CAP 291 PERSONNEL REV. THAT THERE WAS NO POSS. OF THE FIRE BEING FRIENDLY INIT. 5TH MAR. DID NOT PLACE ANY FIRES OF ANY TYPE IN THE VILLE DURING NIGHT OF NOV. 23. THOUGH T HE DUC DUC VILLAGE CHIEF CLEARED THE AREA FOR FRIENDLY FIRES. RESIDENTS OF THE VILLE WERE INTERVIEWED AND REV. FOLLOWING: APPROX. 15 VC ENTERED HAMLET YESTERDAY EVENING AND SET FIRE TO THE RICE MILL. VC HAD THREATENED T O HARRASS AN HOA AND VIC. FOR 26 DAYS COMMENCING 21 NOV. MAJORITY OF VC STATE THEY GO IN BUNKERS AT NIGHT AND THEREFORE KNOW NOTHING. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE VILLAGERS BEGAN LEAVING THE HAMLET AT ABOUT 231800H. PASSING BY CAP 291 ON THE WAY OUT. VILLAGERS WHO HAD RETURNED TO MAU CHANH 2 DENIED HAVING LEFT.	S.F.D.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

24 NOVEMBER 68

FROM 240001H TO 242400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2210	2230	15	242015H	A 1/5 SQD. COMBAT PTL. A.T. 939504. UNIT FOUND M-16 RIFLE WHICH WAS IN WORKING CONDITION. WPN. TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT. CP.	S.F.D.
2330	-	16	242300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 128 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	17	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.....	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

25 NOVEMBER 68

FROM 250001H TO 252400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	250500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 129	S.F.
1055	-	3	251100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 130	S.F.
1245	-	4	251100H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 13 NVA MOVING SOUTH WEST ON A TRAIL VIC. AT819502. THEY CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
1245	1300	5	250400H	M 3/5 CO. DEF. POSIT. A.T: 907503. DUE TO HEAVY RAINFALL DURING THE NIGHT. LIBETTY ROAD WAS WASHED OUT AT THE ABOVE COORD. MAKING THE ROAD BETWEEN AN HOAAND LIBERTY BRIDGE IMPASSABLE.	S.F.D.
1245	1420	6	251220H	M 3/5 CO, DEF. POSIT. A.T. 907503. ENGINEERS FROM AN HOA REPAIRED WASHED OUT SECTION OF ROAD MAKING IT PASSABLE FROM AN HOATO LIBERTY BRIDGE.	S.F.D.
1645	-	7	251700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 131 H.H.	S.F.
1705	1930	8	251655H	MAYFLY 12 AO IN SUPPORT OF 5 TH MARINES OBS. 5 NVA ON TRAIL AT 200453. CALLED FOR AND DIRECTED MARINE ARTY MSN. KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.D.
1939	1930	9	25 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION.	S.F.D.
2005	-	10	251805H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 18 NVA MOVING NE AT A.T. 812496. THEY CARRIED PACKS AND RIFLES AN WORE HELMETS. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 5 NVA.	S.F.
2400	-	11	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96602

3/JFC:jfc
3000
25 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Special Situation Report 21 to 25 Nov 68

212220H Enemy attack commenced on An Hoa with 1 grenade falling near bunker on east perimeter vic AT878469 wounding 1 Marine. Holding garrison returned grenades and M79 fire. Initial grenade followed by heavy volume of enemy 60mm and 82mm fire along eastern perimeter. Enemy fire poorly aimed falling mostly outside of perimeter to the east and over defensive positions to the west. 1 fighting bunker with overhead protection received a direct hit by 82mm 1 Marine wounded. Heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire accompanied by more mortar fire opened up along a line from AT888477 to AT892466. CAP 291 (AT888469) came under heavy enemy small arms and automatic fire. Commenced immediate arty illum and countermortar fire.

212230H Enemy mortar, small arms, and automatic fire continued. 3 squad sized enemy units sighted under illum vic AT881466 (200 meters from perimeter). Tanks and LVTs commenced machinegun fire, observed 6 enemy KIA. Platoon sized force herding water buffalo and following in protection vic AT885466. Tank took target under fire with 90mm firing 3 rounds. Enemy troops disappeared in explosion. Observed 3 secondary explosions from friendly fire.

212300H CAP 291 reported heavy fire from enemy position set up as mortar and machinegun firebase vic AT890473, directed arty fire on position. Arty position AT877475 (east perimeter) reported 3 platoon sized enemy units advancing vic AT885474. Took under direct fire with 105mm beehive. Enemy troops disappeared in explosion. SPOOKY on station receiving heavy automatic fire from AT890473. Control of SPOOKY turned over to CAP 291 directing fire on enemy formations and positions with primary target of enemy firebase. Tanks continued to fire 90mm and .50 Cal at fire line of muzzle flashes. 90mm fire set off extra large secondary explosion, small arms ammo continued to explode from resulting fire for 2 hours, fire continued until first light.

220001H Enemy squad sized units continued advancing along front. Tank 90mm and Arty 105mm direct fire delivered, direct hits resulted in formations disappearing, no confirmed enemy KIAs observed from such fire due to blast effect. Tanks and LVTs continued to deliver fire on close in enemy troops moving away from perimeter observing 7 enemy KIA. Observed 4 secondary explosions as result of 90mm fire.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

220100H CAP 291 pinned down by enemy fire, 1 PF wounded and 1.30 Cal machinegun destroyed. SPOOKY still on station delivering observed fire. Search light UH1E helicopters on station firing on observed enemy troops moving behind enemy firing line. Platoon sized enemy force observed vic AT883464 taken under machinegun fire by tanks and LVTs as enemy attempted to pull back away from perimeter. Tank and LVT fire resulted in 8 enemy KIA. Tank 90mm continued to fire at enemy muzzle blasts along front. CAP 291 reported down to less than 500 rounds. Organized relief force of 2 tanks, 3 LVTs, and 1 platoon of clerks and supply personnel. Relief force transported resupply of ammunition and 1 machinegun to CAP 291, received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Delivery made with no casualties and returned to An Hoa. Tank hit by 2 enemy M79 rounds, 1 Marine wounded. Received 7 rounds of enemy 57mm RR fire AT878470, AT877472, and AT879474, no damage or casualties. Observed 1 secondary explosion from friendly fire.

220300H Enemy fire ceased. Reports by SPOOKY that enemy withdrawing in three columns to the northeast toward Liberty Road. Commenced heavy arty interdiction of Lib Road and known and suspected egress routes. Enemy observed to be VC, assume VC Mainforce unit. Estimate force to be 3 companies. Of note was the inaccuracy of enemy mortar fire and the poor timing and coordination of enemy supporting fires. Estimate 50 to 75 rounds of enemy mortar fire delivered the bulk of which fell outside the An Hoa perimeter. Results of action: 3 USMC WIANE; 1 PF WIANE; 21 VCKIA.

220200H RF Co 116 located AT908523 began receiving probes accompanied by small arms fire and grenades. At about 0500H a large force of VC attempted passage through area occupied by Co 116. 116 engaged enemy force. Enemy pressed close using B40 rockets. Marine arty called in position by RF Co Cdr when VC penetrated. Results of action: 4 RF KIA; 21 VCKIA. It is believed that the enemy force was the same unit that attacked An Hoa. RF Co athwart route used by enemy force to withdraw from the area.

220700H 2d Plat, Co M, 3/5 commenced patrol through battle area east of An Hoa. No enemy bodies or weapons found. Numerous pools of blood and body parts found.

222215H While driving from quarters to German Hospital on Liberty Road in the An Hoa Industrial Complex hospital vehicle, clearly marked with flashing red light, was ambushed by VC firing small arms and throwing 1 satchel charge resulting in 2 German Civilians WIAM. Incident occurred AT875462. 5th Marines dispatched 1 LVT with squad of clerks. Rescue vehicle covered by positions in the An Hoa perimeter. Wounded civilians recovered and evacuated.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

232200H VC entered hamlet of Mau Chanh (2) AT875475 threatened the populace, who evacuated the hamlet, and set fire to 5 structures. Results: 2 structures and 1 rice husking machine totally destroyed, 3 structures damaged.

242300H (Estimated time) VC destroyed culvert in Liberty Road AT908505 by demolitions.

J. F. COBY, JR.
By direction

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

232200H VC entered hamlet of Mau Chanh (2) AT875475 threatened the populace, who evacuated the hamlet, and set fire to 5 structures. Results: 2 structures and 1 rice husking machine totally destroyed, 3 structures damaged.

J. F. CODY, JR.
By direction

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96602

3/JFC/bew
3000
25 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(G-3)

Subj: Enemy Attacks on Non-Military Targets

Encl: (1) CO, 5th Mar Ltr JFC:bew of 25 Nov 68 Incident Report on German Hospital Staff, An Hoa

1. Reported herein are 2 incidents of enemy attacks on non-military targets in the 5th Marines AO.

a. 222215H Nov 68: While driving from quarters to An Hoa German Hospital on Liberty Road in the An Hoa Industrial Complex hospital vehicle (clearly marked with flashing red light, painted yellow, and bearing large markings) was ambushed by VC unit. VC fired small arms, threw 2 hand grenades and 1 satchel charge resulting in 2 German civilian hospital personnel WIAM. Incident occured at AT875462. 5th Marines dispatched 1 LVT with headquarters personnel squad covered by fixed positions in An Hoa perimeter. Wounded civilians recovered and evacuated. 1 German civilian DOW on 24 Nov 68.

b. 232200H Nov 68: VC platoon entered hamlet of Hau Chanh (2) AT875475, threatened the populace that they would destroy the entire hamlet unless more aid was given, and set fire to 5 structures. Populace evacuated the hamlet. Results 2 structures and the hamlet rice husking machine destroyed, 3 structures damaged. Hamlet originally 30 structures.

J. B. ONEY, JR.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96602

JBO:bew
25 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Baron V. BLITZ, Team Leader, Malteser Aid Service, Hoi An, Quang Nam, Province Hospital

Subj: Incident Report on German Hospital Staff, An Hoa

Encl: (1) Diagram of Incident

1. The following report of events that occured on the night of 22 November 1968 is provided, pursuant to your verbal request of 24 Nov 1968:

a. On 22 November 1968, at 2215H a German hospital vehicle, while moving north on Liberty Road with flashing red light on, was attacked by approximately nine Viet Cong (VC).

b. The attack consisted of a possible satchel charge, a B-40 rocket, and small arms and hand grenades.

c. Attack was of short duration; no attempt was made by the VC to exploit the results of the attack. Both occupants of the vehicle, German Nationals, were left where they fell following the vehicle's abrupt departure from the road.

d. A reaction force of one Marine amphibious tractor (LVT) with one rifle squad and two hospital corpsmen, and covered by fixed positions along the route, was dispatched to recover the wounded. The two Germans were taken to the nearest Battalion Aid Station at An Hoa Combat Base, where a Navy doctor saw the wounded and called for emergency medical evacuation.

e. The two wounded, one with severe head wounds, the other with light shrapnel wounds, were moved to the Regimental Aid Station at once, where they were picked up by the emergency medical evacuation helicopter and transported immediately to the Army Station Hospital at Danang, where a neuro-surgical specialist was available.

2. The search of the area of the ambush resulted in recovery of the following:

a. Two home-made Bangalore Torpedo explosive devices with friction fuses, tied together by heavy vine.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

b. One unexploded VC concussion grenade with friction pull string removed.

c. One fin assembly of detonated B-40 (RPG-2) rocket round.

d. Parts of two other hand grenades, probable concussion type.

e. A spent AK-47 automatic rifle round.

3. The following additional facts are noted:

a. The vehicle was on a regularly scheduled run, and properly identified as an emergency vehicle. It was traveling with headlights on and the emergency rod flasher operating.

b. The attack was impromptu with no follow up as is normally the pattern. By this is meant that the wounded were not killed, the vehicle and surrounding area was not booby trapped, there was no attempt to ambush or attack the reaction force.

c. The ordnance recovered indicates that the attack troops were local VC guerrillas. All ordnance was of VC origin.

d. The bangalore torpedo explosive devices recovered are not normally used for ambushes.

e. There were other VC elements in the area at the time, moving generally from south to north across Liberty Road. The discovery of bangalore torpedos at the ambush site is an indicator that these elements were proposed to attack nearby friendly defensive positions north of the road.

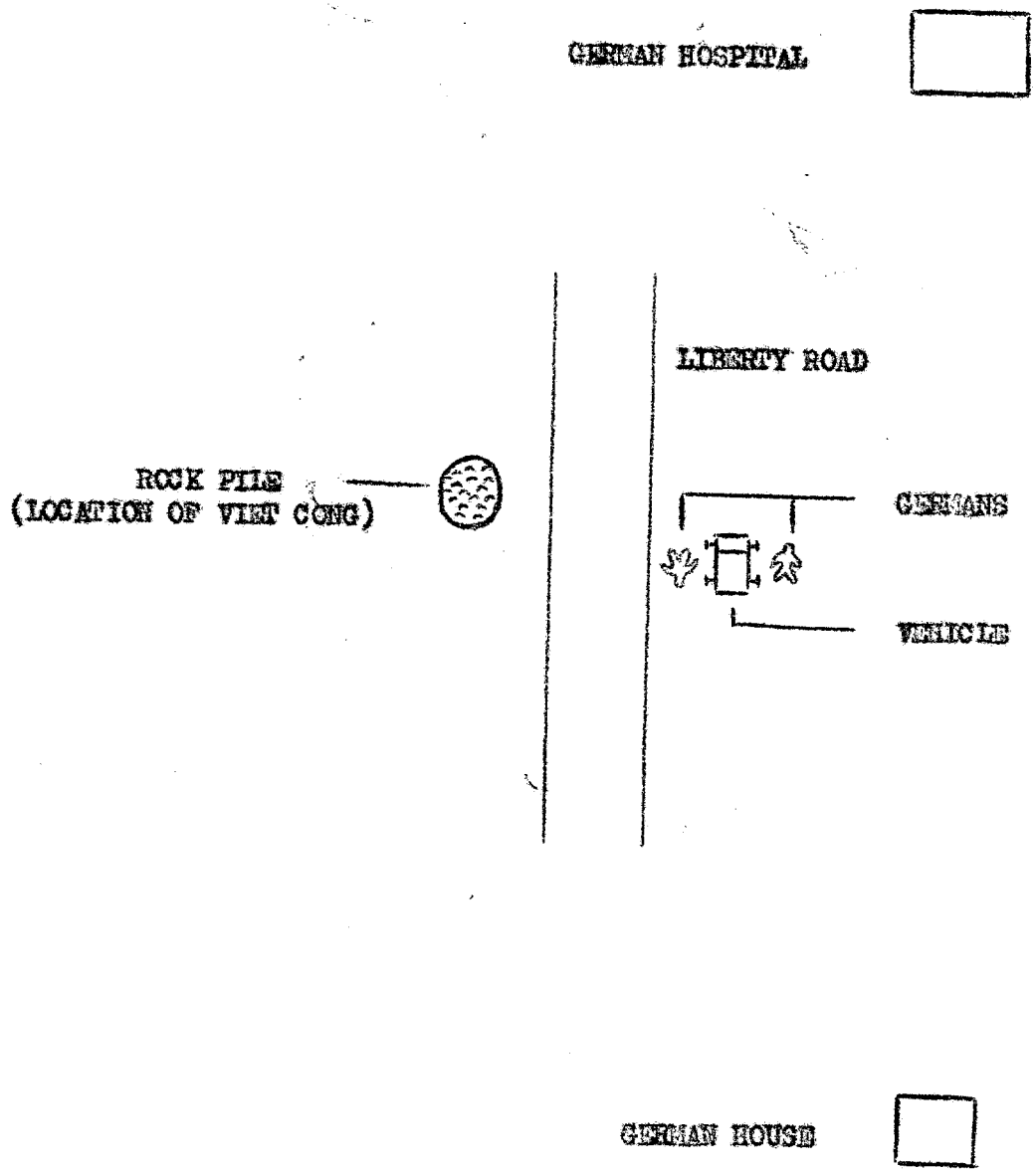
f. The German Hospital and the German House are both south of Liberty Road. Neither of these structures were attacked.

J. B. ORD, JR.
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

Copy to:
CG, 1st Mar Div

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED



1. Bodies were next to vehicle as shown.
2. Vehicle was upright, headlights on, red light flashing, motor off.
3. Listed items in letter found by the rock pile.
4. Vehicle destination, German house to German Hospital.

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

26 NOVEMBER 68

FROM 260001H TO 262400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	260001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S.F.
0030	-	2	262400H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 132 H.H.	S.F.
0400	0420	3	260230H	D 1/5 AT914506* UNIT RCED 2 INCOMING GRENS RES 1 USN EVAC.	S.F.D.
0500	-	4	260500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 133 H.H.	S.F.
0830	-	5	260745H	LUNGE POINT RECON INSERT OBS 11 EN MOVING WEST, IN OPEN AT	
1000	-	6	260910H	LUNGE POINT RECON INSERT OBS 2 EN IN BOAT AT196 542 GUNSHIP TOOK EN UNDER FIRE RES 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1015	1020	7	220200H 220800H 220615 H	RF 116 FOLLOW UP DELETE 4 RF KIA, 3 RF WIAE, 1 USAE, 19 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS FROM OPEARTION HENDERSON HILL.	S.F.D.
1020	1025	8	212220H to 220330H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE FOLLOW UP ADD 21 VC KIA TO CASUALITY FIGURES OF ORGINAL SPOT REPORT.	S.F.DD.
1100	-	9	261100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #134 H.H.	S.F.
1415	1425	10	260945H	D 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL A.T. 901509. 902507. UNIT FOUND 155 RND. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. ALSO, USMC DET 60 MM RND. SET WITH TRIP WIRE. 155 RND. DESTROYED IN PLACE. MED EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1720	1815	11	261130H	A 1/5 PLT. COMBAT PTL. A.T. 963521. UNIT FOUND 4 MAPS OF AN HOA AREA BELIEVED T O BE ENEMY ARTY REGISTRATIONS. ALSO FOUND MISC. DOCUMENTS. ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT. S-2.	S.F.D.
1720	-	12	261700H	1/5 SPEC. S IT. REP. # 135 H.H.	S.F.
1810	-	13	261715H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT FOUND 2 NVA BODIES AT A.T. 799531. THEY HAD BEEN KILLED BY M-79 ROUNDS APPROX. 5 DAYS EARLIER. UNIT CONTINUED MSN.	S.F.
1820	-	14	261730H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 9 NVA MOVING SE THROUGH OPEN AREA AT A.T. 803484. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 3 NVA.	S.F.
1820	1815	15	26 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED T O DIVISION.	S.F.D.
2035	-	16	261815H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS 4 NVA MOVING SE INTO TREELINE AT A.T. 810475. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING 2 NVA. KILLS CONFIRMED BY ANOTHER INSERT.	S.F.
2330	-	17	262300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 136 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	18	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM
HENDERSON HILL

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN

27 NOVEMBER 68

FROM 2700001 TO 272400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0600	-	2	270500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 137 H.H.	S.F.
0830	0840	3	270715H	D 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 905516. UNIT FOUND 155 RND. SET WITH PRESS. DET. AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1200	-	4	271100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 138 H.H.	S.F.
1345	1350	5	271145H	D 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 904520. UNIT FOUND 81MM ROUND AND M-26 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1416	-	6	271300H	RECON INSERT FIG NEWTON OBS. 2 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NORTH EAST AT A.T. 806479. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
1445	1450	7	271340H	D 1/5 SQD. CP A.T. 909506. USMC DET. M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. MAN EVACUATED BY VEHICLE TO AN HOA. 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1445	1450	8	271030H	D 1/5 PLT. COMBAT PTL. A.T. 904521. UNIT FOUND BODY OF ONE VC AT ABOVE COORD. ENEMY HAD BEEN KILLED BY RIFLE FIRE. BURIED BODY AND CONTINUED MISSION.	S.F.D.
1630	-	9	271515H	RECON INSERT FIG NEWTON OBS. 11 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST AT A.T. 810475. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. AND OBS. 4 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1700	-	10	271700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 139 H.H.	S.F.
1830	1830	11	27 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
2100H	2115	12	272021H	D 1/5 SQD. CMBT. PTL. UNIT OBS. 2 VC ATTEMPTING TO SET MINE AT A.T. 909503. INITIATED CONTACT WITH M-79, S/A, A/W KILLING BOTH VC. THEN REC'D HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM S. & E. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RES. 1 USMC WIANE.	S.F.D.
2100	2115	13	271500H	A 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 953514. UNIT FOUND ENEMY DOCUMENTS INDICATING THAT THERE IS VC HOSPITAL IN VICINITY. DOCUMENTS TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT. CP.	S.F.D.
2310	-	14	272300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 140 H.H.	S.F.
2335	2340	15	272200H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE. VIETNAMESE CIVIL GUARD UNIT REC'D APPROX. 100 RNDS. S/A AND 5 INCOMING 60 MM RNDS. INCIDENT TOOK PLACE APPROX. 600M FROM AN HOA COMBAT BASE. UNIT RET'D S/A AND AN HOA FIRED FIVE ILLUMINATION MISSIONS IN SUPPORT. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.	S.F.D.
00	-	16	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

28 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 280001 H TO 282400 H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	280001H	JOUNRAL OPENED	S.F.
0800	-	2	280800H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #141 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	3	281100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 142 H.H.	S.F.
1140	-	4	280920H	LUNGE POINT RECON INSERT OBS 6 EN MOVING SW IN THE OPEN. UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN RES IN 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1200	1210	5	281120H	5 MARINES S-3 JEEP ON ROAD RCON OF LIBERTY BRIDGE RECD 1 60 MM RD 5 METERS FROM REAR OF VEH RES 1 USMC NON EVAC.	S.F.D.
1340	1350	6	281000H	D 1/5 PLT. RD. SWP. SEC. A.T. 909501. USMC DET. M-26 GREN. SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR. EX. DEV. WOUNDED MAN TAKEN BY VEHICLE TO 1/5 CP TO AWAIT MED EVAC. 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
1700	-	7	281415H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 3 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NE AT A.T. 802486. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
1820	-	8	281700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 143 H.H.	S.F.
1830	1830	9	28 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.
1930	2000	10	281400H	D 1/5 PLT. CMBT? PTL. A.T. 890501. UNIT REC'D SPORATIC S/A & A/W FIRE FROM A.T. 888504. ONE USMC WAS KILLED. RET'D S/A, M-79 FIRE. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN & FIXED WING AIRSTRIKE. WILL SEARCH AREA UPON COMPLETION OF AIRSTRIKE.	S.F.D.
2135	2240	11	281630H	D 1/5 SQD. OP A.T. 915510. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 DETAINEES AS VC SUSPECTS. THEY CARRIED MISC. MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND HAD VERY OLD ID'S. DET'S FORWARDED TO REGT. CP FOR INTERROGATION.	S.F.D.
2330	-	12	282300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 144 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	13	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

29 NOVEMBER 68

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 290001H TO 292400H

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED	S.F.
0500	-	2	290500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 145	S.F.
0700	-	3	281400H	D 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 890501. SEARCHED AREA	S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	WITH NEG. RESULTS.	
1030	1045	4	211530H	C 1/5 ONE DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS ONE	S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	CIVIL DEFENDENT.	
1030	1045	5	281630H	D 1/5 TWO DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS TWO	S.F.D.
			FOLLOW UP	INNOCENT CIVILIANS.	
1100	-	6	291100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 146	S.F.
1530	-	7	291300H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 22 NVA WITH PACKS, RIFLES AND HELMETS MOVING NW IN OPEN AT A.T. 835509. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN KILLING 12 NVA	S.F.
1530	-	8	291245H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 2 NVA CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING FROM SW TO E AT A.T. 819502. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN. KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
1540	-	9	291500H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 3 NVA MOVING EAST IN OPEN RICE PADDY. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. AND CONFIRMED 2 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1710	-	10	291625H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 10 NVA WITH PACKS RIFLES AND HELMETS MOVING EAST AT A.T. 811496. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. KILLING 1 NVA.	S.F.
1715	-	11	291700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 147	S.F.
1735	1735	12	29 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION.	S.F.D.
1930	1935	13	291130H	1/5 CP. 12 TRUCK CONVOY AT A.T. 908495 ENROUTE FROM LIBERTY BRIDGE TO AN HOA REC'D SPORATIC S/A FIRE FROM A.T. 909492. RET'D S/A FIRE AND CONTINEED TO DESTINATION.	S.F.D.
2130	2140	14	292100H	H&S 1/5 DEF. POSIT. A.T. 927527. UNIT FIRED 200 RNDS. 81MM H&I ON A.T. 942516. OBS. LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. CONT. TO FIRE THROUGHOUT NITE	S.F.D.
2330	-	15	292300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 148	S.F.
2400	-	16	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

JOURNAL FORM

H E N D E R S O N H I L L

UNIT OR SECTION
5TH MARINES
PLACE
AN HOA, RVN
FROM 300001H TO 302400H

30 NOVEMBER 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	300001 H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0400	-	2	281840 H	LUNGA PIONT RECON INSERT OBS 6 CRAFTS CROSSING RIVER AT 198555 MARINE ARTY MSN WAS CALLED RES IN 5 NVA KIA.	S.F.
0500	-	3	300500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 149 H.H.	S.F.
0745	-	4	300700H	LUNGA POINT RECON INSERT OBS 20 EN MOVING S.E. UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN RES IN 5 NVA KIA	S.F.
0015	1030	5	300935H	A 1/5 AT936504 UNIT RECD 20 RDS S/A FIRE FM AT 939498 UNIT RETD FIRE . EN BROKE CONTACT TO THE SOUTH EAST.	S.F.D.
1050	-	6	301005H	LUNGA POINT RECON INSERT OBS 18 EN SITTING UNDER TREE AT819502 UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN RES IN 18 NVA KIA.	S.F.D.
1130	-	7	301100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #150	S.F.
1700	-	8	301700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 151	S.F.
1810	1810	9	30 NOV.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION.	S.F.D.
1915	-	10	301745H	RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT OBS. 12 NVA CARRYING PACKS, RIFLES AND RICE MOVING NORTH EAST AT A.T. 812496. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING ONE NVA.	S.F.
2340	2335	11	302115H	M 3/5 SQD. AMB. A.T. 874460. UNIT OBS. 5 VC MOVING WEST AT ABOVE GRID. FIRED CLAYMORE MINES AND PULLED BACK TO FIRE 60MM MORTARS ON ENEMY POSITION. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
2340	-	12	302300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 152	S.F.
2400	-	13	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED. HENDERSON HILL	S.F.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR OL 00102 Hold 24/68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
NOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Trng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #35 FROM 010001H TO 010600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #30.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 311530H (LATE ENTRY) 2/5 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT956513. UNIT ROUND 1 WOUNDED VN MALE HIDING IN TALL GRASS SAME VIC. UNIT MED-EVACED VN MALE TO AN HOA WITH GUARD. RES: 1 DETAINEE.

   B. 311830H (LATE ENTRY) 2/5 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT956513. UNIT OBS 1 NVA CROSSING RIVER IN NEAR VIC. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A FIRE. UNIT SWEPT TREELINE AND FOUND WOUNDED NVA. MED-EVACED TO AN HOA WITH GUARD. RES: 1 DETAINEE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE UP 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #30.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

5 USMC KIA	60 NVA KIA
77 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
9 " WIA MINOR	1 " POW
4 " NBC EVAC	77 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 VC KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA	22 DETAINEES
	2 INN CIV
	5 IWC
	1 CSWC

CONFIDENTIA

420

GP-4
BT

TOD;[illegible]/DIV-TT/CCN;[illegible]/RWN/SUPVR

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 010455Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MARINES
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN)
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
SUBJ:FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP 36 FROM 010601H TO
011200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO L AT922498 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES
SPEC SITREP 34.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 010100H CO H 2/5 PLAT A&B LOC AT955517. UNIT OBS APPROX 15-20
NVA NEAR AAMB SITE. INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A, A/W AND M-79
FIRE. ENEMY RET'D S/A & GRENADES. RES: 4 USMC WIA EVAC.
UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
B. 010945H CO I 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT985509. UC UNIT FD 49 US MADE 60MM
RDS AND 1 81MM RD AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS. RDS DESTROYED AND

PAGE TWO TB36 013 C O N F I D E N T I A L
DOCUMENTS FWD TO BN S-2.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE UP 7 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN.HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH
MARINES SPEC SITREP 34.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

5 USMC KIA	60 NVA KIA
81 USMC WIA EVAC	3 NVA KIA DISC
9 USMC WIA MINOR	1 NVA POW
4 USMC NBC EVAC	77 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 VC KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA	22 DETAINEES
	2 INN CIV
	5 IWC
	1 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD;010610Z/DIV-TT/CCN;013/MWN/SUPVR

010455Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	Info	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

OR 011330Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #37 FROM 011201H TO 011800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5	2/5	3/5
1/5 CP AT926527	2/5 CP AT957515	3/5 BN AT873473
CO A AT911489	CO E AT957515	CO K AT894466
CO B AT914519	CO F AT998517	
CO C AT914495	CO G AT962500	
CO D AT926527	CO H AT968521	

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #34.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 011100H TO 011710H CO I, CO L & CO M 3/5 BN S&C LOC AT938498. UNIT OBS GROUPS OF ENEMY LOC AT936502, 937504 AND 932502 RUNNING FM TREELINE. AS EACH GROUP EMERGED FM TREELINE, UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, 60MM AND 81MM FIRE. RES: 15 VC KIA.

