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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602



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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October through 31 October 1966

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## PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines
2. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN (AT 947762) 1 - 9 October 1966  
DONG HA, RVN (YD 062548) 9 - 31 October 1966
3. Period Covered. 1 October - 31 October 1966
4. Date of Submission. 10 November 1966
5. Average Monthly Strength.
- |          | USMC | USN |
|----------|------|-----|
| Officers | 119  | 11  |
| Enlisted | 3162 | 166 |
6. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. E. HAMMERBECK
- Executive Officer. Lieutenant Colonel L. C. SHEPHERD III
7. Regimental Staff.
- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| S-1           | 2d Lieutenant L. PARRIETTI                       |
| S-1 (Forward) | WO C. M. CHRISTENSEN (11 - 31 October)           |
| S-2           | Major W. H. FORREY                               |
| S-3           | Major G. H. RIPLBY                               |
| S-4           | Captain J. S. SMITH (1 - 10 October)             |
|               | Captain R. H. CATES (11 - 31 October)            |
| AIO           | Major A. E. STARK                                |
| CEO           | Captain C. G. ARNOLD                             |
| CAO           | 1st Lieutenant E. R. ECREMENT                    |
| Surgeon       | Lieutenant S. C. SMITH MC USNR (10 - 31 October) |
8. Subordinate Units.
- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Hq Co, 3d Marines   | Captain W. A. BYRNE                               |
| 1st Bn, 3d Marines  | Major P. A. WICKWIRE                              |
| 2d Bn, 3d Marines   | Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN                   |
| 2d Bn, 26th Marines | Lieutenant Colonel J. M. CUMMINGS                 |
| 3d Bn, 3d Marines   | Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG (30 - 31 October) |
9. Mission. During the period 1 - 9 October, 3d Marines occupied and control assigned sector of DA NANG TAOR, defended DA NANG vital areas in sector; conducted unilateral search and destroy operations within the DA NANG TAOR; conducted combat/reconnaissance patrols throughout assigned sector; was prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated operations with GVN Armed Forces within the periphery of the DA NANG TAOR; was prepared to provide one (1) mobile reserve company for deployment as directed; was prepared to conduct counterattacks to restore the integrity of assigned sectors.

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During the period 10 - 31 October, in the PRAIRIE area, 3d Marines conducted recon in force operations in assigned area to detect enemy activity in area; attack and destroy enemy forces located in area making maximum use of supporting arms; ensured security of supporting units and installations located in assigned areas; assumed responsibility for coordination of all units in AO and of defensive and administrative functions of mutual interest.

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PART II  
Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. Gains. During the period ten USMC officers, four hundred five USMC enlisted, two USN officers and twenty-six USN enlisted replacements were received. Allocation to subordinate units were based on rank and MOS shortages.

b. Losses. The 3d Marines sustained ninety casualties during the period. Seventy-one were battle casualties and nineteen were non-battle. Of the battle casualties, twelve were killed in action, seventy were wounded in action, and one died of wounds. The circumstances surrounding the non-battle casualties were investigated. Administrative losses were twenty-one USMC officers, two hundred forty-eight USMC enlisted and twelve USN enlisted.

c. Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers. Two were ordered home to CONUS by PCS orders in connection with emergency leave. Eight were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. One humanitarian leave to CONUS was effected.

d. Administrative Discharges. Four recommendations for hardship discharge were forwarded for processing by higher authority.

e. R&R T&D Trips. Due to operational commitments R&R trips were afforded one hundred sixty-six members of this regiment. R&R trips were to Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Okinawa, Taipei, Singapore, Tokyo and Hawaii.

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2. Administrative

a. Awards. The following recommendations for awards were processed through this Headquarters

- 2 Legion of Merit
- 5 Silver Star Medals
- 14 Bronze Star Medals
- 25 Navy Commendation Medals
- 4 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

(1) The following awards were presented to members of this regiment during the reporting period.

- 1 Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement
- 2 Air Medals

b. Promotions.

(1) The following promotions were effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps during this reporting period.

- 3 MSgt
- 5 GySgt
- 11 SSgt

(2) One appointment to Major and three appointments to Captain were effected during this period.

(3) One hundred eighty-seven promotions to Corporal and six hundred forty-four promotions to Lance Corporal were effected during this period.

c. Legal Matters. Thirty-four "office hours" were conducted during the period. In addition, two Special Courts-Martial and two Summary Courts-Martial were completed.

d. Special Services. None.

e. Liberty. Regular liberty has been suspended in the Republic of Vietnam.

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3. INTELLIGENCE

The great decline in the total number of incidents is attributed to the redeployment of the 3d Marines from Quang Nam Province to Quang Tri Province, and to the period from 101400 to 170800 Oct during which the 3d Marines Headquarters had no operational reporting units.

b. Contact Incidents -- 59 (11 at night) (55 in DaNang) (4 in Quang Tri)

(1) Small arms/sniper fire -- 23 (6 at night) (19 in DaNang)  
(4 in Quang Tri)

- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 7 (none at night)
- (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 9 (4 at night)
- (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (none at night)
- (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 1 (1 at night)
- (g) Other -- 4 (1 at night)

(2) Grenades -- 1 (1 at night) (1 in DaNang)

- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 0
- (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)
- (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
- (g) Other -- 0

(3) Booby Traps -- 6 (5 discovered) (all in DaNang area)

- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0

- (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 6 (5 discovered)
  - (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
  - (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
  - (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
  - (g) Other -- 0
- (4) Mines -- 18 (12 discovered) (all in DaNang area)
- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
  - (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 discovered)
  - (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 9 (7 discovered)
  - (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 3 (1 discovered)
  - (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
  - (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
  - (g) Other -- 5 (3 discovered)
- (5) Moving or probing action where VC did not fire or return fire  
7 (3 at night) (all in DaNang area)
- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
  - (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 3 (2 at night)
  - (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 2 (1 at night)
  - (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (0 at night)
  - (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
  - (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
  - (g) Other -- 1 (none at night)
- (6) Mortar/Artillery Fire -- 4 (1 at night) (all in DaNang area)
- (a) 1st Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
  - (b) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (1 at night)
  - (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 1 (0 at night)

- (d) Prov Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (e) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (f) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
- (g) Other -- 1 (0 at night)
- (7) Miscellaneous -- 31 (9 at night)
  - (a) DaNang area -- 11 (3 at night)
  - (b) Quang Tri -- 20 (6 at night)

## c. Enemy Loses

## (1) Personnel

## (a) Confirmed

- 1 KIA -- 28 (5 in DaNang area) (23 in Quang Tri area)
- 2 WIA -- 2 (2 in DaNang area) (0 in Quang Tri area)
- 3 VCC -- 0
- 4 VCS -- 8 (8 in DaNang area) (0 in Quang Tri area)

## (b) Probable

- 1 KIA -- 29 (21 in DaNang area) (8 in Quang Tri area)
- 2 WIA -- 2 (2 in DaNang area) (0 in Quang Tri area)

## (2) Material

## (a) Weapons

- 1 DaNang area -- 0
- 2 Quang Tri area
  - 1 Russian Machine Gun
  - 3 AK-47's
  - 1 Unk Automatic Rifle
  - 37 CHICOM Grenades

## (b) Ammunition (rounds)

1 DaNang area

1 81mm round

1 81mm illumination round

.30 caliber rounds

.50 caliber rounds

10 9mm rounds

2 Quang Tri area

Assorted 7.62 rounds

3 Drums Machine Gun Ammunition, caliber unknown

3 Clips AK-47 Ammunition

Assorted .50 caliber rounds

3 RPG Rocket Rounds

## (c) Demolitions

1 DaNang area -- 02 Quang Tri area

2 cannisters unk type

## (d) Food

1 DaNang area

9 barrels rice

Village size rice cache

2 Quang Tri area -- None

## (e) Medical Supplies

1 Quang Tri area -- Assorted minor supplies

## (f) Clothing

1 DaNang area -- 1 pair black pajamas

2 Quang Tri area

1 steel helmet

1 hat

Assorted items

(g) Documents

1 DaNang area

Assorted

2 Quang Tri area

Assorted

(h) Miscellaneous

1 DaNang area

1 Boat

60 feet Comm wire

2 straw mats

2 pillows

1 PRC-10 battery

12 huts

1 VC Village

2 Quang Tri area

Mortar Increments

22 Huts

2 Bamboo Warning devices

4 knives

300 punji stakes

Cooking utensils

3 animal traps  
 4 cartridge belts  
 1 poncho  
 1 15 man hospital unit  
 8 cartridge booby traps

