From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-16 (1)

Subj: Command Diary

Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1  
(b) Brig O 3121.1

Encl: (1) Command Diary for period 10 to 30 April 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

W. C. McGraw, Jr.

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UNIT - Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-531 Reinforced

Period Covered - 10 April 1965 to 30 April 1965

Date of Submission - 1 May 1965

Commanding Officer - William C. McGraw, JR., Lieutenant Colonel
United States Marine Corps

Location - Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 10 April 1966


RECAP - 4 A/C Da Nang, RVN
9 A/C Cubi Pt, P.I.
2 A/C Naha, Okinawa

LOGISTICS - Ten (10) KC-130F A/C of VMGR-152 with personnel and equipment enroute. First A/C due Da Nang 2100 and each hour thereafter. Deployment report submitted by MARAINGUR ONE ONE 1009352

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 11 April 1965


LOGISTICS - Eight (8) KC-130F A/C of VMGR-152 departed NAS Atsugi Japan at 0915H at one hour intervals for Da Nang. First KC-130 arrived Da Nang 1915H.—Squadron setting up shops and working areas. Tent camp being erected and MABS-16 providing mess and shower facilities until our LST arrives, ETA - 21 Apr 65. Majority of Squadron personnel in place and living in tent city. Security of tent camp organized and guards posted.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Reported OPCON to CG, 9th MEB. ADCON remains MAG-11, FMAW. 45 MarCor Off, 1 Nav O, 275 MarCor enl, 2 Nav enl embarked aboard Government air on 10 Apr 65 and departed NAS Atsugi Japan arr 11 Apr 65 Da Nang Airfield, Da Nang Republic of Vietnam. 1 MarCor Off and 70 MarCor enl are embarked aboard U.S. Navy LST 1126 U.S.S. Snohomish County departed Yokosuka Japan 8 Apr 65 destination - Da Nang Republic of Vietnam. 5 MarCor enl are remaining at Atsugi Japan as clean up detail. Strength: 46 MC0, 330 MCE, 1 No, 2 NE.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 12 April 1965

OPERATIONS - No flights scheduled.

LOGISTICS - Two (2) KC-130F A/C of VMGR-152 departed NAS Atsugi Japan at 0200H and arrived Da Nang RVN at 1300H. All squadron personnel and equipment now at Da Nang with exception of that aboard LST enroute. A/C Maintenance Department set-up and ready to operate. S-2 and S-3 tents erected and set-up.

ADMINISTRATIVE - All squadron personnel at Da Nang less those aboard LST enroute. Rcvd CG FMW msg 120132Z (attached). Strengths: remain the same as 11Apr65.
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1. I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT ALL HANDS EXPENDED IN THE
MOVEMENT OF VMFA-531 TO DANANG. IT WAS A SPLENDID DEMONSTRATION OF
OPERATION AND COORDINATION BY ALL CONCERNED. THIS DEPLOYMENT
DEMONSTRATES OUR CAPABILITY TO REACT RAPIDLY LIVINE OF MANY CONTI-
GENCIES. CONGRATULATIONS FOR A FINE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE.
YOUR RESPONSIVENESS CAN SERVE AS A GOAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS
COMMAND. MGPN FONTANA.
CP-4
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 13 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Twelve (12) F4B returned from MSN # 94276, strike on a heavily wooded, mountainous area approximately 245°/27° from Da Nang. 912 2.75 inch rockets expended. Damage unknown. Flt hrs 9.9 (see my msg NR S2 - 001Apr65) Four (4) F4B returned from MSN # 94318, strike on a small hamlet approximately 308°/62NM from Da Nang. 114 - 2.75 rockets expended. Unknown KIA and WIA. Hamlet left with minor fires. Poor weather in target area hampered strike. 3.8 flt hours. (see my msg NR S2-002Apr65) Total flight hours - 13.7

LOGISTICS - 24,673 gallons JP-4 Fuel used. 10 AOCP's outstanding, 54-LAV-10 RKT pods expended. Have borrowed two (2) MJ-1 ordnance loaders from the Air Force which has reduced uploading time by 2/3. Initiated action to procure similar item for our own use.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 11 April 1965.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 14 April 1965

OPERATIONS - No flights scheduled.

LOGISTICS - 12 ACP's outstanding. Construction and organization of tent camp and working areas continues at a rapid pace. Transportation is a continual problem with tent area and work area separated about 2½ miles and all personnel eating and bathing in the MAG-16 (-) area some 4 miles away. Some 13 officers and 20 enlisted are without personal effects which were erroneously placed in storage at Atsugi Japan.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 11 April 1965. Liaison conducted with various MAG-16 and 9th MEB counterparts.
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Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 15 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Eight (8) A/C returned from a pre-briefed strike in support of Operation Black Virgin, target area 320°/56 NM Ben Hoa Taun. 33 bombs expended, damage unknown. Flt hrs 15.7 (see my msg NR S2-003 Apr 65). Eight (8) A/C returned from a pre-briefed strike in support of Operation Black Virgin same target, 44 bombs expended, damage unknown. Flt hrs 17.5 (see my msg NR S2-004 Apr 65).
Total flight hours - 33.2.

LOGISTICS - 52,675 gallons JP-4 used. Ordnance expended - 60 MK-81, 6 MK-82, 6 MK-83. Critical shortage of all iron bombs. Requested of BuWeps permission to carry the Air Force 750 # GP bomb. Rcvd answer that it was compatible with our airframe. 13 AOCP's on requisition. A/C availability is excellent.

Meals being served here, saves much time and loss of man hours. Still require nightly shower runs to MAG-16 (-).

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 12 Apr 65.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 16 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94422 in support of Operation Black Virgin, target area 320°/56NM Bien Hoa tacan. 23 bombs expended. Target was dirt covered culvert/bridge which was left with holes in it. Flt hrs 7.4.
(see my msg NR S2-005Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94423 on a VC weapons depot and liaison post located 194°/33NM from Bien Hoa tacan. 6 LAV-10 Zuni pods and 9 MK-81 bombs expended damage not observed. Small arms fire (est 50 cal) was observed, no hits received. Flt hrs 5.1 (see my msg NR S2-006 Apr65)

Total flight hours - 12.5

LOGISTICS - 17,950 gallons JP-4 used. - Ordnance expended - 30MK-81, 2 MK-82, 6 LAV-10 Zuni Pods. Ordnance remains in short supply. 15 AOCP's on requisition. A/C availability is excellent.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength - USMC, 14 Off, 3½ Enl, USN, 1 Off, 2 Enl.
Joined 1½ Enl; 8 - 8071 who operate LOX plant and 6 - 6511.
MAINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96601

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 17 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94488, target area heavily wooded terrain 193°/102 NM Da Nang. 2 MK-82 7 MK-81, 8 LAV-7D rocket pods expended. Several fires observed. Flt hrs 5.3. (see my msg NR 52-007 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94487, target area heavily wooded terrain 239°/21NM from Da Nang. 2 MK-82, 4 MK-81, 6 LAV-10 pods, 2 LAV-7D pods expended. Damage unknown. 3.7 flt hrs. (see my msg NR 52-008 Apr65)

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94490, suspected buildings beneath heavily wooded area, 188°/88NM Da Nang. 12 MK-81, 7 LAV-7D pods expended. Damage unknown. 4.7 flt hrs. (see my msg NR 52-009 Apr65)

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94489, target VC trails under jungle canopy, 282°/53NM Da Nang. 2 MK-83 6 MK-81, 7 LAV-7D pods expended, damage unknown. 4.8 flt hrs. (see my msg NR 52-010 Apr65)

Total flight hours - 18.5

LOGISTICS - 31,966 gallons JP-4 used. Ordnance expended:

- 33 MK-81 26 LAV-7D rocket pods
- 1 MK-82 6 LAV-10 rocket pods
- 2 MK-83
- 16 AOCP's outstanding.

ADMINISTRATIVE - 8 enlisted Marine (MOS 6511) joined for duty.

Strength: MCO 46, MCE 352, NO 1, NE 2
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 18 April 1965

OPERATIONS -

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94506, target area hamlets or both sides of a river 170°/22NM Da Nang. 21 MK-81 expended with blast/frag damage to houses. Extent unknown. Flt hrs 4.0 (see my msg NR S-2 01 Apr 65)

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94507, target area scattered houses and trail network, 175°/29NM Da Nang. 23 MK-81 expended with 2 houses destroyed and area saturated. Flt hrs 3.2 (see my msg NR S-2-012)

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95408, target was troops in fortified trenches on a knoll 177°/32 NM Da Nang. 6 LAV 7D pods and 6 LAV 10 pods expended with FAC reporting troops fleeing. KIA unknown. Flt hrs 3.1 (see my msg NR S2-013)

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95409, target was interdiction of targets in the same area as MSN # 95408. 4 LAV 7D pods and 8 LAV 10 pods expended. Damage unknown. Flt hrs 3.3 (see my msg NR S2-014 Apr 65)

Total flight hours - 13.6

LOGISTICS - 24,529 gallons JP-4 used. Ordnance expended: 44 MK-81, 10 LAV 7D pods, 14 LAV 10 pods. 16 AOCP's outstanding.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 19 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94592, flt rndv with FAC at 085°/45 NM Pleiku taiban. Not tgts directed by FAC, no ordnance expended. Flt hours 4.0 (see my msg NR S2-015 Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from Flaming Arrow MSN # 94603, helo escort from 150°/37 NM Da Nang to the 230°/22 NM Da Nang. Landing zone saturated with 4 LAU 7D pods, damage unknown. Flt hrs 3.4 (see my msg NR S2-16).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94593, flt rndv with FAC at 207°/83 NM Da Nang. No tgts directed by FAC, no ordnance expended. Flt hours 4.7 (see my msg NR S2-017).

B/Gen KARCH, CG-9th-MEB rcvd familiarization flight with LtCol MCGRAW. Flt hours 1.0.

Total flt hours - 13.1.

LOGISTICS - 24,618 gallons JP-4 used. 20 AOCP's outstanding. Ordnance expended, 4 LAU 7D pods.

MOREST gear arrived from Iwakuni by air.

ADMINISTRATIVE - 10 enlisted MOS 7011 who operate MOREST unit joined for duty.