B. 011135H CO M 3/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT945505. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FD 3 TONS OF RICE LOC IN AND AROUND HOOTCH.

C. 011141H CO A 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT898505. UNIT REC'D 35 RDS S/A FIRE FM EST 3-5 VC. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN AND IS MOVING TO DEVELOP CONTACT. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. 011205H CO I 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT953517. UNIT FOUND 100 RDS AK-47 AMMO AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS LOC ATABOVE COORD. DOCUMENTS FWD TO BN S-2.

E. 011230H CO F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT998518. UNIT OBS 1 VC RUNNING SW FROM LZ CONDOR AND 20 VC CROSSING RIVER TO THE NORTH. FIRED S/A AND A/W AT (1) VC. CALLED FIXED WING AIR STRIKE & MARINE ARTY MSN ON 20 VC. RES: 1 VC KIA; 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 2 AK-47 MAGAZINES AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS CAPTURED.

F. 011400H 11TH MTRS RESUPPLY VEHICLES. USMC WAS INJURED BY VEHICLE DRIVEN BY ANOTHER MARINE LOC AT925534. RES: 1 NBC EVAC.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

G. 011537H CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT960506. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

H. 011635H AO 15 IN SUPPORT OF 2/5. AO CONTROLLED (1) FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON GROUP OF VC MOVING ACROSS RIVER LOC AT975517. RES: 2 VC KIA.

I. 011645H H&S CO 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT909506. UNIT SPOTTED 2 VC MOVING IN TREELINE LOC AT905507. ALSO OBS 7-VC TO NORTH OF THE FIRST 2. UNIT FIRED S/A AT BOTH ENEMY POSITS. ENEMY RET'D 20 RDS S/A FIRE AND BROKE CONTACT. RES: 1 VC KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE UP 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

5 USMC KIA	60 NVA KIA
85 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
9 " WIA MINOR	1 " POW
5 " NBC EVAC	96 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA	22 DETAINEES
	5 IWC
	1 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD;0116952/DIV-TT/CCN;024/ALW SPVR E

0119302 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 011940Z NOV68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
SUBJ: FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 38 FROM 011801H TO 012400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 011540H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "CITATION" LOC AT950427. UNIT WHILE ON CMB PTL WAS AMBUSHED BY EST 12-15 NVA LOC IN IMMED VIC. UNIT RET'D FIRE KILLING 3 NVA. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC, 3 NVA KIA.
B. 011630H AO 2 IN SUPPORT OF 2/5. OBS 4 NVA, WITH PACKS AND RIFLES, CROSSING RIVER LOC AT971523. TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE KILLING 2 NVA.

PAGE TWO TB36 026 C O N F I D E N T I A L
C. 011730H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "PARKER PEN". UNIT OBS 4 NVA, WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT810523. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE UP 7 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONTINUES AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES IN PHU NHUAN (AT9949) TO INTERCEPT ENEMY MOVEMENT. CO C CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC CHAU PHONG (AT9450). CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.
3/5 (REIN) - CO F MAINTAINS BLOCK VIC BT0052. BN HQ, CO B, CO E, CO G AND CO H ATTACK EAST FROM AT9652 TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.
3/5 - CO I RELIEVES CO K IN POSIT AND CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH, AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES, AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K ASSUMES ALERT AS REACTION FORCE PREPARED FOR DEPLOYMENT IN 30 MIN. CO L AND CO M CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSH OPNS IN AP.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE TB36 026 C O N F I D E N T I A L

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

5 USMC KIA	66 NVA KIA
64 USMC WIA EVAC	3 NVA KIA DISC
9 USMC WIA MINOR	1 NVA POW
5 USMC NBC EVAC	96 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 VC KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA	22 DETAINEES
	5 IWC
	1 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD;020612Z/DIV-TT/CON;026/RWN/SUPVR

011900Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

9/2 020013 NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #39 FROM 020001H TO 020600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #38.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC AT964507. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W, AND B-40 ROCKETS FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY LOC AT966507. UNIT RET'D S/A, A/W, M-79, LAAWS, AND 3.5 ROCKET FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN THEN SWEPT PART OF OBJ AREA. PULLED BACK TO DEF POSIT DUE TO DARKNESS. RES: 1 USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIA EVAC, 5 USMC NON-EVAC, 11 NVA KIA, 2 DETAINEES, 4 IND WPNS CAPTURED, AND 1 CS WPN CAPTURED. DTG 011430H.

B. 011510H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT966506. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W, 7 B-40 ROCKETS, AND 8 60MM RDS FROM ESTIMATED PLAT OF NVA IN NEAR VIC. UNIT RET'D S/A, A/W, M-79, AND 24 RDS 60MM. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY AND MAR AIR MSN. UNIT CONTINUED CONTACT UNTIL DUSK. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 3 USMC WIA NON-EVAC AND 1 USMC NBC EVAC.

C. 011512H 2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC AT961521. UNIT ENGAGED AN ENEMY PLAT LOC AT962522 IN FORTIFIED POSIT IN TREELINE AND TALL GRASS. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W, AND 9 B-40 ROCKETS. ENEMY FIRE WAS VERY ACCURATE AND CAME FROM WELL CONCEALED SPIDER HOLES AND BUNKERS. UNIT RET'D S/A, A/W, AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAR AIR MSN. CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL DUSK. UNIT PULLED BACK TO DEF POSIT TO DELIVER MORE SUPPORTING ARMS. UNIT WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 6 USMC KIA, 10 USMC WIA EVAC, 1 USMC NON-EVAC, 6 NVA KIA, 1 DETAINEE, AND 1 IND WPN CAPTURED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

444

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

D. 011530H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT990515. UNIT OBS 2 NVA RUNNING FROM TREELINE IN NEAR VIC. UNIT FIRED S/A KILLING 1 NVA AND WOUNDING THE OTHER. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND APPREHENDED WOUNDED MAN. UNITS FURTHER SEARCH REVEALED A SECOND DETAINEE. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 2 DETAINEES.

E. 012015H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT956517. UNIT OBS 4 NVA IN VIC OF FORWARD POSIT. ENEMY FLED INTO BUSHES WHILE 1 NVA RAISED HIS ARMS AND SURRENDERED. DETAINEE FORWARDED TO BN S-2. RES: 1 DETAINEE.

F. 012030H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT976510. UNIT REC'D 7 RDS OF 60MM FROM ENEMY LOC AT971517. UNIT CALLED FOR COUNTER MORTAR MSN RESULTING IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ENEMY FIRE CEASED.

G. 020125H 2/5 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT987510. UNIT HAD 60MM RD TO FALL SHORT ON FRIENDLY POSIT WOUNDING 3 USMC. RD WAS APPARENTLY DEFECTIVE AS IT WAS 6TH RD OF 10 RD VOLLEY. ALL OTHER RDS ON TARGET. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC. RES: 3 USMC MED EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #38.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12 USMC KIA	84 NVA KIA
106 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
18 " WIA MINOR	1 " POW
9 " NBC EVAC	96 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	28 DETAINEES
	10 IWC
	2 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HT

TOD;020550Z/DIV-TT/CON;028/RWN/SUPVR

4241152 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

O 020430Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	JFC	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	FF	
AsstOpnChief		
AOps/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Msg NCO		
FILE		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPMC SITREP #40 FROM 020600H TO 021200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO E AT961510 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO E AT967514
CO G AT974509
CO H AT968518

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPMC SITREP #38.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 011510H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT966506. BECAUSE WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED DURING CONTACT WITH ENEMY UPDATE TO READ: 1 USMC WIA MVAC VICE 1 NBC MVAC.

B. 011530H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT990515. ONE WIA DETAINEE DIED OF WOUNDS. UPDATE TO READ: 2 NVA KIA AND 1 DETAINEE.

C. 020125H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT987510. BECAUSE WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED DURING CONTACT WITH ENEMY UPDATE TO READ: 3 USMC WIA EVAC VICE 3 NBC EVAC.

D. 020730H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT987518. UNIT RECD APPROX 40 RDS S/A FROM ENEMY LOC AT986518. UNIT RET'D S/A AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 VC KIA, 1 DETAINEE, 3 SKS'S, AND 1 RPD LIGHT MACHINE-GUN.

E. 020730H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT995515. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED. RES: 2 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

445

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION HOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12	USMC KIA	85	NVA KIA
112	" WIA EVAC	3	" KIA DISC
18	" WIA MINOR	1	" POW
5	" NBC EVAC	97	WC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	27	DETAINEES
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	13	IMC
		3	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:/DIV-COUR/CCN;032/RWN/SUPVR 18 NOV 68

020130Z

CONFIDENTIAL
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 021222Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: J F Cody
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	JC	
S-3A		
ALO		
NCDefO		
OpnChief	FT	
AstOpnChief		
AOpnO/Trng		
SecLNCO		
Trng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #41 FROM 021201H TO 021800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT926527	2/5 CP AT977515	3/5 (-)
CO A AT913495	CO E AT974514	CO K AT[illegible]
CO B AT977505	CO F AT987516	
CO C AT944503	CO G AT991515	
CO D AT926527	CO H AT980516	

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #38.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 021030H CO C 1/5 CP LOC AT942500. USMC STEPPED ON DUD M-79 RD CAUSING IT TO DETONATE. RES: 2 USMC WIA EVAC. MED-EVAC CALLED.

B. 021229H 2/5 CP LOC AT971507. WHILE SWEEPING AREA, UNIT FOUND 7 TONS RICE AND 1 NVA SP PACK. RICE DESTROYED BECAUSE UNIT WAS PURSUEING ENEMY.

C. 021445H CO F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT984516. UNIT FOUND (1) RPD LAYING BESIDE TRAIL UNDER SOME GRASS. FURTHER SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 30 CARTONS NVA CIGARETTES AND ASSORTED PERSONAL GEAR. RPD TO BE FWD TO BN S-2. ALL PERSONAL GEAR DISTRIBUTED TO VN CIVILIANS.

D. 021530H CO B 1/5 VEHICLE TRANSPORT ON LIB ROAD. MARINES RETURNING TO CP FM AN HOA BY VEHICLE APPROACHED 2 VN MALES RIDING MTR CYCLES LOC AT907500. AS CONVOY ATTEMPTED TO PASS THE TWO VN SPLIT UP WITH ONE STAYING AHEAD AND THE OTHER FALLING BACK BETWEEN THE TWO VEH. THE ONE WHO DROPPED BACK BETWEEN VEHICLES THREW A CHICOM GRENADE AT THE REAR VEH AND ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE. TWO MARINES IMMED JUMPED OFF VEH AND APPREHANDED ONE VN MALE WHO THREW THE CHICOM GREN. THE SEC VN MALE WAS STOPPED BY OP ON ROAD WHO OBS INCIDENT. RES: 2 DET; 2 HONDA MOTOR CYCLES CAPTURED.

E. 021735H H&S CO 1/5 SQD OP W/SNIPER. WHILE SETTING IN OP LOC AT904502 UNIT REC'D 3-4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM 2 VC LOC AT904502. SNIPER RET'D S/A FIRE KILLING 1 VC. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

463

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

F. 021610H CO F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT988517. UNIT FD (1) SKS LAYING IN THE WATER LOC AT ABOVE COORD. WILL FWD TO BN S-2. RES: 1 IWC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12 USMC KIA	85 NVA KIA
114 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
18 " WIA MINOR	1 " POW
5 " NBC EVAC	98 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	29 DETAINEES
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	14 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:021520Z/DIV-T7/CCN:011/CL SUPVR E

021222Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV66
// HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 0217172 NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - CP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
Opn Chief	FT	
Asst OpnChief		
Opn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Trng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42 FROM 021801H TO 022400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
CO A AT913495
CO C AT947503
2/5 CP AT976514
CO E AT977514
CO F AT939519
CO G AT937523
CO H AT928515
CO B AT975511
CO K AT[illegible]

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 240915H FOLLOW UP CO F 2/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT866493. 3 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV'S.

B. 241700H FOLLOW UP CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT807477. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA RTNE.

C. 251030H FOLLOW UP CO D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT945528. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.

D. 251210H FOLLOW UP CO H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT815483. 3 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV.

E. 261410H FOLLOW UP CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT809468. 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.

F. 261455H FOLLOW UP CO E 2/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT806498. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.

G. 271030H FOLLOW UP CO D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT829491. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.

H. 281115H FOLLOW UP CO L 3/5 CO S&C. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.

I. 290915H FOLLOW UP CO B 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT954524. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA RTNE.

464

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

J. 311530H CO E 2/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT956513. FOLLOW UP. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

K. 311815H FOLLOW UP CO I 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT954508. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

L. 311830H FOLLOW UP CO E 2/5 CO DEF POS LOC AT956513. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

M. 012015H CO B 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT956517. FOLLOW UP. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 VC POW.

N. 021231H CO C 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT943503. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE DETAINEE WHO WAS WOUNDED. FWD TO BAS AND WILL BE FWD TO REGT S-2 FOR CLASS BY ITT.

O. 021630H CO H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT950517. UNIT FD (1) US MADE M-1 CARBINE SN #1590357 IN A PLASTIC BAG. WILL FWD TO BN S-2. RES: 1 IWC.

P. 021645H CO F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT938517. UNIT FD (1) UNK TYPE SCOPE AND 50 RDS AK-47 AMMO LOC AT ABOVE COORD. FWD TO BN S-2.

Q. 021800H CO C 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT943503. WHILE IN DEF POSIT, 3 VN CIVILIANS CAME INTO CP AND REQUESTED MEDICAL AID FOR THEMSELVES AND 3 MORE CIVILIANS IN A VILLAGE CLOSE BY. ALL 6 HAD BEEN BADLY BURNED BY NAPALM. MED-EVACED ALL 6 TO DANANG BY HELICOPTER.

R. 021830H CO C 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT953492. WHILE ENROUTE TO NIGHT AMB SITE, UNIT SPOTTED 6 VC DRESSED IN GREEN TROUSERS AND BLACK SHIRTS MOVING SOUTH. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH M-79, S/A, A/W FIRE KILLING 1 VC. WILL SEARCH AREA FURTHER AT FIRST LIGHT. ALSO CAPTURED 1 NVA CARTRIDGE BELT, 1 WRIST WATCH, 1 WALLET, 1 CHICOM GRENADE.

S. 021805H CO C 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT955495. WHILE ENROUTE TO NIGHT AMB SITE, USMC DET M-26 GRENADE RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPL DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

T. 021945H CO F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT998517. USMC DET UNK TYPE SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 2 USMC WIA NON EVAC. TREATED IN FIELD BY CORPSMAN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONTINUES AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES IN PHU NHUAN AREA (AT8949) TO INTERCEPT ENEMY MOVEMENT. CO B CHOPS BACK TO 1/5 FROM 2/5 AT 030700H AND SWEEPS FROM AT974512 TO AREA BLOCKED BY CO C VIC AT940500. CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CO F REIN WITH 106MM RR SEC MAINTAINS CPB VIC AT993513. REMAINDER OF BN CONDUCTS SEARCH IN DETAIL IN SOA JL AT9354, LR ET0249.

3/5 - CONTINUES AMBUSH AND PATROL [redacted]. AND SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH; AND EXECUTES CO RECON IN FORCE VIC AT9347.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12 USMC KIA	85 NVA KIA
115 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
20 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
5 " NEC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	99 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	30 DETAINEES
	14 INN CIV
	2 CIV DEF
	15 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOO:021950Z/DIV-TT/CON:051/GL

SUPVR

021717Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
// HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

O R 022323Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
ROUTINE INFO
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	Action
S-3	
S-3A	
ALO	
NBCDefO	
OpnChief	
AsstOpnChief	
Opn/Trng	
Scol NCO	
Rng NCO	

CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #43 FROM 030001H TO 030600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12 USMC KIA	85 NVA KIA
115 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
20 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
5 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNS
1 USN WIA EVAC	99 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	30 DETAINEES
	14 INN CIV
	2 CIV DEF
	15 INC
	4 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD;030310Z/DIV-TT/CCN;052/RWN/SUPVR

0223237

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

482

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 030435Z Nov 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	Info	Acti
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opns/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #44 FROM 030601H TO 031200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
CO A AT912487 CO F AT989517 CO L AT903472
CO B AT958506 CO G AT002528
CO C AT941500

ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 022130H CO H 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT979525. UNIT OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT NEAR THEIR POSIT. FIRED S/A AND A/W FIRE. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 1 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 IWC.

B. 030600H CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT944501. UNIT LOCATED 4 VN CIVILIANS WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED DURING 02 NOV CONTACT. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR WOUNDED PEOPLE.

C. 030745H 2/5 CP DEF POSIT LOC AT976523. VN MALE WALKED INTO CP CLAIMING KNOWLEDGE OF VC/NVA MOVEMENT IN THE AREA. MAN TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT S-2. RES: 1 MALE DETAINEE.

D. 030930H CO H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT928528. UNIT OBS 1 VN MALE HIDING IN BUSHES. MAN APPREHENDED AND SENT TO BN S-2. RES: 1 MALE DETAINEE.

E. 031005H CO A 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT903490. USMC DET "BOUNCING BETTY" TYPE MINE WOUNDING 3 USMC. MED-EVAC CALLED. RES: 3 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: REFERENCE SPEC SITREP #33 ENTRY 311145H CO E 2/5. ADD 4 NVA KIA TO CUM TOTALS OF SITREP.

486

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

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHCILE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

12 USMC KIA	90 NVA KIA
118 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
20 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
5 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	99 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	32 DETAINEES
	14 INN CIV
	2 CIV DEF
	16 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:Ø3Ø8Ø6Z/DIV-TT/CCNØ56/RLM

SUPVR

Ø3Ø4357 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
AIO		
NECDefO		
OpsChief F.		
Asst Ops Chief		
AOps Chief		
Seal NCO IN TIED		
Ring NCO OUT TIE		
FILE		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3
RELEASER:
PREC: ACT
INF
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #45 FROM 031201H TO 031800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT926527	2/5 CP AT937507	3/5 CP AT873473
CO A AT912487	CO E AT948517	CO I AT873473
CO B AT943518	CO F AT958526	CO M AT873473
CO C AT942502	CO G AT956511	CO L AT936448
CO D AT926527	CO H AT958495	CO K AT905475

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #42.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 031000H CO F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT986518. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET (NVA SUSPECT) WHO WAS STANDING ALONG SIDE OF TRAIL. MAN HAD 4 CHICOM GRENADES AND 1 NVA GAS MASK. WILL FWD TO BN S-2.

B. 031000H CO H 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT980518. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, LEAD ELEMENT OBS 1 VC/NVA SUSPECT ATTEMPTING TO CROSS SONG THU BON RIVER. POINT MARINE JUMPED IN RIVER AND APPREHENDED THE SUSPECT. MAN HAD 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 1 ILLUM GREN, AND 1 M-33 GRENADE. ALSO HAD ASSORTED CLOTHING, CANTEEN, DOCUMENTS AND 2 AK-47 MAGAZINES. FWD DET TO BN S-2.

C. 031030H CO E 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT975516. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, E1 AND E2 CAME UNDER FIRE FROM FRDLY AIR STRIKE CONTROLLED BY AN AO. AIRCRAFT DROPPED 2 H.E. AND 3 NAPAIM BOMBS ON FRDLY POSIT. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 6 USMC KIA; 8 USMC WIA EVAC; AND 2 VN CIVILIANS WHO WERE WOUNDED.

D. 031047H CO E 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT975516. WHILE SEARCHING AREA FOR ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES FROM 031030H INCIDENT, UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DETAINEE (NVA SUSPECT) WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED. MED-EVACED WITH WOUNDED MARINES.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

E. 031230H CO A 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT911487. USMC HAD ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WITH .45 CAL PISTOL WHILE CLEANING WPN, WOUNDING ANOTHER MARINE IN THE ARM. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC NBC EVAC. INVESTIGATION BEING HELD.

F. 031420H CO F 2/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT988524. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT OBS 4 VC LOC IN IMMED VIC IN THE BRUSH. UNIT FIRED S/A AND A/W FIRE KILLING 1 VC. THE 3 REMAINING ENEMY WERE CAPTURED. 3 MALE DETAINEES (VC SUSPECT) TO BE FWD ASAP TO EN S-2. ALSO CAPTURED 1 CART BELT, 3 CHICOM GRENADES, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, 1 BLK TNT, AND 1 CONCUSION GRENADE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
REFERENCE SITREP #41: C 2/5 261410H FOLLOW UP - DELETE ENTIRE ENTRY, RAN ON PREVIOUS SITREP. E 2/5 261455H FOLLOW UP - DELETE ENTIRE ENTRY, RAN ON PREVIOSU SITREP. 281115H CHANGE TO READ 271740H.

SITREP #40 F 2/5 CO S&C 020730H - ADD 1 DETAINEE TO CUM TOTALS.
SITREP #30 B 1/5 290915H - DELETE ENTIRE ENTRY, RAN PREVIOUSLY.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	90 NVA KIA
126 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
20 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
6 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	100 VC KIA
1 VN FORCE WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	37 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	1 CIV DEF
	16 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:031610Z/DIV-TT/CON:067/ALW SPVR

031500Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

031745Z

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INF	A
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn./Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46 FROM 031801H TO 032400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO L AT933444 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 031720H CO CP 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT987507. WHILE RESUPPLY WITH 81MM AMMO BEING UNLOADED, CH-46 HELO RELEASED NET BEFORE PALLET REACHED THE GROUND. PALLET ROLLED DOWN SIDE OF HILL STRIKING 1 USMC. MAN MED-EVACED ON CH-46 TO DANANG. RES: 1 USMC NBC EVAC.

B. 031830H CO H 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT006497. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, USMC DET CHICOM GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MARINE TREATED BY CORPSMAN IN FIELD. RES: 1 USMC WIA MINOR.

C. 031700H CO E,F,G 2/5 CO'S S&C LOC AT975514. AT AT975514, UNITS FOUND 1 M-14 SN #425234 AND 1 BOLT ACTION IWC OF UNK TYPE. ALSO FOUND 1 NVA PACK, 3 CASES KOREAN BEER, 500 LBS OF SARDINES AND CANNED MEAT, 50 PINTS CAN MILK, 2 FIVE GAL WATER CANS, 100 LBS BLASTING CPS FOR CHICOM GRENADES, 89 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 M-26 GRENADE, 11 CHICOM GRENADES WITHOUT BLASTING CAPS, 30 CHICOM STOPPERS, 100 FT NVA TIME FUSE, 1 CHICOM GRENADE PACK, 1 NVA SONG BOOK, AND 2200 LBS RICE. FWD TO BN S-2.

D. 031700H CO B 1/5 PLAT BLOCK POSIT LOC AT947526. WHILE SWEEPING AREA, UNIT OBS 4 VC CROSSING OPEN AREA LOC AT948528. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A FIRE KILLING 1 VC. UNABLE TO CALL FIRE MSN DUE TO CHECK FIRE. ALSO CAPTURED 1 US .45 PISTOL, 2 MAGAZINES, CLEANING GEAR, CARTRIDGE BELT, ASSORTED PAPERS AND PERSONAL ITEMS. FWD TO BN S-2.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

484

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CONTINUES S AND C OPNS IN AO AND SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CONTINUES S AND C OPNS IN SOA.

3/5 - CONTINUES AMBUSH AND PATROL OPNS, AND SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH; AND EXECUTES CO RECON IN FORCE VIC AT9347.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	90 NVA KIA
126 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	101 VC KIA
1 VN FORCE WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	37 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	1 CIV DEF
	19 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD;031745Z/DIV-TT/CCN;069/ALW SPVR [signature]

031703Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 040100Z NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: ROUTINE

	INFO	Action
S-3	[signature]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[signature]	
AsstOpnChief		
OpnC Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #47 FROM 040001H TO 040600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATION IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	90 NVA KIA
126 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	101 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	57 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	1 CIV DEF
	19 IWC
	4 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 040348Z/DIV-TT/CCN070/RLN SUPVR [signature]

513

040100Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
///HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

OR 040430Z NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn /Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #48 FROM 040601H TO 041200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 040750H 1/5 CO B SQD BLOCKING POSIT LOC AT953515. UNIT OBS 1 VC IN IMMED VIC. UNIT FIRED S/A KILLING HIM. UNIT CAPTURED 1 .45 CAL. PISTOL, MAGAZINES, PENCIL FLARES, AND FLARE GUN.

   B. 040830H 3/5 CO L PLAT CMBT PAT LOC AT933444. USMC DET M-33 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. 1 USMC KILLED AND 1 M-60 MACHINEGUN WAS RENDERED NON- OPERATIONAL. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46.

CONFIDENTIAL

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19 USMC KIA	90 NVA KIA
126 " WIA EVAC	3 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	102 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	57 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	1 CIV DEF
	19 IWC
	4 CSWC

TOD: 040621Z/DIV-TT
CCN 075/PL
SUPVR [initials]

040430Z C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT///
NOV68

GP-4
BT

53E

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	✓	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AO		
Scot NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

041220Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 Maj J. Tmg CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION = OP IMMED
INFO = ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #49 FROM 041201H TO 041800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT926527	2/5 CP AT937507	3/5 CP AT873473
CO A AT912487	CO E AT948517	CO I AT873473
CO B AT943518	CO F AT958526	CO M AT873473
CO C AT942502	CO G AT956511	CO L AT933444
CO D AT926527	CO H AT958496	CO K AT896467

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #46.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 041100H CO B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT942518. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

B. 041200H CO E 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT986517. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FOUND 1 NVA KIA DISCOVERED KILLED BY SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. ALSO FOUND 4 PACKS, 3 SETS NVA CLOTHING, 1 GAS MASK, ASSORTED MEDICAL GEAR, MISC DOCUMENTS AND 1000 FT COMM WIRE. GEAR TO BE FWD TO REGT S-2.

C. 041330H CO L 3/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT941442. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT OBS 2 NVA, 1 WITH WPN AND 1 WITH PACK MOVING ALONG TRAIL LOC AT945442. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH 30 RDS S/A FIRE KILLING 1 NVA KIA.

D. 041430H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "SADDLE BAG". UNIT OBS 24 VC AND NVA MIXED MOVING EAST TO WEST, WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND DARK UTILITIES, WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT815472. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN, OBS EXCELLENT COVERAGE, KILLING 3 VC AND 5 NVA KIA.

E. 041625H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "SADDLE BAG". UNIT OBS 12 VC, WITH PACKS AND RIFLES, MOVING WEST TO EAST LOC AT807477. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN, OBS EXCELLENT COVERAGE, KILLING 2 VC.

531

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19 USMC KIA	96 NVA KIA
127 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	4 " POW
7 " NEC EVAC	2 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	1 " POW
	37 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	1 CIV DEF
	19 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:041335Z/DIV-TT/OCN:082/ALW SPVR RGT

041220Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50 FROM 041801H TO 042400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 271030H (FOLLOW UP) CO D 1/5 S&C LOC AT929491. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 2 NVA POW'S.