## (3) Fortifications Destroyed

## (a) DaNang area

2 roadblocks  
 7 caves  
 2 punji pits  
 32 fighting holes  
 1 bunker

## (b) Quang Tri area

1 mortar pit  
 1 platoon size defensive position  
 2 caves  
 1 punji pit  
 1 trench  
 23 fighting holes  
 20 bunkers

## d. Enemy units reported and/or sighted during period

## (1) DaNang Area

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1 Co	AT953686, 958695	1 Oct
1 Plat	AT890865, 905900	2



1 Co	AT 830555, 839533, 842532, 840530, 848529	2 Oct
1 Plat	AT 827567	3
1 Sqd	AT 829559	3
2 Co	AT 822540, 825541, 830545, 834542, 830537	3
2 Co	AT 826540, 832536, 836534, 843533, 847526	4
350 plus	BT 185560	4
1 Co	AT 9388	5
2 Co	AT 868838	5
1 Co	AT 829539, 835542	6
1 Co	AT 838567, 841569, 836562, 832560	6
15 man base camp	AT 885844	7
15 man base camp	AT 873839	7
60 VC	AT 935554, 934550, 932549, 912554	7
2 Co	AT 825541	7
1 Sqd	AT 815570	8
1 Sqd	AT 818552	8
2 Co	AT 873557, 865553, 872552, 852549, 860544 867541	8

## (2) Quang Tri Area

30 VC	YD 155615, 163599	18
1 Co	YD 155615, 148618	18
10 VC	XD 953473	20
13 VC	XD 925530	21
13 VC	YD 055654	22
19 VC	XD 916530	22
7 VC	YD 043647	24

2 Co	YD110510, 110504, 105498	25
40 NVA	XD934478	26
40 NVA	XD976435	29

## e. Trends

## (1) Summary of incidents (all types) on a monthly basis.

<u>CONTACTS</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>
SA Fire	66	68	23	19	4
Booby Traps		16	6	6	0
Mines	66	44	18	18	0
Grenades	17	10	1	1	0
Mortars/Artillery	---	---	4	4	0
Enemy movement W/o fire	63	75	7	7	0
Assassinations	0	0	0	0	0
Sabotage	0	0	0	0	0
Comm interference	17	6	0	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidations	8	1	0	0	0
Miscellaneous*	<u>17</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>
Total incidents	254	250	90	66	24

\* Includes unexplained SA fire, explosions, fires, lights with noises, etc.

(2) Since redeployment of the 3d Marines to Quang Tri, enemy activity has been limited to contact with small unit actions of less than company size.

The enemy situation at the end of the month is marked by sporadic contact such as patrol ambushes and sniping incidents. The enemy has the capability of attacking in Division strength by repositioning forces. In accordance with past performance, the enemy is expected to continue small unit actions unless he is forced to defend a vital base area until extrication of supplies and units can be effected. Normally, an enemy unit when met or attacked will defend for only a short while and then break contact and melt into the mountains.

4. Training.

a. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Regiment, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

b. Highlights.

(1) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines. One officer attended Crypto/Communication Security School held in Japan.

(2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies in addition to company level classes on General Military Subjects related to operations in Vietnam.

(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. One officer attended MUMMS Training held on Okinawa. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies in addition to company level classes on General Military Subjects related to operations in Vietnam.

(4) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines. Four Marines were sent to NCO Leadership School held on Okinawa. One Marine was sent to Okinawa to attend Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School. Motor Vehicle Operators School (M422A1) and (M274A1) was conducted at the Bn. Motor Transport Section, H&S Company. 17 Marines were qualified to drive the M422A1 and 11 Marines were qualified to drive the M274A1. 8 Marines received instructions in the use of Helicopter Support Teams. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies in addition to company level classes on General Military Subjects related to operations in Vietnam.

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5. Special Operations.

a. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. Reinforcement of KHE SANH Special Forces Camp.
- (3) Psychological Operations. None

b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations.

(a) Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 was conducted from 010600H to 082030H October 1966 in the SONG VU GIA Valley bounded by grid squares (AT 8157), (AT 8154), (AT 8658) and (AT 8657).

(b) Operation KERN was conducted from 201300H to 251800H October 1966 in the KHE LE Valley bounded by grid squares (AT 8437), (AT 8440), (AT 9037) and (AT 9040).

(3) Psychological Operations. During the reporting period, psychological warfare activities consisted of passing out leaflets (8000) by patrols in the hamlets throughout the TAOR. In addition, over 30,000 leaflets were air-dropped in support of Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1.

c. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. None
- (3) Psychological Operations. None

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6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other Special Types of Warfare.

a. Hq Co, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training: Personnel have been assigned to Monitoring or Decontamination Teams trained at Company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

b. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None.
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

c. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None.
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

d. 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None.
- (2) Training Accomplished: Each company has assigned personnel to either a Monitoring or Decontamination Team that is trained at company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

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7. Command and Control.

a. The troop list as of 31 October is as follows:

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (Rein)</u>	148	4177	14	216	4555
<u>Hq Co. 3d Marines</u>	13	224	3	6	246
<u>1st Bn. 3d Marines (Rein)</u>	32	1001	2	54	1089
<u>2d Bn. 3d Marines (Rein)</u>	30	968	3	51	1052
<u>2d Bn. 26th Marines (Rein)</u>	32	964	4	53	1053
<u>3d Bn. 3d Marines (Rein)</u> (30 - 31 October)	41	1020	2	52	1115

b. Command Post Locations.

3d Marines	(YD 062548)
1st Bn, 3d Marines	(XD 846417)
2d Bn, 3d Marines	(AT 916582)
2d Bn, 26th Marines	(ZD 117012)
3d Bn, 3d Marines	(XD 981582)

c. The primary means of control continues to be through the use of wire backed up by radio and radio relay.

d. This month, due to shift of location of 3d Marine Division, resulted in many changes in OPCON. Major changes are as follows:

1 October AT 0800H, OPCON of Command Group "A" and Companies B, C and D, 1st Bn, 3d Marines was chopped to TASK FORCE DELTA, 3d Marine Division, (PRAIRIE Area).

8 October AT 0815H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173 Airborne, USA.

9 October AT 0615H, Command Group "A", Regimental Headquarters, commenced deployment to Operation PRAIRIE area.

10 October AT 1400H, the following changes occurred:

(1) Command Group "B", 3d Marines (DA NANG) chopped from 3d Marine Division to 1st Marine Division.

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(2) OPCON of 2d Bn, 3d Marines chopped from 3d Marines to 9th Marines.

(3) OPCON of 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne, USA, chopped from 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division.

11 OCTOBER At 0900H, OPCON of 2d Bn, 26th Marines chopped from 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division.

13 October At 1600H, OPCON of Command Group "B", Regimental Headquarters returned from 1st Marine Division to 3d Marines. (Commenced deployment from DA HANG to Operation PRAIRIE area).

17 October At 0800H, OPCON of 2d Bn, 9th Marines and 3d Bn, 4th Marines chopped to 3d Marines.

30 October AT 1630H, 3d Marines assumed command of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

e. In addition, upon arrival at new CP, the Regimental Commander became Camp Commander of the Base complex then known as the Artillery Plateau. This involved the normal senior officer present (SOP) responsibilities plus the coordination of and the security for units and installations located in the area. Administrative and logistic matters of mutual interest within the camp also became the responsibility of CO, 3d Marines. On 17 Oct 1966 the Artillery Plateau was officially designated Camp J. J. CARROLL. The average on board strength of the camp was 1900.

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8. Communication - Electronics.

a. General.

(1) The 3d Marines Regimental Command Post displaced on 9 October from DA NANG to the general vicinity near DONG HA (YD 066546).

(2) Complete Communication Center facilities, including a half-duplex covered teletype circuit from 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division were installed in the new CP area.

b. Radio -- Radio Relay.

(1) Normal radio circuits were established to include a re-transmission capability at THAN SON LAM and a Regimental Command Net linking ADCON Battalions on a regularly scheduled basis. This vital link is necessary as one Battalion is 110 miles from the Regimental CP.

(2) The new vehicular Radio Set AN/MRC-110 was placed in service on 1 October with a covered circuit capability provided by the KY-8.

(3) The AN/PRC-25 proved to be an exceptional piece of voice communication equipment. Rated for a range of about 8 kilometers, it has maintained high quality circuits and good reliability for distances up to 3 times its rated range.

(4) The Re-transmission cable, provided for use with the AN/PRC-25 is not holding up under field conditions. It is effected by the adverse weather conditions and the mechanical connections are separating. A Marine Corps modification is forthcoming to make this cable more serviceable.