Strength: MCO 46, MCE 363, NO 1, NE 2.
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Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96601

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 20 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #94605, to a
troop concentration in target area 169°/24 NM Da Nang.
3 LAV-7D pods and 8 LAV-10 pods expended. Area saturated
and possible gun emplacement knocked out. Actual damage
unknown. All A/C rcvd fire in attack from light 50 cal
automatic wpons, no hits rcvd. Flt hrs 3.5 (see my msg
NR S2-018 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #94606, target
area was houses and trucks both sides of river 169°/24 NM
Da Nang. 10 LAV 7D pods and 4 LAV-10 pods expended.
damage unknown due to heavy smoke and dust. Light wpn
fire rcvd in the attack. No hits rcvd. Flt hrs 2.8
(see my msg NR S2-019 Apr 65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #94607, target
area bldgs and trenches either side of highway, 175°/26
NM Da Nang. 4 LAV 7D pods, 7 LAV 10 pods, 6 MK-81 bombs
expended. Fires in target area, damage unknown. Light
sporatic automatic wpn fire observed in the attack, no
hits rcvd. Flight hours 3.3, (see my msg NR S2-020 Apr 65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #94608, target
area bldgs, trails, VC troops in wooded area, 170°/24 NM
Da Nang. 8 LAV 7D and 7 LAV 10 pods expended. 3 bldgs
destroyed, unknown KIA. Flt hrs 3.1 (see my msg NR S2-021
Apr 65).

Four A/C returned from strike MSN #94674, target
area VC hamlets 170°/24 NM and 168°/24 NM Da Nang. Ordnance
expended, 1 LAV 7D pod, 8 LAV 10 pods. Several large
fires started with one secondary explosion observed. Flt
hrs 4.4 (see my msg NR S2-022 Apr 65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #94675, target
area VC hamlets 173°/24 NM Da Nang. 7 LAV 7D pods and 7
LAV 10 pods expended, damage unknown. Flt hrs 3.0 (see
my msg NR S2-023 Apr 65).

Total Flight Hours - 20.1.

LOGISTICS - 33, 863 gallons JP-4 used. 21 AOCP's outstanding. Ord-
nance expended - 33 LAV 7D pods 44 LAV 10 pods and 6
MK-81 bombs.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 19 April 1965
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 21 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94684, mission aborted by .50C due to weather in the target area. No ordnance expended. 3.2 flt hrs. (see my msg NR S2-024 Apr65).

Two A/C returned from strike MSN # 94687, cancelled due to weather. As a helo escort. Helos aborted mission. FAC directed flt on armament repair bldg 162°/41 NM Da Nang. 8 LAV 7D pods expended, damage unknown. Flt hrs 2.2 (see my msg NR S2-025 Apr65).

Six (6) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94686 on target area of heavily wood trail network 219°/87 NM Da Nang. Expended 6 LAV 7D pods and 15 LAV 10 pods expended. Damage unknown. 6.9 flt hrs. (see my msg NR S2-026 Apr65).

Total flight hours - 13.72.

LOGISTICS - 26,161 gallons JP-4 used. 23 AOCP's outstanding. Ordinance expended 14 LAV 7D pods and 15 LAV 10 pods.

LST #1126 arr Da Nang at 0900. Offloading commenced immediately and completed by 2100. 70 men and 650,000 lbs cargo offloaded. Move of equipments from LST to base was hampered due to bridge being out and all equipment forged or barged across the river.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Joined one enl Marine (MOS 0221). Strength: MarCor Off 16, MarCor Enl 364, Nav Off 1, Nav Enl 2.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 22 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Operations curtailed by order of CG 9th MEB due to lack of ordnance. A minimum ordnance pool of Class V A ammo has been established and will be maintained.

Four A/C returned from Flaming Arrow mission, target area was VC troop on a wooded ridge 255°/7NM Da Nang. 8 LAV 7D pods and 7 MK-81 bombs expended. Damage unknown. Flt hrs 5.4 (see my msg NR S2-027 Apr65).

Total flt hrs - 5.4.

LOGISTICS - 6,828 gallons JP-4 used. 21 AOCP’s outstanding. 7 MK-81 and 8 LAV 7D pods expended. All equipment from LST in hangar area by 0900.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 21 April 1965.
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96601

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 23 April 1965

OPERATIONS - No flights this date due to lack of ordnance.

LOGISTICS - No fuel used, no ordnance expended, 20 AOC's outstanding.
   All hands effort put forth to unpack and organize equipment arrived on LST. Priorities established for construction of tent camp. Heads strongbacked, Nelson under construction on three large cement slabs. Clubs under construction and office spaces to be strongbacked.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 21 April 1965.
MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96601

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 24 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94982 on
target area 243°/22 NM Da Nang. Target area is a VC
stronghold but only target FAC could observe was a
herd of water buffalo (VC Motor Transport). 4 LAV 7D pods
expended, unknown water buffalo KIA. Flt hrs 3.6.
(see my msg NR S2-028 Apr65)

Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN # 94982 on
target area of houses 237°/52 NM Da Nang. 3 LAV 7D pods
and 5 LAV 10 pods expended. Damage unknown. Flt hrs 2.7
(see my msg NR S2-029 Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN #94982 on
target area of bldgs 237°/52 NM Da Nang. 4 LAV 7D pods
expended, damage unknown. Flt hrs 2.6 (see my msg
NR S2-030 Apr65).

Total flight hours 8.7.

LOGISTICS - 12,120 gallons JP-4 used. 23 AOC's outstanding. 11
LAV 7D and 4 LAV 10 pods expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 21 April 1965.
MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-531  
Marine Aircraft Group-11  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Aircraft, FMF, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96601

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 25 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Two (2) A/C returned from MEB alert MSN # 95018A, target was VC snipers along ridge line, 258°/9 NM Da Nang. 8 LAV 7D pods, 12 MK-81 bombs expended, damage unknown due to heavy foliage. Flt hrs 2.5 (see my msg NR S2-031 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95013, target was bldgs under jungle canopy 155°/15 NM Da Nang. 5 LAV7D pods, 2 LAV 10 pods, 11 MK-81 bombs, damage unknown due to foliage. Flt hrs 4.7 (see my msg NR S2-037 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95015, target was bldgs in wooded area 150°/50 NM Da Nang. 8 LAV 10 pods expended, one house destroyed. Flt hrs 5.8 (see my msg NR S2-033 Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from MEB alert MSN # 95018B on a fire suppression for combat patrol in vicinity 258°/9 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 2LAV 10 pods expended on tgts directed by ground FAC. Damage unknown but ground forces report suppression extremely effective. As long as A/C overhead VC will not fire on patrol. Flt hrs 2.4 (see my msg NR S2-034 Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95014, target bldgs in wooded area, 167°/10 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 2 LAV 10, 4 MK-81 expended, damage unknown due to the cover. Flt hrs 1.8 (see my msg NR S2-035 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN #95016, target was VC bldgs, 150°/34 NM Da Nang. 7 LAV 10 pods expended with one house destroyed. Flt hrs 3.2 (see my msg NR S2-036 Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from MEB alert MSN # 95018C on a fire suppression mission for combat patrol near 250°/8-10 NM Da Nang. No ordnance was expended for presence of A/C on station effectively suppressed all VC ground fire. Flt hrs 2.9 (see my msg NR S2-037 Apr65).

Total Flight Hours - 23.3.

LOGISTICS - 32,816 gallons JP-4 used. 23 AOCP's outstanding. 12 LAV 7D, 21 LAV 10, 27 MK-81 expended.

Squadron commended operation of our own shower unit this evening in tent camp area.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same as 21 April 1965.
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Marine Aircraft Group-11
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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 26 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95086, target VC caves on ocean cliffs 4 NM northeast Qui Nhon. 4 LAV 7D, 2 LAV 10 pods expended. Direct hits made on mouth of cave with unknown effect. Flt hrs 5.6 (see my msg NR S2-038 Apr 65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95088, same target as above mission # 95086. 4 LAV 7D and 4 LAV 10 pods expended with many direct hits on cave entrance with unknown effect. Flt hrs 4.6 (see my msg NR S2-039 Apr 65).

Three (3) A/C returned from strike mission # 95087, same target as above, 5 LAV 10 pods expended with more hits on cave entrance. Flt hrs 3.3 (see my msg NR S2-040 Apr 65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95089, same target as above missions. 2 LAV 7D, 5 LAV 10, 7 MK-81 expended with 50% of ordnance in cave entrance. Flt hrs 5.0. (see my msg NR S2-041 Apr 65).

Total flight hours 18.7.

LOGISTICS - 25,931 gallons JP-4 used. 21 AOCP's outstanding.

Started serving meals from new gally constructed by MABS-16 utilities. Two dining halls still under construction. Two movies shown in tent camp area nightly, weather permitting.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Office Hours held by Commanding Officer.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 27 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95172, target VC shelter area 257°/18 NM Da Nang. 4 LAV 7D, 4 LAV 10 pods expended, damage undetermined. Flt hrs 4.9 (see my msg NR S2-82Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95176, target VC house, 257°/18 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 2 LAV 10 pods expended with hits observed on target, results unknown. Flt hrs 1.2 (see my msg NR S2-82Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from an MPQ-10 radar bombing calibration mission in support of MASS-2. 3 MK-81 expended on hill 393. Flt hrs 3.0 (see my msg NR S2-82Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned strike MSN # 95173, target small bridge 257°/18 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 4 LAV 10 pods expended, damage undetermined. Flt hrs 3.8 (see my msg NR S2-82Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95177, target VC shelter area, 257°/18 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 2 LAV 10 pods expended, damage not observed due to foliage. Flt hrs 1.5, (see my msg NR S2-82Apr65).

Two (2) A/C returned from MSN # 95175, MPQ-10, radar bombing calibration in support of MASS-2. 4 MK-81 expended on hill 393 with two not observed hits and two bullseyes.

Total hours 17.5.

LOGISTICS - 25,000 gallons JP-4 used. 23 AOCP's outstanding. 10 LAV 7D, 10 LAV 10, 7 MK-81 expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Strength: remains the same.
DAILY SUMMARY FOR 28 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Two (2) A/C returned from Helo escort MSN # 95266A. No ordnance expended, no resistance encountered. (see my msg NR S2-049 Apr65).

Same two A/C returned from Helo escort MSN # 95266B, landing zone on hilltop 295°/82 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D, 2 MK-81 expended around LZ. Damage unknown. Flt hrs 4.1. (see my msg NR S2-050 Apr65).

Two A/C returned from MEB alert MSN # 95262A, helo support mission 158°/9 NM Da Nang. A/C were unable to raise FAC on any Freq. Flt hrs 2.4. (see my msg NR S2-051 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from helo support MSN # 95264, forest area around landing zone, 151°/90 NM Da Nang. 8 LAV 7D, 14 MK-82 bombs expended with unknown damage. FAC reports excellent hits. Flt hrs 6.8. (See my msg NR S2 050 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95267 on a VC troop concentration 173°/96 NM Da Nang. 5 LAV 7D, 6 LAV 10 pods expended with unknown damage. FAC reports good hits. Flt hrs 6.8. (see my msg NR S2-053 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from strike MSN # 95265 on VC structures in a palm grove, 176°/35 NM Da Nang. 2 LAV 7D 10 LAV 10 pods expended. FAC reports structures destroyed. Flt hrs 3.5 (see my msg NR S2-054 Apr65).