B. 011430H (FOLLOW UP) CO H 2/5 S&C LOC AT964507. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 2 NVA POW'S.

C. 011512H (FOLLOW UP) CO H 2/5 S&C LOC AT961521. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.

D. 011530H (FOLLOW UP) CO F 2/5 S&C LOC AT990515. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA [redacted].

E. 020730H (FOLLOW UP) CO F 2/5 S&C LOC AT987518. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

F. 021231H (FOLLOW UP) CO C 1/5 S&C LOC AT943503. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 VC POW.

G. 030745H (FOLLOW UP) CO 2/5 CP S&C LOC AT976523. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.

H. 030930H (FOLLOW UP) CO H 2/5 S&C LOC AT928528. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

I. 031000H (FOLLOW UP) CO F 2/5 S&C LOC AT986518. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 NVA POW.

J. 031000H (FOLLOW UP) CO H 2/5 S&C LOC AT980518. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

532

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

K. 031420H (FOLLOW UP) CO F 2/5 S&C LOC AT988524. 3 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 2 VC POW'S AND 1 CIV DEF.

L. 041700H CO A 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT877507. WHILE SETTING IN DEF POSIT, USMC DET M-33 GRENADE RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

M. 041800H CO A 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT892511. WHILE CONDUCTING PATROL, UNIT APPREHENDED 2 FEMALE DETAINEES WHO WERE CARRYING A FIRST AID AND MEDICAL PACK. WILL FWD TO REGT S-2 FOR CLASS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: REF SPEC SITREP #48 & #49 - IWC SHOULD READ 20.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES IN THE THU BON (3) AREA (AT9850). CO B CONDUCTS DETAILED HOLE HUNT IN PHU DONG (2) AREA (AT965543). CO C CONDUCTS DETAILED HOLE HUNT IN PHU TAY (2) AREA (AT9655). CO D PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CO G AND CO H ATTACK NORTH FROM CHIEM SON (3) (BT0157) TO SONG CHIEM SON (BT015523). CO F CONDUCTS PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES IN XUAN DAI (1) (BT0053). CO E MAINTAINS FIRE BASE AND CONDUCTS PATROLS FROM LZ CORDOR (AT998578).

3/5 - CO M PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO L CONTINUES RECON IN FORCE IN AREA UL AT9346, LR AT9544. CO I STANDS BY AS ALERT FORCE AND REHABS. CO K CONSTRUCTS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19	USMC KIA	96	NVA KIA
128	" WIA EVAC	4	" KIA DISC
21	" WIA MINOR	11	" POW
7	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
1	USN WIA EVAC	107	VC KIA
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
		4	" POW
		39	DETAINEES
		12	INN CIV
		2	CIV DEF
		20	IWC
		4	CSWC

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT

TOR;041620Z/DIV-TT/CCN;085/ALW SPVR

041620Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 050102 Nov68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #51 FROM 050001H TO 050600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 042330H 1/5 CO C CO NIGHT ATTACK LOC AT938527. USMC DETONATED WHITE PHOSPORUS TYPE GREN SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

B. 050330H 1/5 CO C CO NIGHT ATTACK LOC AT953542. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM THE NE WOUNDING 1 USMC. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND CALLED MED-EVAC. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19 USMC KIA	96 NVA KIA
130 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA BISC
	4 " POW
	39 DETAINEES
	12 INN CIV
	2 CIV DEF
	20 IWC
	4 CSWC

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	XX	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn&Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

GP-4
BT

538

TOD: 050254H NOV 68/CWO/PLV

CONFIDENTIAL

SAVED

45-1447

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChie		
AsstOpnChief		
AO		
Scel NCO		
Reg SCO		
FILE		

0-1024

Ø5Ø459Z

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #52 FROM 050601H TO 051200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO B AT961549 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO C AT965543
CO K AT900459
CO L AT936452
CO M AT896467

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT968538. UNIT OBS 4 VC LOC AT968539. UNIT ENGAGED ENEMY WITH S/A AND THEY FLED NORTH. UNIT SWEPT AREA FINDING 4 B-40 RDS AND DESTROYED THEM.

B. 050850H 1/5 CO A SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT887502. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC FOR 2 USMC WIA EVAC.

C. 050900H 1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT895511. UNIT SWEEPING VILLAGE APPREHENDED 2 DETAINEES AS VC SUSPECTS. DETAINEES TRIED TO RUN FROM UNIT AND HAD NO ID'S. UNIT FORWARDED TO REGT CP WITH GUARD.

D. 050902H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT970544. WHILE PURSUING ENEMY TO NORTH, UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSIVE S/A AND A/W FIRE. UNIT SUSTAINED 1 KIA AND 2 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE KILLING 3 NVA AND CAPTURING 2 NVA. UNIT ALSO CAPTURED 2 AK-47'S, 1 SKS AND ASSORTED 782 GEAR.

E. 050955H 3/5 CO K SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT905466. UNIT FOUND M-79 RD SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

561

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

F. 051115H 2/5 CO F PLAT S&C LOC BT002540. WHILE SWEEPING AREA, UNIT FOUND 120 RDS 12.7 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT AMMO HIDDEN IN BUSHES. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: INN CIV SHOULD READ 15 VICE 12 AND CIV DEF SHOULD READ 3 VICE 2.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19 USMC KIA	99 NVA KIA
134 " WIA EVAC	4 NVA KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	Bu 3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	43 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	23 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:051043Z/DIV-TT/CCN100/RLM

SUPVR E

050459Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
///HAS BEEN SENT///

NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
G3	VG	
G-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	VG	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

OR 051302 Nov 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (RCEN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: Scol NCO LtCol J. P. COLE
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #53 FROM 051200H TO 051800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT926527	2/5 CP AT937507	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT882501	CO E AT996515	CO H AT896467
CO B AT967549	CO F AT002527	CO I AT962551
CO C AT973546	CO G BT010516	CO L AT958460
CO D AT926527	CO H BT017514	CO K AT904448

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #50.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 051530H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "THRILLING". UNIT OBS 40 NVA MOVING WEST TO NE WITH 4 MORTAR TUBES, 6 CREW SERVED WEAPONS, AND 1 AUTOMATIC WEAPON. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN, OBS GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET, KILLING 1 NVA. UNIT COULD NOT OBS COMPLETE RESULTS BECAUSE OF TREELINE.

B. 051530H CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015519. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FOUND 1500 LBS OF POLISHED RICE LOC AT ABOVE COORD. WILL FWD TO REGT CP.

C. 051600H CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015518. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH PRESS DET RIGGED AS SUR EXPL DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC VIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL

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

566

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

19 USMC KIA	100 NVA KIA
135 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
21 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	43 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	23 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOB:051230Z/DIV-TT/CCN:104/RJ

051230Z

SUPVR [signature]

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

///HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
S&I NCO		
Rdg NCO		

OR 051700Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER:

RELEASED

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54 FROM 051800H TO 052400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 051300H CO F 2/5 CO S&C LOC AT995542. WHILE SWEEPING ABOVE AREA, CO REC'D SNIPER FIRE, THEN HEAVY S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM EST SQUAD OF VC. LEAD ELEMENT RET'D S/A, A/W AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT CALLED MARINE FIXED WING AIR STRIKES, 81MM MSN, A D 4.2 MSN. CO SWEPT AREA FINDING 4 NVC'S (2AK-47, 1 AK-50, & 1 SKS) ALL DRENCHED IN BLOOD. ALL WPNS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE FWD TO REGT S-2. ALSO CAPTURED 2 NVA PACKS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 100 RDS AK-47 AMMO AND 30 RDS 12.7 AMMO.

B. 051810H CO G 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT013510. WHILE SWEEPING AREA, UNIT FOUND 5000 LBS RICE LOC AT ABOVE COORD. FWD TO REGT CP.

C. 051815H H&S CO 2/5 CO S&C LOC BT015517. UNIT ATTACKED OBJ "A" AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT REC'D 50 RDS S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT SAME COORD. UNIT RET'D S/A, A/W AND M-79 FIRE. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 3500 LBS RICE. WILL FWD TO REGT CP.

D. 051500H CO B AND CO C 1/5 CO S&C'S LOC AT970542 AND AT967550. UNITS CONTINUING ATTACKS ON BN OBJ'S 1 AND 2 MET HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM A WELL ENTRENCHED ENEMY FORCE OF 25-30 NVA WITH A/W, S/A, B-40 AND RPG'S. UNIT C ALLED MARINE ARTY MSN AND FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON ENEMY POSIT. UNIT WILL CONTINUE ATTACK. RES: 7 USMC KIA; 8 USMC WIA EVAC.

E. 051800H CO A 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT881501. WHILE CONDUCTING [illegible] UNIT FOUND (1) BOUNCING BETTY TYPE MINE WITH PRESSURE DET, WITH A 105MM HE RD BURIED BENEATH SET WITH FRICTION FUSE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

567

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

F. 051930H CO I 3/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT964544. WHILE SETTING IN NIGHT DEF POSIT, UNIT OBS 1 NVA APPROACHING THEIR POSIT LOC AT ABOVE POSIT. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH APPROX 30 RDS S/A AND 1 M-26 GRENADE. RES: 1 USMC WIA MINOR, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 IWC, 782 GEAR AND CARTRIDGE BELT CAPTURED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO I, CO B, AND CO C ATTACK FROM EW GL 54 NORTH TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ ELEVEN (AT9755). CO D PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO A CONDUCTS S&D IN PHU NHUAN (8)(AT895500).

2/5 - CO F AND CO G ATTACK NORTH TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ TWELVE (BT000545). CO E MAINTAINS SECURITY OF FIRE BASE AT LZ CONDOR (AT998518) AND CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. CO H ATTACKS TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN REGT OBJ THIRTEEN (BT018519).

3/5 - CO M PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB ROAD SOUTH AND THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K (AT905450) AND CO L (AT936460) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE RECON IN FORCE IN CANOPY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	101 NVA KIA
143 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
22 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
7 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIAE	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	43 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

gp-4
BT

TOD:051925Z/DIV-TT/CCN:107/RJ

SUPTP

051700Z

CONFIDENTIAL

///HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 0600302 NOV'68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PRIC: ACTION-OP MMED
INFO ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #55 FROM 060000H TO 060600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO B AT969544 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO C AT958544
CO E AT969544

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 0509021 (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT970544. DELETE 2 DETAINEES ON PREVIOUS SPOT REPORT AS THEY WERE ERRONEOUSLY SUBMITTED.

B. 051120H 3/5 H&S CO BASE SECURITY LOC AT696467. USMC SUSTAINED GUNSHOT WOUND LEFT LEG WHEN PISTOL HE WAS CLEANING ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC. MEDS: 1 USMC MED EVAC.

C. 051500H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT970542 AND CO C CO S&C LOC AT967550. UPDATE REPORT TO READ: DELETE 1 USMC KIA FOR A TOTAL OF 6 USMC KIA. ADD 5 USMC WIA EVAC FOR A TOTAL OF 13 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

568

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

26 USMC KIA	101 NVA KIA
148 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
22 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	43 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IMC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:[illegible]Z/DIV-TT/CON168/RLM

SUPVR

[illegible]

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

060815Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #56 FROM 060600H TO 061200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO K AT906439 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 060500H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT958544. UNIT REC'D APPROX 50 60MM MORTAR RDS FROM THE NORTH LOC AT958570. UNIT RET'D COUNTER MORTAR FIRE. RES: 3 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.

   B. 060930H 1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT894502. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.

   C. 061000H RECON INSERT "HIRELING" LOC AT801478. UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING EAST TO WEST LOC AT795489. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

569

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

26 USMC KIA	104 NVA KIA
149 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
25 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	43 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 INC
	4 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HT

TOD:061140Z/DIV-TT/CCN:116/RJ

SUPVR

C O N F I D E N T I A L
///HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

O 061220Z Nov 68 CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN, FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP ITEM
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	✓	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	✓	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #57 FROM 061200H TO 061800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 CP AT973507	3/5 CP AT897466
CO A AT882501	CO E AT003545	CO I AT973547
CO B AT975538	CO F AT984536	CO L AT934474
CO C AT968534	CO G AT981530	CO K AT922429
CO D AT927526	CO H AT013519	CO M AT897466

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #54.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 061145H 1/5 CO H&S DEF POSIT LOC AT926527. 1 VN MALE CAME TO CP FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. MALE WAS DETAINED BECAUSE HIS NAME APPEARED ON S-2 BLACK LIST AS A VC SUSPECT. UNIT WILL FWD TO NSA DANANG.

B. 061230H RECON INSERT HIRELING LOC AT801478. UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING EAST TO WEST LOC AT814479 WEARING KHAKIA, HELMETS, AND CARRYING WPNS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA. UNIT THEN OBS 2 OTHER NVA DRAGGING BODY INTO WOODED AREA. UNIT CALLED FOR A REPEAT MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT COULD NOT OBS.

C. 061300H 1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT887503. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC FOR 2 USMC WIA.

D. 061335H RECON INSERT GUNSMOKE. UNIT OBS 40 NVA WAITING AROUND STREAM BED WITH PACKS AND RIFLES WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS LOC XD213535. UNIT CALLED MARINE FIXED WING AIR STRIKE KILLING 1 NVA.

E. 061400H 2/5 CO E SQD S&C LOC AT988517. UNIT FOUND 1 ASSAULT WPN WITH MAGAZINE, 4 CHICOM GREN, 1 AK-47 MAGAZINE, AND 1 HAMMOCK. UNIT DESTROYED GREN AND SENT OTHER EQUIP TO REAR S-2.

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

570

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

F. 061400H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO E SQD S&C LOC AT938517. CHANGE TO READ: FOUND 1 RPD VICE ASSAULT WPN.

G. 06142CH 2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC BT012518. WHILE SEARCHING AREA, VN MALE SURRENDERED WITH CHOI HOI LEAFLET. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO REGT S-2.

H. 06142CH 3/5 CO I CO S&C LOC AT936516. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE WITH NO ID CARD. UNIT WILL INTERROGATE WITH CO C S-2 PERSONNEL.

I. 061505H 1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT875506. USMC DETONATED BOX MINE AT ABOVE LOC. UNIT CALLED MED-EVAC.

J. 06173CH 2/5 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC BT015509. UNIT DISC 173 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE AT ABOVE LOC. UNIT WILL FWD RICE TO REGT S-2.

K. 061715H 2/5 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT980525. USMC DET CHICOM GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. USMC WILL BE EVACED ON SUPPLY CHOPPER.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CHANGE 5 VC TO READ 5 NVA FOR RECON.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FT AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

26 USMC KIA	111 NVA KIA
153 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
25 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTRN
1 USN WIA EVAC	107 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	46 DETAINEES
	15 INH CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	20 INC
	5 CSC

ConfIDF

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:061430Z/DIV-TT/CCN:121/RJ

CONFIDENTIAL

///HAS BEEN SENT///

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 061730Z NOV68

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
S-3 Jtng	F. CODY	
Scol NCO		
Ing NCO	od	
ACTION - OP IMMED		
INFO - ROUTINE		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 HAJ
RELEASER: Ing NCO
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58 FROM 061801H TO 062400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 051800H (LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO M CO S&C LOC AT904475. UNIT WAS APPROACHED BY A VN CIV WHO SAID A MARINE WITH WHOM HE WAS RIDING WAS KILLED ON LIBERTY ROAD TO THE NORTH OF AN HOA BY 25 VC WHO STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE JEEP. MARINE WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED VIC AT909499. VN CIV SAID MARINE ATTEMPTED TO TURN JEEP AROUND WHEN VC SHOT HIM. VN CIV THEN JUMPED FROM VEHICLE AND RAN BACK DOWN LIB ROAD TO THE SOUTH UNTIL SPOTTED BY CO M 3/5 AT902472. CIV GAVE HIS NAME AS NGUYEN THANH LIEN. HE HAS A GOVT OPERATORS PERMIT ISSUED FROM NSA #9729. UNIT IMMED DISPATCHED SEARCH PARTY LED BY VN CIV. WENT TO AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. A RECOVERY TEAM SENT FROM FIFTH MARINES ON 6 NOV 68 LOCATED VEHICLE AND 1 USMC KIA. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO GET TO VEHICLE UNIT DET A LAND MINE 5 METERS OFF THE ROAD RESULTING IN 8 USMC WIA EVAC. MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.

B. 061815H TIGER 6 CAP UNIT LOC AT910487. PC TRAVELING SOUTH WAS AMBUSHED BY 20-25 VC WOUNDING 3 USMC NON-EVAC. LIGHT DAMAGE TO VEHICLE. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND TRUCK WAS DRIVEN TO 3/5 CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

589

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO B , CO C, AND CO I MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM AT9353 ALONG SOUTH BANK OF SONG THU BON TO AT9854 IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH MAR OPNS. CO D MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS VIC PHU NHUAN (1) (AT9152).

2/5 - CO E AND CO G MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM AT9854 ALONG SOUTH BANK OF SONG THU BON TO BT0250 IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH MAR OPNS. CO E CONDUCTS PATROLS AND MAINTAINS SECURITY OF FIRE BASE/LZ CONDOR (AT998518). CO H CONTINUES DETAILED SEARCH VIC BT0151.

3/5 - CO M PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB ROAD SOUTH AND THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K (AT912429) AND CO L (AT934474) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE RECON IN FORCE IN CANOPY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	111	NVA KIA
161	" WIA EVAC	4	" KIA DISC
20	" WIA MINOR	11	" POW
8	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
1	USN WIA EVAC	102	VC KIA
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
		4	" POW
		46	DETAINEES
		15	DEN CIV
		3	CIV DEF
		28	INC
		5	CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:061835Z/DIV-TT/CON;125/RWN/SUPVR

061730Z

NOVGE

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 062300Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION -
INFO -
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-2A		
ALO		
SCDSLO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
S-3 Opn & Trng		
Asst NCO		
Engr NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #59 FROM 070001H TO 070600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 062345H CO E 2/5 CO NIGHT DEF POSIT LOC BT002544. UNIT REC'D 2 INCOMING GRENADES FROM UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE HOLDING 3 U.S.C. UNIT RET'D 4 GRENADES AND S/A FIRE. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 3 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. SPOT CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	111 NVA KIA
164 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNS
1 USN WIA EVAC	102 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIAE	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	46 DETAINEES
	15 HOI CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSUC

GP-4
BT
#623067

TOD:070334Z/DIV-TT/CCN127/RLM SUPVR

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

591

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 070515Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #69 FROM 070600H TO 071200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO G BT000540 CO F AT988539 CO K AT907439
CO E AT998546 CO H BT015515

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 070800H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 4 NVA WITH PACKS & RIFLES MOVING E TO W LOC AT005463. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

B. 070040H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 3 NVA SITTING IN A BOMB CRATER LOC AT817469. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	117 NVA KIA
164 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	102 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	46 DETAINEES
	15 HHC CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IMC
	5 CSMC

611

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

GP-4
BT

TOD:070710Z/DIV-TT/CCN133/GTE SUPVR

070515Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

Ø711ØØZ Nov 68

	INFO	Action
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn		
Sc		
Rm		
FILE		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: Ops Chief MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: AOpn
PREC: ACTION = OP IMMED
INFO = ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #61 FROM 071201H TO 071800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 CP AT973507	3/5 CP AT897466
CO A AT905503	CO E AT992513	CO I AT973547
CO B AT975546	CO F AT983537	CO L AT934474
CO C AT957548	CO G BT004554	CO K AT907439
CO D AT927526	CO H BT010517	CO M AT897466

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 062345H CO H 2/5 CO AMB LOC BT012519. WHILE SETTING IN NIGHT AMB SITE, UNIT WAS ATTACKED BY UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE. UNIT FIRED S/A FIRE AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. SEARCH OF AREA AT FIRST LIGHT REVEALED 1 VC KIA HIDDEN IN BUSHES 100 METERS FROM AMB SITE. ALSO FOUND 1 PACK WITH ASSORTED CLOTHING.

B. 070530H CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT958545. WHILE MOVING INTO NEW BASE CAMP, UNIT FOUND 4 ADULTS AND 10 CHILDREN LOC AT ABOVE COORD. QUESTIONED CIVILIANS AND WERE TOLD THERE WERE 25 NVA/VC IN THIS AREA. THEY HAD MOVED TO THE NORTH, AND HAD WPNS AND 1 MORTAR. ONE FEMALE DETAINEE WAS TAKEN BECAUSE SHE CLAIMED TO BE VC WIFE.

C. 070645H CO D 1/5 PLAT AMB SITE LOC AT900505. WHILE SETTING IN AMB SITE, UNIT OBS 12 VC MOVING SOUTH THROUGH TREELINE. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE KILLING 8 VC. THE REMAINING FOUR VC FLED TO THE NORTH.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

612

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

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT'S ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	117	NVA KIA
164	" WIA EVAC	4	" KIA DISC
28	" WIA MINOR	11	" POW
8	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
1	USN WIA EVAC	111	VC KIA
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
		4	" POW
		47	DETAINEES
		15	INT CIV
		3	CIV DEF
		28	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
DF

TOD:071629Z/DIV-TT/CON:143/RJ

071600Z

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

///HAS BEEN SENT///

SUPVR

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Trng NCO		

GR 071645Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAR D. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62 FROM 071801H TO 072400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO M AT899469

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 071800H CO L 3/5 SQD OP LOC AT933473. UNIT OBS 8 NVA LOC AT947476 TRYING TO CROSS RIVER. ENEMY APPEARED TO BE CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH A/W FIRE TO PIN ENEMY DOWN. THEN FIRED 60MM MSN, CALLED 1 FLIGHT FIXED WING. ALSO 2 AO'S ON STATION WERE COVERING TARGET WITH ROCKETS AND A/W FIRE. RES: 5 NVA KIA.

B. 071645H CO F 2/5 SQD S&C LOC AT981524. AO OBS 3 NVA LOC AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT WAS DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE AREA, AND OBS 3 NVA. UNIT FIRED 50 RDS S/A FIRE. ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE, BUT UNIT CAPTURED 1 DETAINEE (NVA SUSPECT) AND WILL FWD TO REGT S-2.

C. 071700H CO H 2/5 CO S &C LOC BT010518. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FD (5) 100 LB BAGS OF RICE, 2 GAS MASKS, MISC DOCUMENTS, AND 30 RDS 5.56 AMMUNITION. ALL GEAR FWD TO BN S-2.

D. 071925H AO 19 IN SUPPORT OF FIFTH MARINES. AO OBS 1 VC TRYING TO CROSS RIVER LOC AT945475. AO TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE KILLING 1 VC.

E. 072000H CO L 3/5 SQD AMB LOC AT933473. UNIT HEARD AND THEN OBS 2 ENEMY APPROACHING THEIR AMB SITE FROM THE WEST. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH A/W AND S/A FIRE AT POINT BLANK RANGE KILLING 1 NVA. THEN UNIT HEARD ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT AND REC'D 1 INCOMING CHICOM GRENADE. UNIT WITHDREW FROM AMB SITE AND WILL RETURN TO SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

613

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

B. STORM CONDETION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDETION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO I 3/5 CHOPS BACK TO 3/5 AT 081400H AND DISPLACES TO AN HOA BY MER VEH. CO B AND CO C CONTINUE BLOCKS SOUTH OF SONG THU BON/KY LAM FROM AT930530 EAST TO AT980540, FRONT NORTH, IN SUPPORT OF 7TH MAR. CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC AT9051. CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CO G BLOCKS SOUTH OF SONG KY LAM FROM AT980540 EAST TO BT020550, FRONT NORTH, IN SUPP ORT OF 7TH MARINES. CO F CONDUCTS HELILIFT INTO LZ SHEPHERD (AT966460) AND ATTACKS NE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES. CO H CONTINUES HOLE HUNT VIC BT0152. CO E CONDUCTS PATROLS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FIRE BASE/LZ CONDOR.

3/5 - CO I RETURNS OPCON TO 3/5 AND ASSUMES 30-MIN REACTION STATUS 081400H. CO L CONTINUES RECON IN FORCE VIC AT9547. CO K CONTINUES RECON IN FORCE VIC AT9143. CO M CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	123	NVA KIA
164	" WIA EVAC	4	" KIA DI C
28	" WIA MINOR	11	" POW
8	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
1	USN WIA EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
		4	" POW
		48	DETAINEES
		15	NON CIV
		3	CIV DEF
		28	INC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:071654Z/DIV-TT/CCN:146/RJ

071645Z CONFIDENTIAL SUPVR

///HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 0723[illegible] NOV 68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTR: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOps/Trng		
Scal NCO		
Sng NCO		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #63 FROM 080000H TO 080600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. CONTACTS: NONE

3. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	125 NVA KIA
164 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES NED EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	48 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 6[illegible]4527/DIV-TT/CON149/RLM

SUPVR

0723[illegible]Z

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

//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

636

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	Mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

OR 080720Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: [illegible] CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OPERATED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #64 FROM 080601H TO 081200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO F AT968468 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO K AT896431

2. CONTACTS:

A. 080301H 2/11 Battery T DEF POSIT LOC AT868472. ONE 155MM HOWITZER EXPLODED INJURING 3 MARINES. BATTALION SURGEON, ORDNANCE OFFICER, AND BATTALION CO ON SCENE. FIRE CREW FROM AIR STATION ON SCENE TO FIGHT FIRE IN AMMO BUNKER. MEDEVAC CALLED. INVESTIGATION IN PROCESS. RES: 2 [redacted] NBC EVAC AND 1 [redacted] NON-EVAC.

B. 080530H 2/5 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT992542. UNIT REC'D INCOMING GREN WOUNDING 1 USMC. UNIT RET'D S/A FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. USMC WILL BE EVACED TO REGT CP.

C. 080915H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST LOC AT799465. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA. REMAINING ENEMY MOVED INTO TREELINE WHERE OBS WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

D. 080940H 3/5 CO K PLAT S&C LOC AT901437. UNIT FOUND WELL CAMOUFLAGED PUNJI PIT. UNIT DESTROYED WITH C-4.

3. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

635

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	125 NVA KIA
165 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
10 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	48 DETAINEES
	15 HHN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IMC
	5 CSMC

GP-4
HF

TOD:0814582/DIV-TT/CCN166/RLM SUPVR 18

0817202 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV6

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Eng		

OR 081245Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #65 FROM 081201H TO 081800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 CP AT973503	3/5 CP AT896466
CO A AT905503	CO E AT992522	CO I AT875474
CO B AT975547	CO F AT973473	CO K AT893433
CO C AT957548	CO G BT002535	CO L AT923478
CO D AT927526	CO H BT012518	CO M AT896466

2. CONTACTS:

A. 080810H 1/5 CO H&S SQD OP LOC AT913508. WHILE SETTING IN OP, UNIT REC'D AK-47 RDS FROM SAME VIC. WOUNDING 1 USMC. UNIT RET'D S/A FIRE AND CALLED MAR 81MM MSN. CALLED MEDEVAC.

B. 081100H 3/5 CO I PLAT RD SWP SEC LOC AT960534. WHILE MOVING SOUTH TO 1/5 CP, UNIT FOUND 1 105MM RD RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

C. 081115H 3/5 CO I PLAT RD SWP SEC LOC AT934531. WHILE MOVING SOUTH TO 1/5 CP, UNIT FOUND 1 CHICOM GREN RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

D. 081215H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING EAST TO WEST LOC AT811465. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

E. 081245H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 13 NVA STANDING STILL WITH A/W WPNS AND CREW SERVED WPNS LOC AT825523. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.

F. 081300H 1/5 CO H&S CP LOC AT927527. CIVILIANS BROUGHT 1 VN MALE WITH SCHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN HIS LEG TO 1/5 CP. S-2 INTERROGATION REVEALED MAN ON BLACK LIST BUT DISTRICT AND VILLAGE DO NOT CORRESPOND. DET BEING SENT TO REGT S-2 FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION. MEDICAL AID GIVEN.

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

233

DECLASSIFIED

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

G. 081410H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 6 NVA WEARING KHAKIS AND BLACK PJ'S STOP IN HOOTCH LOC AT805485. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.

H. 081530H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 7 NVA MOVING ALONG RIVER BED WEST TO EAST WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT825475. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.

3. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #62.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: DELETE SPOT REPORT 080301H.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	138 NVA KIA
166 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
8 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 USN WIA EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
	4 " POW
	49 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 INC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

081245Z

TOD:081737Z/DIV-TT/CCN:172/RJ

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

///HAS BEEN SENT///

SUPVR

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]		
ALO		
[illegible]CDelO		
OpnChief	[illegible]	
AsstOpnChief		
[illegible]Opn [illegible]/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

OR 081715Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #66 FROM 081801H TO 082400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. CONTACTS:
   A. 081715H 1/5 CO C PLAT BLOCK POSIT LOC AT964555. WHILE IN BLOCK POSIT, UNIT CAME ACROSS 1 FEED PLATE FOR 12.7MM MACHINE GUN, 1 HOMEMADE MORTAR TUBE, ASSORTED 782 GEAR, NVA SHOETS, NVA TROUSERS, AND 1 NVA FLAG. UNIT ALSO APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO 1/5 S-2 REAR TOMORROW.