(5) Radio relay circuits utilizing the organic AN/TRC-27B and Division AN/MRC-62 were installed on the following circuits:

- (a) AN/TRC-27B shot from 3d Marines to DONG HA.
- (b) AN/TRC-27B shot from 3d Marines to THAN SON LAM.
- (c) AN/MRC-62 shot from 3d Marines to KHE SANH
- (d) AN/MRC-62 shot from 3d Marines to DONG HA.

c. Wire.

(1) Wire lines were laid to incorporate the above radio-relay shots into the local switching system.

(2) Wire lines were laid from THAN SON LAM to the adjacent Battalion CP via helicopter.

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(3) A Defense Loop was laid by Regiment but will be maintained by the Infantry Battalion having responsibility for the defense of Camp CARROLL.

(4) Power lines were installed for camp power and an emergency source.

d. Problems. Wide unit separation coupled with the determination of whether the addressees were ADCON or OPCON proved to be a challenge to the various Communication Centers. Proper drafting procedures would have greatly alleviated this problem.

e. Communication Center. The total message traffic handled during October was 1872. There were 1635 messages received and 1637 messages sent by this command.

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9. Close Combat.

a. The following number of operations were conducted during the month of October 1966.

Squad Size	912
Platoon Size	58
Company Size	5
Battalion Size	3

b. Significant Events.

(1) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines.

5 October At 1020H, SPARROW HAWK was launched from LZ EAGLE (AT 943673) on a BLUE SPRING Operation. The mission was completed and the squad returned at 1200H.

8 October At 1620H, SPARROW HAWK provided security for Operation BLUE SPRING. The mission was completed and the squad returned at 1750H.

9 October At 0615 H, Command Group "A", Regimental Headquarters, commenced deployment to Operation PRAIRIE area.

10 October At 1400H, Command Group "B" and 3d Marines (rear) chopped from 3d Marine Division to OPCON of 1st Marine Division.

13 October At 1600H, Command Group "B" and Regimental Hq (rear) closed CP and commenced deployment to Operation PRAIRIE area.

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(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

1 October At 0800H, Command Group "A" and Companies B, C and D were chopped to OPCON of TASK FORCE DELTA. At 0900H, Command Group "B" and Company A relieved of responsibility for TAOR by Provisional Battalion, 3d Marines. At 1115H, Command Group "B" and Co. A commenced movement to Operation PRAIRIE Area.

2 October 1/3 assigned mission by the Commanding Officer, Det A-101 VNSF, Commanding Officer Det A-101 USSF and the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

3 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

4 October The Battalion Commander issued an order that all personnel would wear body armor, upper torso, and helmets at all times.

5 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

6 October Co D sighted undetermined number of VC (XD 847 418). The battalion was alerted to be especially watchful for VC reconnaissance units in our TAOR.

7 October Alpha and Bravo Command Posts were established to separate the Command groups in order to minimize the danger of a mortar attack crippling command and control functions. It also facilitated frequent displacement of the Alpha Command Post. Co. C fired on suspected VC (XD 885424), heard a yell, and swept the area with negative results.

8 October At 1530H, one (1) unidentified high explosive round landed on the Khe Sanh Air Strip (XD 847418).

9 October The last of Battery B guns arrived at Khe Sanh,

10 October Companies continued to prepare Phase II position and conducted extensive patrolling of the TAOR.

11 October H&S Co. reported seeing one man moving outside its wire (XD 847414). A frag grenade was thrown at him, but movement continued. An 81mm mortar fire mission of WP was fired. Four persons were observed leaving the area. The area was searched with negative results.

12 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

13 October Fresh steaks, oranges, bread and fruit juices were delivered to all Marines in the Khe Sanh area. A report was received of 30 VC in the vicinity of a squad patrol from Co. C. A HULE was dispatched to the scene and took the suspected VC under fire. The area was searched with negative results.

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- 14 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 15 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 16 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 17 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 18 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 19 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 20 October Co. C located a possible sniper position in a tree top. 100 rounds of ammunition, loose and linked, for U.S. Rifle, Cal .30 M1 were found.
- 21 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 22 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 23 October The Huong Hoa District Chief was informed that if Marines received fire from any of the villages in this area, fire would be returned. Any villagers attempting to leave would be in danger of being fired upon.
- 24 October Alpha Command Group joined the Bravo Command Group in the vicinity of the air strip. Bravo Company began preparation of its Phase III positions.
- 25 October There was no enemy contact during this period.
- 26 October Plans were set into motion for extended platoon size patrols as companies continued improvements on Phase II and III positions.
- 27 October Co. C patrol apprehended 3 indigenous personnel roaming through the area. Personnel proved to be local military personnel in a UA status. They were turned over to the Commanding Officer of the local forces. Message received that 3 tons of rice requested from 3d Division (Fwd) would arrive at Khe Sanh. The rice was scheduled for distribution to local civilians to reimburse them for the rice they were unable to harvest because of USMC operations, or rice that had been destroyed by Marines moving into the Khe Sanh area. As of 31 October the rice had not arrived. Co. D patrols reported difficulty crossing the RIVIERE DE RAO QUAN. The stream was unusually swollen as a result of heavy rains in the preceding 24 hours.
- 28 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

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29 October Co. D security squad at the battalion water point reported a man crossing the road at (XD 835430). He was taken under fire. The area was searched with negative results.

30 October Co. D patrol reported sighting 10 VC dressed in gray uniforms (XD 788454). A mortar mission was fired; the area was searched with negative results.

31 October Commanding General, FMFPac visited the battalion and received a 30 minute briefing from the Battalion Commanding Officer and the Officer In Charge of the 3d Marine Division Forward Intelligence Group. The battalion presented LtGen KRULAK with a Montagnard Cross-bow. Extensive night aerial photographic reconnaissance missions were flown in the Khe Sanh area.

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(3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

1 October At 0800H, Co. B (rein) chopped to OPCON of 1/3 (rear). At 0900H, OPCON of Co. B transferred to Provisional Bn, 1/3 sector. At 1345H, Co. F PPB (AT 861572) received small arms fire from (AT 863564). Fire was returned and area checked with negative results.

2 October At 0834H, an Army Advisory Team received small arms fire from (AT 820552). An Arty mission was fired with unknown results. At 1332H, the AAT received small arms fire from an estimated VC platoon at (AT 814556). 14 rounds of arty fire was returned resulting in 5 VC KIA (conf) and 3 VC WIA (prob) as relayed by civilians.

3 October At 0830H, a mine sweep team from 7th Engineer Bn found and destroyed a mine at (AT 927614). At 1005H, a Co. H FO sighted 8 VC at (AT 825560). At 1020H, an arty mission was fired at the VC with unknown results. At 1020H, a Co. H PPB observed 6-8 VC engaged with 5 RF's at (AT 829559). The PPB supported the RF's with fire causing the VC to break contact. The VC had 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1032H, the AAT received mortar fire from (AT 825560). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1237H, the AAT received mortar fire from (AT 817548). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1245H, Co. H PPB received small arms fire at (AT 833-567) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 1340H, Co. H PPB received small arms fire from hut at (AT 833-567). The patrol returned fire resulting in 1 VC WIA (prob).


4 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

5 October At 1620H, Co. F OP observed with 20 power binoculars VC hauling rice across the SONG VU GIA (AT 849555). Arty mission fired resulting in damage to 1 boat. At 1040H, Co. G patrol received 2-3 rounds of sniper fire at (AT 951630). Area searched with negative results. At 1050H, Co. G patrol received 10 rounds of small arms fire from across the SONG AI NGHIA at (AT 953633). The patrol was unable to search the area because of the river. There were no USMC casualties.

6 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

7 October At 1215H, Co. E (AT 888588) received sniper fire. The position returned fire at the fleeing VC. 1 VCS female was hit with stray round and was med-evaced. There were no USMC casualties. At 0735H, 7th Engineer Bn sweep team located and destroyed a box-type mine at (AT 886573).

8 October At 1800H, Co. E (rein) returned to OPCON of 2/3. At 0643H, Co. F received small arms fire from (AT 820570). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0851H, Co. F received small arms fire from (AT 816570). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0915H, Co F received small arms fire from (AT 824570). Arty mission fired with unknown results.