S-2, S-3 briefed General Wallace M. GREENE, Jr, CMC, on Squadron missions and strikes.
Total flight hours - 24.3.

LOGISTICS - 23,000 gallons JP-4 used. 23 AOCP's outstanding. 17 LAV 7D pods, 16 LAV 10 pods, 2 MK-81, 14 MK-82 expended.
Enlisted dining hall completed and in use. Flake ice machine received from MABS-11, not yet operational.
Personal effects finally received, referenced in 14 Apr summary.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Wallace M. GREENE, Jr. visited Squadron from 0900-0920.
Rear echelon of five enlisted arrive from Atsugi.
Dropped 1stLt Edward L. CHAMBLESS 079713/7307 USMC to HAN-11, MAG-11 for duty.
Strength: MCO 45, MCE 364, NO 1, NE 2.

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR 29 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Four (4) A/C returned from helo escort MSN #95350, landing zone vicinity of VC trenches along river, 192°/7 NM Da Nang. 6 MK-81, 14 MK-82 expended completely saturating trenches. Flt hrs 4.8 (see my msg NR S2-055 Apr65).

Four (4) A/C returned from helo escort MSN # 95352, cap 192°/7 NM Da Nang. No ordnance required or expended. Flt hrs 8.0. (see my msg S2-056)

It appears that VC have a healthy respect for the F4B for this is another occasion in which we witness the VC reluctant to fire upon helos or patrols when fixed wing A/C are overhead.

Four A/C returned from strike mission #95351 target VC houses and trucks, 157°/149 NM Da Nang. 3-LAV-7D, 3-LAV-10, 6-MK-81 expended. Area saturated and houses left burning. Flt hrs 4.9 (see my msg NRS2-057).

Four A/C returned from strike mission #95351, VC houses, 157°/149 NM Da Nang. 3-LAV-7D, 5-LAV-10 expended, fires left in area. Flt hrs 5.0 (see my msg NRS2-058).

Two A/C maintained on I Corps alert. Two A/C maintained on KEB alert. No scrambles.
Total flight time 22.7 hrs.

LOGISTICS - 36,315 gal JP-4 used. 24 AOCP's outstanding.
Flake ice machine now in operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel strength remain the same as 28 April.
OPERATIONS - Two A/C returned from helo landing zone support mission 95433A. No support required, no ordnance expended. Flt hrs 2.8 (see my msg NR S2-059).

Two A/C returned from helo landing zone support mission 95433B. No support required. Flt hrs 2.3 (see my msg NR S2-060).

Three A/C returned from helo landing zone support mission 95433C. No support required. Flt hrs 2.4. (see my msg NR S2-062).

Two A/C returned from mission number 95432. No targets available. Flt flew GCI intercepts. No ordnance expended, Flt hrs 2.2. (see my msg NR S2-060).

Four A/C returned from mission number 95434, rdvn with FAC 167°/127 NM DaNang. Msns aborted due to heavy weather in target area. Flt hrs 5.2 (see my msg NR S2-064).

Three A/C returned from mission 95435. Msns aborted due to weather. Flt hrs 3.4 (see my msg NR S2-063).

Total Flt hours 18.3

LOGISTICS - 28,805 gal JP-4 used. 26 AOCP's outstanding. No ordnance expended.

EC-8 discovered with foreign object damage to port engine. Suspected cause is ingestion of rocket fin or rocket pod nose cone inflight. Engine change underway.

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1 Enlisted O141 returned to CONUS on PCS in conn with emergency leave.

2 Officers, Capt John K. COCHRAN 064716/7307 USMC and WO Roy E. SIMOLIN 085727/6730 USMC transferred to VMFA-513, MAG-11, FMF. Both completed 20 missions while with this squadron.

Strength

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

SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 13-30 April 1965

OPERATIONS - Since arrival at Da Nang AB, RVN:

Hours flown - 279.6
Sorties flown - 233
Missions flown - 70

It is readily apparent that the VC will not fire on helos or ground patrols when fixed wing air is overhead. (reference summary for 28, 29, 30 April 1965).

It is presently beleived that the F4B A/C can provide a high quality of close escort cover for Helos. Further experience should provide some valuable tactical doctrine on this subject.

During the short period this squadron has been in combat it has been praised on many occasions for target acquisition and delivery accuracy. This is believed due to the teamwork of the RIO/Pilot (four eyes are better than two) (RIO calls altitude and airspeed in runs, pilot flies the piper.)

LOGISTICS - Ordnance and aviation jet fuel have been problems but it seems that the supply pipeline is beginning to catch up as this bottleneck has reduced somewhat.

The AOCN rate has remained at a constant average of 20 which is suprisingly low. A/C availability has been excellent averaging better than 13 of 15 daily.

Work on the tent camp has progressed well with most of the necessities of life operational at this time. Water has been a problem but our well is now producing 12-15 thousand gallons per day which is adequate.
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VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-0001 APR 65 DEBRIEFING FOR BLUE BLAZER MSN

A. 13 APR 65, 9h276, 9h277, 9h278, CHIEFTAIN, VMFA 531

B. 12 Flb, 1h3, 1h48, 1h51, 1h56, 1h7, 1h54, 1h86, 1h64, 1h57, 1h68, 1h51, 1h62, ID

C. 2h 112.587, ZC 095.592, ZC 086.593, ZC 063.585, ZC 055.585, ZC 048.607, ZC 100.585, ZC 195.594, ZC 172.597, ZC 165.597, ZC 170.603, HAPPY VALLEY, MOUNTAINOUS, HEAVY WOODS: 245°/17nm

D. UNK

E. 1229, 1300, 1329 DANANG

1240, 1311, 1340

1304, 1335, 1404 DANANG

F. 912 x 2.75" FFAR; UNOBSERVED

G. YES

BIRD DOG 21/22

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. YES

L. MCGRAW/GANDY, DOXSEE/STONE, COCHRAN/SIMOLIN, GILLIARD/JOHNSON, METZKO/LAURENCE, HANLE/FULLER, PRUDHOMME/TREMPER, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, SMITH/STRAYHORN, CHANELESS/ESTES, HANNA/WERNICH, GOWELL/FAVARON

M. CURRY/WILLIAMS: NO COMMENT
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VMFA-531 MSG NR 52-002 APR 65

DEBRIFFING FOR BLUE BLAZER MSN

A. 13 APR 65, 94318, CHIEFTAIN, VMFA-531
B. 4 Flt B, H48, H47, H43, H86
C. APPROX YS 50, H5; HAMLET, CHANGE FR 3 BRIEFD TGT: 308°/62nm
   DANANG; FLAT
D. UNK
E. 1825 DANANG
   1850
   1930 DANANG
F. 114 x 2.75" FFAR; MINOR FIRES
G. NO: FAC, FREQ, TGT CHANGED. REASON UNK
   BIRD DOG
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NO: WX AT TGT DOWN TO 1000 SCATTERED, 1300 BROKEN
L. SHERMAN/MOREAU, CAUGHRON/BOROUGHS, GRESS/TURNER, DUSSE/STOWELL
   GRESS/TURNERS DIVERGED DANANG 40NM OUTBOUND UNABLE TO TRANSFER
   FUEL.
M. CURRY: DEPARTURE FROM BRIEFD MISSION JEOPARDIZED FLIGHT
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VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-003 APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR BLACK VIRGIN MSN

A. 15 APR 65, 534, CHIEFTAIN, VMFA-531
B. 8 Fl4B, H43, 447, 454, 452, 461, 468, 453, 486, ID
C. XT 230 880, XT 280 902, XT 286 910, XT 286 920, XT 284 926
   XT 210 929, XT 230 925, XT 225 920, XT 217 910, XT 215 900
   XT 217 890, XT 220 885, OPERATION BLACK VIRGIN STRIKE, FLAT
   WOODED AREA INTERLACED WITH TRAILS AND GARDEN PLOTS: 320°/6m
   HEAT WEA TACT, FLAT WOODED
D. UNK
E. 1126 DANANG
   1225
   1315 DANANG
F. 33 ROMBS (1000, 500, 250lb, GP); BLAST, SMOKE
G. YES
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. McGraw/Gandy, Dowling/Cong, Hanne/Henriksen, Hanle/Fuller
   Metzko/Lawrence, Hanne/Schwarz, Prudhoe/Henson, Raab/Curish
   SHOULD HAVE STACKED A/C AT IP "A" TO MANY A/C AND CONFUSION
   AT IP "B" TOO MANY ON FREQ
   VIS SIGHTING OF SUSPECTED AAA WPN COVERED 6 KM W OF IP "B"
M. CURRY: NO COMMENT

W. C. McGraw Jr., LTCOL, USMC

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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USAF TSN CO-FUSACV, SAIGON CTO 77.6 CTO 77.6
SECOND AIR DIV IAC TSN GINCPAGPIA CTO 77.6 CTO 77.7
SECOND AIR DIV AIC USAF TSN GINSEVENTHPIA CTO 77.5 CTO 70.2.1.1

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VMFA-531 MSG NR 2-COL APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR BLACK VIRGIN PIG

A. 15 APR 65, CHIEFTAIN 21, THRU 28, VMFA-531
B. 6 M8, M6, M7, M8, L20, L29, L60, L65, ID
C. XT 230 800, XT 260 902, XT 285 710, XT 285 920, XT 284 926
   XT 210 929, XT 230 925, XT 225 920, XT 217 910, XT 215 900
   XT 217 890, XT 220 865, OPERATION BLACK VIRGIN STRIKE, FLAT
   WOODED AREA INTERLACED WITH TRAILS AND GARDEN PLOTS: 3200/5600
   BIEN HOA TACAN, FLAT WOODED
D. UNK
E. 16H0 DANANG
   1710
   1850 DANANG
F. 4x BOMBS (1000, 500, 250lb. GP): BLAST SMOKE
G. YES
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SMITH/STRAITHORN, CRESS/CONWAY, COCHRAN/SHOLLIN, DUSSE/STOWELL
   SHERMAN/MOREAU, CAHROHN/HORROCHES, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, DOUGIE/STONE
   RADIO DISCIPLINE WAS POOR ON STRIKE FRONT, OTHERWISE CONTROL
   WAS GOOD
M. WILLIAMS: NO COMMENT