   B. 081820H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 15 NVA MOVING SOUTH TO NORTHEAST WITH LARGE PACKS, AMMO, AND WEAPONS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 9 NVA.

   C. 081930H 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT976545. UNIT OBS 6 NVA SETTING UP 82MM MORTAR TUBE POINTING WEST. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 6 NVA AND DESTROYING 1 82MM MORTAR.

3. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

652

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO B AND CO C CONTINUE TO HOLD BLOCKS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG THU BON/KY LAM FROM AT9353 EAST TO AT9854. CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES BY LOC (1) AREA VIC (AT9252). CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CO G (REIN) AND CO H MAINTAIN BLOCKS FROM AT998546 SOUTH TO BT003543, FRONT EAST, AND FROM THAT POINT EAST TO BT020520, FRONT NORTH, TO SUPPORT ATTACK BY 1ST ARVN RANGER GROUP FROM EAST TO WEST ON GO NOI ISLAND. CO E (-) MAINTAINS SECURITY OF FIRE BASE/ LZ CONDOR. CO F CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT968468.

3/5 - CO I RELIEVES CO M OF SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO M CONDUCTS S&C OPNS VIC AT8948. CO K CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE VIC AT8946. CO L ASSUMES 30 MIN REACTION DUTY AT AN HOA.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	153	NVA KIA
166	" WIA EVAC	4	" KIA DISC
28	" WIA MINOR	11	" POW
8	" NBC EVAC	3	" MINE
1	USN WIA EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
		4	" POW
		50	DETAINEES
		15	INN CIV
		3	CIV DEF
		28	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HT

TOD:0822317/DIV-TT/CON174/RLM

SUPVD

0817157 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 0823152 NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #67 FROM 090001H TO 090600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. CONTACTS:
   A. 090130H 3/5 CO K SQD AMB LOC AT892437. WHILE SETTING UP CLAYMORE MINE, USMC ACCIDENTLY DETONATED BLASTING CAP. USMC TREATED FOR INJURIES IN FIELD.

3. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #66.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: ADD SPOT REPORT 080301H.
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #66.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	153 NVA KIA
166 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	11 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
1 " NBC NON EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	50 DETAINEES
	15 INN CIV
	3 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
USCDelO		
OpnChief	now	
AstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Sch NCO		
Rn NCO		
[illegible]		

GP-4
BT

TOD 090243Z/DIV-TT/CON175/RLM

SUPVR [signature]

0823157 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

553

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 090559Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARDEC
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. COX
RELEASED:
ERO: ASSIST = CPT [illegible]
INFO = COURIER
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPOT SITREP #60 FROM 090600H TO 091800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION [illegible].

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 2/5 CP AT968500 [illegible] OTHERS TO FOLLOW:
CO H AT900485

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH FIFTH MARINES SPOT SITREP #66.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 050047H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO E PLAT SIZE LOC AT975536. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS VIA FOV.

B. 041800H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A PLAT SIZE PAL LOC AT952514. [illegible]
DESTROYED CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS A MIX CIV [illegible]

C. 050900H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A CO SIZE LOC AT953512. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS 1 CIV DIE [illegible]

D. 061420H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO H CO SIZE LOC AT962513. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS VC MED.

E. 061420H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO I CO SIZE LOC AT955516. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS EST CIV.

F. 070550H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO G PLAT SIZE LOC AT958545. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS ENY CIV.

G. 071645H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO F SQD SIZE LOC AT965524. [illegible]
CLASSIFIED BY EFT AS VIA FOV.

H. 081800H (FOLLOW UP) [illegible]

695

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

I. 090530H 1/5 CO D SQD AMB LCC AT962334. UNIT HEARD MOVEMENT NEAR ITS POSIT AND TAKEN 3 GRUN. GRUN HIT FOLIAGE AND FELL NEAR MARINES WOUNDING 2 USMC. MEN WERE TREATED IN FIELD. RMS: 2 USMC DSC NON-EVAC.

J. 090940H 1/5 CO A PLAT RD SWP SEC LCC AT927521. UNIT FOUND BOX MINE SET IN ROAD AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

K. 091010H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 8 NVA RUNNING WEST TO EAST LOC AT816467. TWO WERE CARRYING MENS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CHANGE DETAINEES TO READ 40 VICE 50 DUE TO CLASSIFICATION BY ITT.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #66.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	154 NVA KIA
166 " WIA EVAC	4 " KIA DISC
28 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " DOW EVAC	3 " RTNE
3 " DOW NON EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	40 DETAINEES
	19 MIL CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IVC
	5 CSVC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HT

TOD;091330Z/DIV-TY/OCN;783/OLW SPVR

090550Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV 68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOps/Trng		
Scnl NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

OR 0930002 NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DELIVER: S-3 MAJ J. E. CODY

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #69 FROM 091200H TO 091800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 CP AT988508	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT900510	CO E AT990517	CO I AT896467
CO B AT975547	CO F AT976474	CO K AT892433
CO C AT957548	CO G BT000540	CO L AT874474
CO D AT927526	CO H BT012518	CO M AT897488

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #66.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 090950H 1/5 CO A SQD ROAD SWEEP SECURITY LOC AT914512. UNIT FOUND 1 81MM RD SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT BLEW IN PLACE.

B. 091000H 1/5 CO C PLAT CHU PAT LOC AT968588. UNIT FOUND FRESH GRAVE. UNIT DUG UP GRAVE AND FOUND 1 BODY WITHOUT HEAD. BODY HAD ON GREEN NVA UTILITIES. BODY SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. 091255H 1/5 CO A PLAT OP LOC AT913508. USMC DET PRESSURE TYPE M-26 SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. USMC MEDEVACED TO AN HOA BY VEHICLE.

D. 091445H 2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC BT005524. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. USMC TREATED BY CORPSMAN. RES: 2 USMC VIA NON-EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: ADD 10 DETAINEES THAT WERE DELETED 091200H SITREP.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

654

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN, ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	154 NVA KIA
167 " WIA EVAC	5 " KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	15 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
3 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	50 DETAINEES
	19 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GT-4
BF

TOD;091429Z/DIV-TT/CCN;185/ALW SPVR [signature]

092000Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

— HAS BEEN SENT —

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

OR 0921 [illegible]Z Nov 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[signature]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	MOW	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn / Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70 FROM 091801H TO 092400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 091605H 2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT988518. WHILE ON S&C, UNIT FOUND 10 CHICOM 60MM MORTAR RDS, 1 NVA PACK, MISC CIV CLOTHES, 50 AK-47 RDS, AND 12 BUNKERS. UNIT DESTROYED MORTAR RDS, AMMO AND BUNKER.

B. 091715H 1/5 CO C SQD CBT PAT LOC AT965558. WHILE ON PATROL, UNIT OBS 1 NVA HIDING IN GRASS WHO IMMED SURRENDERED. A SECOND NVA NEAR BY ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE BUT WAS CAPTURED. PRISONERS BEING HELD AT PLAT CP. UNIT WILL DELIVER TO 1/5 CP TOMORROW FOR TRANS TO REGT S-2. UNIT CAPTURED 2 NVA UNIFORMS, DOCUMENTS, AND NARCOTICS.

C. 091745H 1/5 CO A SQD CBT PAT LOC AT901510. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D APPROX 125 RDS AK-47 FROM 6 VC IN TREELINE LOC AT905508. WHILE MANEUVERING TO TREELINE, USMC DET 60MM MORTAR RD SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT RET'D FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC. RES: 4 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

671

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO B AND CO C CONTINUE TO HOLD BLOCKS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG THU BON/KY LAM FROM AT9353 EAST TO AT9854. CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES MY LOC (1) AREA VIC (AT9252). CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CO G (RNIN) AND CO H MAINTAIN BLOCKS FROM AT998546 SOUTH TO BT003543, FRONT EAST, AND FROM THAT POINT EAST TO BT020520, FRONT NORTH, TO SUPPORT ATTACK BY 1ST ARVN RANGER GROUP FROM EAST TO WEST ON GO NOI ISLAND. CO E (-) MAINTAINS SECURITY OF FIRE BASE/LZ CONDOR. CO F CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT968468.

3/5 - CO I MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES TO SCREEN SOUTHER APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE VIC AT8943. CO L REHAB AND STANDS BY AS 30 MIN REACTION FORCE FROM AN HOA. CO M CONDUCTS S&C OPNS VIC AT8948.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	154 NVA KIA
171 " WIA EVAC	5 " KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	15 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
3 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	50 DETAINEES
	19 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOP:1[illegible]21[illegible]7/DIV-TT/CCN1[illegible]7/PL[illegible]

SUPVR [illegible]
NOV6[illegible]

[illegible]021[illegible]7

CONFIDENTIAL
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 092[illegible]OZNOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

S-3	[signature]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

CONFIDENTIAL

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #71 FROM 100001H TO 100600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CHANGE 2 NVA TO READ 2 DETAINEES.
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 9 FEET 4 INCHES AND RISING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	154	NVA KIA
171	" WIA EVAC	5	" KIA DISC
30	" WIA MINOR	13	" NVA POW
11	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
3	" NBC NON-EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	VC KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		BHW 1	" RTNE
		52	DETAINEES
		19	INN CIV
		6	CIV DEF
		28	IWC
		5	CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:1002107/DIV-TT/CCN188/RLM

SUPVR [signature]

092330Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

672

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 10044 [illegible] 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INT	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	MOW	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Trng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #72 FROM 100601H TO 101200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO M AT895484 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 100700H 1/5 CO B PLAT OP LOC AT977500. UNIT OBS APPROX 40 NVA MOVING NORTH LOC AT981564 CARRYING PACKS, WPNS, AND POSSIBLY AN 82MM MORTAR TUBE. UNIT CALLED AND ADJUSTED MAR ARTY MSN. NVA SPLIT GOING NORTH AND SOUTH. UNIT OBS 3 NVA KIA ON INITIAL IMPACT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE UP 8 FEET AND RISING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.
   B. STORM CONDITION ~~FOUR~~ THREE CONTINUES.
   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION ~~FOUR~~ THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	157 NVA KIA
171 " WIA EVAC	5 NVA KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " [illegible]
5 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " [illegible]
	52 DETAINEES
	19 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT

TOD:100618Z/DIV-TT/CON194/RLM

670

SUPVR [signature]

100000Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	now	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn . Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng CO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #73 FROM 101201H TO 101800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT928527	2/5 CP AT989509	3/5 CP AT895467
CO A AT913514	CO E BT000517	CO I AT895467
CO B AT975547	CO F AT977474	CO K AT893430
CO C AT956537	CO G AT987517	CO L AT876475
CO D AT928527	CO H BT008512	CO M AT906485

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 101046H 1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT927534. UNIT OBS 1 DEAD NVA FLOATING WEST IN RIVER. NVA WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. RES: 1 NVA KIA DISCOVERED.

B. 101535H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 4 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING WEST TO EAST LOC AT808479. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RISING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

CONFIDENTIAL

683

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	159 NVA KIA
171 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
5 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	52 DETAINEES
	19 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	45 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:14225'Z/DIV-TT/CCN13/DRF

SUPPV [signature]

101100Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV68

//HAS BEEN//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 101255Z

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #74 FROM 101801H TO 102400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RISING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO B AND CO C CONTINUE TO HOLD BLOCKS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG THU BON/KY LAM FROM AT9353 EAST TO AT9854. CO A CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES MY LOC AREA VIC (AT9252). CO D CONTINUES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

   2/5 - CO E AND CO H CONDUCT DETAIL HOLE HUNT VIC BT0051. CO G SWEEPS WEST FROM AT9851 TO AT9550. CO F SWEEPS NE FROM AT9747 TO BT0048.

   3/5 - CO I MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES TO SCREEN SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE VIC AT8943. CO L REHAB AND STANDS BY AS 30 MIN REACTION FORCE FROM AN HOA. CO M CONDUCTS S&C OPNS VIC AT8948.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

682

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	159	NVA KIA
171	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
30	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
11	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
5	" NBC NON-EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		1	" RTNE
		52	DETAINEES
		19	INN CIV
		6	CIV DET
		28	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:1[illegible]47/DIV-TT/CCN2[illegible]3/RLM

SUPVR

1[illegible]2557 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FLEET MARINE FORCE

TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST ENGR BRIGADE
SECOND ENGR BRIGADE
THIRD ENGR BRIGADE

DRAFTED: S-3 LTJG J. F. CODY

RELEASED:

PREC: ACTION - OP ORDER
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Actio
S-3	✓	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	now	
AsstOpnChief		
AOps/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

SUBJ: FLEET MARINE FORCE EXERCISE #75 FROM: HOOUM TO HOOUM CG FIRST MAR DIV (REIN) OPERATION HENDERSON HILL.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION OF UNITS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
3. ENEMY SITUATION: UNIT CONTINUE/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

4. FRIENDLY:
   a. 2D BN 2D MAR (-) (REIN) POSN: HOOUM 4859547. DUMO OBS 2 KM S OF HOOUM 4859547. BEGIN OPNS FOR ENEMY AND SLIPPED WHEN FIRED, LOSING CONTACT IN FOG. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 2 USMC.

   b. SUPPORTING ARMS: ARTY 2 BTY 10 SVOS MOD-50 TYPE/RADIAL DEMO.
   c. NAVAL AV ASSIGN TO/DIR 6 FIRE MIS RESTRI. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

   d. SIGNAL CONNECTION WITH ADJ UNITS.

   e. LOCAL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM GN HOA TO LOCAL CIVILIANS REMAINS CLOSED.

   f. BRIDGE HOOUM CONSTRUCTION UNDER CONTINUES.

5. MISSION: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FMFP 3 MARINE SPEC EXERCISE #75.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	159	ARVN KIA
172	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
95	" WIA RETURN	35	" POW
12	" NON EVAC	5	" MIA
2	" NON RETURN	332	VC KIA
1	ARVN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
2	VC POWERS WIA EVAC	4	POW
		1	MIA
		52	CIVILIANS
		19	CIV WIA
		6	CIV DIS
		23	DNS
		5	CIVS

681

CONFIDENTIAL

BT

MSG: [illegible]/DIV-FT/CONF#4/PLM

SUPVR

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

NO/66

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		

VUN 110[illegible]

OR 110530Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #76 FROM 110601H TO 111200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO F AT990482 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO G AT971516
CO H BT008506
CO M AT923477
CO K AT891444

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #74.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 110920H 2/5 CO G PLAT S&C LOC AT975503. UNIT FOUND 4 M-26 GREN RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. 111015H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT971516. UNIT FOUND 66 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE. RICE TO BE FORWARDED TO AN HOA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #74.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

685

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27	USMC KIA	159	NVA KIA
172	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
30	" WIA MINOR	15	" POW
11	" NEC EVAC	3	" RTNE
3	" NEC NON-EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		1	" RTNE
		52	DETAINEES
		19	INN CIV
		6	CIV DEF
		28	IMC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
MT

TOD:1116[illegible]Z/DIV-TT/CON211/RLM

SUPVR

NOV68

1165367

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

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn . Trng		
Scol NCO		
Bng NCO		

VOB 11

OR 111108Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. P. CODY

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #77 FROM 111201H TO 121800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT928527	2/5 CP AT989509	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT913514	CO E BT000517	CO I AT896467
CO B AT970540	CO F AT990482	CO K AT891444
CO C AT950537	CO G AT971516	CO L AT876475
CO D AT928527	CO H BT008512	CO M AT928476

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #74.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 081715H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLAT BLOCKING FORCE LOC AT964555. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

B. 091715H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C SQD CBT PAT LOC AT965558. TWO DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS TWO INN CIV.

C. 111000H 1/5 CO A PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT907517. UNIT FOUND 1 60 MM MORTAR RD RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

D. 111200H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 2 NVA WITH PACKS, RIFLES AND WEARING GREY UTILITIES LOC AT801473. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

E. 111300H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT971516. UNIT FOUND 74 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO AN HOA.

F. 111335H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 12 NVA LOC AT809493 WITH PACKS, CREW SERVED WPNS AND AUTOMATIC WPNS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 8 NVA.

G. 111430H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 5 NVA LOC AT816470 WITH PACKS AND RIFLES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

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

686

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS:SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

27 USMC KIA	171 NVA KIA
172 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
3 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	52 DETAINEES
	21 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:111139Z/DIV-TT/CCN218/RLM

SUPVR [signature]

1111087 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 111620Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	JL6	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mov	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn [illegible]Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
[illegible] CONDUCTED		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPOT SITREP #76 FROM 111800H TO 112400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO F BTCH8424 ALL OTHER NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 111545H 2/5 CO F SQD S&C LOC AT982487. USMC DET M-26 RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 6 USMC WIA.

B. 111545H 2/5 CO F SQD S&C LOC AT982487. (FOLLOW UP) ADD 2 USMC WIA.

C. 111600H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT973516. UNIT FOUND A TOTAL OF 301 HUNDRED POUND BAGS OF RICE AT ABOVE LOC FOR 11 NOV. RICE AWAITING TRANS TO AN HOA.

D. 111630H RECON INSERT "SQUIRELING". UNIT OBS 10 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST LOC AT807478 WEARING CAMO UTILITIES, KHAKIS AND BLACK PJ'S. NVA CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 4 NVA.

E. 111640H 2/5 CO H CO S&C LOC BT007511. UNIT FOUND 9000 POUNDS OF RICE (UNHUSKED). UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

F. 111745H 2/5 CO F PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT976501. USMC TRIPPED 105MM RIGGED AS SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC KIA.

G. 111745H 2/5 CO F PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT976501. (FOLLOW UP) ADD 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

H. 111800H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 35 NVA LOC AT809485. NVA WEARING KHAKIS AND CARRYING A/W, 1 MORTAR TUBE (60MM) AND RIFLES. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 8 NVA.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

697

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

I. 111900H 2/5 CO H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT975483. USMC REC'D WOUNDS FROM BLASTING CAP OF CLAYMORE MINE. USMC TREATED AT BAS. RES: 1 USMC MED NON-EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: ADD 1 DETAINEE DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THE MY LOC AREA NEAR LIB RD (VIC AT9151). CO B AND CO C SWEEPS SOUTH AND SEARCHES LA THAP AREA (VIC AT9452). CO D CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF LIB RD NORTH AND LIB BRIDGE.

2/5 - BN DISESTAB FIREBASE/LZ CONDOR (AT998598) DISPLACES 4.2 MTRS AND 105 HR TO AN HOA, AND COMMENCES SWEEP SW ALONG HIGHGROUND VIC AT975500).

3/5 - CO I MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES TO SCREEN SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO K CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE VIC AT8943. CO L REHAB AND STANDS BY AS 30 MIN REACTION FORCE FROM AN HOA. CO M CONDUCTS S&C OPNS VIC AT8948.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

28	USMC KIA	189	NVA KIA
180	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
30	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
11	" NEC EVAC	3	" RTNE
4	" NEC NON-EVAC	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		1	" RTNE
		52	DETAINEES
		22	INN CIV
		6	CIV DEF
		28	IWC
		5	CSMC

GP-4
RT

TOD: 12/3457/DIV-TT/CCN226/RHM

CONFIDENTIA

SOPVR

1116267

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 1800052

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. E. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: J E Cody
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	JE	
S-3A		
AIO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mcw	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
VILE		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #79 FROM 120001H TO 120600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO B AT957523 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO C AT945517
CO G AT962508

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #78.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

28 USMC KIA	183 NVA KIA
180 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
30 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
4 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	52 DETAINEES
	22 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 120445Z/DIV-TT/CON221/RLM

CONFIDENTIAL

SUPVR

120600Z

CONFIDENTIAL
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

698

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INF	
S-3	[signature]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDeIO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn . Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70 [illegible] 120600H TO 121200H NOVEMBER OPERATION HINDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO I AT872463 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO L AT890467

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #70.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 111745H 2/5 CO F PLAT S&C LOC AT976901. (FOLLOW UP) UNIT CONTINUED SEARCH AND PRODUCED MORE BODY PARTS INDICATING DEATH OF A 2ND USMC. PLAT MUSTER VERIFIED FACT.

B. 120825H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT955525. WHILE SEARCHING BUNKERS, UNIT APPREHENDED 2 DETAINEES IN AREA WHERE UNIT HAD REC'D SNIPER FIRE. DETAINEES TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT S-2.

C. 120830H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT954523. UNIT OBS A NUMBER OF NVA ON HILL LOC AT957553. UNIT CALLED MAR AIR STRIKE AND OBS 3 NVA [illegible] AND 6 NVA RUNNING NE.

D. 120945H 2/5 CO F PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT952483. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. MEDEVAC CALLED FOR 2 USMC WIA AND 1 WIA MINOR TREATED IN FIELD.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #78.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES

696

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	106 NVA KIA
182 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
51 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NEC EVAC	5 " RTNE
4 " NEC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	54 DETAINEES
	22 INH CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IPU
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HF

TOD:120552Z/DIV-TT/CCN225/RLM

SUP VR

120502Z

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

/HAS BEEN SENT/

NOVB

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INF	Action
B	JG	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	Mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn /Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

OR 121125Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #81 FROM 121201H TO 121800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT928527	2/5 CP AT950481	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT913514	CO E AT963489	CO I AT859462
CO B AT951512	CO F AT928467	CO K AT875475
CO C AT944518	CO G AT959507	CO L AT896467
CO D AT928527	CO H AT948481	CO M AT928476

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #78.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 110830H (LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO M CP LOC AT904484. UNIT STOPPED AND QUESTIONED CIV. UNIT FND 1 VN WOMAN AND 1 VN BOY CARRYING OVER 100 DOLLARS IN VN MONEY. ALSO APPREHENDED 1 MAN. UNIT FWD TO 3/5 S-2. INTERPERTER BELIEVED CIV BUYING FOOD FOR ENEMY IN AN HOA AND DELIVERING IT TO SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

B. 111810H (LATE ENTRY) 3/5 CO I SQD OP LOC AT864452. UNIT OBS 6 NVA LOC AT862457 WITH 1 PACK SETTING UP MORTAR TUBE. UNIT OPENED FIRE WOUNDING 1 NVA. ENEMY FLED. UNIT THEN FIRED 60MM MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. 121200H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT950524. USMC DET 105MM RD OR LARGER RD SET AS SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.

D. 121210H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT950524. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MED EVAC FOR 3 USMC WIA.

E. 121245H 1/5 CO A PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT883510. USMC DET PRESSURE DET BOX MINE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.

F. 121300H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT965514. USMC DET UNKNOWN TYPE SUR EX DEVICE. CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIA.

G. 121515H RECON INSERT "HIRELING". UNIT OBS 20 NVA LOC AT805485. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 7 NVA.

713

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

H. 121545H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT973474 TO AT974496. ENGINEERS DESTROYED FOLLOWING BOOBY TRAPS: 1 105MM RD WITH TRIP WIRE, 2 M-26 GREN WITH TRIP WIRE, 9 60MM MORTAR RDS PRESSURE DET AND 1 30 POUND BOX MINE PRESSURE DET. ORDNANCE AND BUNKERS (2) DESTROYED IN PLACE.

I. 121445H 1/5 CO A PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT900514. UNIT REC'D 75-100 RDS MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM EST 2 VC. LOC AT897507. UNIT RET'D S/A AND M-79 FIRE AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

J. 121300H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT942517. ITT AT ABOVE POSIT QUESTIONED 1 VN WOMAN. WOMAN REVEALED HER HUSBAND HAD WORKED FOR VC IN PAST AND WAS MISSING AND PROBABLY WITH VC OR NVA. DETAINEE TO BE SENT TO ITT ON NEXT RESUPPLY.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
188 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
4 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	58 DETAINEES
	22 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:121500Z/DIV-TT/[illegible]/DRF
SUPRV [illegible]

1211P5Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

S-3	
S-3A	
ALO	
NBCDefO	
OpnChief	
AsstOpnChief	
AOpn . Trng	
Scol NCO	
Rng NCO	

OR 121615Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #82 FROM 121800H TO 122400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. CONTACTS: CO B AT951501 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO C AT951515

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 121145H 2/5 CO H PLAT S&C LOC AT995514. UNIT FOUND 1 250 POUND BOMB BURRIED AT ABOVE LOC. UNIT ALSO FOUND 1 M-26 GRNN RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEVICE AND 1 ILLUM RD DUD.

B. 121320H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT961510 TO AT971517. UNIT FOUND 4½ TO 5 TONS OF RICE AT ABOVE LOC. UNIT DESTROYED 600 HUNDRED POUNDS. OTHER TO BE SENT TO AN HOA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS DAYLIGHT S&C VIC PHU NHUAN (3) (AT905505) AND NIGHT AMBUSH IN SAME AREA AND ALONG SONG THU BON. CO D PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO B CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT940503. CO C CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT950501.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

712

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

2/5 - BN CONTINUES SWEEP SW ALONG HIGHGROUND VIC AT920460. RETURNS TO AN HOA TO REHAB AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPNS.

3/5 - CO I CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL OPNS ON HIGH GROUND SOUTH OF AN HOA (AT860450). CO K STANDS BY ON 30 MIN ALERT. CO L MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES. CO M CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS IN CANOPY (VIC AT9247).

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

429 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
188 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
131 " WIA MINOR	23 " POW
411 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
34 " NBC NON-EVAC	112 VC KIA
31 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
31 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	58 DETAINEES
	22 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSMC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
ET

TOD:122050Z/DIV-TT/CCN234/DRF

SUPRV

121615Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

1223057 NOV 68

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. [illegible]

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OR INFO
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #83 FROM 130001H TO 130600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #82.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

429 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
188 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
431 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
411 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
4 " NBC MINOR	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	58 DETAINEES
	22 INV CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 1302307/DIV-TT/CCN2357 RLM 715

SUPVR

1223057 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 130645Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG [illegible] MAR DIV [illegible]
INFO: F[illegible]
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MA[illegible] F. CODY
RELEASER: [illegible]
PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[illegible]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn /Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng CO		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #84 FROM 130601H TO 131200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO I AT852463 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO M AT928476

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #82.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 130715H 3/5 CO L SQD CBT PAT LOC AT897467. UNIT FOUND 1 LAAW IN COCKED POSITION AT ABOVE LOC. ENGINEERS DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. 130900H 1/5 CO B SQD CBT PAT LOC AT912495. USMC DET 82MM RD SET AS SUR EX DEVICE. USMC MEDEVACED BY VEHICLE TO REGT CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING. RIVER SPEED 8 KNOTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #82.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29	USMC KIA	193	NVA KIA
189	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
11	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNE
4	" NBC MINOR	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		1	" RTNE
		58	DETAINEES
		2	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]
		28	[illegible]
		5	CSWC

TOD: [illegible]
SUPVR [illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT 130645Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

728

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 131042Z Nov 68

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ [illegible]
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #85 FROM 131201H TO 131800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT926527
CO A AT912514
CO B AT951503
CO C AT943515
CO D AT926527

2/5 BN AT873473

3/5 CP AT896466
CO L AT896466
CO M AT929478
CO I AT852454
CO K AT873473

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #82.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 121920H (LATE ENTRY) CO L 3/5 SQD CIB PTL LOC AT867460. MARINE SQD REIN WITH 3 VN CIV GUARDS MOVING TO AIR SITE OBS 3 ARMED VN ON HIGH GROUND TO SW. SQD HALTED AND DEPLOYED, SQD LEADER CALLED CO L TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE FRIENDLY UNITS IN AREA. AFTER CLEARANCE WAS GIVEN, SQD OPENED FIRE WITH 80 RDS S/A. FORCE FIRED ON RET'D 1000 RDS S/A, 20 RDS M-79 AND 6 GRENADES. MARINE SQD LEADER BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF HEAVY VOLUME OF M-79 FIRE AND CHECKED HIS SQD'S FIRE. SQD LEADER THEN HAD VN CIV GUARD WITH HIM YELL TO FORCE FIRED ON. OTHER FORCE IDENTIFIED ITSELF AS SECURITY PATROL FROM ADJACENT DELTA FORCE. ALL FIRE CEASED. ACTION RESULTED IN 1 KIA AND 1 WIA FROM DELTA FORCE. NO MARINE OR ATTACHED VN CASUALTIES. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

B. 130900H CO B 1/5 SQD MINE SWEEP LOC AT912495. UNIT FOUND (1) 155 RD IN HEDGE LINE NEAR ROAD WITH TRIP WIRE AND BLASTING CP FROM GRENADE IN NOSE OF 155 RD. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

C. 130930H CO B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT954512. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FOUND VN MALE (VC SUSPECT) WHO HAD A SPLINT ON HIS LEG, LOC AT ABOVE COORD. EVD 1 MALE DETAINEE TO BN S-2.