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At 1030H, Co. F patrol observed 3 VC at (AT 815565). Patrol took the VC under fire resulting in 3 VC KIA (conf). At 1043H, Co. F observed 8 VC (AT 810569). Arty mission fired resulting in 1 VC KIA (prob). At 0759H, Co. H received sniper fire from (AT 816550). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0816H, Co. H received sniper fire from (AT 835546). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0941H, Co. H received sniper fire from (AT 813547). Arty mission fired with negative results. At 1038H, Co. C Recon ambushed 2 VC at (AT 814646) resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf). At 0621H, Co. H observed VC squad at (AT 815570). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0845H, Co. H (AT 823554) received small arms fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1027H, Co. H received 60mm mortar fire from (AT 813547). Arty mission fired with negative results. At 1030H, Co. H platoon engaged VC squad (rein) at (AT 818552). 1 USMC was KIA and 11 USMC WIA. Arty fire mission and air strikes were conducted resulting in 20 VC KIA (prob) 12 huts and 1 bunker destroyed. At 1150H, Co. H FO observed VC positions (AT 815557). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1300H, Co. H received 1 round of mortar fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Area searched with negative results. At 1609H, Co. H received sniper fire from (AT 822546). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1522H, Co. H received small arms fire from (AT 818559). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 1520H, Co. H received small arms fire from (AT 818559). Arty mission fired with unknown results.

9 October At 1800H, 2d Bn, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 2d Bn, 26th Marines sector south of and including TUY LOAN River. At 1800H, Co. E (rein) occupied positions in the vicinity of Hill 41 (AT 9366) and Hill 22 (AT 9566) relieving Co. F, 2/26. At 1800H, Co. G, 2/26 remained on position and came under OPCON of 2/3/

10 October At 1400H, OPCON of 2d Bn, 3d Marines and responsibility for 2/3 TAOR passed to 1st MarDiv. At 1400H, Command Group "B", 3d Marines relinquished OPCON 2/3. OPCON assumed by 9th Marines. At 2115H, a Recon Unit at (AT 875645) received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire. Arty mission fired and Recon unit established an ambush in area with negative results.

11 October At 1458H, an M-35 detonated a mine at (AT 948663). A reaction force was dispatched from Co. E as security for the vehicle until it was towed away. At 1500H, Co. F OP sighted 4 VC in supply column at (AT 821561). Arty mission fired and 1 VC was seen being carried away by the other VC. 1 VC WIA (conf). At 1645H, Co. F FO sighted 6 VC at (AT 875540). The VC moved out of observation before a fire mission could be fired.

12 October At 0900H, a Recon patrol received AW fire at (AT 843634) while waiting to be extracted. 2 USMC were WIA. The patrol was extracted at 1045H. At 1000H, Co. F patrol at (AT 876573) received sniper fire from (AT 875565). Patrol returned fire and checked area with negative results. At 1820H, Co. F OP sighted 5 VC in boats with supplies at (AT 83854). Arty fire mission fired resulting in the 5 boats destroyed and 2 VC WIA (prob)

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13 October At 0715H, Engineer sweep team found and destroyed a box type mine at (AT 943660). At 1235H, a Co. H patrol received sniper fire from south of the SONG YEN resulting in 1 USMC KIA. The patrol returned the fire and a arty mission was called on the area. FO assessed VC casualties as 3 VC KIA (prob). At 2015H, 8" howitzer platoon on Hill 65 received eight incoming grenades and approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 886584). Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results. At 2100H, CAC 21 received 5 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 932603). The fire was returned and the area searched with negative results. There were no USMC or ARVN casualties.

14 October At 1124H, Co. F FO spotted 3 VC in boats at (AT 851557). Arty mission fired resulting in 2 boats damaged, one boat destroyed and one load of grain destroyed. At 1210H, Co. F FO spotted 3 VC in boats at (AT 853555). Arty mission fired resulting in the 3 boats being extensively damaged. At 1305H, Co. F CP spotted 3 boats with VC and supplies aboard at (AT 856554). Tanks took the boats under fire killing 3 VC (conf) and destroying 2 boats.

15 October At 0220H, CAC 22 received 4 incoming small arms rounds from (AT 902573). Fire returned and area searched with negative results. At 1530H, Co. E patrol found and destroyed one M-16A1, 7 punji pits, 2 punji traps and 6 punji stakes at (AT 921674). At 2245H, 8" gun position on Hill 65 received 3 incoming grenades. Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. 2 USMC were slightly WIA.

16 October At 1420H, Co. F CP spotted 2 VC boats with supplies at (AT 847553). Tanks took boats under fire destroying the supplies and damaging the boats. At 1616H, Recon unit spotted 4 VC on trail at (AT 792598). Recon took the VC under fire killing 3 VC (conf). At 1920H, Co. E CP received 5-10 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 942653). Fire returned and area was searched with negative results.

17 October At 1105H, Recon unit spotted 5 VC at (AT 795598). Arty mission fired with excellent target coverage. VC casualties unknown. At 1100H, CAC 22 patrol received approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 982557)/(AT 887559). Patrol returned fire but was unable to search area because the VC fired from across the river. The patrol suffered 1 USMC WIA. At 1905H, Co. F spotted 2 boats at (AT 855555). Tanks took the boats under fire resulting in 3 VC KIA (conf) and 2 boats with supplies destroyed. At 2000H, Co. G bridge security at (AT 919598) received 1 incoming grenade. Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. No USMC casualties.

18 October At 0830H, a M-35 truck suffered extensive damage and 1 USMC was WIA when the truck detonated a mine at (AT 942663). At 0900H, Co. F patrol received heavy small arms fire from across river at (AT 878564). 81mm and arty mission was fired in support of the patrol. 1 USMC was WIA.



At 0945H, Co. E patrol received sniper fire from village at (AT 964667). Village searched with negative results. At 1030H, Co. F OP sighted 5 VC with weapons at (AT 875572). Arty mission fired resulting in 3 VC KIA (prob). At 0830H, Engineer sweep team received 5 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 955666). Sweep team had 1 USMC KIA. Co. E dispatched 2 squads and 1 tank to help search area. Area searched with negative results. At 0900H, Co. F patrol received incoming grenades. Fire returned and area searched with negative results. Patrol had 2 USMC WIA. Small arms fire and arty mission fired with good target coverage. At 1245H Co. E patrol received sniper fire from (AT 964667). Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. At 1415H, Co. E patrol received 8-10 rounds AW fire from 2 VC at (AT 925689). Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results.

19 October At 1130H, a VN female was accidentally shot in the shoulder by a Marine assigned as bridge security at (AT 914598). At 1230H, Co. F OP spotted 5 boats loaded with supplies docked at (AT 845551). Arty was fired destroying all 5 boats. At 1600H, CAC 22 patrol apprehended 6 VCS in boat at (AT 907574). Also apprehended was large amount of medical supplies. VCS and supplies taken to DAI LOC District Headquarters. At 1615H, CAC 22 patrol received small arms fire wounding 1 USMC. WIA was med-evaced.

20 October At 1000H, Co. F patrol sighted people on river bank loading supplies on boats. As the VN spotted the patrol, they fled leaving behind 200 pounds of salt and 10 gallons of gas. Patrol received heavy sniper fire as they moved to confiscate supplies. Patrol destroyed supplies after taking sample which was sent to Bn. S-2. At 1000H, Co. E patrol found a dud 105mm round at (AT 924682). Dud destroyed in place.


21 October At 0800H, Co. E found and destroyed a M-26 booby trap at (AT 934663). At 1130H, Co. E patrol received sniper fire from 15-20 VC at (AT 936658). Fire returned with small arms and mortars. Search of the area revealed 2 VC KIA (conf) and 3 VC KIA (prob). There were no USMC casualties. At 1750H, vehicle on Route # 5 received small arms fire at (AT 943632). Mortar mission fired resulting in 1 VC KIA (prob).

22 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

23 October At 2000H, Co. E patrol received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 942663). Patrol returned fire and checked area with negative results.

24 October At 1428H, Recon sighted 17VC carrying eight rifles and 3 sacks of food at (ZC 163678). Arty mission fired with excellent target coverage. At 1840H, Co. F OP sighted 15 VC with packs at (AT 845566). Arty mission fired resulting in 8 VC KIA (prob).

25 October At 0215H, CAC 33 received 10 rounds of small arms fire from (AT 942678). Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. At 1150H, Co. E patrol received 4-5 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 958676). Fire returned and area swept with negative results.

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26 October At 1745H, Co. H PPB received 2 rounds of sniper fire from (AT 940628). Fire returned and area searched with negative results.


27 October At 1040H, Co. Patrol found 1x81mm mortar round with electrical detonating device at (AT 929668) Round was blown in place by Engineers.

28 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

29 October At 2140H, Co. E patrol apprehended 4 VCS who attempted to run as patrol approached. The VC were turned over to Bn. S-2 for interrogation.