U. C. WIGGINS Jr., LACOL, USAF
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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAG USI TSN COMUSMACV, SAIGON CTF 77 CTG 77.6
SECOND AIR DIV IAC TSN CINCPACFLT CTG 77.4 CTG 77.7
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN CONSEVENTHFLT CTG 77.5 CTG 70.2.1.1

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VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-005 APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR BLACK VIRGIN MSN

A. 16 APR 65, 044220, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 11, VMFA-531
B. 4 F4B, 243, 456, 464, 457, STRIKE
C. XT 230 688, OPERATION BLACK VIRGIN STRIKE, DIRT COVERED CULVERT/BRIDGE:
   308°/56NM BIFN HOA TACAN, FLAT WOODED
D. UNK
E. 0840 DANANG
   2025-0935
   1030 DANANG
F. 23 BOMBS (500, 250 LB. GP), HOLES ON TCT
G. YES, SOLID 62
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. MCRAE/MARSHALL, DOWLING/COY, GILLIARD/JOHNSON, GOWELL/FAVARON
   GOOD SET UP ON STRIKE
M. CURRY: NO COMMENT

John METZKO, Maj, USMC, EXO

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DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN

A. 16 APR 65, 9423, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
B. 4 F4B, 429, 461, 416, STRIKE
C. ATTACK AT 827-056, AT 831-068, OPERATION STRIKE
   VC WPNS DEP AND LIAISON POST
   194°/334° BIEN HOA TACAN
   MOUNTAINOUS, WOODED
D. UNK
E. 1533 DANANG
   1600-1630
   1635 DANANG
F. 24-ZUNIS, 9-250LB BOMB CP
   NOT OBSERVED
G. YES, BIRD DOG-23
H. NONE
I. 40MM NW OFF TGT #1 (AT 831-068)
   50 CAL.
   BRIEF RED FLASH, ACC UNK
   NO, 400 KT, 6000 MSL, 220°-150°
   NONE
   80 ° 10
J. NONE
K. YES
L. NONE, METZKO/LAWRENCE, HANKE/SCHWARZ, GEIGER/TREMPER, RAAB/CUSICK
M. CURRY: NONE

john METZKO, Maj., USMC, ExO

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SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: MARAIRCRO ONE ONE
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX

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VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-007 APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN

A. 17 APR 65, 94168, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
B. L FAB, 456, 468, 456, OPERATION STRIKE
C. YA 960 950, 2 KILO SQ. AREA OF WOODS, 193°/102 NM NW TAGAN, WOODED
D. UNK
E. 0840 DANANG
0857-0913
1000 DANANG
F. 9-250, 500LB GP, 152-2.75 FFAR
SEVERAL FIRES OBSERVED
G. YES, SOLID 40
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. PRUDHOMME/HENSON, DOXEY/STONE, HANNA/WENRICH, HAMLE/FULLER
FAC TO CALL HITS AFTER EACH RUN
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

John METZKO, Maj., USMC, ExO
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INFO: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE MARAIRGRU ONE SIX I ASOC INTEL

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VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-008 APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE 15N

A. 17 APR 65, 94/47, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 14, VMFA-531
B. 453, 457, 447, 416, OPERATION STRIKE
C. 0957/21NM DNG TACAN MOSTLY OBSCURED BY TREE CANOPY
D. UNK
E. 0947 DANANG
   0957-1030
   1041 DANANG
F. 24 - ZUNIS, 2 - 500, h - 250LB GP, 38 - FPAR
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21/22
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. CLEAR, 10
L. SMITH/FATTS, GRESS/CWINGS, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, RAE/GUSICK; NONE
M. CURRY: NONE

W. C. MCGRAG JR., "TCOL" USMC
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VMFP-531 MSG NR S2-009 APR 65

DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN

A. 17 APR 65, 9L/90, CHIEFTAIN H1 THRU H4, VMFA-531
B. 4 FLB, 456, 413, 416, 417, OPERATION STRIKE
C. YA 850 850, SUSPECTED BLDGS BENEATH HEAVY WOODS, 180°/99M
   DNG TACAN, HEAVILY WOODED AREA
D. UNK
E. 1445 DANANG
   1518-1521
   1550 DANANG
F. 12 - 250 LB GP, 131 - 2.75 FPAR
G. NO, FAC, SOLID-40
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SHERMAN/MOREAU, CAUGHRON/BOROUGH, COCHRAN/STOLLIN, DUSSE/STOWELL
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

J. METZKO, MAJ., USMC, EXO
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MARFILEAKRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USN TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDG TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USN TSN

INFO: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCO INTEL

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FA-531 MSG NR S2-110 APR 65

17 APR 65, 041409, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 34, VMFA-531
4 F-4B, 425, 466, 451, 486, OPERATION STRIKE
YC 513-917, VC TRAILS, GARDEN PILOTS UNDER JUNGLE CANOPY
2820/5300M DNG TACAN, MOUNTAINOUS JUNGLE COVER
UNK
1527 DANANG
1552-1610
1635 DANANG
2 - 1000 LB GP, 6 - 250 LB GP, 133 - 275 FFAR, UNK
YES, BIRD DOC-23
SMALL FIELD, YC 665-902, APPARENT ZIG ZAG TRENCHES
SMALL CLEARING, YC 513-916, 2 WHITE COVERED OBJECTS
SMALL CULTIVATED FIELD, YC 525-990, (NE SLOPE MTN) 2 PERSONS
OBSERVED IN VICINITY
NONE
NONE
YES
MEGRAN/GANDY, DOWLING/COX, GILLIARD/TREMPER, GOWELL/CUMMINGS
HANNA: NONE

J. METZKO, MAJ., USMC, EKO
DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN #91,506

A. 18 APR 65. 94506.; CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 13; VMFA-531
B. H41B, H43, H47, H54, H29; OPERATION STRIKE
C. BT 070 310, AREA, HAMLETS ON BOTH SIDES OF RIVER 174°/22NM DG TAGAN WOODY KNOLL
D. 3RD MARINE BN, 2ND RECON CO., 2 AFC COMPANIES, 22ND BN 5TH REG, 39TH RANGER BN, 3 X M34 TANKS, 1ST BN 5TH REG, 3RD BN 6TH REG MINUS/PLUS RESERVE 1 CO. OF 4TH BN, PLUS 2 X 155 HOW BATTERIES AND 1 X 105 BATTERY
E. 0845 DANANG
   0900-0920
   0950 DANANG
F. 21 X 250 LB GP BOMBS BLAST/FRAG DAMAGE TO HOUSES, EXTENT UNK
G. NO, TGT BEGAN APPROX 1NM N. OF BRIEFED TGT AREA, BIRD DOG 21/22
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. NEIZKO/LAWRENCE, HANKE/SCHWARZ, GILLIARD/ESTES, GOWELL/FAVARON
   REQ FAC GIVE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF TGT AFTER FINAL RUNS. REQ I ASOC INTEL GIVE MORE DETAILED READOUT OF FRIENDLY FORCES DISPOSITION IN/NEAR TGT AREA PRIOR TO STRIKE FLT.
M. CURRY, NONE

V. C. MCGRAW JR., LT COL., VMA, COMMANDING
DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN # 94507

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VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-012

A. 18 APR 65, 94507, CHEFATAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
B. L IMB, 457, 456, 416, 468, OPERATION STRIKE
C. 075 303, SCAT HOUSES, TRAIL NETWORKS, 175°/29 NW DNG TAGAN, FLAT PARTIALLY WOODED AREA
D. 3RD MARINE BN, 2ND RECON CO, 2 APC COMPANIES, 22ND BN 5TH REG, 39TH RANGER BN, 3 X M34 TANKS, 1ST BN 5TH REG, 3RD BN 6TH REG MINUS/PLUS RESERVE 1 CO. OF 4TH BN, PLUS 2 X 155 HOW BATTERIES AND 1 X 105 BATTERY
E. 0920 DANANG
    0925-0950
    1000 DANANG
F. 23 - 250LB GP, 2 HOUSES DESTROYED TGT AREA SATURATED BY BOMBS
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21/22
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. PRUDHOMME/HENSON, DOXSEE/STONE, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, RAAB/CUSICK
   REQ FAC GIVE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF TGT WHEN FLIGHT LEAVES TGT AREA
   REQ I ASSOC INTEL GIVE FRIENDLY TROOP DISPOSITION IN/NEAR TGT AREA PRIOR TO FLIGHT T.O.
M. HANNA: NONE

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C. McGRAW JR., LTCOL., USAF, CONFIDENTIAL
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 VMF-A-531 MSG NR 52-013

 A. 18 APR 65, 9h50, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 34, VMFA-531
 B. 4 FlB, 148, 186, 183, 116, INTERDICTION
 C. BT 130-280 FORTIFIED POSITION/TROOPS ON KNOLL
 D. BRIEVED FRIENDLY INFANTRY, ARMOR, ARTILLERY NE AND NW OF TGT
 E. 14h9 DANANG
    1502
    1512
    1535 DANANG
 F. 76 X 2.75 FFAR, 152 X 2.75a FFAR, 24 ZUNI, NOT OBSERVED, FAC
    REPORTED TROOPS FLEEING
 G. YES, BIRD DOG 23/24
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 J. NONE
 K. YES
 L. SHERMAN/MOREAU, CAUGHRON/BOROUGHS, COCHRAN/SIMONIN, DOWLING/COX
 M. CURRY, NONE

 J. WETZKO, MAJ., USMC, EKO

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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX
I ASOC INTEL

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VMFA-531 MSG NR S2-014

DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN #94509

A. 18 APR 65, 94509, 8HIEFTAIN 31 THRU 44, VMFA-531
B. 4 FLB, 452, 456, 462, 464, INTERDICTION
C. RT 130-280, WOODED KNOll
D. BRIEFED FRIENDLY INFANTRY, ARMOR, ARTILLERY, LOCATED TO NE & NW
OF TGT
E. 1518 DANANG
   1535
   1550
   1608 DANANG
F. 76 X 2.75" FPAR, 31 ZUNI
G. NO, FAC DIRECTED CHANGE OF TARGET
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SMITH/STRAHORN, GRESS/MARSHALL, HANNA/WEENICH, HANLE/PULLER
M. CURRY: NONE