D. 131040H CO B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT943500. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, USMC DET UNKNOWN TYPE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE WOUNDING 1 USMC. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

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

727

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
190 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
51 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NEC EVAC	3 " RTNE
4 " NEC MINOR	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	59 DETAINEES
	22 INN CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 INC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
HF

TOD:131515Z/DIV-TT/CON246/DRF

SUPRV

1310427 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Acti
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
ROUTINE		
FILE		

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DEPARTMENT: S-3 VIA [illegible]
RELEASING:
PRIC: ACTION [illegible]
INFO [illegible]
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #86 FROM 1[illegible] TO 132400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION [illegible]

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO A AT911514, CO B AT959505, CO C AT943516
ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 130900H CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT941515. WHILE CONDUCTING S&C OPNS, UNIT FOUND ENEMY CACHE CONTAINING 5[illegible] TONS OF RICE, 1 LAAW, ASSORTED [illegible] GEAR, TOOLS, CLOTHING AND DOCUMENTS. ALL GEAR FWD TO REGT CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RODDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS DAYLIGHT S&C VIC [illegible] (3) (AT[illegible]) AND NIGHT AMBUSH IN SAME AREA AND ALONG SONG THU [illegible]. CO B PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO C CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT940503. CO C CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT VIC AT950501.

2/5 - CONDUCTS REHAB AT AN HOA COMBAT BASE.

3/5 - CO I CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL OPNS ON HIGH GROUND NORTH OF AN HOA (AT860450). CO K STANDS BY ON 30 MIN ALERT. CO L MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND CONDUCTS AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITIES. CO M CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS IN CANOPY VIC (AT9247).

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

752

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA
190 " WIA EVAC
31 " WIA MINOR
11 " NEC EVAC
4 " NEC MINOR
1 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

133 NVA KIA
6 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
3 " MINE
112 VC KIA
1 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " MINE
59 DETAINEES
22 INN CIV
6 CIV DEF
28 IWC
5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:1314302/DIV-TT/CON248/DRR

SUPRV

1316552 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 132303Z NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: [illegible]

DRAFTER: [illegible] J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Acti
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #87 FROM 140001H TO 140600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #86.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
190 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
51 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
11 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
4 " NBC MINOR	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	59 DETAINEES
	22 INN CIV
	6 CIV DET
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:140045Z/DIV-TT/CCN249/RLM

SUPVR [signature]

132303Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
//HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

751

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - CP INTED
INFO
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

ROUTINE	INFO	Act
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #88 FROM 140601H TO 141200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
CO C AT942516
CO B AT925535
CO D AT938507
CO I AT847447
CO M AT915483
ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #86.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 090130H (FOLLOW UP) CO K 3/5 SQD AMB LOC AT892437. UPDATE TO READ: DELETE 1 USMC NBC MINOR AND ADD 1 USMC NBC EVAC.

B. 140230H CO C 1/5 PLAT AMB LOC AT936516. MARINE LEFT POSIT WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE AND WHEN RETURNING TO FRDLY LINES HE WAS SHOT. MED-EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

C. 140730H CO B 1/5 C O S&C LOC AT949502. UNIT FOUND 6000 TO 9000 LBS OF RICE LOC AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT PRESENTLY BAGGING RICE AND LIFTING IT TO REGT CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #86.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

753

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29	USMC KIA	193	NVA KIA
191	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
12	" NBC EVAC	3	" RTNS
3	" NBC MINOR	112	VC KIA
1	USN WIA EVAC	1	" KIA DISC
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4	" POW
		1	" RTNE
		59	DETAINEES
		22	HOI CIV
		6	CIV DEF
		28	INC
		5	CSWC

GP-4
HT

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

TOD:140611Z/DIV-TT/CON253/RLM

SUPVR

140530Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT///

NOV 8

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 141110 Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CO, FIRST [illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

DRAFTER: MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION
INFO
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3 [illegible]		
S-3A [illegible]		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Bng NCO		
FILE		

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #89 FROM 141201H TO 141800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 BN AT873473	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT911513		CO K AT873473
CO B AT927526		CO I AT868447
CO C AT940515		CO M AT915403
CO D AT948502		CO L AT896466

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #86.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
191 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
12 " NBC EVAC	3 " RTNE
3 " NBC MINOR	112 VC KIA
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " KIA DISC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	4 " POW
	1 " RTNE
	59 DETAINEES
	22 INH CIV
	6 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 141145Z/CCN257/DIV-TT/DRF

SUPRV

141110Z 749

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
Asst NCO		
Engr NCO		

OR 141625Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #90 FROM 141800H TO 142400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 142130H 5TH MARINES CP. (1) 82MM RD ENEMY FIRE LANDED IN R4U DA (1). FRIENDLY VILLAGE ADJACENT TO AN HOA. PATROL CHECKED AREA, NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

B. 142125H H&S CO 3/5 LOC AT CP FORWARD. (1) USMC WAS KILLED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT. HE WAS DRIVING A MULE AND RAN OVER AN EMBANKMENT. MULE OVERTURNED KILLING MARINE. RES: 1 USMC NECK.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 DEPT AID HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT AND SEARCH VIC AT905520. CO C CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT AND SEARCH VIC AT940515. CO D CONDUCTS HOLE HUNT AND SEARCH VIC AT950513. CO B MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE, LIB ROAD NORTH, AND CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC AT943528.

2/5 - BN CONDUCTS REHAB AND TRAINING. PREPARES FOR DEPLOYMENT.

3/5 - CO I RETURNS TO AN HOA TO ASSUME REACTION FORCE. CO K AND CO L CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE SOUTH OF AN HOA. CO K ASSURES SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29	USMC KIA	193	NVA KIA
191	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" MIHE
12	" NBC EVAC	112	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" MIHE
		59	DETAINEES
		22	INN CIV
		6	CIV DEF
		28	IMC
		5	CSMC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:141930Z/DIV-TT/CCN236/DRF

SUPVR

1416252 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV66

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 142254Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (FWD)
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. JODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #91 FROM 150001H TO 150600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #90.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA		193 NVA KIA	
191 "	WIA EVAC	6 "	KIA DISC
31 "	WIA MINOR	13 "	POW
1 "	NBC KIA	3 "	RETD
12 "	NBC EVAC	112 VC	KIA
3 "	NBC MINOR	1 "	KIA DISC
1 USN	WIA EVAC	4 "	POW
1 VN FORCES	WIA EVAC	1 "	RETD
		59 DETAINEES	
		22 INN CIV	
		6 CIV DEF	
		28 DMC	
		5 CSUC	

	INFO	Action
S-3	✓	
S-3A	✓	
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	✓	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

TOD: 150044Z/DIV--TT/CCN265/RLM

GP-4
BT

SUPVR

142254Z NOV 68

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

//HAS BEEN SENT//

780

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

S/C

O R 150502Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN)
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #92 FROM 150601H TO
151200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO I AT873473, CO L AT915483, CO M AT896467
ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #90.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 110830H (FOLLOW UP) CO M 3/5 CO S&C LOC AT904484. 3 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV'S.
B. 120025H (FOLLOW UP) CO B 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT955525. 2 DETAINEES CLASS BY ITT AS 2 CIV DEF'S.
C. 121300H (FOLLOW UP) CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT942517. 1 DETAINEE

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0269 C O N F I D E N T I A L
CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV.
D. 130930H (FOLLOW UP) CO B 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT957503. 1 DETAINEE CLASS BY ITT AS 1 CIV DEF.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #90.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
191 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
31 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
12 USMC NBC EVAC	112 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE

TOR:150641Z/DIV-TT/CON269/
RLM
SUPVR
NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0269 C O N F I D E N T I A L

59 DETAINEES
26 INN CIV
9 CIV DEF
28 IWC
5 CSWC

788

BT

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 151103Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV (REIN)

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

78

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

SUBJ: FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #93 FROM 151200H TO 151800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927526	2/5 BN AT873473	3/5 CP AT896467
CO A AT942516		CO M AT896467
CO B AT925535		CO I AT873473
CO C AT911512		CO L AT915483
CO D AT950503		CO K AT866460

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #90.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
191 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
12 " NBC EVAC	112 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
	59 DETAINEES
	26 INN CIV
	9 CIV DET
	28 IWC
	5 CSM

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT

TOM: 517-57/DIV-TT/CO1278/DRF

787

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DR 151650 2 NOV 68

CONFIDENTIAL

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

FROM: CG 1ST MAR DIV (REIN)
(REIN)
TIME: ASTOOM = OPTIMUM
(MIN) = ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn O/Trng		
ScolNCO		
Rng NCO		
FLE		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #94 FROM 152300H TO 152400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND SHALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RISING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE LA CHAP AREA (VIC AT9156). CO C CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE MY [illegible] AREA (VIC AT9451). CO D CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAU PHONG AREA (VIC AT9550). CO B MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - ALL UNITS CONDUCT TRAINING AND REHAB AT AN HOA.

3/5 - CO L CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE DY SON (2) AREA (VIC AT9142). CO H MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND MANS SLIDING POINTS A, B, C, AND D. CO K DEFENDS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. [illegible] 30 MIN REACTION FORCE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

429	USMC KIA	195	NVA KIA	59	DETAINEES
5191	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DBC	26	INV CIV
431	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW	9	CIV DEF
1	" MIC KIA	3	" RPRS	28	IMC
12	" MIC EVAC	112	VC KIA	5	CSUC
3	" MIC MINOR	1	" KIA DBC		
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW		
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RPRS		

GP-4
ZE

[illegible] CONFIDENTIAL

786

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 152[illegible]10Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 Maj J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDelO		
OpnChief	[initials]	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn & Trng		
Tech NCO		
[illegible]		

CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #95 FROM 160001H TO 160600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #94.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	193 NVA KIA
191 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
12 " NBC EVAC	112 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
	59 DETAINEES
	26 INN CIV
	9 CIV DEF
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 160133Z/DIV-TT/CCN284/RLM SUPVR [signature]

152310Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

//HAS BEEN SENT//

801

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST [redacted] DIV

DRAFTER: [redacted] MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: J. F. Cody

PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	✓	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	(now)	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC Trng		
Scty NCO		
Mess NCO		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #96 FROM 160600H TO 161200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #94.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 160900H 1/5 CP S&C LOC AT941516. UNIT FOUND 40 LB BOX MINE LYING IN VILLAGE. IT WAS NOT SET AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MINE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

   B. 160915H CO L 3/5 PLAT CIB PTL LOC AT897483. UNIT APPREHENDED VN WHO HAD NO ID AND WAS ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER. FWD 1 DETAINEE TO REGT CP FOR CLASS BY ITT.

   C. 161050H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "SAND HURST". UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING NORTH TO EAST WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, WITH PACK. LOC AT792476. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA. AO ON STATION OBS KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #94.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29	USMC KIA	194	NVA KIA	60	DETAINEES
191	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC	26	INN CIV
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW	9	CIV DEF
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE	28	EUC
12	" NBC EVAC	112	VC KIA	5	CSWC
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC		
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW		
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE		

GP-4
BT

TOD: 160420Z/DLV-TT/CCN290/RLM

SUPVR [redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

160442Z

CONFIDENTIAL NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

800

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [illegible]
PREC: ACTION - OPWIRED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #97 FROM 161200H TO 161800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
   1/5 CP AT927526
   CO A AT942516
   CO B AT925535
   CO C AT911512
   CO D AT950503
   2/5 CP BN AT873475
   CO E CP AT896467
   CO F AT896467
   CO K AT866440
   CO L AT915485
   CO I AT873475

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #94.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29 USMC KIA	194 NVA KIA	60 DETAINEES
191 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC	26 INDI CIV
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW	9 CIV DEF
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE	28 IVG
12 " NBC EVAC	112 VC KIA	5 CSWG
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC	
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW	
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE	

GP-4
BT

TOD:162345Z/DIV-TT/CCN294/RLM SUPVR [illegible]

161103Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

814

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 161620 NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

CONFIDENTIAL

DELIVER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC:
CLASS:

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A - OP	IMMED	
AEO - ROUTINE		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #98 FROM 161801H TO 162400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 161400H CO D 1/5 PLAT S&C LOC AT938504. WHILE SEARCHING AREA, UNIT APPREHENDED 3 MALE DETAINEES. ONE MAN ADMITS TO BE VC AND SAYS HE HAS 2 SONS FROM VILLAGE LOC AT947462 WHO ARE ALSO VC. OTHER TWO DET WILL NOT ADMIT BEING VC, BUT WERE APPREHENDED APPROX 8 CLICKS FROM THEIR OWN VILLAGES. 3 DETAINEES FWD TO REGT CP FOR CLASS BY ITT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE LA THAP AREA (VIC AT9154). CO C CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE MY LOC AREA (VIC AT9451). CO D CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAU PHONG AREA (VIC AT9350). CO B MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

   2/5 - ALL UNITS CONDUCT TRAINING AND REHAB AT AN HOA.

   3/5 - CO L CONDUCTS PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE MY SON (2) AREA (VIC AT9142). CO M MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND MANS STRONG POINTS A, B, C, AND D. CO K SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA. CO I 30 MIN REACTION FORCE.

815

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

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

29	USMC KIA	194	NVA KIA
191	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NEC KIA	3	" RTNE
12	" NEC EVAC	112	VC KIA
3	" NEC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
		69	DETAINEES
		26	INN CIV
		9	CIV DEF
		28	INC
		5	CSMC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:162345Z/DIV-TT/CON296/RLM

SUPVR

161626Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

NOV 16 2 1 9 8

OR 162315Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBC Def		
Opn Chief		
Asst Opn Chief		
AO Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

CONFIDENTIAL

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #99 FROM 170001H TO 170600H November 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 170200 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT925538. UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING RD OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN WOUNDING 8 MARINES AND KILLING 1. MEDEVAC CALLED FOR 8 MARINES AND 1 KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATION IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #98.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

30 USMC KIA	194 NVA KIA
199 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
12 " NBC EVAC	112 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
	63 DETAINEES
	26 INN CIV
	9 CIV DEF
	28 IWC
	5 CSWC

813

GP-4
BT
162315Z

TOD:162345Z/DIV-TT/CCN297/RLM

SUPVR

CONFIDENTIAL NOV 68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

R 170645Z NOV 68
FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

	INFO	ACTION
DRAFTER S-3 MAJ		CODY
S-3A		
RELEASED		
PRIOR		
NBCDEFCON	OP	
OpnCenFO		
CLASS: Asst O	CONFIDENTIAL	
AOpns Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #100 FROM 170600H TO 171200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927528
CO A AT941515
CO B AT925533
CO C AT910512
CO D AT949506

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #98.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 160915H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO L PLAT CMT PAT LOC AT897483. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

B. 161400H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D PLAT S/C LOC AT930504. 3 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 CIV DEF AND 1 INN CIV.

C. 170325H 1/5 CO C PLAT AMB LOC AT910512. UNIT OBS APPROXIMATELY 15 NVA APPROACHING ITS POSIT. UNIT INITIATED AMB WITH M-79 AND S/A. ENEMY RET'D S/A, A/W AND B-40 FIRE. UNIT CALLED 60MM, 81MM, AND MAR ARTY MSN FOR EFFECT AND BLOCKING OF ROUTES OF EGRESS. SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT REVEALED 4 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 RIFLE. RES: 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA EVAC, 4 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 RIFLE.

D. 270315H 1/5 CO C PLAT AMB LOC AT910512 (FOLLOW UP). UNIT CONTINUED SEARCH OF AREA AND FOUND ADDITIONAL 1 VC KIA AND 17 CHICOM GR NADES. UNIT OBS HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS AND NUMEROUS COMM WIRES.

E. 170315H 1/5 CO C PLAT AMB LOC AT910512 (FOLLOW UP). UNIT CONTINUED SEARCH OF AREA AND FOUND ADDITIONAL: 1 AK-47, 1 M-16 (DESTROYED), 8 AK-47 MAGAZINES, 286 RDS AK-47 AMMO, 9 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 ROLL COMM WIRE, 2 M-26 GRENADES, 1 M-33 GRENADE, ASSORTED NVA 782 GEAR, 2 NVA FIRST AID PACKS, AND 2 NVA UNIFORMS.

F. 170330H 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT949506. WHILE SETTING IN NIGHT DEF POSIT, UNIT REC'D 3-4 INCOMING B-40 ROCKETS FROM ENEMY LOC AT949507. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH M-79, S/A. CALLED MAR FIXED WING AIR STRIKE MSN AT FIRST LIGHT AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. FOLLOWING AIR STRIKE AT FIRST LIGHT, UNIT SEARCH B-A AREA AND FOUND 2000 LBS OF RICE WHICH WILL BE EVAC TO REGT CP.

831

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

G. 171000H 3/5 CO K SQD CHT PAT LOC AT863454. WHILE CONDUCTING CHT PAT OPNS, UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE DETAINEE WHO HAD NO ID CARD. DETAINEE TO BE FWD TO BN S-2.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #58.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32	USMC KIA	198	NVA KIA
202	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
12	" NBC WIA EVAC	113	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
		64	DETAINEES
		29	INN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		31	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD: 171239Z/DIV-TT/CCN301/RLM

SUPVR [signature]

170645Z

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

NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CG 17TH 2D MAR DIV
FMCG - FIRST MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

	S-3	INFO	ACTION
	S-3A		
	ALO	- OF LTCOL	
	NBCDefO	- MAJ LEE	
	OpnChief		
	AsstOpnChief		
	AOpn / Trng		
	Scol NCO		
	Rng NCO		
	FILE		

INFO: FIRST MAR DIV
SIXTH MAR DIV
THIRD MAR DIV

CLASS

CONFIDENTIAL

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

OPER ORDER 17-68 (OPERATION HENDERSON MILL)

1. PLT LOCATIONS:
3/5 CP AT 827528
CO A AT 847516
CO B AT 835505
CO C AT 852512
CO D AT 843505
2/5 CO E AT 873479
3/5 CP AT 839646
CO K AT 839646
CO I AT 873479
CO K AT 836646
CO L AT 819488

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS. UNIT CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIRST MARINES SOP AND SITREP #98.

3. SIGNIFICANT:
A. 171031H CO D 3/5 PLT SWEEP AO1 AT 842859. WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEPS, UNIT FOUND 2 M-26 GRENADES SET WITH TRIP WIRES RIGGED AS SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. ITEM DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. 171330H CO D 3/5 PLT SWEEP AO1 AT 851838. WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEPS, UNIT FOUND A VC [illegible] SUSPECTED AT 856840. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH A/U BY [illegible]; VC [illegible] VC FLED DRAGGING BODY OF VC [illegible] THEM.

C. 171400H CO C 3/5 CP SWEEP AO1 AT 842845. WHILE REMOVING AREA OF FIRES WITH [illegible], PLT FOUND NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS, PARTS OF A NON-AMERICAN UNIFORM, AND [illegible]. ALL SPECIMENS SHOW SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN BURNED IN ALL [illegible].

D. 171400H CO D 3/5 PLT SWEEP AO1 AT 850838. WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEPS, UNIT APPREHENDED 2 MALE VIETNAMESE. BOTH MALES HELD WHEN PAPERS REVEALED [illegible]. HELD FOR INTERROGATION BY [illegible].

E. 171400H CO I 3/5 PLT SWEEP AO1 AT 854844. WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEPS, UNIT FOUND 2 [illegible] SUSPECTED AS SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

F. 171530H CO A 3/5 CP SWEEP AO1 AT 842838. WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEPS, UNIT FOUND FEMALE [illegible]. WHILE [illegible] BLOOD TRAILS IN BUSHES, FEMALE STATED SHE WAS [illegible]. SHE ADMITTED TO BE AT LEAST 15 YRS OLD. SHE HAD 3 FAMILY SPARTAN [illegible] AND REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. DETAINED FOR [illegible] TO CP FOR QUESTIONING.

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

[illegible]

829

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIA

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 6 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32	USMC KIA	199	EVA KIA
202	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
12	" NBC EVAC	114	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
		68	DETAINEES
		20	IEN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		31	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:171345Z/DIV-TT/CCN304/RLM

SUPVR

171120Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIA

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 171530Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Acti
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	now	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn / Trng		
Scal NCO		
Engr NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #102 FROM 170801H TO 172400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO A AT942517, CO B AT925535, CO C AT909517, CO D AT951506 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 172100H CO B 1/5 SQD AMB LOC AT945524. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE AND GRENADES FM ENEMY LOC IN IMMED VIC AND AT947526. UNIT RET'D S/A FIRE, M-79 AND CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA UNDER HEAVY ILLUM AND FOUND NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA EVAC, 1 VC KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CHOP CO B TO 3/5 AT 181200H. CO C CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC AT9051. CO D CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9350. CO A CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9453. H&S CO MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CONDUCTS TRAINING. PREPARES TO DEPLOY AND CHOP TO FIRST MARINES.

3/5 - CHOP CO M TO 5TH MAR AT 180900H. BN HQ, CO I, CO K, AND CO L PREPARES TO DEPLOY AND CHOP TO FIRST MARINES.

CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

841

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32	USMC KIA	199	NVA KIA
203	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
12	" NBC EVAC	115	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
		68	DETAINEES
		28	INN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		31	EWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 P GMS///

GP-4
MT

TOD:171909Z/DIV-TT/CCN305/RLM

SUPVR

171530Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

	IN	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 172253Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

216

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #103 FROM 180001H TO 180600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 172030H 5TH MARINES CP LOC AT873473. AN HOA REC'D 6 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTARS WITH NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. TOWER OBS SPOOKY RECEIVING A/W FIRE FROM LOC AT891489, AT905494, AT895500, AT839519, AT805445, AT845485, AT848497, AND AT845475. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE ON ALL ABOVE ENEMY POSITS.

   B. 172335H 3/5 CO L PLAT AMB LOC AT914480. UNIT OBS 2 ENEMY MOVING TOWARD THEIR POSIT LOC AT915480. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA. WHILE THE UNIT WAS ADVANCING TO CHECK THE ENEMY KIA, THEY REC'D SPORATIC S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY POSIT. UNIT CALLED NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. UNIT CALLED 60MM MORTAR MSN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #102.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

840 CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32	USMC KIA	199	NVA KIA
203	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
XX	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RPRT
12	" NBC EVAC	117	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RPRT
		69	DETAINEES
		28	IRN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		XX	IWC
		5	CSWC

GP-4
ET

TOD:180216Z/DIV-TT/CCN306/DRF SUPVR

172231Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 180502Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. BODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
BCDefO		
OpnChief	now	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns Trng		
Sgt NCO		
Rng NCO		

CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #104 FROM 180601H TO 181200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION KENDRICK MILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #102.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 171000H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO K SWD CBT PAT LOC AT863454. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS AN INN CIV.

   B. 171400H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D PLAT S&C LOC AT950500. 3 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV.

   C. 180510H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT863473. UNIT REC'D 5 INCOMING RDS OF UNKNOWN SIZE OUTSIDE DEFENSIVE WIRE. ENEMY LOC UNKNOWN.

   D. 180910H RECON INSERT "LUNGE POINT" LOC AT797527. UNIT OBS 20 ENEMY MOVING WEST AT LOC AT801483. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MISSION RESULTING IN 20 VC KIA.

   E. 181100H 1/5 CP LOC AT942517. 1/5 COMPLETE RETROGRADE OF RICE. TOTAL TO DATE IS 104 TONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT MORE CACHES REMAIN IN THE AREA. UNITS CONTINUE TO SEARCH.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #102.

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

839

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32 USMC KIA		199 NVA KIA	
203 "	WIA MVAC	6 "	KIA DISC
31 "	WIA MINOR	13 "	POW
1 "	MSC KIA	3 "	MIME
12 "	MSC MVAC	137 VC KIA	
3 "	MSC MINOR	1 "	KIA DISC
1 USN WIA MVAC		4 "	POW
1 VN FORCES WIA MVAC		1 "	MIME
		66 DETAINEES	
		32 INN CIV	
		11 CIV DEF	
		31 IWC	
		5 CSMC	

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

CP-4
ET

TOD:181220Z/DIV-TT/CON310/RLM SUPVR

181530Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT///

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 181120Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PRES: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NECDefO		
OpnChief	Mow	
AssfOpnChief		
AOon D/Trng		
Spec Ntr		
Trng		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #102 FROM 181201H TO 181800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527
CO A AT927527
CO B AT873473
CO C AT909517
CO D AT930505

2/5 BN AT873473

3/5 (-) AT873473
CO M AT897460

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #102.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 181100H CO A 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT935519. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACED TO AN HOA BY VEHICLE.

B. 181420H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "SAND HUNTER". UNIT OBS 3 NVA MOVING NE LOC AT805479. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: REFERENCE SPEC SITREP #104, PARAGRAPH 3B. CHANGE 20 VC KIA TO READ 20 NVA KIA.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

867

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32 USMC KIA	221 NVA KIA
234 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
[illegible] " MEC KIA	3 " [illegible]
12 " MEC EVAC	117 VC KIA
3 " MEC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 IEN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 UN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " [illegible]
	62 DETAINEES
	32 IEN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	31 [illegible]
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:191130Z/DIV-TT/CON313/RLM SUPVR 4/4

181120Z/DIV CONFIDENTIAL NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 182350Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

S-3	
S-3A	
ALO	
NBCDefO	
OpnChief	mow
AsstOpnChief	
AOpn/Trng	
Scol NCO	
Brg NCO	

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #106 FROM 181601H TO 182400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 181500H CO C 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT901508. WHILE MOVING INTO TREELINE TO SEARCH AREA USMC WAS SHOT BY ENEMY SNIPER FIRE FM VIC AT901509. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 AK-47 IWC, 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 782 GEAR AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

   B. 181520H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGE POINT" LOC AT805479. UNIT OBS APPROX 75 NVA LOC VIC AT805479. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 28 NVA AND 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

   C. 181600H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "EMPIRE STATE". UNIT OBS 3 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING SOUTH TO NORTH LOC AT976529. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

869

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO C CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC AT9051. CO D CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9350. CO A CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9453. H&S CO MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

2/5 - CONDUCTS TRAINING. PREPARES TO DEPLOY AND CHOP TO FIRST MARINES.

3/5 - BN HQ, CO I, CO K, AND CO L PREPARES TO DEPLOY AND CHOP TO FIRST MARINES.

CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

32 USMC KIA	232 NVA KIA
205 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	15 " POW
1 " NEC KIA	3 " NTNE
12 " NEC EVAC	117 VC KIA
3 " NEC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " NTNE
	68 DETAINEES
	32 INN CIV
	11 CIV DET
	32 IWC
	5 CSWS

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

CP-4
BT

TOD:191130Z/DIV-TT/CCN3155/RLM

SUP VR

182350Z CONFIDENTIAL NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

OR 190050Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR [illegible]

DRAFTER: [illegible] MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - CP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn /Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
VHF		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #107 FROM 190001H TO 190600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 182230H 1/5 BN CP DEF POSIT LOC AT927528. UNIT REC'D 3 60MM RDS AND 1 M-79 RD. UNIT OBS MORTAR SITE AND FIRED 90 RDS 81MM HE. UNIT OBS SECONDARY EXPLOSION WHICH BURNED FOR APPROX 20 MIN.

   B. 190350H 1/5 CO C SQD LP LOC AT910516. UNIT DETECTED MOVEMENT FM THE NE AND REC'D 30 RDS AK-47 FROM EST 20 ENEMY RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH CLAYMORES AND M-26 GREN, AND RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND SPOOKY WAS WORKING THE AREA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #106.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	252 NVA KIA	68 DETAINEES
209 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC 6	32 INN CIV
31 " WIA MINOR 9	13 " POW 12	11 CIV DEF
1 " NBC KIA 11	3 " NTNE	32 IWC
12 " NBC NTNE 10	120 VC KIA	5 CSWC
3 " NBC MINOR 9	1 " KIA DISC	
1 [illegible] WIA EVAC 11	4 " POW	
1 [illegible] FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " NTNE	

GP-4
BT

TOR:191130Z/DI[illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

SUPVR: [signature]

190030Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT/

NOV68

868

DECLASSIFIED

TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTED: S-3 MAJ J. P. CODY

RELEASED:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	ACTION
S-3	X	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mod	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

BT
CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #108 FROM 190601H TO 191200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #106.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 190350H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C SQD LP LOC AT910516. ADD 2 USMC WIA MVAC TO LINE C AND SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 5 ADDITIONAL VC KIA, 5 AK-47'S, 1 .30 CAL. HOLSTER, 10 CHICOM GREN, AND NUMEROUS MAPS.