30 October At 0740H, Co. F patrol spotted 9 VC with weapons and packs at (AT 877558). Arty mission fired with unknown results. At 0915H, a M-35 truck detonated a box type mine at (AT 941645). There was no casualties or damage to the truck. At 1930H, a convoy of 8 trucks from 7th Engineer Bn was ambushed at (AT 943673) with small arms fire and grenades. 1 USMC was WIA. The convoy continued on Route # 5 and again was taken under fire by unknown number of VC at (AT 954668). The convoy returned the fire and a 81mm mortar fire mission was fired in support of the convoy. Enemy fire ceased and the area was searched with negative results.

31 October At 1445H, Co. E patrol received 30-35 rounds of small arms fire from 1 VC in treeline at (AT 956667). Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results. At 1800H, supplies were sighted at (AT 880558). A boat was spotted crossing the SONG VU GIA to pick up the supplies. Tanks took the boat under fire killing 2 VC (prob) and destroying the boat. A patrol was dispatched from Hill 65 to confiscate the supplies. The supplies were confiscated and distributed among the PF's.

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(4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines.

1 October At 0906H, Co. F reported that attached Engineer sweep Team found mined road block at (AT 936634), 3 mines and road block destroyed. At 0730H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed 1 mine at (AT 913687). During search of the area a second mine was set off resulting in 2 USMC WIA. At 0900H, Co. H chipped to OPCON of Provisional Bn, 1/3 sector.

2 October At 0730H, Co. F patrol found road block with 3 mines at (AT 941643). Mines blown in place causing secondary explosion. Road block removed. At 1245H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed 2 mines at (AT 912688). At 1400H, Co. H came under OPCON of Provisional Bn.

3 October At 1335H, Co. F patrol found and destroyed a punji pit at (AT 952645). At 0905H, a Co. G patrol found 2 old punji pits at (AT 916685). While by-passing the pits the patrol set off a mine resulting in 3 USMC WIA who were med-evaced. At 0310H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed a cave at (AT 914695).

4 October At 0735H, Engineer sweep team found a 81mm mortar illumination round at (AT 941646). The round was blown in place. At 0825H, a Co. H blocking force received 60mm mortar fire from ARVN sweep force in the vicinity of LA BONG (AT 964677) resulting in 2 ARVN WIA and 1 USMC WIA. Marine from blocking force stepped into punji pit (AT 959676) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. At 1215H, Co. F blocking force found and destroyed a cave at (AT 957678). At 1250H, Co. F sweep element detonated a 81mm mortar shell suspended from a tree at (AT 954682) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. At 1400H, Co. H came under the OPCON of Provisional Bn.

5 October At 0830H, Co. F patrol found a mine of unknown type at (AT 934663). The mine was deactivated and sent to Regimental S-2. At 0930H, Co. G patrol found a pit containing a ChiCom grenade at (AT 908619). The pit and grenade were blown in place. At 2020H, Co. G patrol received approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire at (AT 931682) resulting in 4 USMC WIA. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results.

6 October At 0751H, an Engineer sweep team found and destroyed a "C" ration can filled with C-4. At 1200H, a Co. G patrol observed 3 VC at (AT 899675). The VC were taken under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf). The patrol also captured a weapon and various documents.

7 October At 0800H, a Co. E patrol apprehended 2 VCS at (AT 905-718). The VCS were sent to ITT. At 0940H, Co. E patrol found and destroyed a cave at (AT 902709). At 1115H, Co. G patrol found and destroyed a box type mine at (AT 901706). At 1340H, a Co. G patrol tripped a 81mm mortar mine at (AT 906702) resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Area searched with negative results. At 2040H, a Co. G patrol received small arms and grenades from unknown number of VC at (AT 925694). Fire returned and area searched with negative results. No USMC casualties.

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At 1520H, CAC 33 reported that a truck with VN civilians was receiving small arms fire at (AT 941675). CAC 33 patrol searched area with negative results.

8 October At 0900H, a Co. G patrol located a locked shed at (AT 925701). A search of the area resulted in the finding of batteries, ammunition, rice and literature. The shed was destroyed resulting in a secondary explosion. At 1800H, Co. H reverted to OPCON of 2/26 from Provisional Bn.

9 October At 1400H, Co. E, 2/26 was relieved by Co. B, 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, USA. Co. E provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. ROUGH RIDER remained overnight at PHU BAI under the OPCON of 4th Marines. Co. F was relieved in place by Co. E (rein) 2/3 at 1800H. At 1800H, Co. G, 2/26 was relieved in place by Co. E, 2/3. Co. G remained on position under the OPCON of 2/3.

10 October One platoon of Co. E acted as security for ROUGH RIDER North. The convoy returned to DA NANG at 1400H. At 1530H, 2 platoons (rein) of Co. F departed DA NANG acting as security for ROUGH RIDER North to PHU BAI. At 1600H, Co. G moved to Command Group "B" positions at (AT 947762).

11 October 2d Bn, 26th Marines (-) deployed to PHU BAI. 1 platoon from Co. E provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. At 0900H, 2d Bn, 26th Marines chopped from OPCON of 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division.

12 October 1 platoon of Co. E provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

13 October Co. F provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

14 October Co. F provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

15 October Co. F provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

16 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

17 October Co. F provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

18 October Co. F provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NANG to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

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19 October At 1200H, Co. H chopped from OPCON 2/4 to OPCON 2/26. At 1200H Co. G chopped from OPCON of 2/26 to OPCON of 2/4. At 1200H, Companies H & E and Command Group "A" commenced Operation BACON.

20 October 1 platoon from Co. E conducted ROUGH Rider security patrol from DA NAM to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

21 October At 1520H, Co. H found and destroyed 2 caves at (AT YD 009010).

22 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

23 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

24 October 1 Platoon from Co. E provided security for ROUGH RIDER North from DA NAM to PHU BAI. There was no enemy contact.

25 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

26 October At 1215H, Co. E patrol detonated an unknown explosive device at (YD 935018). 2 USMC were WIA and med-evaced. At 2100H, Co. E patrol sighted 6 VC at (YD 927024). The patrol did not fire because of the distance.

27 October At 0937H, Co. H observed 3 VC at (ZC 005996). The VC broke contact upon sighting the patrol. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results. No USMC casualties. At 1500H, Co. H received 5 rounds of small arms fire and approximately 15 grenades from 10 VC at (YD 931023). Fire was returned and VC broke contact. 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA and 1 VC KIA (prob). At 1800H, Co. H patrol sighted 1 VC at (ZC 997995). The VC fled but the area was searched and medicine and VC documents were found.

28 October Operation BACON secured at 1200H. At 1200H, Co. G chopped from OPCON of 2/4 to OPCON 2/26.

29 October The Bn (-) commenced Operation PAWNER III at 0800H.

30 October There was no enemy contact during this period.

31 October At 1250H, AO observed 10-15 VC at (AU 826040). AO called air strike and reported the air strike resulted in 6 VC KIA (prob).

(5) Provisional Bn, 3d Marines

1 October At 0900H, Command Group from 2d Bn, 26th Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Bn, 3d Marines sector as Provisional Battalion, 3d Marines.

2 October At 0120H, Co. E, 2/3 patrol observed 6-8 VC at (AT 934887). Area searched with negative results. At 0945H, Co. E 2/3 patrol apprehended 5 VCS at (AT 911859). VCS taken to IIT. At 1620H, a Co. E, 2/3 patrol located 2 caves at (AT 929911). Caves searched with negative results. 1 USMC was WIA from flying rocks when caves were destroyed.

3 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

4 October At 1225H, Prov. Co. E observed 14 VC dug-in in the vicinity of (AT 899888). Arty mission fired with unknown results due to limited visibility. At 0935H, Prov. Bn. Co. H search and clear elements detonated mine at (AT 878833). 1 USMC was WIA and med-evaced. At 1145H, Co. H platoon found and destroyed 17 punji pits in the vicinity of (AT 881831). At 1230H, Co. H found and destroyed 2 81mm mortar rounds (dud) at (AT 884831). At 1510H, Co. H patrol detonated a M-26 grenade at (AT 894830). 2 ARVN and 1 USN were WIA and med-evaced.

5 October There were no enemy contacts during this period.

6 October At 1433H, Co. H patrol found and destroyed a 60mm mortar round rigged as a mine at (AT 879765). At 1435H, a Co. H patrol found and destroyed a 60mm mortar round at (AT 879768). At 1540H, Co. H patrol found and destroyed a 60mm mortar round at (AT 875775). At 1610H, Co. H patrol found a 60mm mortar round at (AT 875770). The round was destroyed in place resulting in a secondary explosion. At 1740H, Co. H patrol found and destroyed a cave at (AT 887779).