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VMFA-531 MSG NR 32-015

DEBRIEFING FOR STRIKE MSN #94592

A. 19 APR 65, 94592, CHIEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
B. 1 MB, 129, 452, 416, 456, ID
C. ORBIT AT BR 595 545, 0850/45NM PLEIKU
D. UNK
E. 0813 DANANG
   0900
   0948 DANANG
F. NONE, N/A
G. NO, NO TOTs DIRECTED BY FAC, SHOOT 45
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. METZKO/LAWRENCE, DUSSE/STOWELL, HANNA/HERNICH, DORSEY/STONE
M. CURRY: NO COMMENT

J. METZKO, MAJ., USMC ExO
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OPS TRAFFIC:
ROUTINE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC BIT TSN
SECOND AIR DIV DE TSN
SECOND AIR ACC USE TSN

INFO: PARATROOP ONE ONE INTEL
PARATROOP ONE SIX INTEL
1 ASSOC INTEL Z EXEC 24 MAR

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UFTA-521 3RD YR 82-016
DESCRIPTION FOR FLYING ARMOR (SH 9868)

A. 19 APR 65, 91603, OUTFLOW 11 AND 12, UIFTA-521
B. 2 MAR, 651, 459, 0700 ESCORT, FLYING ARMOR, ARMORED AND TGT
C. 1200 ESCORT BY 350-145, TGT 70-130-245, UK, 150/375 INF 25 -
   2203/2231 DNG
D. UK
E. 1110 DAMANG
   1115-1200
   1115-1230
   1217 DAMANG
F. 07-2, 75 FTAR, TGT AREA SATURATED - NO DAMAGE ACQUIRED, REMOVED
   BY PNC, JUNGLE/BOCD CANOPY
G. YES, WIND DOG 22
H. NONE
I. MORE
J. MORE
K. YES
L. LETH/STATIONS, CRIPS/CURTAINS
M. HANNA: NO CONTACT

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A. 19 APR 65, 94592, CONFIDENTIAL 31 TON 34, DTFA-531
B. H FLB, L29, 452, L63, L56, IN
C. REFURER FOR OM 776 396, WITH TURBO SUPER TO NEVER
   207/83MM PHG TACAN
D. FRIENDLY PROG AND HELD A/G Y AREA
E. 1420 DAVANG
   1130-1507
   1530 DAVANG
F. WRITE
G. NO, NO TARG ASSTED BY FAC, SMOK H5
H. WRITE
I. WRITE
J. WRITE
K. YES
L. SHEPHERD/ORETHO, HANKE/SCHEIDZ, GIL THAV/TAYLOR, SLOPE/MARSHALL
M. CUPPY, NONE

39 APR 65 1520

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John Ketzko, W.C., W.H.S., ENO

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OP INIMMEDIATE
ROUTINE

MARKED FOR?! FIVE TIMES ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC TSH
SECOND AIR DIV INC TSH
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USE TSH

INFO: MARKED FOR ONE INTERVAL
MARKED FOR SIX INTERVAL
1 ASOC INTERVAL

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UFO-531 MSG NO 82-013  DERRIETING FOR STRIKE VSN 494605

A. 20 APR 65, 154656, CHIPPITAIN 21, TURN 2H, UFO-531
B. 1 FLR, ID, L51, L52, L86, ID
C. PT 088-310, HIR, V/0, TROOP CONCENTRATION, 169°/219°, D/03
D. UIR
E. 0615 DANAH
0626-0645
0711 DANAH
F. 57-2.75° PEAR, 11 ZUNI PTKS, POSSIBLE CHM DEPOPULATION, KNOCKED OUT AND TTT AREA SATURATED
G. YES, RICE DOG 22
H. NO
I. PT 088 310, ON ALL A/C IN ATTACK, CA, AU, M30 CAL, LT, T/FAC, YES, 500 LTS, 7500-2000, 210°-280°, HOME, CLR 50K
J. NO
K. YES
L. PRUD'HOMME/HENSON, BOXSE/STACE, GILLIARD/ROGERS, HOWELL/ESTES
FAC CONTROL EXCELLENT WHILE FAC UNDER FIRE
M. NAHAN: NO CONTENT

20 APR 65 0030Z

To: QUAIL

From: [Signature]

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MARRITATRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TON
SECOND AIR DIV IDG TON
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USN TON

INFO: MARRITATRON ONE ONE INTL
MARRITATRON ONE SIX INTL
I ASCC INTL

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VFA-531 MSG NR 82-019
DETERMINING FOR BLUE PLAZED BPM

A. 20 APR 65, 94606, CERTAIN SL TIRR 32, VFA-531
B. H PR, H52, H61, H16, H17, ID
C. UT 088 310, N00633, TRENCHES BOTH SIDES OF FIVER, 169°/21HM BMG
D. 2ND NORTH OF TCI
E. 0636 DANANG
   0657-0651
   0715 DANANG
F. 190-2.75 PFAR, 26 ZUNI, UNOBSERVED, HEAVY SMOKE AND DUST
G. YES, RIMP DOM 22
H. NONE
I. NONE OBSERVED, BUT CALLED BY FAC IN TOT AREA
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HAGMANN/HABY, HOLLING/COX, OCEANUS/GRONIN, HANKE/SCHWARZ
   OUTFIELDING WORK BY FAC WHILE UNDER FIRE
M. CURRY: NONE

20APR65 0115Z

J. METZKO, MAJ., USMC, ENO

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OP IMMEDIATE ROUTINE

"CARTETRON FIVE THREE ONE"

SECOND AIR DIV CAC USB TSN
SECOND AIR DIV INC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USB TSN

INFO:
PARAIREGRU ONE ONE INTEL
PARAIREGRU ONE SIX INTEL
1 ASCG INTEL ZEN

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VMTA-531 SIG UR S2-020

DISTRIBUTION FOR BLUE BLAIZOR NSN 694007

A. 20 APR 65, 040607, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 50, VMTA-531
B. L PBR, L16, L16, L16, L29, TD
C. BT 055 250, BLOOM, VOKHOLES KI MAR SIDE OF FAM ROAD, 175/26 NW DMO
D. L NW N OF TOT
E. 0927 DAKANG
   0922
   0940
   1000 DAKANG
F. 76 X 2.75 FFAR, 25 ZIMI, 6 X 250 GP BOMBS
G. YES, BIRD DOC 23/24
H. TENT OR HAMLET 1 1/2 NM S OF TOT, RED SMOKE FLAKES 1 1/2 X 1/2
   OF TOT
I. BT 055 250 SA, AN, LT, INACO, BFK 500 LBS 2000'-4000', 2100'
   0600 CIR 10
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SHERMAN/HEREAU, CAUCHRON/BORCHEIS, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, RAAP/CUSIC
M. CURRY: NONE

20/A-05 0300Z

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UNIT: 531

DEBRIEFING FOR: ID 455511

A. 20 APR 66, 0600, PHANTOM 51 THRU 51, INFO-531
B. 4 FLB, 850, 660, 680, 660, 850, 660
C. 0700 295, 0710 295, BLOCK TRAFFIC AREA AND VC TROOPS 170/2000 DIS
D. 14 KM N OF TOT
E. 1018 DANAII

1025
1050
2100 DANAII

F. 111 X 2.50 FTAR, 26 ZULU
G. 3 BLOCKS DEATH, UNK KIA
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NO
K. YES
L. BEER/LORENZ, DESSE/STEWELL, HANF, WIGGICH, SLOOT/MARSHALL
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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J. 0350 EXO, MAJ., 0350, EXO

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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AAC USR TSN

INFO:
PARAIRGRCU ONE ONE INTEL
PARAIRGRCU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASOC INTEL

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VMFA-531 WS6 NR S2-022

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DEBRIEFING FOR ID NSN #94674

A. 20 APR 65, 0h674, CHIEFTAIN 61 THRU 64, VMFA-531
B. 4 FI8, 683, 452, 463, 667, ID
C. BT 080 300 AREA/BT 110 300, VC VILLAGES, 170°/24NM, 168°/24NM DNG
D. 3NM W. OF TARGET
E. 1231 DANANG
   1255 1315
   1258 1322
   1332 DANANG
F. 19 X 2.75 FFAR, 32 ZUNI, SEVERAL LARGE FIRES, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION
G. YES, BIRD DOG 25
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SMITH/STRAITHORNE, CRESS/TREPPE, HANLE/FULLER, HANKE/SCHWARZ, NONE
M. CURREN: NONE

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J., METZKO, MAJOR, USMC, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OPS IMMEDIATE ROUTINE

MAFIA GRU FIVE THREE ONE

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SECOND AIR DIV CAC USR TSH
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSH
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSH

INFO: MAFIA GRU ONE SIX INTEL

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VMFA-5 BKG W 82-023

DEBRIEFING FOR ID PIBN 79/675

A. 20 APR 65. 91675, CHIEFTAIN 71 THRU 78, VMFA=531
B. 4 FEB, 456, 416, 486, 429, ID
C. BT 075-319, UNR, VC HARLETS & STRUCTURES, 173°/24'N
D. USE
E. 1317 DAMANO
   1355
   1435
   1430 DAMANO
F. 133 X 2.75° FFAR, 2° ZUMI
G. YES, BIRD DOG 25/26
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. NGUAR/GANDY, STONE/MARSHALL, GILLIARD/JOHNSON, DUSE/STOWELL
M. HADNA: NONE

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MARPATATRON FIVE THREP. ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO:
NARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
NARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
1 ASOC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NO S2-024 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN #94684

1. NEO RPT SUBMITTED. MSN ABORTED BY ASOC DUE TO WX IN TG AREA.

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21 APR 65 03032

W. C. McGRaw Jr., LTCOL, USAJ, CO, 335TH TFS

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MAPITATION FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USN TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USN TSN

INFO: MARAIRON ONE SIX
I AFSC INTEL.

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VNFA-532 HSG HR 52-025
DEDISTRIBUTION FOR ID NSN # 94687

A. 21 APR 65, 94687, CHIEFTAIN 52 AND 52, VNFA-532
B. 2 FLR, 147, 458, ID
C. BF 200 CLO, ARMAMENT REPAIR BLDG, HILLS, WOODED, 162 DEGREES,
  LIWW DUG TACAN
D. UNK
E. 1405 DANANG
  1435-1452
  1610 DANANG
F. 1L2-2.75 FFAR, UNK, SMOKE/DUST
G. NC, HELOS AROPPED VSH, FAC DIRECTED VHN TOT, RIND DCG 26
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. COCHRAN/SMILON, PRUDHOMME/REMON
M. CURRY: NONE

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MAP PATTERN FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSW
SECOND AIR DIV OAC TSU
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USN TSW

INFO
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX
I ASOC INF.