   B. 190350H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C SQD LP LOC AT910516. DELETE 2 USMC WIA MVAC REPORTED ON PREVIOUS FOLLOW UP REPORT AND CHANGE THE 5 VC KIA TO 5 NVA KIA. ALSO AFTER UNIT COMPLETED SEARCH OF AREA HAD ACCUMULATED ASSORTED 782 GEAR, DOCUMENTS, MEDICAL GEAR, AND 10 AK-47 MAGAZINES. CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR INCIDENT ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA MVAC, 3 VC KIA, 5 NVA KIA, AND 5 AK-47'S CAPTURED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #106.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33	USMC KIA	257	NVA KIA	69	DETAINEES
209	" WIA MVAC	6	" KIA DISC	32	INN CIV
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW	11	CIV DEF
1	" NBC KIA	3	" MTME	37	IWC
12	" NBC MVAC	120	VC KIA	5	CSWC
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC		
1	USN WIA MVAC	4	" POW		
1	VN FORCES WIA MVAC	1	" MTME		

OP-4
BT
190445Z

TOD:191130Z/DIV-TT/CCN319/RLM

SUPVR
NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL
//HAS BEEN SENT///

870

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENT

OR 191103Z NOV68

5-3

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

S-3	[signature]	
S-3A		
ILO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
FedOpnChief		
Opn / Trng		
Sgt NCO		
Eng NCO		
FILE		

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #109 FROM 191201H TO 191800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527 2/5 BN AT873473 3/5 (-) AT873473
CO A AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO B AT873473
CO C AT909517
CO D AT930505

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #106.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 190350H FOLLOW UP CO C 1/5 SQD LP LOC AT910516. AFTER WOUNDED MEN WERE EVACED, A SEARCH FOR THEIR MACHINE GUN SHOWED IT TO BE MISSING AND PRESUMED CAPTURED. A THOROUGH SEARCH IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED.

B. 191045H H&S CO 1/5 PLAT BRIDGE SEC LOC AT926525. SECTION LEADER AFTER REPRIMANDING MAN FOR LOADING PISTOL IN SECURE AREA, TOOK IT FROM HIM AND PROCEEDED TO CLEAR WPN. PISTOL DISCHARGED WOUNDING ANOTHER MARINE. RES: 1 USMC NBC EVAC. INVESTIGATION BEING HELD.

C. 191315H CO C 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT902508. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. MED-EVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.

D. 191330H CO C 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT927523. USMC DET CONCUSSION TYPE GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACED BY VEHICLE TO REGT CP.

E. 191435H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGE POINT". UNIT OBS APPROX 55 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST LOC AT804483. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 33 NVA KIA AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

F. 191625H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGE POINT". UNIT OBS 35 VC MOVING IN OPEN LOC AT803485. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 23 VC.

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

CONFIDENT

866

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33	USMC KIA	280	NVA KIA
211	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
31	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
13	" NBC EVAC	143	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
		68	DETAINEES
		32	INN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		37	INC
		5	CSMC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD: 191410Z/DIV-TT/CCN330/RLM
SUPVR

191103Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: G-3 MAJ J. F. COLY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

REFERENCE:
PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn C/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Trng NCO		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #118 FROM 191801H TO 192400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE S FAST AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO C CONDUCTS PATROLS AM AMBUSHES VIC AT9051. CO D CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9350. CO A CONTINUES S AND C VIC AT9453. H&S CO MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH.

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

   2/5 AND 3/5 - CHOP TO FIRST MARINES 200800H NOV 68.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	280 NVA KIA	68 DETAINEES
211 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC	32 INN CIV
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW	11 CIV DEF
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE	37 IWC
13 " NBC EVAC	143 VC KIA	5 CSWC
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC	
1 USN WIA EVAC	" POW	
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE	

CONFIDENTIAL

TOD: 192030Z/DIV-TT/CSN33/RLM
SUPVR

GP-4
BT

887

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 192303Z NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: FIRST MAR DIV
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Actio
S-3	JC	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn - Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #111 FROM 200001H TO 200600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO C AT890509 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #110.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	280 NVA KIA
211 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
31 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
13 " NBC EVAC	143 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
	68 DETAINEES
	32 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	37 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:200515Z/DIV-TT/CCN335ZDRF SUPVR [signature]

192303Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

913

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

2008402 [illegible] V68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

CONFIDENTIAL

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #112 FROM 200601H TO 201200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #110.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 192130H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT865475. UNIT REC'D 5 INCOMING 82MM FM ENEMY LOC AT854486 AND AT895458. NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS EXECUTED WITH 200 RDS 105MM. ENEMY CEASED FIRE.

B. 200445H 1/5 CO C CO DEF POSIT LOC AT891514. USMC WAS HIT BY FALLING PIECE OF 4.2 ILL CANISTER RESULTING IN BROKEN SHIN BONE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND INVESTIGATION BEING HELD.

C. 200945H 1/5 CO C SQD S&C LOC AT898508. USMC DET UNKNOWN TYPE SUR EX DEVICE. USMC TREATED BY CORPSMAN AND UNIT CON'T MSN. RES: 1 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CHANGE TO READ 290 NVA KIA VICE 280 NVA KIA.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. 2/5 AND 3/5 CHOPPED TO FIRST MAR AT 200800H NOV 1968.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #110.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

912

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA
211 " WIA EVAC
32 " WIA MINOR
1 " NBC KIA
14 " NBC EVAC
3 " NBC MINOR
1 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

250 NVA KIA
6 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
3 " RTNS
143 VC KIA
1 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " RTNS
68 DETAINEES
32 INN CIV
11 CIV DEP
37 IWC
5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD: 201446Z/DIV-TT/CCN345/RLM

SUPVR

200846Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	96	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AssOpnChief		
AOpn/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

O R 201117Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #113 FROM 201201H TO 201800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527 CO I AT897468
CO A AT927527
CO C AT909515
CO D AT930505
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #110.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 201300H CO C 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT909515. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 MALE VN WHO WERE IN POSSESSION OF TWO TOLLS OF TRIP WIRE. MEN

PAGE TWO KUMHLA 0349 C O N F I D E N T I A L
TRIED TO HIDE FROM PATROL. 2 DETAINEES FWD TO REGT CP.
B. 201500H CO D 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT918513. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACED TO 1/5 CP BY VEHICLE.
C. 201500H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "TURF CLUB". UNIT CAME UNDER HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM APPROX 30 NVA LOC AT879354. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN AND MARINE FIXED WING AIR STRIKES KILLING 11 NVA. UNIT ALSO CAPTURED 1 AK-47 IWC. UNIT WAS EXTRACTED AFTER CONTACT.
D. 201600H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGE POINT". UNIT OBS 25 NVA LOC AT803485. 15 NVA WERE DIGGING TRENCHES. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA AND RESULTING IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: FIFTH MARINES CHOPPED 2/5 AND 3/5 TO FIRST MARINES 200800H NOV 68.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

911

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE RUHHLA 0349 C O N F I D E N T I A L
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	306 NVA KIA
212 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
32 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	143 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
	70 DETINEES
	32 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	38 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 2016482/DIV-TT/CON349/RLM

SUPVR

6 NOV68

..
2011177

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NNNN

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn...		
...		
Rnd		

OR 201634Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #114 FROM 201801H TO 202400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 201630H CO D 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT909501. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE RIGGED AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 2 USMC WIA EVACED TO REGT CP BY VEHICLE.

   B. 201750H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 35 NVA MOVING SE LOC AT825495. ENEMY CARRIED PACKS, RIFLES AND 82MM MTR TUBE. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 10 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH AND CONDUCTS LIMITED PATROLS. CO C CORDONS PHU NHUAN (8) FOR SEARCH BY RF CO 116. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN CHAU PHONG AREA (AT9350).

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

931

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33	USMC KIA	316	NVA KIA
214	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
32	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RPRS
14	" NBC EVAC	143	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RPRS
		70	DETAINEES
		32	INN CIV
		11	CIV DMP
		38	IWC
		9	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

OP-4
BT

TOD: 201748Z/DIV-TT/CCN356/RLM

SUPVR

201634Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

//HAS BEEN SENT//

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

	INFO	Action
S-3	GH	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mw	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn . Trng		
Seal NCO		
Rng NCO		

Hold

CONFIDENTIAL

DTG 202316Z NOV 68
FM:FIFTH MAR
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #115 FROM 210001H TO
210600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0358 C O N F I D E N T I A L
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #114.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	316 NVA KIA
214 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
32 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	143 VC KIA
3 NBC WIA MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
	70 DETAINEES
	32 INN CIV
	11 INN CIV
	38 IWC
	5 CSWC

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT

927

TOD:211531Z/DIV-TT/CON358/RMM

SUPVR

202316Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

OK 210420Z NOV 68

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: J F Cody
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOcn - Trng		
Scol NCO		
[illegible]		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #116 FROM 210601H TO 211200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #114.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #114.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	316 NVA KIA
214 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
32 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	143 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
	70 DETAINEES
	32 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	38 IWC
	5 CSWC

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4
BT

928

TOD:211445Z/DIV-TT/CCN360/RMM SUPVR [illegible]

210420Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #117 FROM 211201H TO 211800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT927527
CO C AT910516
CO D AT924506
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #114.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 201300H FOLLOW UP CO C 1/5 PPT LOC AT909515. 2 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.
B. 211310H CAP 2-9-1 LOC AT889494. UNIT WHILE CONDUCTING SWEEP REC'D

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NSCO/CO		
[illegible]		
Asst [illegible]		
Opns Sgt		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

Hold

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE TWO TB36 365 C O N F I D E N T I A L
S/A FIRE AND 50 CAL FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT885473. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN AND RET'D S/A FIRE. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 10 VC KIA, NUMEROUS TRENCHES, FIGHTING HOLES AND MORTAR SITES.
C. 211220H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 21 NVA MOVING EAST INTO TREELINE LOC AT812496. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 6 NVA AND DESTROYING ONE STRUCTURE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	322 NVA KIA
214 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
32 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	153 VC KIA

PAGE THREE TB36 365 C O N F I D E N T I A L

3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
	70 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	38 [illegible] WC
	5 [illegible] WC

CONFIDENTIAL

GP-4

929

TOD:211440/DIV-TT/CON365/FMM SUPVR [illegible]

2110503

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

Hold

	Dir	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Bng NCO		

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 211756Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #118 FROM 211801H TO
212400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 211055H CAP 2-9-1 LOC AT918513. UNIT FOUND M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RD DESTROYED IN PLACE.
B. 211815H FIRST RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 15 VC MOVING EAST LOC AT805554. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 5 VC.
C. 211530H CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT916523. PF'S FROM CAP 2-9-1 FOUND 1000 LBS RICE AND APPRHENDE 1 FEMALE DETAINEE AS VC SUSPECT. RICE

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0368 C O N F I D E N T I A L
AND DETAINEE TURNED OVER TO CO C. FWD TO REGT CP FOR CLASS.
D. 212230H CO C 1/5 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT910515. UNIT REC'D 6-7 RDS B-40 ROCKET RDS AND SPORATIC S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT903515. UNIT RET'D A/W, S/A FIRE AND CALLED MARINE 81 MM MSN AND MARINE ARTY MSN. RES: 1 VC KIA: 1 USMC WIA MINOR.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH AND CONDUCTS LIMITED PATROLS. CO C CORDONS PHU NHUAN (8) FOR SEARCH BY RF CO 116. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN CHAU PHONG AREA (AT9350).
CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
33 USMC KIA 322 NVA KIA

CONFIDENTIAL

930

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0368 C O N F I D E N T I A L

214 USMC WIA EVAC
33 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
14 USMC NBC EVAC
3 USMC NBC MINOR
1 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

6 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RTNE
159 VC KIA
1 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW
1 VC RTNE
71 DETAINEES
34 INN CIV
11 CIV DEF
38 IWC
5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:211810Z/DIV-TT/CON368/RHM SUPVR

211756Z

CONFIDENTIAL NOV 68

NNN

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	JC	
S-3A		
ALO		
NECDefO		
OpnChief	mod	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

O R 212331Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #119 FROM 220001H TO
220600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 212101H TO 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT924506. UNIT REC'D 3 RDS 60MM, 200 RDS AK-47 AND 5 INCOMING GREN FM THE SOUTHEASZ FM UNKNOWN ENEMY SITE. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, 60MM AND 81MM MORTAR MSNS. ENEMY FIRE CEASED.
B. 212200H - 220330H AN HOA COMBAT BASE DEF POSIT LOC AT875475. ENEMY FORCES COMMENCED ATTACK WITH 60MM MORTARS, GRENS AND S/A

PAGE TWO RUMMLA 0369 C O N F I D E N T I A L
EAST SIDE OF PERIMETER WAS HIT BY GROUND FORCES. ENEMY MADE SECONDARY ATTACK ON CAP 2-9-1 APPROX 2335H EMPLOYING HEAVY A/W FIRE. SPOOKY WAS CALLED ON STATION AT THAT TIME PROVIDING SUPPRESSIVE FIRE FOR BOTH AN HOA AND CAP 2-9-1. A REACTION FORCE OF (2) TANKS, (3) LVT'S AND LINE PLAT DEPLOYED TO CAP 2-9-1 AT 220115H TO RESUPLLY AMMO WITH (2) HUEY GUNSHIPS IN DIRECT SUPPORT. AT0245H AN HOA REC'D (7) RDS 57 RECOILESS FIRE FIRECTED AT EAST SIDE OF PERIMETER. MAR ARTY, 4.2 MM. SPOOKY GUNSHIPS, HUEYS AND S/A WERE EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CONTACT AND (9) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. ENEMY CASUALTIES AS YET UNDETERMINED. A SWEEP WILL BE CONDUCTED AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: 3 USMC WIA MINOR AND 1 PF WIA MINOR.
CC. 220200H RF UNIT 116 SQD AMB LOC AT908523. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE AND INCOMING GREN FM EST 2-4 ENEMY. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W AND M-26 GREN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA AND 1 SKS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

CONFIDENTIAL

959

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0369 C O N F I D E N T I A L
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SSITREP #118.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

33 USMC KIA	323 NVA KIA
214 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
36 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	159 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	71 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:220832Z/DIV-TT/CON369/DRF SUPVR

2123317Z C O N F I D E N T A I L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

OR 220722Z NOV 68 380

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
DISC:

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASS

ACTION - OPINIONED		
INFO	INFO	Action
S-3	CONFIDENTIAL	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
LOpnC/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #120 FROM 220601H TO 221200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #118.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 212101H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT924506. UNIT REC'D SPORADIC S/A FIRE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND AT 220500H REC'D 8 RDS 60FM MORTARS RESULTING IN 3 USMC EVAC. UNIT CALLED IN MAR 81MM MSN AND MAR ARTY MSN AND REQUESTED FIXED WING AT FIRST LIGHT. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

B. 220615H RF UNIT 116 LOC AT914518. RF UNIT IN HEAVY CONTACT AT 220418H. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN THROUGH 1/5 CO C FO. USA LT WAS ADJUSTING AND ADJUSTED 7 TIMES BEFORE HE CALLED A FIRE FOR EFFECT. 3 RDS LANDED ON TARGET AND 3 RDS IMPACTED 100-125 METERS SHORT LANDING IN RF CP RESULTING IN 4 RF KIA, 3 RF WIA EVAC, 1 USMC WIA EVAC AND 1 USA WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC AND INVESTIGATION IS BEING HELD.

C. 220800H RF UNIT 116 LOC AT914518. UNIT SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT AND FOUND 6 NVA KIA AND 2 AK-47'S. UNIT CONTINUED SEARCH OF AREA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

958

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #118.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	329 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
36 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NEC KIA	3 " RETN
14 " NEC EVAC	159 VC KIA
3 " NEC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USA WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " RETN
4 VN FORCES KIA	71 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC
	5 CSWC

PAGE 3

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

OP-4
BT

TOD:2211452/DIV-TT/CGN380/FMM SUPVR

2207252 CONFIDENTIAL NOV 68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	Mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpnO, Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

O R 221105Z NO 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #121 FROM 221201H TO
221800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: /5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT927527
CO C AT890508
CO D AT924506
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #118.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 220200H (FOLLOW UP) RF 116 LOC AT908523. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 12 ADDITIONAL NVA KIA AND MISC 782 GEAR.
B. 221315H CO D 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT910498. UNIT FOUND 81MM RD

PAGE TWO TB36 384 C O N F I D E N T I A L
SET WITH TRIP WIRE AND (1) HOME MADE SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE MADE WITH A TIN CAN FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVE LOC AT ABOVE COORD. BOTH DESTROYED IN PLACE.
C. 221615H CO C 1/5 CO S&C LOC AT890505. UNIT OBS 4 NVA WITH WPNS LOC AT890502. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. SWEPT AREA AND APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE AS VC SUSPECT. DET FWD TO CP FOR CLASS BY ITT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	341 NVA KIA
218 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
36 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	159 VC KIA

CONFIDENTIAL

960

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIA

PAGE THREE TB36 384 C O N F I D E N T I A L

3 USMC NEC MINOR
1 USN WIA EVAC
1 USA WIA EVAC
4 VN FORCES KIA
4 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

1 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW
1 VC RTNE
72 DETAINEES
34 INN CIV
11 CIV DEF
41 IWC
5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD: 221455Z/DIV-TT/CCN012/RVM SUPV

CONFIDENTIA

221105Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

NNNN

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

S-3	
S-3A	
ALO	
UBCDsO	
Chaplain	
Asst. Chief	
AO & Trng	
Scol NCO	
Rng NCO	
FILE	

O R 221533Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #122 FROM 221801H TO
222400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO A AT928536, CO C AT891511, CO D AT928505
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0385C O N F I D E N T I A L
5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH AND CONDUCTS LIMITED PATROLS. CO C CONDUCTS SEARCH FOR ENEMY GRAVES VIC AT8850. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN CHAU PHONG AREA (AT9350).
CO 1 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	341 NVA KIA
218 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
36 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	159 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0385 C O N F I D E N T I A L
5 CSWC
GP-4
BT

CONFIDENTIAL

TOD:221630Z/DIV-TT/CCN017/RMM SUPVR

221533Z 967 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBC-SIO		
[illegible]		
Asst. [illegible]		
[illegible]		
Sgt. [illegible]		
Rng. [illegible]		
FILE		

[illegible] 222256Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #123 FROM 230001H TO 230600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 222215H AN HOA COMBAT BASE DEF POSIT LOC AT875462. WHILE TRAVELING FROM GERMAN QUARTERS TO GERMAN HOSPITAL, VEHICLE WAS AMBUSHED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. AMBUSH INITITATED BY SATCHEL CHARGE THROWN INTO VEHICLE SERIOUSLY INJURING TWO GERMAN OCCUPANTS. REACTION FORCE OF AN LVT WITH ONE RIFLE SQUAD AND COVERED BY FIXED POSITIONS ALONG THE ROUTE, WAS DISPATCHED TO RECOVER THE WOUNDED.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0388 C O N F I D E N T I A L
GERMANS WERE TAKEN TO BAS AND EMERGENCY MEDEVAC WAS CALLED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAISN PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #122.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	341 NVA KIA
218 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
36 USMC WIA MINOR	[illegible] NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	159 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0388 C O N F I D E N T I A L
41 IWC
5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD 230516Z/DIV-TT/CCN388/DRF SUPVR [illegible]

222256Z C O N F I D E N T I A L

974

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 230715Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S 3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
Bng CO		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #124 FROM 230601H TO 231200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #122.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 212230H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C DEF POSIT LOC AT910515. CHANGE 1 VC KIA TO READ 1 NVA KIA.

   B. 230800H 1/5 CO D CP LOC AT925507. UNIT FOUND AMMO CAN CONTAINING 1 RUSSIAN FLAG, 1 PROPAGANDA POSTER, TAX RECORDS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO BN S-2.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #122.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	342 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
36 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	159 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC
	5 CSWC

CONFIDENTIAL

972

BT

TOD:231200Z/DIV-TT/CCN395/RMM SUPVR [initials]

230715Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. COEY

RELEASER:

PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCUsfO		
OpnChf		
AsstOpnChief		
[illegible]		
[illegible] NCO		
Rng NCO		
[illegible]		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #125 FROM 231201H TO 231800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT928536
CO C AT891511
CO D AT920505

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #122.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 231530H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 VC LOC AT835545. CALLED MAR ARTY MEN KILLING 3 VC AND DESTROYING BUNKER.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 6 FEET 5 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING ~~[illegible]~~ CLOSED. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	342 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
36 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	161 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:231315Z/DIV-TT/CON401/RMM

SUPVR

CONFIDENTIAL

231150Z 973 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DTG
OR 231601Z
NOV 68

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR.

RELEASER: J F Cody
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

S-3A
ALO
JBCDeO

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #126 FROM 231801H TO 232400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 231725H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 NVA MOVING EAST IN OPEN LOC AT821486 CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 6 FEET 5 INCHES AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS CLOSED. ROAD FROM AN HOATO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO C CONDUCTS SWEEP EAST AND NORTH FROM PHU NHUAN TO LIB BRIDGE. RELIEVES CO A OF SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO A CONDUCTS SWEEP EAST FROM LIB BRIDGE TO CU BAN, ESTABS CPB AND CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. CO D SWEEPS WEST FROM CHAU PHONG TO PHU NHUAN, ESTABS CPB AND CONDUCTS AMBUSHES AND PATROLS.

CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34	USMC KIA	345	NVAKIA
218	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
36	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
14	" NBC EVAC	161	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	USA WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
4	VN FORCES KIA	72	DETAINEES
4	" " WIA EVAC	34	INN CIV
1	" " WIA MINOR	11	CIV DEF
		41	IWC
		5	CSWC

TOD:231902Z/DIVETT/
CCN405/RLM
SUPVR
231601Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//WAS BEEN SENT//

GP-4
BT

968

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:
PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
MBCDSO		
OpnOp	Mow	
AssiOpnOp		
AOpn		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #127 FROM 240001H TO 240600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 232200H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT875475. ENEMY FORCE OF NVA AND VC ENTERED MAU CHANH (2) LOC AT890473 AND SET FIRE TO THE HOUSES. HAMLET PRESENTLY BURNING AND LOCAL POPULACE EVACUATING. UNIT CALLED FOR SPOOKY. SPOOKY ON STATION AT 2245 COVERING AREA. UNIT REQUESTED CLEARANCE FOR MARTARTY AND WILL FIRE AS REQUIRED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #126.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	345 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
36 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	161 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC
	5 CSWC

20

GP-4
BT

TOD:240005Z/DIV-TT/CCN406/DRF SUPVR: Cw

232306Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: FIRST MAR DIV
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:
PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPAC SITREP #128 FROM 240601H TO 241200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON MILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPAC SITREP #126.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 232200H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT875475 (FOLLOW UP). PATROL SEARCHED VILLAGE LOC AT890473. REPORTED 1 STRUCTURE DESTROYED BY FIRE AND RICE HUSKING MACHINE DESTROYED BY FIRE. FIRE CAUSED BY VC/NVA WHO WARNED VILLAGERS TO LEAVE VILLAGE. THE VC/NVA FURTHER THREATENED THE PEOPLE WITH MORE DESTRUCTION UNLESS THEY GREATER ASSISTED ENEMY FORCES. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. 5TH MARINES UNABLE TO REACT DUE TO LACK OF FORCES.

B. 232330H 1/5 CO D SQD CBT PAT LOC AT925509. WHILE ENROUTE TO AMB SITE, UNIT OBS 9-12 ENEMY WITH WPNS MOVING TOWARD THEM. UNIT SET UP AMB AND TOOK AN MY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A AND LAAWS. ENEMY INTO FIELD. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 2 VC KIA AND NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS.

C. 240145H 1/5 CO C PLT AMB LOC AT891512. UNIT OBS ENEMY FORCE MOVING SOUTHWEST INTO KILLING ZONE. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH CLAYMORES AND REC'D 5 RDS B-40 AND S/A FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND FLARE-SHIP WAS CALLED ON STATION. AREA OF CONTACT WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. 240145H 1/5 CO C PLAT AMB LOC AT891512. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 9 NVA KIA, ASSORTED NVA 782 GEAR, CHICOM GRENADES, AND NUMEROUS DRAG MARKS. RES: 1 USMC WIA MINOR AND 9 NVA KIA.

E. 240930H RECON INSERT "STATION BRAKE" LOC AT824454. UNIT OBS 6 ENEMY MOVING WEST IN OPEN. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

F. 241000H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 5 VC WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST IN VILLAGE LOC AG209553. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 VC AND DESTROYING 7 STRUCTURES.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

21

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE FALLING AND RISING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPLO SITREP #126.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	255 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
37 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " USMC KIA	3 " RPRD
14 " USMC EVAC	164 VC KIA
3 " USMC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RPRD
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 IRN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 KIA
	5 CSUS

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

CP-4
MP

TOD: 241525Z/DIV-TT/CON413/DRF SUPVR

241525Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL 07

OR 241143Z NOV68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3	[initials]	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDetC		
OpnChief	Mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #129 FROM 241201H TO 241800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT953526
CO C AT926528
CO D AT915519

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #126.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 241300H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 NVA WITH PACKS & RIFLES MOVING EAST LOC AT812496. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

B. 241600H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 NVA WITH PACKS & RIFLES MOVING EAST LOC AT811496. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS CLOSED. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	358 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
37 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	164 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USN WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	41 IWC
	[illegible]

19

CP-4
BT
241143Z

TOD:241145Z/DIV-TT/CCN416/DRF SUPVR/C

CONFIDENTIAL

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 241136 NOV 1968

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	now	
AstOpnChief		
OpnTrng		
NCO		
CO		

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CORY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMEDIATE
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #130 FROM 241801H TO 242400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 232200H (FOLLOW UP) AN HOA COMBAT BASE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALS ONE ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE DESTROYED BY FIRE AND THREE PARTIALLY DESTROYED. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 25-30 STRUCTURES IN THE HAMLET. THERE WERE NO KNOWN CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. INTERVIEW OF CAP 2-9-1 PERSONNEL REVEALED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF THE FIRE BEING FRIENDLY INITIATED. 5TH MARINES DID NOT PLACE ANY FIRES OF ANY TYPE IN MAU CHANH (2) OR IMMEDIATE VICINITY DURING THE NIGHT OF 23 NOV, THOUGH THE DUC DUC DISTRICT CHIEF CLEARED THAT AREA FOR FRIENDLY FIRES. RESIDENTS OF MAU CHANH (2) WERE INTERVIEWED AT 241500H AND REVEALED THE FOLLOWING. APPROX 15 VC WERE IN THE HAMLET ON THE 23RD OF NOV AND SET FIRE TO THE RICE MILL. VC HAD THREATENED TO HARRASS AN HOA AND GENERAL VICINITY FOR 26 DAYS COMMENCING 21 NOV. MAJORITY OF VN STATE THAT THEY GO INTO THEIR BUNKERS AT NIGHT AND THEREFORE KNOW NOTHING. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT, VILLAGERS BEGAN LEAVING THE HAMLET AT ABOUT 231800H PASSING BY CAP 2-9-1 ON THE WAY OUT. VILLAGERS WHO HAD RETURNED TO MAU CHANH (2) DENIED HAVING LEFT.

B. 241745H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 60 VC/NVA MOVING NE CARRYING PACKS AND WPNS AND WORE HELMETS LOC AT819502. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 18 NVA AND 2 VC.

C. 242015H CO A 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT929504. UNIT FOUND M-16 RIFLE WHICH WAS IN WORKING CONDITION. WPN TO BE FORWARDED TO REGT CP.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

36

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

SR 241152 NOV68

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

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS CLOSED. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).

CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	376 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
37 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NSC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NSC EVAC	166 VC KIA
3 " NSC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 IDN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEP
	41 IWC
	5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:241712Z/DIV-TT/CCN420/DRF SUPVR

241135Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	Info	Action
S-3	A	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns Trng		

OR 242310Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ JNCP CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #131 FROM 250001H TO 250600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 8 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE TIRES CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #130.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34	USMC KIA	376	NVA KIA
218	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
37	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
14	" NBC EVAC	166	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	USA WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
4	VN FORCES KIA	72	DETAINEES
4	" " WIA EVAC	34	INN CIV
1	" " MINOR (WIA)	11	CIV DEF
		41	INC
		5	CSWC

TOD: 250040Z/DIV-TT/CCN421
RQM SUPVR

37

GP-4 242310Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
BT
/HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	Info	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AO in Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

O R 250445Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #132 FROM 250601H TO 251200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #130.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CHANGE TO READ 42 IWC VICE 41 IWC.
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE IS CLOSED.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0424 C O N F I D E N T I A L
E. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE CLOSED DUE TO WASHOUT LOC VIC AT910480.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #130.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	376 NVA KIA
218 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
37 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	166 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
1 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	42 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:250550Z/DIV-TT/CCN:424/JTH

SUPVR

250445Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
/HAS BEEN SENT/

NNNNE 38

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

S3	R	
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

OR 251007Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #133 FROM 251201H TO 251800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #130.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 251100H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 13 NVA MOVING SOUTHWEST ON TRAIL LOC AT819502. ENEMY ARMED WITH RIFLES AND WEARING PACKS. UNIT CALLED MAR ATRY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

   B. 251220H 3/5 CO M DEF POSIT LOC AT910480. ENGINEERS FROM AN HOA REPAIRED WASHED OUT SECTION OF ROAD MAKING IT PASSABLE FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE.

   C. 251655H MAYFLY AERIAL OBSERVER. AO IN SUPPORT OF 5TH MAR OBS 5 NVA ON TRAIL LOC AT200453. AO CALLED FOR AND DIRECTED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RISING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

39

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34	USMC KIA	378	NVA KIA
238	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
37	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
14	" NBC EVAC	166	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	USA WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
4	VN FORCES KIA	72	DETAINEES
4	" " WIA EVAC	34	INN CIV
1	" " WIA MINOR	11	CIV DEF
		42	IWC
		5	USMC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:251805Z/DIV-TT/CCN428/DRF SUPVR

251007Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: [illegible]
TO: CG FMFPAC and MAF

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

HANDLING: —> MAF Jo, D, CINC

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION -- CG 3.3
INFO -- AC/S 3.3A
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	Info	Action
3.3		
3.3A		
ALO		
WBCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
Opn. Trng		
Scol NCO		
Mag NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MARINES SPOT SITREP #134 FROM 251800H TO 252400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS REMAINED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 251810H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 18 NVA WITH PACKS AND WPNS MOVING NE LOC AT812496. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND RISING.
   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION TAPE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34	USMC KIA	383	NVA KIA
218	" WIA EVAC	6	" KIA DISC
37	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" MPMS
14	" NBC EVAC	166	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	1	" KIA DISC
1	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	USA WIA EVAC	1	" MPMS
4	VN FORCES KIA	72	DETAINEES
4	" " WIA EVAC	34	KIA CIV
1	" " WIA MINOR	11	CIV DET
		42	[illegible]
		3	[illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

ET TOD: 251805Z/DIV-TT/CON432/DRF SUPVR [signature] 62

251610Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 252240Z NOV 68

TOD: 260902Z

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn . Trng		
Scol NCO		
Eng NCO		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #135 FROM 260001H TO 260600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES WITH SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 260230M CO D 1/5 CO SQD AMB LOC AT914508. UNIT REC'D 2 INCOMING GRENADES. UNIT RET'D 5 M-26 GRENADES AND CALLED 81MM ILLUM MSN. RES: 1 USN WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #134.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	383 NVA KIA
218 " WIA EVAC	6 " KIA DISC
37 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	166 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 USA WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
4 VN FORCES KIA	72 DETAINEES
4 " " WIA EVAC	34 INN CIV
1 " " WIA MINOR	11 CIV DEF
	42 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT
252240Z

TOD:260902Z/DIV-TT/CCN433/RLM SUPVR

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

CONFIDENTIAL

61

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

R 260443Z NOV 68
M/FIFTH MAR
O RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
MFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
EN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
EN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
T
C O N F I D E N T I A L
IFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #136 FROM 260060H TO
61200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW
IFTH MARINES SPEC #134.
. CONTACTS:
. 212200H TO 220330H (FOLLOW UP) AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT875475.
O 28 VC KIA. NO CASUALTY FIGURES OF ORIGINAL SPOTREP.
. 220200H, 220615H, 220800H (FOLLOW UP) RF UNIT 116 LOC AT908523
NO AT914518. DELETE FM OPERATION HENDERSON HILL THE FOLLOWING
RIENDLY AND ENEMY CASUALTIES FOR THE ABOVE DTG'S: 4 RF KIA, 3
F WIA EVAC, 1 USA WIA EVAC, 19 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47'S, AND 1 SKS.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0438 C O N F I D E N T I A L
. 260725H RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT LOC AT796528. UNIT OBS 11 ENEMY
OVING WEST IN OPEN LOC AT802485. UNIT CALLED IN MAR ARTY MSN
ILLING 2 NVA.
. 260910H RECON INSERT LUNGA POINT LOC AT796528. UNIT OBS 2 ENEMY
N BOAT ROWING SOUTH LOC AT796542. UNIT CALLED TARGET TO GUNSHIP
N AREA WHO IMMED TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH A/W. GUNSHIP DEST-
OYED BOAT AND KILLED 2 VC.
. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA
O LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
PEC SITREP #134.
. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	366 NVA KIA
218 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
37 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTE

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

14 USMC NBC EVAC	189 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	72 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT
260443Z

TOR: 260605Z/DIV-TT/OCN: 438/JTH

C O N F I D E N T I A L
HAS BEEN SENT

SUPVR
NOV 68

NNNN

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 261003Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT

COMMNOTE: CORRECTED COPY. COPY PREV DIST AS UNCLAS. PLS DESTROY ALL OTHERS.

C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #137 FROM 261201H TO 261800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT941515
CO D AT912514
CO C AT928536
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #134.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 260945H CO D 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT901509. UNIT FOUND 155 ROUND SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. ALSO, USMC DET

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0442 C O N F I D E N T I A L
60MM RD SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. 155 RD DESTROYED IN PLACE AND MEDEVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.
B. 261130H CO A 1/5 PLT CMB PTL LOC AT963521. UNIT FOUND 4 MAPS OF AN HOA AREA BELIEVED TO BE ENEMY ARTY REGISTRATION. ALSO FOUND MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS. ALL DOCUMENTS FWD TO REGT S-2.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	366 NVA KIA
219 USMC WIA EVAC	6 NVA KIA DISC
37 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	183 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	VC KIA DISC

111

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0442 C O N F I D E N T I A L

2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	72 DETAINEES
	34 INN ICIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:261035Z/DIV-TT/CON443/RLM

SUPVR [signature] NOV68

261003Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 261610Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3-3 MAJ J. BODY
RELEASER: ALO
PREC: NECTICO - OP IMMED
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3-3 MAJ J. BODY		
S-3A		
ALO		
NECTICO - OP IMMED		
CINFO - ROUTINE		
CONFIDENTIAL		
AOon - Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #138 FROM 261801H TO 262400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 261715H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT FOUND 2 NVA KIA DISCOVERED LOC AT799531. NVA HAD BEEN KILLED BY M-79 RDS APPROX 5 DAYS EARLIER. UNIT CONTINUED MSN.

   B. 261730H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 9 NVA MOVING SE THROUGH OPEN AREA LOC AT803484. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

   C. 261815H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 4 NVA MOVING SE INTO TREELINE LOC AT810475. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA. KILLS CONFIRMED BY ANOTHER RECON INSERT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 4 INCHES AND RISING SLOWLY.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

110

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA
219 " WIA MVAC
37 " WIA MINOR
1 " NSC KIA
14 " NSC MVAC
3 " NSC MINOR
2 USN WIA MV.C
1 VN FORCES WIA MVAC
1 " " WIA MINOR

371 NVA KIA
8 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
3 " RTRN
189 VC KIA
1 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " RTRN
72 DETAINEES
34 INN CIV
11 CIV DEF
39 IWC
5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
MT

TOD:261836Z/DIV-TT/CON444/DRF SUPVR

261610Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 262240Z NOV 68

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO	TOD: 270030Z	
NBCDelO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief	CODY	
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
[illegible]		
INFO = ROUTINE		

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: [illegible]
RELEASER:
PREC: [illegible]
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #139 FROM 270001H TO 270600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 4 INCHES AND HOLDING.
   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #138.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	371 NVA KIA
219 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
37 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	189 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	1 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
1 " " WIA MINOR	72 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4 TOD:270030Z/DIV-TT/CON446/RLM
BT

SUPVR [signature]

262240Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

CONFIDENTIAL

109

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	C	
ALO		
NBC Def O		
Opn Ch		
Ass Opn Chief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

CONFIDENTIAL

O R 270403Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #140 FROM 270601H TO
271200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO A AT942515, CO C AT928536, CO D AT912513
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IAW
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #138.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 270715H: CO D 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT905516. UNIT FOUND 155 RD
BURIED IN GROUND WITH END UP, SET WITH PRESSURE TYPE FIRING DEVICE.
RD DESTROYED IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 4 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0449 C O N F I D E N T I A L
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA
TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS
IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #138.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	371 NVA KIA
219 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
37 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	189 VC KIA
3 NBC MINOR	1 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	72 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4 TOD: 270450Z/DIV-TT/CCN449/RLM
BT

SUPVR

270403Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
/HAS BEEN SENT/

CONFIDENTIAL

108

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

[illegible]
FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PRIC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

TOD: 2[illegible]

	INFO	Action
S-3	[illegible]	X
S-3A	C	
ALO		
BCDefO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Ecol NCO		
Eng NCO		
PIO		

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #41 FROM 271201M TO 271300M NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT942515
CO C AT928536
CO D AT912513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #138.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 271030M CO D 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT904521. UNIT FOUND 1 VC KIA DISCOVERED LOC AT ABOVE COORD. ENEMY WAS KILLED BY RIFLE FIRE. BODY BURIED AND UNIT CONTINUED MSN.

B. 271145M CO D 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT904520. UNIT FOUND 81MM ROUND AND M-26 GRENADE SET TOGETHER WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

C. 271300M FIRST RECON BN INSERT "FIG NEWTON". UNIT OBS 2 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NE LOC AT806479. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

D. 271340M CO D 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT909506. USMC DET M-26 GRENADE SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACED BY VEHICLE TO AN HOA.

E. 271515M FIRST RECON BN INSERT "FIG NEWTON". UNIT OBS 11 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST LOC AT819475. UNIT CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 4 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 11 FEET AND RISING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

CONFIDENTIAL

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

112

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA
220 " WIA EVAC
37 " WIA MINOR
1 " NBC KIA
14 " NBC EVAC
3 " NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VII FORCES WIA EVAC
1 " " WIA MINOR

375 NVA KIA
8 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
5 " MINE
189 VC KIA
2 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " MINE
72 DETAINEES
34 IMI CIV
11 CIV DEP
39 EWC
5 CSWC

//PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES//

GP-4
BT

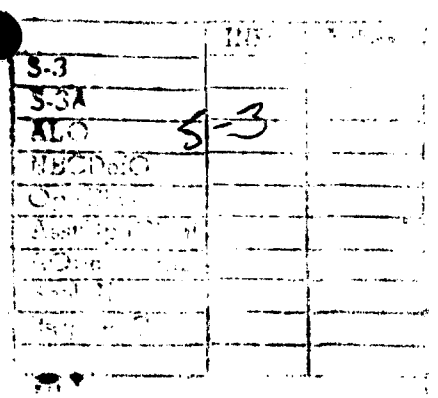
TOD:271042Z/DIV-TT/CCN453/DRF SUPVR

271000Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED



O P 271600Z NOV 67
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 142 FROM 271801H TO
272400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 271500H CO A 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT953514. UNIT FOUND ENEMY DOCUMENTS INDICATING THERE IS A VC HOSPITAL IN VIC. FWD TO REGT S-2.
B. 272021H CO D 1/5 SQD CMB PTL LOC AT909503. UNIT OBS 2 VC ON ROAD ATTEMPTING TO SET MINE. INITIATED CONTACT WITH M-79, S/A, A/W KILLING 2VC. THEN UNIT REC'D HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM S AND E. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND EN BROKE CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

PAGE TWO TB36 454 C O N F I D E N T I A L
RES: 2 VC KIA; 1 USMC WIA MINOR.
C. 272200H AN HOA COMBAT BASE. VN CIVIL GUARD AMBUSH REC'D APPROX 100 RDS S/A AND 5 INCOMING 60MM RDS. INCIDENT TOOK PLACE APPROX 600 METERS FROM AN HOA COMBAT BASE. UNIT RET'D S/A AND AN HOA FIRED ILLIMINATION MSN IN SUPPORT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 11 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).
CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34 USMC KIA	376 NVA KIA	72 DETAINEES
220 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC	34 INN CCV

PAGE THREE TB36 454 C O N F I D E N T I A L

38 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW	11 CIV DEF
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE	39 IWC
14 USMC NBC EVAC	191 VC KIA	5 CSWC
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC	
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW	
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE	
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR		

134

TOR: 280420Z/DIV-IT/CON454/RLM

SUFVR

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

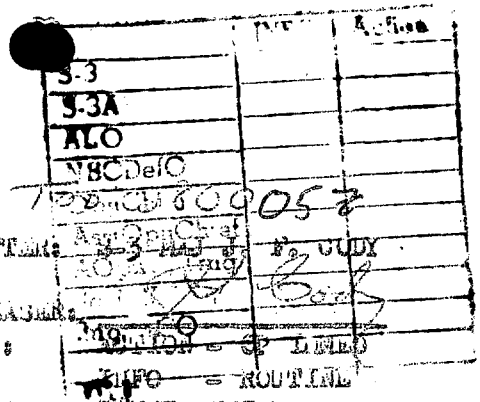
DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 272320Z NOV 68

S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBC Def O		
1 DMCM 800052		
Asst Opn Chief		
AO Asst Eng		
Intel		
Mgr		



FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER:
PREC: ACTION - OP LINED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #143 FROM 280001H TO 280600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #142.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

34	USMC KIA	376	NVA KIA
220	" WIA EVAC	8	" KIA DISC
38	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" RTNE
14	" NBC EVAC	191	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	2	" KIA DISC
2	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
1	" " WIA MINOR	72	DETAINEES
		34	INN CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		39	IWC
		5	CSWC

135

TOD: 280005Z/DIV-TT/CCN455/RLM

GP-4
BT
272320Z C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

SUP VR NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
XBOTMO		
OpnChief		
AsstOpsChief		
AOps Sgt		A
Tact		
Staff PO		

R

P 280620Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MARINES
TO RUMNLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #144 FROM 280601H TO 281200H NOVEMBER 1968.
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #142.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 280920H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT796528. UNIT OBS 6 ENEMY MOVING SOUTHWEST IN OPEN LOC AT807487. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 VC.
B. 281120H 5TH MAR (HQ) LOC AT906475. S-3 JEEP ON RECON OF LIBERTY ROAD RECEIVED 1 60MM RD FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY POSIT. RD LANDED 5 METERS TO REAR OF VEHICLE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA NON-EAC. UNITS IN AREA ALERTED.

PAGE TWO TB36 0460 C O N F I D E N T I A L
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 2 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #142.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

38 USMC KIA	376 NVA KIA	34 INN CIV
220 USMC WIA	8 NVA KIA DISC	11 CIV DEF
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW	39 IWC
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE	5 CSWC
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA	
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC	
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW	
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE	
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	72 DEC	

GP-4
BT
TOD:280940Z/DIV-TT/CON460/RLM SUPVR

280620Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

162

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	✓	
ALO		
XBCO&IO		
OpnChief		
Asst Opn Chief		
Opns Info		
Sec Info		
Engr Off		

O R 281107Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #145 FROM 281201H TO 281800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT942515
CO C AT927535
CO D AT913513
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #142.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 281000H CO D 1/5 PLAT RD SWP LOC AT929501. USMC DET M-26 GREN SET WITH TRIP WIRE AS SUR EXP DEV. RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACED TO

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0466 C O N F I D E N T I A L
1/5 CP BY VEHICLE.
B. 281415H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LINGA POINT". UNIT OBS 3 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NE LOC AT802486. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 2 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.N
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUATLIES.

34 USMC KIA	377 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0466 C O N F I D E N T I A L

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	12 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT
TOD: 281[illegible]Z/DIV-RT/CON466/RUM[illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

2811072

164

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Hold

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnCtl		
AstOpnCtl		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		

OR 281600Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY
RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #146 FROM 281801H TO 282400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 281400H CO D 1/5 PLAT CMB PTL LOC AT890501. UNIT REC'D SPORATIC S/A AND A/W FIRE FM ENEMY LOC AT888504 RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA. UNIT RET'D S/A, M-79 FIRE, CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND MAR FIXED WING AIR STRIKE. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AFTER COMPLETION OF AIR STRIKES.

   B. 281630H CO D 1/5 SQD OP LOC AT915510. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 DET'S AS VC SUSPECTS. DET'S CARRIED MISC MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND HAD VERY OLD I.D.'S. FWD TO REGT CP FOR CLASS BY ITT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

172

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

///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35	USMC KIA	377	NVA KIA
221	" WIA EVAC	8	" KIA DISC
39	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NSC KIA	3	" RTNE
14	" NSC EVAC	194	VC KIA
5	" NSC MINOR	2	" KIA DISC
2	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" RTNE
1	" " WIA MINOR	74	DETAINEES
		34	INL CIV
		11	CIV DEF
		39	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:282055Z/DIV-TT/CCN467/DRF SUPVR [signature]

NOV 68

28#600Z C O N F I D E N T I A L

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		C
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	Morn	
AsstOpnChief		
AO in Trng		
Recon NCO		
Engr NCO		

Hold

O R 282315Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG, FIRST MAR DIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MAR SPEC SIGEP #147 FROM 290001H TO
290600H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

PAGE TWO TB36 468 C O N F I D E N T I A L
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #146.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	377 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	34 INN CIV
	11 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOD:290058Z/DIV-TT/CCN@468/JTH

SUPVR

282315Z NOV 68

C O N F I D E N T I A L
/HAS BEEN SENT/

171

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Hold

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A		
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mrw	
AsstOpnChief		
AO [illegible] Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		

O R 290427Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #148 FROM 290601H TO 291200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO A AT937507 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #146.
3 CONTACTS:
A. 211530H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT916523. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.
B. 281400H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D PLAT CBT PAT LOC AT899501. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
C. 281630H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D SQU OP LOC AT915510. 2 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0471 C O N F I D E N T I A L
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 1 INCH AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RAOD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #146.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

55 USMC KIA	377 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0471 C O N F I D E N T I A L
39 IWC
5 CSWC

170

GP-4
BT

TOD: 290508Z/DIV-TT/CCN471/RLM

SUPVR

290427Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NN

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

OR 291130Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ R. M. RIDGELY
RELEASER: R A Ridgely
PREC: ACTION - OP IMMEDIATE
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	C	
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	MOW	
AsstOpnChief	3	
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #149 FROM 291201H TO 291800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT942515
CO C AT927535
CO D AT913513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #146.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 291245H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 2 NVA CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING SOUTHWEST TO EAST LOC AT819502. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

B. 291300H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 22 NVA WITH PACKS, RIFLES AND HELMETS MOVING NORTHWEST IN OPEN LOC AT835-509. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 12 NVA.

C. 291500H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 3 NVA MOVING EAST IN OPEN LOC AT812496. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 2 NVA.

D. 291625H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 10 NVA WITH PACKS, RIFLES AND HELMETS MOVING EAST LOC AT811496. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

204

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND RISING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, but marginal.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

C O N F I D E N T I A L ///PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

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

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35	USMC KIA	393	NVA KIA
221	" WIA EVAC	8	" KIA DISC
39	" WIA MINOR	13	" POW
1	" NBC KIA	3	" MIMS
14	" NBC EVAC	194	VC KIA
3	" NBC MINOR	2	" KIA DISC
2	USN WIA EVAC	4	" POW
1	VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1	" MIMS
1	" " WIA MINOR	74	DETAINEES
		36	IBN CIV
		12	CIV DEP
		39	IWC
		5	CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
MT

TOD:291153Z/DIV-TT/CCN478/RLM

SUPVR

291120Z

C O N F I D E N T I A L
//HAS BEEN SENT//

NOV68

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

291709Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ F. H. RIDGELY III

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASER: [signature]
PREC: ACTION - CP IMMED
INFO - ROUTINE
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		K
S-3A	C	
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	mow	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpn Trng		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
FILE		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #150 FROM 291801H TO 292400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
   A. 291130H 1/5 CP DEF POSIT LOC AT909495. 12 TRUCK CONVOY ENROUTE FROM LIBERTY BRIDGE TO AN HOA REC'D SPORATIC S/A FIRE FROM LOC AT909492. RET'D FIRE AND CONTINUED TO DESTINATION.

   B. 292100H 1/5 CO H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT927527. UNIT FIRED 200 RDS 81MM H&I ON GRID AT942516. UNIT OBS 2 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, ONE OF WHICH BURNED APPROX 10 MIN. UNIT WILL CONTINUE TO FIRE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

   B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

   C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS MARGINAL AND DETERIORATING.

   D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
   1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (AT9552). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC MY LOC (AT9151).

   CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENING SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

205

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

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

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

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
221 " WIA EVAC
39 " WIA MINOR
1 " NBC KIA
14 " NBC EVAC
3 " NBC WIA MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 " " WIA MINOR

393 NVA KIA
8 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
3 " RTNE
194 VC KIA
2 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " RTNE
74 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV
12 CIV DEF
39 EWC
5 CSWC

///PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES///

GP-4
BT

TOD:292124Z/DIV-TT/CCN479/DRF

2917Ø9Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	C	
AIO		
TBCDefO		
OpnChief	mod	
Asst OpnChief		
COm Cnnr		
Scol NCO		
Rng NCO		
MLE		

R

OR 292330Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 151 FROM 300001H TO
300600H NOV 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 281840H (LATE ENTRY) RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT/96528.
UNIT OBS 6 CRAFT MOVING NORTHEAST ACROSS RIVER LOC AT/98555.
UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN DESTROYING 1 CRAFT AND KILLING 5 NVA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 3 INCHES AND HOLDING.

PAGE TWO TB36 480 C O N F I D E N T I A L
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE BUT MARGINAL.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 150.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	398 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RINE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	104 VC KIA
3 USMCINBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RINE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

203

GP-4
BT TOD: 300225Z/DIV-TT/CON480/RLM SUPVR

292330Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV68
//HAS BEEN SENT///

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

O R 300439Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	C	
A-O		
NBCDefO		
	more	
Eng CO		

C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #152 FROM 300601H TO 301200H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #150.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 300700H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT796528. UNIT OBS 20 ENEMY MOVING SOUTHEAST WITH WPNS LOC AT803485. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 5 NVA.
B. 300935H 1/5 CO A SQU CBT PAT LOC AT936504. UNIT REC'D 20 RDS S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT939498. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT TO THE SOUTHEAST.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0484 C O N F I D E N T I A L
C. 301005H RECON INSERT "LUNGA POINT" LOC AT796528. UNIT OBS 18 ENEMY SITTING UNDER TREE LOC AT819502. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 18 NVA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #150.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	421 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE

PAGE THREE RUMHLA 0484 C O N F I D E N T I A L

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

TOB: 300558Z/DIV-TT/CCN:484/JTH

SUPV

CONFIDENTIAL

300439Z C O N F I D E N T I A L NOV 68
/ HAS BEEN SENT /

218

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S 3		
S 3A	C	
ALO		
NBCDefO		
[illegible]	mow	
AssiOp Chief		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
[illegible] CO		
FILE		

R

O R 301003Z NOV 68
FM FIFTH MAR
TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #153 FROM 301201H TO
301800H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468
CO A AT942515
CO C AT927535
CO D AT913513
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS-IAW
FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #150.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 7 INCHES AND HOLDING.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0490 C O N F I D E N T I A L
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA
TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT
SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	421 NVA KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
39 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	39 IWC
	5 CSWC

GP-4
BT

CONFIDENTIAL

TOB:301152Z/DIV-TT/CON490/DR SUBV

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

217

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

Hold

301605Z NOV 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR.
TO: CG FIRST MAR DIV
INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR

RELEASED: S-3
RELEASER:
PRIO: ACTION - CG, [illegible]
INFO - [illegible]
CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

	INFO	Action
S-3		
S-3A	C	
ALO		
NBCDefO		
OpnChief	MOW	
AsstOpnChief		
AOpns/Trng		
Scol NCO		
Mng NCO		

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

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #154 FOR 301800H TO 302400H NOVEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:
A. 301745H FIRST RECON AT ENEMY 'LUNGS POINT', KIA (BC) 12 NVA W/ PACKS, RIFLES, AND ROCK MOVING N/NW AT AT812496. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN KILLING 1 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 7 INCHES AND RISING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUE.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. [illegible] LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION TANKS CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:
1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC ~~CU 1048 (AT9351)~~ 2a TAAP(3) (AT9351) and Phu Loc 1 (AT9350)
CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC ~~AT 100 (AT9151)~~. This box (AT8750)

CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	422 NVA KIA
221 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
39 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RPNE
14 " NBC EVAC	194 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RPNE
1 " " WIA MINOR	74 DETAINEES
	56 INN CIV
	12 CIV DET
	39 IND
	5 CSWS

231

GP-4
BT TOD: 3[illegible]

[illegible] S E C R E T [illegible]

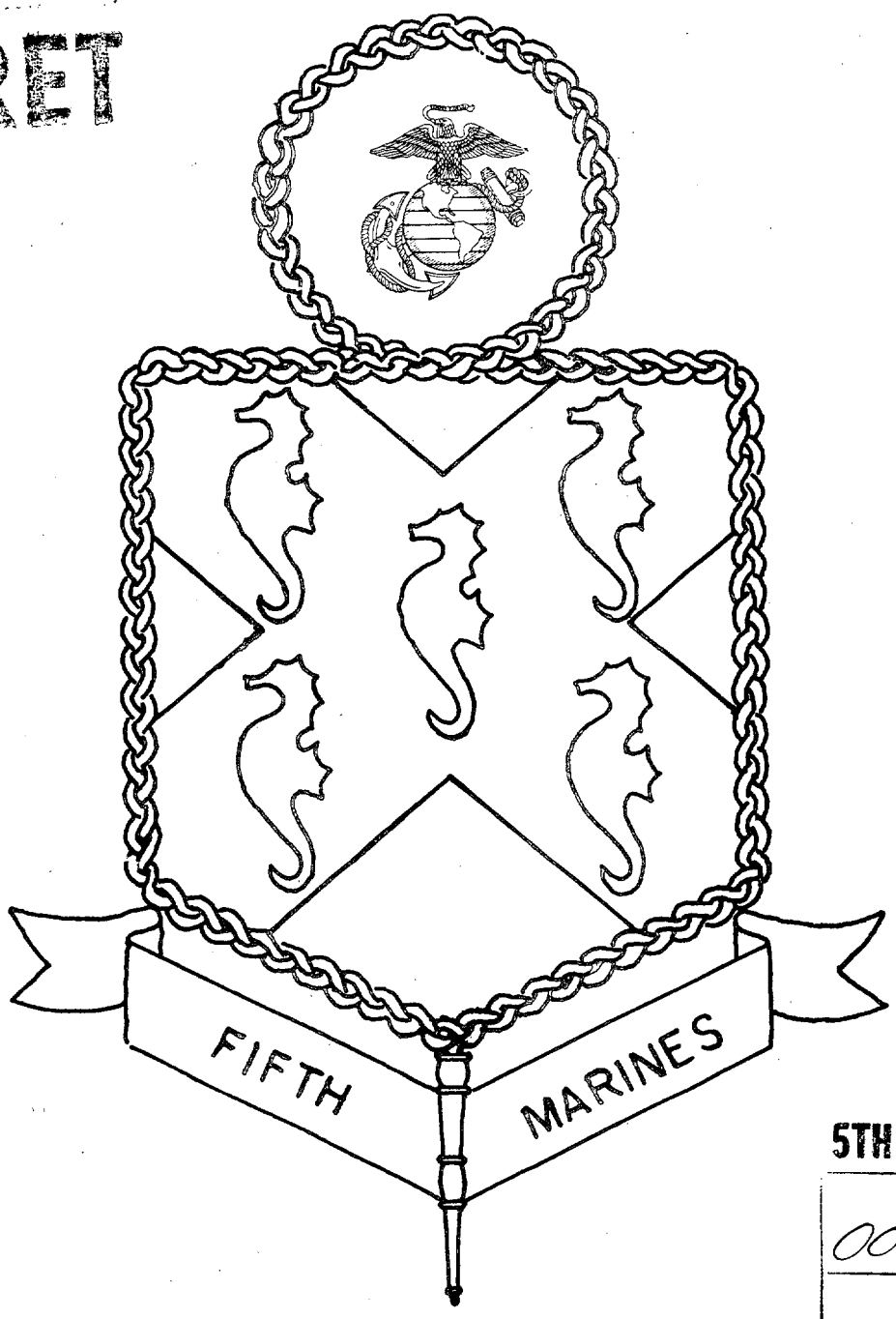
CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET



5TH MAR S&C FILES
00688-68
COPY NO. 12 OF 13

COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT "MAMELUKE THRUST"

SECRET

SECRET

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
HEADQUARTERS, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

1ST MARINE DIVISION FMF

68 5011

Copy 1 of 9 copies

3/KDH/jjm
3480
Ser: 00355-68
3 DEC 1968

(Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1))

From: Commanding General
To: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (Attn: MACJ 343) APO, U. S. Forces 96222
Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report for Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

Ref: (a) COMUSMACV Dir 335-8
(b) CG, 1st MarDiv ltr 3/JLO/jjm over 3480 Ser No: 00295-68 of 25Sep68
(c) CG, 1st MarDiv ltr 3/JLO/jjm over 3480 Ser No: 00299-68 of 28Sep68
(d) CG, 1st MarDiv ltr 3/AEI/mmg over 3480 Ser No: 00312-68 of 14Oct68

Encl: (1) Subject ~~Combat Operation After Action Report~~

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted. Previous after action reports for MAMELUKE THRUST have been forwarded by references (b) through (d).