7 October At 0930H, Co. H patrol found and destroyed a cave at (AT 914709).

8 October At 1800H, the 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade assumed responsibility for Provisional Bn. TAOR. At 1800H, 2d Bn, 3d Marines regained OPCON of Co. E. (Rein).

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(6) 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173d Airborne

8 October At 1800H, 4th Bn, 503d Infantry, 173d Infantry assumed responsibility for Provisional Bn, 3d Marine TAOR and came under the OPCON of Command Group "B", 3d Marines.

9 October At 0915H, Co. G patrol detonated mine (AT 896822) resulting in 3 USA WIA (med-evac). The mine was estimated to be 2 frag. grenades connected to trip wire.

10 October At 1400H, the Battalion came under the OPCON of 1st Marine Division.

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10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination.a. Significant Events.

(1) Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, reinforced with a platoon of 155mm Howitzers (towed), deployed to the vicinity of KHE SANH and attached to the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines on 1 October 1966 for Operation PRAIRIE.

(2) On 9 October 1966, Batteries A and B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines transferred to the Operational Control of the 11th Marines. Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines deployed to "Artillery Plateau" (YD 0654) in direct support of 3d MarDiv (Fwd) and Operation PRAIRIE.

(3) The 1st Battalion, 12th Marines assumed Operational Control of Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 3d Marines.

(4) On 24 October 1966, the 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery 175 Gun (SP) was assigned to General Support of TASK FORCE DELTA, and General Support reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

(5) On 28 October 1966, Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines was assigned as General Support, reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

(6) Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines came under the Operational Control of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines on 30 October 1966.

b. Artillery Units Providing Support.(1) Direct Support.

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein)  
 Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (1-9 October)  
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (1-9 October)  
 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (30-31 October)  
 Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (17-31 October)  
 Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (17-31 October)

(2) General Support, Reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (1-9 October)  
 Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (28-31 October)  
 Elements 1st 8" Howitzer and 155mm Gun Batteries (1-9 October)  
 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery 175 Gun (SP) (24-31 October)

c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support.

USS E. F. LAWSON (DD 830)	2 October
USS WALKER (DD 723)	4 October

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d. Number and Type Missions Fired.

(1) Artillery Missions Fired (Direct Support)

Observed	159
Unobserved	89
Groups of Fires	267
Harrassing and Interdiction	2704
Neutralization	2
Prep. Fires	17
Registrations	23
Training	19
Total	3280

(2) Artillery Missions Fired (General Support Reinforcing)

Observed	8
Unobserved	39
Harrassing and Interdiction	657
Total	704

(3) Artillery Missions Fired (General Support)

Observed	17
Harrassing and Interdiction	35
Total	52

(4) Naval Gunfire Missions Fired

Observed	20
Harrassing and Interdiction	6
Total	26

e. Ammunition Expended by Type

(1) Direct Support Artillery

	HE	WP	ILLUM	SMK
105mm	6035	217	111	12
Aggregate	6375			

(2) General Support Artillery (Approximate Figures)

155mm	1500 HE
175mm	2299 HE
8"	105 HE

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(3) Naval Gunfire

	HE	WP
5"/38	200	11
5"/54	6	

(4) Tanks

90mm	489
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106mm	1994
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f. Surveillance.

(1) Artillery fires during the month of October resulted in fifty (50) VC KIA (conf), fifty-four (54) VC KIA (prob), twenty-one (21) VC WIA (conf), three (3) VC WIA (prob), thirteen (13) boats destroyed or sunk, six (6) boats damaged and twenty-two (22) VC structures destroyed.

(2) Tank fires in support of the 3d Marines resulted in nine (9) VC KIA (conf) and fifteen (15) VC KIA (prob).

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11. Logistics:

a. Movement: During this period the following units of this Regiment displaced to new locations in the RVN: Headquarters Company, 3d Marines to Camp J. J. CARROLL, west of Dong Ha; 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, to Khe Sanh; 2d Battalion, 26th Marines to Phu Bai. An administrative rear unit of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines is located in Dong Ha, and a rear unit of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines and of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in Da Nang.

b. Supply: The supply situation was hindered during this period by the movement of units as stated in paragraph a. above and by monsoon rains.

(1) A heavy usage of Class II and Class IV supply operational commitments created shortages in areas of individual clothing and equipment and fortification material such as sandbags, wire, and bunker material.

(2) Monsoon rains made resupply by vehicle difficult in 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area. Route 9 in the Dong Ha area allowed vehicular traffic, even in the heaviest period of rain, for Headquarters Company resupply.

(3) Required reports and message traffic reporting during the period 11-25 October was non-existent due to displacement of units and difficulty in receiving message traffic by individual units. Essential messages concerning Class V suspension, reclassification or release were relayed to ADCON and OPCON units by this Headquarters to insure action.

c. Maintenance: First and second echelon repairs are being performed on all equipment by qualified personnel. Difficulty in repair of equipment, especially for higher echelon maintenance, has been complicated by distance from FLSG.

d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities: During this reporting period the Regimental Commander was designated Camp Commander of Camp J. J. CARROLL in the Prairie Area of Operation. As a result of this action all camp facilities are being coordinated by his staff. These facilities include operation of water points, trash dumps, and engineer support.

(1) A critical shortage existed during this period in heads for units located in Camp J. J. CARROLL. Twenty seven heads have been requested when available. To alleviate this situation, one-hole head seats have been designed and constructed to fit one-half 55 gallon barrels.

(2) Water for Camp J. J. CARROLL is being transported by truck from a water source three miles distant from camp. Average daily usage for the population of the camp has been 10,000 gallons potable water.

(3) Engineer support for Camp J. J. CARROLL has been directed by 3d Engineer Battalion in the form of road construction, operation of water points, and other camp projects.

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(4) Other subordinate units indicate the following improvements:

(a) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines - completion of a new mess-hall in their command post area.

(b) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines - installation of a hot water shower unit in their command post area.

(c) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines - establishment of a mess facility in Khe Sanh area for limited serving of "B" rations.

e. Transportation: Headquarters Company has utilized organic transportation to the maximum. In addition, an average of two trucks a day have been furnished this Headquarters for housekeeping by motor transport units located in the Dong Ha area.

(1) Other units of this Regiment have requested motor transport units in their respective areas to support them in their operational and household commitments.

(2) Operational commitments of this Headquarters OPCON units have been supported by motor transport from Dong Ha. Lack of bridges has required the use of helicopters for resupply of one operating battalion in this Regiment.

f. Embarkation: All modes of transportation were used by units of this Regiment in movement this month.

(1) Headquarters Company and Command Group A of this Regiment were airlifted to Dong Ha.

(2) Command Group B and the Administrative Rear of this Regiment were transported to Dong Ha area by LCU.

(3) A majority of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines was airlifted to Khe Sanh. A small rear unit remains in Da Nang with the majority of the organic equipment and personal effects.

(4) Three rifle companies and H&S Company (-), 2d Battalion, 26th Marines were transported to Phu Bai by air. The remainder of the unit was transported overland by ROUGH RIDER.

(5) These movements were accomplished with minimum paperwork and in a smooth operational and professional manner. Equipment and supplies were received in a satisfactory condition.

(6) A report of embarkation trained personnel was submitted to Division during this period.

g. Fiscal: No data is available at this time to indicate the number of Vietnamese Nationals employed by units of this Regiment. At present no Vietnamese Nationals are employed by Headquarters Company due to location and combat situation.

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12. Air Defense There were no incidents in the Regimental Area of Operations

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13. Combat Air Support.

a. Elements of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided fixed and rotary wing aircraft in support of medical evacuation, logistical supply, troop lift, aerial reconnaissance, administrative, psychological warfare and close air support missions.

b. Air support provided to the Regiment during October 1966 is summarized as follows:

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1. Medical Evacuation	38
2. Administrative	21
3. Reconnaissance	7
4. Psychological Warfare	2
5. Close Air Support	9
6. Resupply (Excluding normal resupply delivered by FLSG)	11
7. Troop Lift	3

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14. Medical and Dental Support.a. Unit Surgeons

Hq Co, 3d Marines	LT. S. C. SMITH MC USNR
1st Battalion, 3d Marines	LT H. A. ACKLEY MC USNR
2d Battalion, 3d Marines	LT T. L. FOLKERTH MC USNR
2d Battalion, 26th Marines	LT. R. A. NIVALA MC USNR
	LT. J. M SEVENIKO MC USNR
	LT T. I. STEINMAN MC USNR

b. Significant Events.