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VMFA-531 NSG NR 32-026

DEBRIEFING FOR ID NSN # 94686

A. 21 APR 65, 9h 59, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 46, VMFA-531
B. 6 MAR 65, 9h 12, 416, 416, 466, 431, 483, ID
C. YB 735 369, HEAVY WOODED AREA, POSSIBLE TAPES, 219 DEGREES /
STATION TACAN
D. UNK
E. 1450 DANANG
   1500-1535
   1550 DANANG
F. 60-200K 185, 11h 1-2.75 FFAR, UNK, HEAVY WOODED AREA
G. YES, SHOOT 419
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. McCRAW/YANDO, DOKSEY/STONE, SLOE/MARSHALL, O'DELL/GUEFFING,
   HANK/SCHWARZ, OTTGER/TREMER, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TOT AREA
   COORDINATES PRIOR TO TAKE OFF.
M. WILLIAMS: NONE
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HARTRICK FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TPN
SECOND AIR DIV INC TPN
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USR TPN

INFO: MARAIRCON ONE
MARAIRCON ONE SIX
I AOC INTEL

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VMFA-531 REG NO. S2-027
REPORTING FOR FLAMING AUROCA NSW

A. 22 APR 65, NONE, CHERTEIN 11 THRU 14, VMFA-531
B. 14HR, 1445, 1505, 1545, 1610, 1635, FLAMING AUROCA
C. AT 2000-2100, B-40 RIFLE, WOODED, 75 TROOPS, 255 DEGREES/TIM DING TACAN
D. AT 2100 720
E. 1415 DA NANG
   1510-1520
   1530 DA NANG
F. 152 2.75 FTAR, 7 X 250 LB GP BOMBS, UNK
G. YES, RYTD DOG 24/HURKE LHA
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, COWELL/FAVARO, HAMIE/FULLER, RAB/CRICK
   STRIKE WAS WELL CONTROLLED AND WELL TIMED
MOB-SURRY: NONE

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ARM 1940

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second air div oac usi tsn
second air div idc tsn
second air div aoc usr tsn

info:

marairgru one one
marairgru one six
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VMFA-531 MSN 52-028
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN #94982

A. 24 APR 65, 94982. CHIEFTAIN 25 & 26, VMFA-531
B. 2 FLB, 650, 150, ID
C. 2C 050-500, WATER BUFFALO, 2430/22MM DNG
D. UNK
E. 1300 DANANG
   1340
   1340
   1405 DANANG
F. 68 2.75" FPAR
G. DIVERTED TO BRIEFTD ALTERNATE TGT
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. NONE, SMITH/STRAHORN, DUSSE/STOWELL
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USP TSN

INFO: MARAIRORU ONE ONE
MARAIRORU ONE SIX
1 ASCC INTL

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VMFA-531 MSG NO. 52-029
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN #94982

A. 24 APR 65, 94982, CHIEFTAIN 23 & 24, VMFA-531
B. 2 F105, 486, 662, ID
C. YC 650-250, 2C 050-500, SPEC FORCES PORT/2 HOUSES, 237°/52NM
  237°/35°M DIVO
D. UNK
E. 1225 DANANG
   1235 1317
   1312 1343
   2602 DANANG
F. 16 ZUMI, 57 X 2.75" PPAR
G. YES, BIRD DOG 29
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. METZKO/LAWRENCE, CAUCHRON/FRAZIER
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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J. METZKO, MAJ, USMC, ETO

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MURATTAKON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USAF TSN
SECOND AIR DIV OSC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV OAG USAF TSN

INFO: 1 APR

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VMFA-531 MSG NR. S-2-030

DEBRIEFING FOR ID MISSION #94982

A. 24 APR 65, 94982, CHIEFTAIN 23, THRU 22, VMFA-531.
B. 2 FEB, 159, 453, ID
C. TC 650 250, ATO, SPEC FORCES POST ON RIDGE LINE, 237 DEGREES/52 NW DG TACAN
D. IN TOT AREA
E. 1115 DAMANG
   1200 1312
   1330 DAMANG
F. NONE
G. YES, PIDD DOG 29
H. NONE, NO
I. NONE OPS
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HANNA/MENTCH, SLORE/MARSHALL, NONE.
H. WILLIAMS: NONE

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HARFITATRON FIVE THREE ONE

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

INFO: HARAIRORU ONE ONE
       HARAIRORU ONE SIX
       I ASOC ZEN

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VMFA-531 MSG NR 32-031 APR 65 DEBRIEFING FOR MED ALERT TSN

A. 25 APR 65, 95018, CHIEFTAIN 21 AND 22, VMFA-531
B. 2 FLE, L13, L60, GAS/WEB SUPPORT
C. AT 640 710, VC SNIPERS ALONG RIDGE LINE, 255 DEGREES/9400
   DNG TACAN
D. 1 MILE NORTH OF TOT
E. 0850 DAMAHG
   0855-1000
   1005 DAMAHG
F. 140 = 2.75 FPAR, 12 = 250LB BOMBS, UNK, CANOPY FOLIAGE
G. YES, EMBLEM 10 AND 20, BURKE 14
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HARRA/AMIRICH, DUSSE/STOWELL
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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MCRP 6100 FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV CAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO: MARAIRCRU ONE ONE
MARAIRCRU ONE SIX
I ASOC

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 NSG NR 82-032 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID NSN # 95013

A. 25 APR 65, 0905, CHIEFTAIN 30, THRU 30, VMFA-531
B. 04 0900-0910, VMFA-531, 155 DEGREES/26KM
C. 0900-0910, HOUSE UNDER JUNGLE CANOPY, 155 DEGREES/26KM
D. 160 DEGREES/20KM FROM TOT
E. 0915 DANANG
   1005-1030
   1050 DANANG
F. 8 - ZUNI, 95 - 2.75 FFAR, 11 - 250LB GP BOMBS, UNK - FAC
   CALLED HOUSE DESTROYED, CANOPY COVER
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21, EFPLM 20
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. PRODHOMME/HENSON, DEXSEE/STONE, GETZER/ESTES, HAULE/TREMPER
   DANG TACAN WENT OFF AIR ON RETURN FROM TOT, BIRD DOG 21 HAD
   BAD COMM - SOUNDED TO BE BAD CARBON, BOOM MIKE.
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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

INFO:
VMFA-312 NSG NO 82-033 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID NSH 304002 9 95015

A. 25 APR 65, 95015, CHIEFTAIN 61 THRU 64, VMFA-312
B. 4 FLR, 54, 662, 459, 453, ID
C. BS 399 951, BS 385 970, WOOD AREA, HOUSE, 150 DEGREES/50MM DNG TACAN
D. UNK
E. 1012 DANANG
   1051-1102
   1140 DANANG
F. 32 - ZUMI RITS, FAC RPTD SECOND TOT DESTROYED
G. YES, THIRD DOG 21
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. MCGRAW/GANDY, DOWLING/COL, SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, GOWELL/FAVARON, FAC RADIO BAD
M. JOHNSON'S NONE

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APR 1965
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MARFITATRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFOs
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCG INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 HSG NR S2-03; APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR MER GRND ALERT MSN # 95018B

A. 25 APR 65, 95018B, CHIEFTAIN 23 AND 2b, VMFA-531
B. 2 LHB, 486, 452, MER GRND ALERT
C. AT 855 716, HILL, UNK - DNG TACAN DOWN
D. UNK
E. 1035 DANANG
   1017-1130
   1245 DANANG
F. ??-ZUMI RATS, 38-2.75 FFAR, UNK, NOT A HARD TGT
G. YES, FAC CONTROLLED, EMBLER 10
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HANKE/SCHWARZ, CAUCHRON/BOROUGH
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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HAPITATTAM FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV QAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV JDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSN

INFO:

HAPITATTAM ONE ONE INTEL
HAPITATTAM ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG SR 82-035 APR 65
DECLASSIFIED FOR ID NSN 95014

A. 25 APR 65, 95014, CHIEFTAIN 51 AND 52, VMFA-531
B. 2 MGR, H-17, H-56, ID
C. ET 180 O30, RIDG IN TREES, FLAT, NORTH SIDE OF RIVER,
   167 DEGREES/40NM RNG TACAN
D. 20KM TO SOUTH
E. 1300 DA Nang
   1322-1331
   1352 DA NANG
F. 8 - ZUMI RATS, 38 - FPAR, h - 250LB GP BOMBS, UNK, TREE COVER
G. YES, VIRD DOG 24
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. COCHRAN/SMOLIN, CAUGHRIN/BOROUGH
M. CURRY: NONE

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MARITITRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV CAC USN TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

IMFO:
MARINCRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARINCRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASOC INTEL TSN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 BG Nr S-2-036, APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID FSM # 95016

A. 25 APR 65, 95016, CHIEFTAIN 61 THRU 64, VMFA-531
B. 4440, 1640, 1459, 1059, 1459, 1059, 62, 1062, 1662, 616
C. EB 160 040, BT 035 045, HOUSES AND CULTIVATED AREA, SUSPECTED
   VC SHELTER, 150 DEGREES/31MM DING TACAN
D. 20KM NORTH AND SOUTH OF TGT
E. 1320 DANANG
   1320-1321
   1415 DANANG
F. 28 - ZUKI BARNS, 1 HOUSE DESTROYED OTHER RESULTS UNK
G. YES, BIRD DOG 23 AND 24
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. METZKO/LAURENCE, STRAU/MARSHALL, MCGRAF/FLIER, DOULT/MCG, NONE
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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SECOND AIR DIV OAC USR TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDG TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INFO: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
       MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
       SIX AOC INTEL TEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG Nr 52-037, APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR FEB ALERT PSH 95018C

A. 25 APR 65, 95018C, CHIFFTAH 25 & 26, VMFA-531
B. 2 F4B, 143, 168, FEB ALERT
C. H5, 250 DEGREES/6-10NM DG
D. PATROL IN AREA
E. 1448 DANANG
   1614 DANANG
F. NONE
G. 3355 NO, NO TGT ASSIGNED
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. PRUDHOME/ MOREAU, GRESS/CUMMINGS, NONE
M. CURRY: NONE

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MARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV QAC USI TSW
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSW
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSW
INFO: MARAIRGROU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGROU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCG INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 HSQ NR S2-038, APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID NSN 593086

A. 26 APR 65, 0908, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 14, VMFA-531
B. L 1451, 1511, 1651, 1661, 1621, ID
C. GR 150, 320, VC CAVE AHM NE OF QUI NHON
D. UNK
E. 0845 DANANG
   0922
   0935
   1008 DANANG
F. 65 2.75" KETS, 8 ZUNK
G. YES, EDGE 41
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CONTACT FC WHEN HE IS ON A FREQ (253.5)
   NOT IN FRAG (301.5/339.1), SHERMAN/FRAZIER, COCHRAN/SIMOLIN
   SMITH/STRAYHORN, GRESS/COPPINGS
M. JOHNSON: NONE