2. The recommendation for a balanced detachment of transport and armed helicopters to be located at An Hoa is not feasible. The purpose, however, is accomplished in the daily assignment of 4 CH-46 and 2 UH-1E helicopters to report to An Hoa for direct support of the 5th Marines.

3. The recommendation for use of radioactive material in the explosive filler of U.S. munitions has merit and could prove highly satisfactory in recovering duds and detection of surprise firing devices. Accordingly, this recommendation is being forwarded to CG, MCDEC for evaluation.

4. It is noted in the basic report that subparagraph 6c, Air Support, includes a further subparagraph (3) entitled Special Operations. This subparagraph describes two helicopter-borne assault actions which were conducted as part of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. It is not considered that these air/ground actions should be identified as "Special Operations". Helicopter-borne assaults of this character are conducted regularly within the framework of standard operating procedure of the 1st Marine Division and Marine Corps air/ground team doctrine.

C. A. YOUNGDALE

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

UNCLASSIFIED SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

HEADQUARTERS, 5TH MARINES
1st Marine Division (Rein) Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California 96602

3/JFC/bhw
3000
15 Nov 1968

[redacted]

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Subj: Combat After Action Report for Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

Ref: (a) 1st Mar DivO 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines OpPlan 6-68
(c) 5th Marines FragO 72-68
(d) 5th Marines FragO 73-68
(e) 5th Marines FragO 74-68
(f) 5th Marines FragO 75-68
(g) 5th Marines FragO 76-68
(h) 5th Marines FragO 77-68
(i) 5th Marines FragO 78-68
(j) 5th Marines FragO 79-68
(k) 5th Marines FragO 80-68
(l) 5th Marines FragO 81-68
(m) 5th Marines FragO 82-68
(n) 5th Marines FragO 83-68
(o) 5th Marines FragO 84-68
(p) 5th Marines FragO 85-68
(q) 5th Marines FragO 86-68
(r) 5th Marines FragO 89-68
(s) 5th Marines FragO 90-68
(t) 5th Marines FragO 91-68
(u) 5th Marines FragO 92-68
(v) 5th Marines FragO 93-68
(w) 5th Marines FragO 94-68
(x) 5th Marines FragO 95-68
(y) 5th Marines FragO 96-68
(z) 5th Marines FragO 97-68
(aa) 5th Marines FragO 98-68

Encl: (1) First Battalion, Fifth Marines After Action Report
(2) Second Battalion, Fifth Marines After Action Report
(3) Third Battalion, Fifth Marines After Action Report

Filed Sep

1. Code Name. Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

2. Dates of Operation. 231200H July 1968 to 231200H October 1968

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

3. Location of Operation. Thua Thien and Quang Nam Province's Republic of Viet Nam.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

Fifth Marines	
231200H Jul to 121030H Oct 1968	COL P. G. GRAHAM
131030H Oct to 231200H Oct 1968	COL J. B. ORD JR

5. Task Organization

Fifth Marines	
231200H Jul to 131030H Oct 1968	COL P. G. GRAHAM
131030H Oct to 231200H Oct 1968	COL J. B. ORD JR
1st Bn, 5th Marines	
231200H Jul to 082400H Aug 1968	LTCOL R. H. THOMPSON
090001H Aug to 231200H Oct 1968	LTCOL R. F. DALEY
H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Marines	
Co A, 1st Bn, 5th Marines	
Co B, 1st Bn, 5th Marines	
Co C, 1st Bn, 5th Marines	
Co D, 1st Bn, 5th Marines	
2nd Bn, 5th Marines	
231200H Jul to 312400H Jul 1968	MAJ O. K. STEELE
010001H Aug to 231200H Oct 1968	LTCOL R. F. STEMPLE
H&S Co, 2nd Bn 5th Marines	
Co E, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co F, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co G, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co H, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines	
3rd Bn, 5th Marines	
231200H Jul to 152400H Oct 1968	LTCOL R. A. SEYMORE
160001H Oct to 231200H Oct 1968	LTCOL H. E. ATKINSON
H&S Co, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co I, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co K, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co L, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines	
Co M, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines	

6. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery:

(1) At 261400H July 1968 1st FAG transferred OpCon of this battalion to the 11th Marines. The battalion displaced to the vicinity of An Hoa (AT 875475) arriving 271400H July 1968. Since arrival in An Hoa the battalion has provided fire support for the 5th Marines in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. In addition Operation SUSSEX BAY was conducted simultaneously during the

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

[redacted]

period 290900H August to 091200H September 1968. This operation was the subject of previous After Action Report. On 050600H August 1968 E/2/11 was heli-lifted to a fire base at grid AT868936. The battery remained at this fire base, co-located with F/2/27 for security, until 200800H August 1968 when it was heli-lifted back to the An Hoa Combat Base. During this period of time E/2/11 did not engage any targets of significance, most of their firing being devoted to unobserved fires or in support of elements of the 1st Reconaissence Battalion. On 271200H September 1968 this battalion was given OpCon of Provisional Battery, 11th Marines. On 15 October 1968 Provisional Battery, 11th Marines was disbanded. The four 155mm Towed Howitzers of the Provisional Battery and their crews were transferred to this battalion. During Operation MAMELUKE THRUST the 5th Marines concentrated the majority of their operations in the western two thirds of the Regimental AO. This allowed maximum artillery support to be available at all times. The battalion was able to mass in almost any area of infantry operation as well as call upon the general support elements of the 11th Marines to provide added reinforcing fires as required. Increased infantry contacts and aggressive action by the 5th Marines resulted in increased effectiveness of artillery fire in regards to confirmed KIA'S as well as the increasing use of general support artillery in firing preparation fires and targets developed by the intelligence sources of the 5th Marines. At 010100H October 1968 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped OpCon to the 7th Marines and at 060800H October 1968 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped OpCon to the same regiment. In addition E/2/11 was chopped OpCon to 3/11. All of these units were involved in Operation MAUI PEAK. This action resulted in a considerable reduction in the number of artillery missions fired in support of the Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. In addition, heavy rains from 12 through 20 October 1968 reduced visibility and the number of observed missions. Ammunition expenditure remained at approximately 75% of normal due to an increase in the number of unobserved missions fired. Increased unobserved fires including daytime Harrassing and Interdiction fires were considered mandatory to discourage the freedom of movement available to NVA/VC forces under cover of the reduced visibility. At 191415H October 1968 2nd Bn, 5th Marines and 3rd Bn, 5th Marines were returned to the control of the 5th Marines and E/2/11 was chopped to this battalion at 211200H October 1968. After two days of minor actions Operation MAMELUKE THRUST was terminated. Second Battalion units fired a total of 8379 missions expending 90686 rounds and accounting for 146 confirmed enemy kills.

b. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire Support was not utilized during this operation.

c. Air Support

(1) General

(a) The Fifth Marines was supported by a direct support package furnished by MAG-16 and 36, consisting of two UH-1E gun ships and four CH-46 transport helicopters lifting a total of 3,580 troops, and 2,540,000 pounds of cargo in support of the companies in the field.

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

(b) Tactical Air Strikes were preplanned and on call during this reporting period. A total of 967 fixed wing close air support sorties were flown in support of the 5th Marines.

(c) Med-evacs were normally handled by the division med-evac aircraft for a total of 624 missions with 1600 patients, 272 of which were classified emergency priority.

(2) Quick Reaction Package. During operation MAMELUKE THRUST there were no sparrow hawk/bald eagle insertions.

(3) Special Operations. During operation MAMELUKE THRUST the Fifth Marines executed two special air/ground operations.

(a) On 7 August the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines executed a helicopter-borne assault into the Arizona area to commence a battalion sweep to interdict enemy infiltration routes, and harbor-sites. The lift was supported by 12 CH-46 and four UH-1E helicopters lifting 740 troops. In addition 20 fixed wing close air support sorties were provided in support of the operation.

(b) On 23 October the 2nd Battalion executed a helicopter-borne assault into the Arizona area at AT828485 to interdict infiltration routes, and establish contact with a large sighting of enemy movement. The lift was supported by eight CH-46 and four UH-1E helicopters lifting 440 troops. In addition 16 fixed wing close air support sorties were provided in support of the operation.

7. Intelligence

a. Estimate of enemy strength, location, disposition and situation prior to operation.

(1) Enemy order of battle information maintained at the commencement of operation.

UNIT	TYPE	CAT	STR	LOCATION
GP-44	NVA	PR	400	Goi Noi Island
31st Regt	NVA	C	1,580	ZC1959
102nd Bn	NVA	C	380	ZC1456
103rd Bn	NVA	C	450	Vic Thuong Duc
36th Regt	NVA	C	1,370	Unknown
1st Bn	NVA	C	330	ZC2062
2nd Bn	NVA	C	330	AT9553
3rd Bn	NVA	C	310	AT9553
38th Regt	NVA	PO	490	Unknown
1st Bn	NVA	PO	205	AT8158
2nd Bn	NVA	PO	285	AT9652
141st Regt	NVA	PR	1,550	ZC1645
1st Bn, 68B Regt	NVA	C	350	ZC1925
368B Regt	NVA	C	1,115	ZC2062

SECRET UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

UNIT	TYPE	CAT	STR	LOCATION
1st Bn	NVA	C	310	ZC2062
2nd Bn	NVA	C	305	ZC2062
3rd Bn	NVA	C	310	ZC2060
R-20 Bn	LF	C	345	Goi Noi Island
V-25 Bn	LF	C	340	Goi Noi Island
D-7 Bn	NVA	PR	325	Goi Noi Island
T-89 Sapper Bn	MF	C	375	AT7960
3rd Sapper Bn	NVA	C	280	BT0255
Q-81 Co	LF	C	155	BT1053
Q-82 Co	LF	C	175	BT0563
Q-83 Co	LF	C	175	Vic Dai Loc
105th Co	LF	C	135	AT9136

(2) This OOB information was that actually developed during the course of operation MAMELUKE THRUST prior to the deployment of the 5th Marines to the An Hoa AO, through contact, interrogations of detainees, translation of captured documents and various agent reports.

b. Enemy strength, location, disposition and situation actually found.

(1) The receipt of intelligence developed through contacts, interrogation of detainees, translation of captured documents, and various agent reports indicated that the following units were operating within the area of operation.

UNIT	TYPE	CAT	STR	LOCATION
141st Regt	NVA	C	1,550	AT7952
21st Regt	NVA	C	750	AT8453,8354,8852
2nd Bn, 36th Regt	NVA	C	225	AT9551
R-20 Bn	LF	C	345	AT9450
V-25 Bn	LF	C	340	AT9452
3rd Sapper Bn	NVA	C	280	Arizona Area
Q-81 LF Bn	LF	C	155	AT8744
Q-83 LF Bn	LF	C	175	AT7948
14th AA Co, 21st Regt	NVA	C	110	AT8452
31st Trans Bn, 21st Regt	NVA	PR	200	AT8853
41st Const Co	NVA	PR	120	ZC1547
T-89 Sapper Bn	MF	C	375	AT9551, 9553

(2) This OOB information was that actually developed during the course of operation MAMELUKE THRUST (25Jul-24Oct68), through contact, interrogations of detainees, exploitation of captured documents, and various agent reports.

(3) Heavy to moderate contacts were experienced within 24 hours after the committment of the Regiment's first elements to the north of An Hoa fire

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

base in the vicinity of Phu Nhan (9) (AT898505). Moderate to light contact continued through the end of July as Marine elements sought out enemy platoon/company size elements operating astride the lines of communications from An Hoa fire base to Liberty Bridge and Thuong The Song, Thu Bon River.

(4) During the month of August, enemy activity throughout the Regimental AO increased in intensity and frequency. This period was highlighted by the enemy's initiation of the Third Offensive. Local activity was characterized by probes on the ground and the use of indirect fire weapons, against the Thanh My (AT871478) New Life Hamlet, Cap 2-9-1, company positions of the Regiment's maneuver battalions and the An Hoa fire base. These actions, however, were limited in scope and apparently designed to supplement his main effort, the penetration of the Danang vital area by sapper/infantry attacks.

(5) General attacks against isolated outposts and District Headquarters, throughout Quang Nam Province began on 19 August and continued through 31 August. These attacks were highlighted by the maneuver during the nights of 22-23 August of elements of three battalions (T-89, R-20, and Q-82) one Sapper, and two light infantry main force battalions. These units had the mission of attacking the town of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, Danang Radio Station, and other key US/ARVN installations. The enemy's capability to initiate and support this thrust north into the Danang vital area were seriously hampered, however, when on 16 August 1968, a major enemy forward logistic base Vic Chau Phong #2 (AT937498) was detected, attacked, and taken by 5th Marine elements. Large stores of ammunition, explosives, medical supplies, and rice were captured. Eighty-eight tons of rice were recovered, enemy personnel losses were recorded at 139 NVA and 2 VC KIA's. This action seriously deprived the enemy's attack maneuver elements with logistical support thus main attacks on the 23-24 August were decisively repulsed in each instance and the enemy sustained heavy losses of men and equipment.

(6) Moderate to light attacks continued through the end of August as 5th Marines units sought out enemy platoon/company size elements attempting to withdraw south from Dien Ban District through the "Dodge City" area. At the end of the month the enemy shifted his forces to areas adjacent to the north and south of the 5th Marines AO; along the peripheral areas of Quang Nam Province and along the western boundary of the Division AO. Acute food shortages among enemy main and local forces were also apparent.

(7) During the same period while counter-operations were conducted in the north eastern sector of the AO, enemy platoon/company size base camps were uncovered in the south sector of the Arizona area by other 5th Marines units. Penetration by friendly forces into peripheral areas of the canopy in this sector were for the most part unopposed efforts by the enemy to fortify hamlets throughout the central and northern Arizona area continued to be evident. Enemy contacts encountered were light to moderate.

(8) APD missions, Low Level Agent reports, and Recon sightings/contacts along the southern peripheral areas of the Regimental AO at the end of August tended to indicate that U/I battalion size enemy forces were moving north into the 5th Marines AO. These indicators were later substantiated by the identifi-

SECRET UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

cation of subordinate elements of the 21st NVA Regiment, 2nd NVA Division, through the interrogation of POW's captured in action in the Arizona Area.

(9) The month of September was highlighted by three heavily contested enemy initiated night actions against positions occupied by the Regiment's maneuver battalions operating in the northern and central sectors of the Arizona Area. In each instance the enemy activity was characterized by ground attacks and the use of indirect fire weapons against company positions. In at least two of these attacks the enemy utilized human wave formations. In all instances the enemy's forces were repulsed with heavy losses in personnel and material. On 21 September a strong night ground attack was also sustained by an outpost of the An Hoa Industrial Complex. The OP was overrun and temporarily occupied by a platoon size enemy force. Five vehicles in a near-by truck depot were also destroyed. On 30 September a daylight heavy contact was encountered by maneuver elements during the course of search and clear operations in the vicinity AT950523, Thu Bon (6) hamlet.

(10) Intelligence derived from multiple unrelated sources during the month of September indicated possible future attempts by Local Force units to apply pressure against population and economic centers in support of rice harvest, tax collection, and comunist elections. During this period the enemy's efforts to procure rice and other food items for the resupply of major units in mountainous terrain to the west and east of the AO continued to be frustrated by the intensification of friendly rice denial operations. Acute food shortages among enemy main and local forces continued. The enemy continued to show no willingness to risk the defeat of his major units in an all out effort against District outposts and Marine maneuver elements. The penetration of the Danang area by sapper/infantry continued to be the enemy's main effort.

(11) The period 1-24 October light to moderate contacts with the enemy were experienced by maneuver elements. An increase in enemy sightings in the southern sector of the Arizona Area was detected during early October and at the termination of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. Predominent direction of movement was to the north-northeast of the Arizona Area. This increase in enemy movement was highlighted on 23 October when Recon elements sighted estimated 200 NVA carrying packs, weapons, 122 rockets, 82 and 60mm, one anti-aircraft gun and two 50 caliber machine guns in the open vicinity (AT804489). Artillery and fixed wing accounted for 156 NVA KIA's as the result of this action.

(12) From the onset of friendly counter operations in July, it was quite apparent that the enemy was placing considerable emphasis on AA defense. Air photo readouts, coupled with AO sightings detected numerous unoccupied AA positions throughout the AO. Through August there was a definite rise in AA interdiction of Helo and fixed wing support missions and resupply of the An Hoa Combat Base. The interrogation of a NVA Rallier captured in the Arizona sector in August revealed that he was a member of an AA company, consisting of (12) 12.7 AA guns, which had recently moved into the AO as a seperate company of the 21st NVA Regiment. Source indicated that his units mission was to provide AA training for the local forces units and establish AA defenses. The exploitation of captured documents recovered during the same period revealed that increased emphasis was to be placed on AA training by hamlet/village guerilla cadre. A

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

marked decrease in AA incidents occured following the capture of the AA ordnance and the continuance of counter operations throughout the AO. Flak suppression missions by artillery in support of tactical air operations also appeared to have an effect on the enemy's utilization of his AA weapons. It follows however that the enemy has probably curtailed his activity in favor of the northeast monsoon period when the conduct of air operations in support of An Hoa Combat Base is more critical. There was sufficient evidence to conclude that the enemy's introduction of AA personnel and equipment during the summer months was in preparation for this contingency.

(13) Mine incidents. A total of 315 explosive devices were encountered during operation MAMELUKE THRUST. 158 Mines/booby traps were detonated and 157 discovered and destroyed. Explosive device incidents were principally restricted the LOC's and primary trails, of the An Hoa Combat Base and astride the Liberty Road Extension.

(14) The combat effectiveness of troops encountered was generally fair to marginal. Detainees and ralliers were usually young and inadequately trained South Vietnamese and NVA conscripts. Enemy morale continued to be described as poor to fair by detainee sources. Supporting arms coupled with food shortages continue to have a deteriorating effect on enemy morale.

8. Mission

a. Northern Phase Mission. Conduct far ranging offensive operations in the Troui Mountain and Troui Valley area to locate and destroy or capture enemy forces, material, weapons,, and positions.

b. Southern Phase Initial Mission. In the An Hoa AO: Secure and protect routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support, Support and protect U.S and R.V.N. installations, units, and convoys, and secure and hold the An Hoa Combat Base in order to conduct offensive operations

c. Primary and Final Mission. Conduct far ranging offensive operations in the An Hoa AO to locate and destroy or capture enemy forces, material, weapons and positions.

9. Concept of Operations

a. Northern Phase On 1D-Day one battalion helilifts into blocking positions south of objective area and sweeps north to blocking positions. On 2D-Day one battalion helilifts into objective area and attacks south to pre-established blocks.

b. Initial Southern Phase. One battalion deploys by air from Phu Bai to An Hoa to secure and hold An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Road, and Liberty Bridge Ferry Crossing, followed by Regt Hq and additional battalions.

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

c. Primary and Final Phase From base of operations at An Hoa Combat Base, one battalion conducts helilift into the Arizona Area (west of Song-Thu Bon) and one battalion attacks east to conduct far ranging offensive operations. One battalion continues offensive operations in the vicinity of An Hoa to pacify and stabilize the friendly base area and LOC.

10. Execution

a. Northern Phase

(1) 1st Bn, 5th Marines. On 1D-Day 1/5 executed a heliassault into Troui Valley and attacked northward making heavy contact on the first day. By 2D-Day 1/5 had broken enemy resistance and achieved its objective setting in blocking positions.

(2) BLT 2/7. On 2D-Day BLT 2/7 executed a heliassault onto the northern slope of Truoi Mountain and attacked southward making heavy contact the first day. Contact remained heavy until all objectives had been achieved. Operations in the objective area continued with a series of company maneuvers against preset blocks driving enemy forces into the blocks and destroying them by fire. The entire area was searched in detail evacuating captured weapons and material, and destroying enemy ammunition and positions.

b. Initial Southern Phase

(1) 2d Bn, 5th Marines. On 23 Jul 68 2/5 deployed by air to An Hoa Combat Base, assumed the responsibility for the defense of that position and attacked north with its left flank along the Song Thu Bon and its right flank 200 meters east of Liberty Road, engaging and destroying enemy forces in zone. The area between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge was traversed, but not completely secured, by D+4 days.

(2) Hq, 5th Marines. On 26 Jul 68 Regiment Headquarters deployed by air to An Hoa and assumed control of all operations in that AO.

c. Primary and Final Phase

(1) 1st Bn, 5th Marines. On 1 Aug 68 1/5 deployed to An Hoa by air. On 2 Aug 68 that battalion executed a heliassault into the Arizona Area (west of the Song Thu Bon) and commenced far ranging offensive operations destroying enemy forces and positions in detail.

(2) 2d Bn, 5th Marines. 2/5 maintained security of Liberty Bridge Ferry Crossing and Liberty Road, and continued aggressive concentric operations to destroy enemy forces in the immediate An Hoa area.

(3) 3d Bn, 5th Marines. On 16 Aug 68 3/5 deployed to An Hoa. That same night that battalion executed a night covert move into the eastern area of the An Hoa AO. Attacking at first light 3/5 made heavy contact with enemy forces destroying them in their positions. 3/5 continued aggressive, far ranging, offensive operations throughout the eastern area of the An Hoa AO destroying enemy forces, positions, and ammunition; and capturing and evacuating enemy weapons and material

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

11. Results

a. These figures reflect cumulative figures for Operation MAMELUKE THRUST:

(1) USMC Personnel

133 USMC KIA
2 USMC NBC KIA
744 USMC WIA EVAC
147 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC MIA
61 USMC NBC EVAC
4 USMC NBC MINOR

(2) USN Personnel

6 USN WIA EVAC
1 USN WIA MINOR

(3) USA Personnel

1 USA KIA
4 USA WIA EVAC

(4) Kit Carson Scout Personnel

1 KCS KIA
3 KCS WIA EVAC
1 INTERPERTER WIA EVAC

12. Administration

a. Resupply. FLC maintained 10 days of Classes I, III and V at An Hoa LSA. Resupply to the field was accomplished almost entirely by helicopter through the use of HST. Receipt of supplies and equipment from FLC became more and more dependent on air as time passed. Convoys ran regularly during July and early August, but as the river dropped operation of the ferry became impossible.

b. Maintenance. First and second echelon maintenance was performed by units. FLC provided a maintenance unit as part of the LSU which performed complete 3rd Echelon maintenance for comm-elec, ordnance, motor transport and engineer equipments. Contact teams for generators and office machinery were furnished on two occasions.

c. Casualty Treatment. Battalions established very light BAS's in the field, moving with the command groups. A BAS area was established at An Hoa complete with LZ to handle patients from the field if necessary. Normal evacuation was to 1st Hospital Company, 1st Medical Battalion or NSA Hospital, all in Danang.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

d. Transportation. Truck support at An Hoa varied from 3 to 12 trucks in direct support. Liberty Road in the 5th Marines TAOR was open and heavily traveled. Transportation to and from Danang was primarily by air.

e. Communications

(1) Radio communications were highly reliable throughout the operation. During MAMELUKE THRUST the AN/PRC-77's with the KY-38 cipher devices were tested and proved to be extremely reliable and easily maintained. The AN/PRC-77/KY-38's were utilized to provide secure voice communications on Division TAC #1 and Regimental TAC #1.

(2) Radio Relay communications were considered satisfactory. On 10 Oct 68 the AN/TRC-97 replaced the AN/TRC-27 on the radio relay shot to First Marine Division which greatly improved radio relay communication. The generator sets PU-278 hampered the reliability of the AN/TRC-27. The PU-278's did not hold up under sustained operation and had to continually be evacuated to third echelon maintenance facility.

(3) On 27 July the Fifth Marines displaced from Phu Bai to An Hoa Combat Base and re-established its normal internal and external radio communications. The following Radio Relay shots were established: AN/MRC-62 to Seventh Marines; AN/MRC-62 to First Marine Division; and AN/TRC-27 to First Marine Division.

(4) Friendly frequency interferences on F.M. continues to be a problem throughout the operation on both Radio and Radio Relay. A means of "sole user" frequencies is considered manditory to increase the quality of Radio and Radio Relay communications.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

As operations in the Arizona area (west of the Song Thu Bon) extended in time, it became necessary to find a means, other than helicopter, to transport troops and supplies across the major river that separated that area from the base of operations. Because of steep river banks, constantly shifting sand bars, and the attendant noise of operations, it was found that the use of LVT's was less than satisfactory. After one river crossing by LVT's the enemy was able to detect the preliminary movement and preparations of such a crossing. The second LVT crossing attracted heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons, reinforced by light and medium mortars. Because of the many villages along the river with ample, light, native boats; it was simple enough to affect river crossings of company sized units by employing such craft. Only minutes prior to the scheduled crossing a recon party would gather the native boats and [illegible] establish compensation for the work, and execute the crossing with two to four Marines per boat.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

[redacted]

The native boat crossings took from fifteen to thirty minutes as opposed to about three hours for the LVT crossing, The rapidity with which the native boat crossings could be prepared, and their swiftness of execution limited enemy reaction to the maneuver. Of four LVT crossings, three had to be executed under heavy enemy fire. Of the fourteen native boat cross--ings only one drew enemy fire, it is noteworthy that during that incident one platoon of the crossing unit maneuvered against the enemy killing four VC and capturing four individual weapons.

14. Commander's Analysis.

Operation MAMELUKE THRUST was charaterized by :

a. Maximum offensive action, with pacification and defensive operations limited to that necessary for the security for LOC and base operations.

b. Far ranging offensive operations with two or more battalions dependent of helicopter resupply at all times.

c. Maximum use of recon OP.s and AO aircraft to sight enemy forces for rapid engagement by heliborne Marine forces, and air and artillery strikes.

d. Maximum daylight tactical deployment of Marine forces to develope enemy engagements..

e. Maximum covert night foot movement by Marine forces to entrap, encircle, and block enemy forces.

f. Rapid deployment of supporting artillery to temporary fire bases to further develope enemy contacts.

15. Recommendations

a. Background. The An Hoa AO covers an area of some 364 square kilo--meters. The entire AO is served by a secondary road 10 kilometers in length. The road runs north to south from Liberty Bridge to An Hoa. The AO stretches 12 kilometers south of the terminus of the road, and 13 kilo--meters east, and 13 kilometers west its axis. The only means of resupply or movement through 96% of the AO is by foot or helicopter. The current concept of helicopters in general support severely limited the reaction capability of the Regiment. The long and cumbersome means for communicating plans through several layers of command, and the daily commitment of ever changing helicopter crews unfamiliar with the tactical situation leaves much to be desired.

b. Recommendations. That a balanced detachment of transport and armed helicopters be placed in direct support of the 5th Marines to be located at the An Hoa airstrip.

UNCLASSIFIED

J. F. CODY, JR.
By direction

[redacted]

DECLASSIFIED