(1) BAS 1/3 Dr. Karnoupakis transferred to 3d MedBn and Dr. Folkerth reported aboard. The battalion aid station was set up in the field at Khe Sanh for all medical aid needed to support the battalion at that location. All health records of the battalion remain at the administrative rear in Danang as well as the personnel administrative unit for all Hospital Corpsmen of the battalion. The 4/503, 173d Airborne, USA, Medical platoon has assumed all responsibilities for the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital, pending movement of the clinic to the FLSG ALPHA area.

(2) BAS 2/3 None significant

(3) BAS 2/26 Immersion foot 15

c. Medical Trends.

(1) Fever unknown origin, probably viral.

(2) Acute strep throat with tonsillitis.

(3) As rains increase, immersion foot.

d. Number of Battle Casualties Treated.

(1) Hq Co, 3d Marines 0

(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines 3

(3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines 28

(a) Gunshot 25

(b) Shrapnel 3

(4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines 5

(a) Shrapnel 4

(b) Pungi stick 1

e. Number of Non-battle Patients Treated.

(1) Hq Co, 3d Marines 288 \*

(a) Admissions to BAS 0

(b) Emergency treatment 22

\* Assisted in treatment of 2/9 patients.

1	Lacerations	10
2	Burns	8
3	Bites	4

(c) Number of referrals to 3d Medical Battalion and NSA Station Hospital 11

(d) Cases of VD 2

1 Acquired in country 2

(2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines 295

(a) 24 Non-battle casualties were treated at the BAS forward and evacuated for x-ray evaluation or surgical care. All were evacuated as possible fractures, lacerations needing more treatment, and those requiring orthopedic consultation

(b) Patients admitted to the BAS ward at Khe Sanh 69. Prevalent admission diagnosis was possible malaria, cellulitis, gastroenteritis, and cold syndrome. Total number of patient days was 345.

(c) Number of referrals to other Medical units. Due to the uncertainty of aeromed-evacs ultimate destination it is not known at present to what facilities patients were referred.

1 Morbidity of referrals.

Orthopedics	15
Psychiatric	2
Surgical	22
Internal Medicine	22

2 Laboratory - incidental

Dental	6
Dermatology	1
REENT	3

(d) Venereal Disease Recorded. No new cases of venereal disease were recorded during the month of October 1966.

(3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines 326

(a) Admissions to BAS 5

(b) Emergency Treatment

1 Lacerations 13



(c) Number of referrals to 3d Medical Battalion and Naval Support Activity Station Hospital. 70

(d) Cases of VD 7

1 Acquired out of the country 6  
2 Acquired in country 1

(4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines 488

(a) Admissions to BAS 18

(b) Emergency Treatment

1 Heat casualties 1  
2 Lacerations 13  
3 Trauma 10  
4 Burns 3

(c) Number of Consultations to 3d MedBn and NSA Hospitals 14

(d) Cases of significant diseases of the area.

1 Hookworm 1

(e) Cases of Venereal Disease 3

1 Acquired out of country 0  
2 Acquired in country 3

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation.

(1) BAS 2/3

(a) Number of inoculations 121

(b) Malaria prophylaxis administered weekly.

The camp sanitation is considered satisfactory.

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support.

(1) Number treated.

(a) Hq Co, 3d Marines 15

(b) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. Total MedCap aid rendered and supplies expended were by 4/503, 173d Airborne. No MedCap aid rendered by 1st Battalion 3d Marines during this reporting month.

(c) 2d Bn, 3d Marines. 3164

(d) 2d Bn, 26th Marines 3411

(e) Out of country 144 Civil Affairs Support

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(2) Other events affecting Civilian Health: A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen.

(3) As BAS, 2/26 has moved to PHU BAI, we do not have CAC units assigned.

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15. Chaplain Support.a. Chaplains attached to 3d Marine Regiment.

(1)	ICDR Paul H. LIONBERGER	Lutheran	Regt. Chaplain
(2)	LT George R. WITT	Catholic	1st Bn, 3d Marines
(3)	LT Leonard L. AHRNSBRAK	Assembly of God	2d Bn, 3d Marines
(4)	ICDR Hebert W. BOLLES	Episcopal	2d Bn, 26th Marines

b. Religious Activities. Roman Catholic and Protestant services were conducted throughout the Regiment with the goal being coverage to each company. A total of 140 Divine Services were conducted with 1933 men in attendance. Two Memorial Services were conducted with 97 men in attendance.

c. Professional Counseling Interviews. The Chaplains of the Regiment conducted professional counseling interviews under field conditions.

d. Civic Action Activities. The activities of the Chaplains was curtailed due to the movement of the battalions. However, calls were made of missionaries in the new areas and liaison established for future assistance.

e. Facilities. The 2d Bn, 3d Marines is the only unit with a Chapel; their new Chapel being completed in the middle of October.

f. Transportation. Vehicle transportation has been satisfactory, although more reliance has been placed upon helicopter lifts by the necessity of the terrain.

g. <u>Sunday Services.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
LIONBERGER	7	123
WITT	24	370
AHRNSBRAK	22	356
BOLLES	19	198

h. <u>Weekday Services</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
LIONBERGER	22	372
WITT	18	172
AHRNSBRAK	1	16
BOLLES	27	326
TOTAL	140	1933

i. <u>Memorial Services.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
BOLLES	2	97

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16. Civil Affairs.

A. General; During the month of October, the activities of the 3d Marines Civic Action Program were greatly reduced because of the movement of two Battalions and Headquarters Company to new TAOR'S. It is anticipated that Civic Action Activities will pick up and increase in the 3d Marines new area of responsibility in the weeks to come.

The Civic Action program in the Da Nang area is being continued by the units in that area and the 3d Platoon, 29th Civil Affairs Company. All Civic Action supplies were turned over to the 3d Platoon, 29th Civil Affairs Company before the 3d Marines left the area, so that the supplies might be used for the current projects in that area.

B. Unit Activities:

(1) Headquarters Company. There were no significant activities to report during this period because of the relocation of the Regimental Command Post to the Dong Ha area.

(2) 1st Battalion 3d Marines

a. Significant Activities

(1) Established close liason with Khe Sanh Special Forces Camp Civil Affairs to coordinate our civil Affairs activities.

b. Materials Distributed

(1) 3000 pounds rice

c. Special Civic Action Projects information not available.

d. Civil Affairs Medical Support. Total MedCap aid rendered and supplied expended were by 4/503, 173d Airborne, no medcap aid rendered by 1st Battalion 3d Marines this reporting month.

(3) 2nd Battalion 3d Marines

a. Significant Activities

(1) 4 October - The people of the "New Life Hamlet" of An My/Phu Bac began constructing a hamlet school by the pouring of concrete for the floor. By 6 October, they were ready to construct desks and wooden ammunition boxes were given them for this purpose. On 13 October, two blackboards constructed by the Marines of this Battalion and a large box of chalk were donated to the school. the hamlets hired a school teacher and classes began on 14 October for approximately 75 children. CARE school replacement kits were distributed on opening day.

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(2) 14 October - The residents of the hamlets of An My/Phu Bac were visited by the Commanding General of the First Marine Division and the First Division G-5. The General was introduced to all hamlet officials and the Dai Loc District Chief who was also present. He was then shown around the hamlets and spoke briefly to the school children.

(3) 30 October - Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral MC DONALD visited the hamlets of An My/Phu Bac. The Admiral reviewed the Combined Action Platoon, was introduced to the hamlet officials, and toured the village.

b. Materials Distributed

(1) During the period covered by this report a total of 3043 persons received medical aid from the Battalion medical personnel throughout the TAOR. There were 408 bars of soap distributed to 816 persons, 1200 pounds of food to 400 persons. Also distributed were:

- (a) 35 pounds of clothing
- (b) 5 truck loads of lumber
- (c) 20 cases of powered milk
- (d) 20 cases of cooking oil
- (e) 75 CARE school replacement kits
- (f) 20 gallons of paint
- (g) 15 sheets of tin
- (h) 4 boxes of roofing nails
- (i) 20 pounds of large nails
- (j) 5 carpenter kits

c. Special Civil Affairs Projects.

(1) The "New Life Hamlet" of Phu Trung has been started and at present there are eighteen (18) structures standing out of a programmed one hundred-four (104). Work is progressing slowly due to the shortage of material and bad weather conditions.

d. Apparent Results of the Civil Affairs Program

(1) The people of Dai Loc District are very friendly, particularly the villages of loc Chanh, loc An, and those portions of Loc My and Loc Hung that lie within our TAOR. The Local officials are most cooperative at the district village and hamlet level, and a good working relationship exists on most matters.