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DEBRIEFING FOR ID: MSN 92-039 APR 65

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 NSG NR 92-039 APR 65

A. 26 APR 65, 25088, CHEFTAIN 21 THRU 24, VMFA-531
B. L F/02, 452, 413, 168, 417, ID
C. OR 165 315, CAVE AT WATER LEVEL ON PENINSULA 1560/1400M NW
D. UNK
E. 0932 DANANG
   1000
   1009
   1040 DANANG
F. 14 ZUNI, 76 X 2, 75" FFAR
G. NO FAC FREQ 253-5, NOT BRIEFED IN FRAC ORDER, EDGE 11
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. FAC FREQ FULL OF TRANSMISSIONS BY OTHER UNK A/C
   PRUDHOMME/HENSON, DOKSEY/STOE, HANKE/FULLER, HANKE/SCHWARZ
M. CURRY: NONE

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MARITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSH
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSH

INFO: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASOC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 92-040 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 95087

A. 26 APR 65, 95087, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 33, VMFA-531
B. 3 FLII, L51, L86, L17, ID
C. GR 260 326, CAVES FIRST OF QUI HNOI ON WATERLINE, 156°/148 NM DNG
D. FRIENDLIES 5 MILES WEST
E. 1337 DANANG
   1400
   1420
   1445 DANANG
F. 20 ZUNI "S, 1 ZUNI HIT IN CAVE ENTRANCE, AREA SATURATED
G. YES, EDGE 41
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, MCCRAV/FRAZIER, DOWLING/GOX, NONE
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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MARITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

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

INFO: MARAIRORU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRORU ONE SIX INTEL
1 ASOC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VFPA-531 MSC NR 52-041 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID FSN 95089

A. 26 APR 65, 95089, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 44, VFPA-531
B. 4 FTR, L52, L53, L13, L52, ID
C. CR 150 275, CAVE ON WATERLINE EAST OF QUI NHON, 156°/14N FNG
D. 6 NM TO WEST
E. 1415 DANANG
   1435
   1450
   1520 DANANG
F. 21 ZUNI'S, 20 2.75" FFAR, 7 250# GP BOMBS, HALF OF ORDNANCE IN TOT
G. YES, EDGE 41, GOOD CONTROL
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HAINA/WEIRICH, SLOC/SHALL, METZKO/LAWRENCE, DUSE/STOWELL
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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MARPTAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

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

INFO:
MARATHRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARATHRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCO INTEL ZEN
CG 9th MEB

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 FSD IN 52-042 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 95172

A. 27 APR 65, 95172, CHIEFTAIN 31 THRU 34, VMFA-531
B. 4 FLA, 454, 453, 459, 462, ID
C. ZC 110 679, VC SHEETER AREA 257°/18NM DIA
D. UNK
E. 0815 DANANG
   0825
   0833
   0920 DANANG
F. 15 X ZUNI, 76 X 2.75 FFAR
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. COCHRAN/SIMOLIN, GEIGER/FRAZIER, SMITH/STRAWBERRY, GRESS/CUMMINGS
M. WILLIAMS: INITIALLY FAC USED LOCAL LAND MARK NAMES FOR
   IF OF POSITION BUT CHANGED TO GRID LOCATIONS OF REQUEST

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SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDG TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

IMFC: MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCC INTEL ZEN
CO 9TH MEU

CONFIDENTIAL MSG NR 92-043 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID PSN 95176

A. 27 APR 65, 95176, CHIEFTAIN L1 AND L2, VMFA-531
B. 2 FLB, 452, 456, ID
C. 2C 123 671, VC HOUSE & GARDEN PLOT 2570/1810M DNG
D. UNK
E. 0845 DANANG
   0856
   0903
   0922 DANANG
F. 8 X ZUNI, 38 X 2.75 FFAR, HITS OBSERVED ON TGT, RESULTS UNK
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. MCCRAW/GANDY, HANNA/ESTES
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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MARTIANON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ING TSH
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USA TSN

INFO: MARAIRORU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRORU ONE SIX INTEL
CC 9TH MED
I ASCC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG IR 82-043 APR 65

DECLASSIFIED FOR MPQ MSN 95174

A. 27 APR 65, 95174, CHIEFTAIN 51 AND 52, VMFA-531
B. 2 FLB 443, 445, MPQ DROP
C. AT 887 415, HILL 393 2700/2700 DNG
D. FRIENDLIES TO EAST OF TGT AREA
E. 0925 DANANG
   0930
   1002
   1053 DANANG
F. 3 X MK-814 S, UNK
G. YES, DEVASTATE BRAVO
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, GOVOLL/PAVARON
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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MARPATRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAC UNS TSN
SECOND AIR DIV OAC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV OAC DFS TSN

INFO:
CG 9TH NSB
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
ASOC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MEC NR 82-015 APR 65
DEPRESSED FOR ID MSN 95173

A. 27 APR 65 95173 CHELTAIN 61 THRU 61 VMFA-531
B. L F1B, L53, L86, L56, L62, ID
C. ZC 110 62G FOOT BRIDGE, BLDG. Z6000 257/18NM DNG
D. URL
E. 1222 DANANG
   1218
   1304
   1316 DANANG
F. 38-2.75° FPAR, 20 ZUNI
G. YES, BIRD DOG 23
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, DOXSE/STONE, METZKO/TREMPER, DURSE/STONEELL
M. CURRY: NONE

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MARTYAKRON FIVE THREE ONE

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

INFC: 09 9TH FEB
MARTYGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARTYGRU ONE SIX INTEL
1 ASCC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG BR 02-046 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR ID MSN 95177

A. 27 APR 65, 95177, CHIEFTAIN 71 AND 72, VMFA-531
B. 2 FM 50, 447, 452, DE
C. ZC 145 670, VC SHELTER AREA, 257/180N DNG
D. UNK
E. 1243 DANANG
   1200
   1210
   1224 DANANG
F. 8 ZUMI, 38 - 2.75" FFAR, UNOBSERVED
G. YES, BIRD DOG 21
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HANLE/FULLER, HANKE/GLRZ
M. WILLIAMS: NONE

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HARFITAKRON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN
INFO: CG 9TH NED
NAVIGRUP ONE ONE INTEL
NAVIGRUP ONE SIX INTEL
I AOC INTEL ZEN
CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 52-047 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR MPQ TRNG MSN 95175
A. 27 APR 65, 95175, CHIEFTAIN 81 AND 82, VMFA-531
B. 2 F4R, L68, L43, MPQ TRNG W/MACS-2
C. AT 880 7H5, HILL 393, 270°/9NM DNG
D. 1 NM TO EAST
E. 1330 DANANG
132
1315
1500 DANANG
F. 4 X 250 LB GP, 2 NULLS, 2 NOT OBSERVED BY FO
G. YES, DEVASTATE R
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SHERMAN/MOREAU, SLOC/MARSHALL
M. CURRY: NONE

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SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDT TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOG USR TSN

INFO:
CG BIO WPAR
MARINES ONE ONE INTEL
MARINES ONE SIX INTEL
I AOG INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-512 MSG HR 02-068 APR 65
DECLASSIFIED FOR HELO SUPPORT RN 9526:

A. 28 APR 6528 CHIEFTAIN H1 THRU H10 VMFA-531
B. H1, H6, H13, H15, H53, H56 HELO SUPPORT
C. BS 635 210, FOREST AREA AROUND HELO 18, 151 DEGREES / 50 MI
   DM TACAN
D. UNK
E. 0955 DABANG
   0922-0945
   1008 DABANG
F. 152 = 2.75 KTS, 11 MK 82's, UNK, FOREST CANOPY
G. YES, EDGE H1
H. NONE, NO
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HAYLE/FULLER, CAUCHRON/BOROUGH, PRUDHOMME/HARRISON, NOYES/STONE
M. JOHNSON, NONE

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SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSH
SECOND AIR DIV IAC TSH
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSH

INFO: CG NINTH FFR
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASCG INTEL

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG BR 52-049 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR CAP MSN 95266A

A. 28 APR 65, 95266A, CHIEFTAIN 31-32, VMFA-531
B. 2 F4B, UH-1, CAP FOR HELOS
C. YD OLQ 320G, HELO L Z, CLEARED HILL TOP, 295 DEGREES/82NM
   DNG TACAN
D. UNK
E. 0740 DANANG
   0759-0815
   0900 DANANG
F. NONE
G. YES
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. GOHINAN/SIMOLIN, GEIGER/FRAZIER
M. CURRY: NONE

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MARPITATRON FIVE THREE ONE

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

INFO:
CG NINTH NBR
MARAIRGRU ONE ONE INTEL
MARAIRGRU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASSOC INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG NR 82-050 APR 65
DECLASSIFIED FOR CAP NR# 95266B

A. 28 APR 65, 95266B, CHIEFTAIN 33 AND 34, VMFA-531
B. 2 FUB, L57, 486, CAP FOR HELOS
C. YD O2O 320°, HELO LZ, CLEANED, HILLTOP, 295 DEGREES/82NM
UNG TACAN
D. UNK
E. 0834 DANANG
   0836-0935
   0958 DANANG
F. 2 - 250LB GP BOMBS, 30 - FFAR, UNK, SMOKE AND TREE COVER
G. YES, EMBLEM 10
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. GILLIARD/JOHNSON, GOVELL/FAVAROM
M. CURRY: NONE

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SECOND AIR DIV OAC USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ICO TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSN

INPS: CO NINTH MBS
PARAIRGRCU ONE ONE INTEL
PARAIRGRCU ONE SIX INTEL
I ASSR INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG JR 52-053 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR HELO SUPPORT NSH 95262A

A. 28 APR, 95262A, CHIEFTAIN 11 THRU 12, VMFA-531
B. 2 FEB, H47, H52, HELO SUPPORT
C. AT 0330 16 APR, VMFA-531
D. USK
E. 0617 DANANG
   0750-0750
   0800-0900
   0900-1000 DANANG
F. NONE
G. COUPl, COULD NOT RAISE FAC ON BRIEFED FRQ (OR ANY OTHER FRQ)
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. METZKO/LAURANCE, DURFEE/CUSICK, SCRAMBLED FROM MBR ALERT FOR HELO
   LS SUPPORT. COULD NOT RAISE FAC.
M. JOHNSON

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SECOND AIR DIV OAG USAF TSN
SECOND AIR DIV YOC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USAF TSN

INFO

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MARATRON ONE SIX INTL
I ASCG INTEL ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 MSG FR 82-051 APR 65
DECLASSIFIED FOR MILO SUPPORT DSH 952628

A. 25 APR, 252625, CAPTAIN 11 TO 12, VMFA-531
B. 2 F-4D, U 48, 152, PLANNING AREA
C. AT 839 761, HELD 13, 153 DEGREES/700 DNM MACAN
D. UNK
E. 1030 BANANG
1033=1137
1140 BANANG
F. UNK
G. YES, SQUIRE 11 AND NEWCASTLE 10
H. UNK
I. UNK
J. UNK
K. UNK
L. UNK, LAWRENCE, PUCKET/CUSICK, FAC DID NOT REQUIRE ANY RUNS IN
   SUPPORT
M. JOHNSON, NOER

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ROUTINE

MARPATATRON FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAG USI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IDG TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USB TSN

INFO:
MARATGRU ONE ONE
MARATGRU ONE SIX
I APOC ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VHFA-531 MSG NR 82-053 APR 65
DESCRIPTOR FOR ID MISSION

A. 28 APR 65, 95267, CHIEF TAIN 51 THRU 54, VHFA-531
B. 44IEB, 4519, 459, 462, 4515, 4619, ID
C. FN 735 560, FC TROOP C HOMINATION, 173 DEGREES/296CM DID TACAN
D. FRIENDLYS APPROX 1 NM NORTH
E. 1320 DATANG
   1356-2417
1500 DATANG
F. 22 X ZUMS, 95 X 2.75" FFAR, GOOD HIT; REPORTED BY FAC
G. YES, EDGE 42
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SULLIVAN/TAYLOR, DOWLING/TREMPER, SMITH/STRATHORN, CRESS/CURRINGS
M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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A. 28 APR 65, 95265; CHIEFTAIN 6I THRU 64, VMFA-531
B. 4 FAB, 613, 617, 668, 456, ID STRIKE
C. 11 075 080, U/K, VC STRUCTURES IN PALM TREE GROVE, 176°/35°/144° DIN
D. SOUTH & SOUTH WEST 1 MILE
E. 1650 DANANG
   1700
   1735
   1735 DANANG
F. 31 X ZUMI RET, 38 X 2.75" FFAR, TGT AREA SATURATED/NEUTRALIZED
G. YES
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SHERMAN/NEUEN, HAMMER/MEIRICH, GILLIARD/JORDAN, HAFER/ESTES
M. HAMMER/JOHN

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MARPAT TRK ROSE FIVE THREE OAK
SECOND AIR DIV CAP. USS 23H
SECOND AIR DIV 185 TSM
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSM

INFO: GO 120TH MRR ZEN
PARAIRGRU ONE ONE
PARAIRGRU ONE SIX
1 ATOC ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL VMFA-531 HNG BR 82-055 APR 65
DEBRIEFING FOR HELQ ESCORT AND SUPPORT MISSION 95350

A. 29 APR 65, 052300, CHIEFTAIN 41 THRU 44, VMFA-531
B. 4 PI.2, 468, 447, 457, 453, HELQ ESCORT
C. AT 91,9 627, E-W TRENCH LINE ALONG RIVER, 192 DEGREES/7NM DNG
D. HELQ-BORN AND 1 TH EAST
E. 0710 DANA0
0730
0815
0822 DANA0
F. 14 X 500LB GP BOMBS, 6 X 250LB GP BOMBS, TRENCH LINE CRATERED
G. YES, EMBLEM 10
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. MCGRAW/HANDY, O'NEILL/PAYARO,H, METZKO/LANRECHE, SULLIVAN/FRAZIER
M. CURRY, NONE

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DEBRIEFING FOR HELO ESCORT MISSION 95352

A. 29 APR 65, 0635Z, CHIEFTAIN 61 THRU 64, VAFPA-531
B. H FLB, 155, 162, 164, 154, HELI ESCORT
C. CAP AT 192 DEGREES/750 MIG
D. HELICOPTER AND LIM EAST OF LZ
E. 0735 DANANG
0755
0835
0935 DANANG
F. NONE
G. YES, POTLUCE 10
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. SMITH/SUATHORN, COCHRAN/SIMONIN, SHEPPARD/ROBAAU, SLOANE/MARSHALL
M. CURTIS, NONE

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J. PETZCH, MAJOR, USMC, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SECOND AIR DIV OAG US I THN
SECOND AIR DIV VDG THN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC HSR THN

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66 NORTH WEST 257
PARAGON ONE ONE
PARAGON ONE SIX
X ACC ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL UFRA=531 MFG RD S2-O57 APR 65
DECREED FOR FD HSV S5310

A. 29 APR 65, UFRA-531, CONTACT 31 THRU 34, UFRA-531
B. 5 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, XI CORPS AREA
C. OR O52 152, CLEARED AREA, HOUSES AND TRENCHES, 157 DEGREES/
INCH DAG, PACAN
D. DK
E. 133,5 DAKANG
133,6-1350
33,3 DAKANG
F. 6 X 250 LB GP, 70 X 2.75 PEAR, 9 X 200S, HOUSES ON FIRE, AREA
SAT RATED
G. YES, HORN 41
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. I53
K. YES
L. HANKE, HANKE, SCHWARZ, SCHOFER, TRENTO, CAMBROOK, BROWN
M. WILLIAMS, NONE

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HAPPTATION FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAG USE TSN
SECOND AIR DIV TDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOG USE TSN

TACG: HAPAIRGPO ONE ONE
HAPAIRGPO ONE SIX
CC CNMI NET ZEN
I ASC ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL TMAP=57L MSG NR 82-058 APR 65
DECLASSIFIED FOR FD ISBN 95353

A. 29 APR 65, 95353, GIFFTAIN 52 THRU 51, TMAP=531
B. 9 P.M. 462, 462, 462, 462, 462, TSN
C. 666 129, VNCFD AREA WITH HOUSES, APPCONTTS/ADOK NG RACAN
D. UNK
E. 1327 DAMANG
   1345-1405
   1425 DAMANG
F. 20 X 15009, 57 X 2-75 FTR, FIR 6 UHS IN AREA
G. YES, ATER 43
H. HOME
I. HOME
J. HOME
K. YES
L. PROHACE/ELTON, BOXING/STONE, BOWLING/COX, CRES/CHICK
M. WILLIAMS, HOME

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MISSION: FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV OAG USN TSH
SECOND AIR DIV INC TSH
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USR TSH

INFO: CG, NINTH MFN SEN
PARAIRCIRL ONE ONE
PARAIRCIRL ONE SIX TEN
X ASOC TEN

CONFIDENTIAL VHFA-531 PES Nr 52-039 ATR 65
DEBRITTING FOR HELO ESCORT FSH 95433A

A. 30 APR 65, 95433A, CHIEFTAIN 31 AND 32, VHFA-531
B. 2 PEB, 843, 455, HELLO ESCORT
C. AT 070 760, WILLO 13, 2700/2900 DME DME
D. IN LS
E. 0619 DA NANG
0925
0935
0942 DA NANG
F. NO RE
G. YES, BURKE 14
H. NO RE
I. NO RE
J. NO RE
K. YES
L. METZKO/LAURIE, BURKE/STOELL
M. WILLIAMS: NO RE

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HAPPTAKON FIVE THREE ONE
SECOND AIR DIV OAG USI TSW
SECOND AIR DIV IBC TSW
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USR TSW

INFO: CO, WITH ESR INTEL ZEN
PARAIRGUN ONE ONE
PARAIRCRAFT ONE SIX INTEL ZEN
1 ASSOC INTEL ZEN

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SECOND AIR DIV CAS UFI TSN
SECOND AIR DIV IND TSN
SECOND AIR DIV AOC USB TSN

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CG, NORTH WGB ZEN
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PAPAIORRU ONE ONE INTEL ZEN
I ASOC INTEL ZEN

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DEPARTING FOR HELO ESCORT SHN 95433B

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B. 2 FUB, 460, 157, HELO ESCORT
C. AT 870 760, HELO 12, 270°/TOW DAHANG
D. TIP 19 ARPA
E. 0920 DAHANG
   0225
   0620
   1030 DAHANG
F. N/A
G. YIR, FURKE L4
H. N/A
I. N/A
J. N/A
K. N/A
L. HAMRA/MEIRICH, SLOE/MARSHALL
M. WILLIAMS: N/A

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SECOND AIP DIV QAC USI TSN
SECOND AIP DIV KDC TSN
SECOND AIP DIV AAC USR TSM

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GO MINTY MEB ZEN
HARADORN ONE ONE
HARADORN ONE SIX ZEN
I ASCC INTEL ZEN

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DEPENDING FOR HELO 18 CAP MSH 951336

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B. 13 JUN 65, 443, 486, 456, HELO 18 CAP
C. 07 OCT 65, 032 693, UNK = HELO 18, 167 DEGREES/60NM = 168 DEGREES/3/40NM TACAN

D. IN HELO 18
E. 1232 DAMING
   1233.5-1305
   1319 DAMING

F. NONE
G. YES, REPORT 1-0
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. YES
L. HULLAR/JOHNSON, GO ELL/PAYARCH, HANKF/SCHEARZ, NONE
M. HAINA, NONE

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C. PR L65 L50, RBYZ, 167 DEPPS/1270 MND
D. UNKOWN
E. 1518 DANANG
   1620 DANANG
F. NONE
G. NO, UNK ADAPTED 25% OF OUTBOUND DANANG DUE TO VX AT TARGET, WOTH
   148
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NO, 3500 SOTH CEILING, THUNDERSTORMS
L. SPIT/FLYER, NO RAY/DAEDAL, NO LING/GO
M. CURRY, NONE

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PARTITION FIVE THREE ONE

SECOND AIR DIV CAC HSI TSW
SECOND AIR DIV IDC TSN
SECOND AIR DIV ACC USB TSN

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PARAIRCHEL ONE ONE
PARAIRCHEL ONE SIX ZEN
I ASSC INTEL ZEN

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C. PR H85 H50, RMNZ, 167 DEGREES/1273h POS
D. UNKNOWN
E. 1500 HANAH
1520
1525
1610 HANAH
F. NONE
G. CRC, 5SM ABORTED DUE TO WE, WBN 48
H. NONE
I. NONE
J. NONE
K. NO, 3300 SFC CEILING, THUNDERSTORMS
L. SHERMAN/PB4 Fury/PBJONH, SHERMAN/PB4 Fury/CAGH/PA13
M. CURRY, NONE
N. 4-PH

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