(4) 2nd Battalion 26 Marines

a. Significant Activities

There were no Significant Activities during the period due to the relocation of the Battalion from the DaNang TAOR to the PHU BAI

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TAOR on 10 October 1966. Liaison with the Civil Affairs Officer from 2nd Battalion 3d Marines, and District Advisors were made to insure that projects that were currently initiated were continued. Civic Action materials were also turned over to be used for pending projects in the area.

b. Materials Distributed.

During the first ten days of the period, the following materials were distributed:

(1) Self-help kits (2 wood working kits) were delivered to Hieu Duc District Headquarters for distribution to the refugee hamlet at An Tan.

(2) One box of soap was delivered to Hieu Duc District Headquarters for distribution.

(3) One box of soap was delivered to CAC units for use in the MEDCAP Program.

c. Special Civic Action Projects: NONE

d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program:

There was a noticed increase in friendly relations between the populace and Marines. There was also a noted increase in the interest displayed by local villager's to Participate in self-help projects.

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PART III

- File Act*
1. ✓ Daily Situation Reports, 01 - 10 October 1966.
  2. ✓ Change to Weekly Situation Overlay dated 2 October 1966.
  3. ✓ Weekly Situation Overlay dated 3 October 1966.
  4. ✓ Staff Journal, 01 - 31 October 1966.
  5. ✓ Daily Frag Orders, 01 - 10 October 1966.
  6. ✓ Daily 3d Marines Operation PRAIRIE Situation Reports, 1-66 - 59-66 Oct. 66.
  7. Operation PRAIRIE Frag O. 1-66, CO, 3d Marines 161611Z Oct 66.
  8. Operation PRAIRIE Frag O. 2-66, CO, 3d Marines 181630Z Oct 66.
  9. Operation PRAIRIE Frag O. 3-66, CO, 3d Marines 301250Z Oct 66.
  10. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 010015Z (Reinforcement of Northern ICTZ and 1st Bn, 3d Marines TAOR).
  11. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 010550Z (TPQ-10 Strikes).
  12. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 011500Z (OPSTAT 001 as of 011500ZOCT66).
  13. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 020430Z (Personnel Status Planning).
  14. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 030430Z (TPQ-10 Strikes).
  15. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 031530Z (Readdressal of CG, 3d MarDiv msg 030840Z Oct Task Assignment for Operation CORMORANT 3-4).
  16. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 041630Z (Tank Requirements).
  17. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 050105Z (Readdressal of CO, 3d Marines msg 041630Z Oct (Tank Requirements)).
  18. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 050800Z (TPQ-10 Strikes).
  19. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 071600Z (Golden Fleece Operations).
  20. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 080130Z (OPCON of 4th Bn, 503d Inf (rein)).
  21. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 080615Z (Operation PRAIRIE Sitrep # 23).
  22. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 080700Z (Redeployment of 3d Marines).
  23. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 081115Z (ROUGH RIDER).
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24. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 120100Z (CP Locations and Camp Sites Vacated).
25. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 140745Z (Command Group Bravo Closed CP).
26. CO, 3d Marines msg 150755Z (Alert Status for Opn PRAIRIE).
27. CO, 3d Marines msg 160730Z (Alert Status for Opn PRAIRIE).
28. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 161610Z (Support Requirements).
29. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 170355Z (Assumption of OPCON).
30. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 171345Z (Support Requirements).
31. ✓ Coordinator, Camp Carroll msg 180640Z (Security of Vital Installations).
32. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 200245Z (Movement of Forces).
33. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 200500Z (Requirements for Recon Insertions).
34. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 210330Z (Lessons Learned, Submission of).
35. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 211200Z (Support Requirements).
36. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 211625Z (FAG Controlled Air Strikes).
37. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 220125Z (Regt. Command Net).
38. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 250420Z (MUMMS Training).
39. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 250730Z (Bunker Requirements).
40. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 260945Z (Readdressal of 2d Bn, 3d Marines msg 240445Z (OPSTATS)).
41. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 260946Z (Submission of Command Chronology).
42. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 271230Z (Air Reconnaissance Request).
43. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 281135Z (Basic Infantry Wpns Repair School).
44. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 301330Z (Vietnamese Language School OKinawa).
45. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/GHR/ju over 1556 dated 1 October 1966 (Task Organization; correction of).
46. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/GHR/cm over 3480 dated 1 October 1966 (Lessons Learned, September 1966).
47. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/GHR/lws over 3400 dated 4 October 1966 (Psychological Operations Report).

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- 48. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/AEL/rdp dated 4 Oct 1966 (Psychological Warfare leaflet drop and aerial broadcast request).
- 49. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/WXD/rdp over 4900 dated 6 October 1966 (Popular Forces-Marine Corps Combined Action Company; Weekly report of).
- 50. ✓ CO, 3d Marines ltr 3/GHR/lws over 3480 dated 30 October 1966 (Lessons Learned, October 1966).
- 51. ✓ Weekly Psy Ops Report dated 2 October 1966.

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0001	:	Journal Opened	:
0002	1	Fr 2/26: Sit Rep Neg Cont	G-3
0026	2	Fr 2/3: Sit Rep Neg Cont	G-3
0400	3	Fr 1/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
0918	4	Fr 2/26: A) Brogue B) 040735H C) AT914616 D) Found : Blum not illum, blown in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1015	5	Fr 2/26: A) F Co. B) 040845H C) AT959676 D) During : operation 1 Marine stepped in punji pit. 2 ARVN : and by shrapel. Pit was blown in place w/secondary : explosion.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1025	6	Fr 2/26: A) H Co. B) 040935H C) AT878833 D) Man deton- : ated a Chi Comm mine, med evac'd	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1200	7	Fr 2/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
1210	8	Fr 2/26: Sit Rep All Secure Neg Cont	G-3
1220	9	Fr 1/3: A) H-2/26 B) 041145H C) AT881831 D) Found 17 : punji pits, blown in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1317	10	Fr 1/3: A) H-2 B) 041230H C) AT884831 D) Found Blum : cud, destroyed in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1338	11	Fr 2/26: A) F Co. B) 041250H C) AT954682 D) Mine wnd: : by Blum rd suspended fr tree. Med-evac	:
1347	12	Fr S-2: A) E Co. B) 041225H C) AT899888 D) Obsev'd : 14 VC dug in at above coord's, artillery men fired, : results unknown.	S-3
1527	13	Fr 1/3: A) H-1 B) 041510H C) AT894830 D) Tripped M-26 : grenade, 2 ARVN & 1 Corpsman wnd, now med-evac.	:
1553	14	Fr 2/26: A) F Co. B) 041215H C) AT957678 D) Found cave : and boat, both destroyed.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1800	15	Fr 2/26: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
1955	16	Fr S-2: A) USS Waika B) 040925H C) AT967927 D) Fired : IGF support, after firing no further movement obser	S-2
2235	17	Fr S-2: A) Quang Nam VN Gov't Agency Rpt B) BT185560 : D) Rpt that 70th Bn at above coord's, poss attack : on Daung Airfield	S-2, S-3
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0155	2	Fr 2/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
0200	3	Fr 2/26: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
0205	4	Fr 1/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
0800	5	Fr 2/26: Sit Rep Secure	G-3
0830	6	Fr 2/26: A) F Co. B)060751H C)AT942643 D) Found mine in road and was blown in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
0919	7	Fr 2/3: A) H-3 B)060830H C)AT914590 D) Non-battle casualty evac to BAS, patrol cont.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1000	8	Fr 2/3: Sit Rep Neg Cont	G-3
1205	9	Fr 1/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
1320	10	Fr 2/26: A) G Co. B)061200H C)AT899677 D) Obsev'd 3 VC w/rifles, fired on VC. 1 VC KIA others dis- appeared. Searched w/neg Results	G-3
1400	11	Fr 2/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
1505	12	Fr 1/3: A) G Co. B)061433HC)AT879765 D) Found 60mm mort rd w/trip wires, blew in place.	S-2
1600	13	Fr 2/26: A) FP3 and B)061430H C)AT902677 D) Found 16" freshly dug fighting holes, patrol will destroy later in week	G-3
1647	14	Fr 1/3: A) HP2 B) 061670H C)AT875770 D) Found 1 60mm mort rd, blew it in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1805	15	Fr 2/26: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
1830	16	Fr 2/26: A) E Co. B)061750H C)AT932894 D) A US jeep red'd sniper fire a above coord'd.	S-3, S-2, G-3, XO
1951	17	Fr S-2: A)DCDH B)061930H C)AT838567 D) 1 VC Co. came out of Dong Lam Mts.	S-3, S-3
2200	18	Fr 2/3: Sit Rep neg Cont All Secure	G-3
2207	19	Fr 2/26: Sit Rep Neg Cont All Secure	G-3
2355	20	Fr FSCC: A) 1/12 OP-1 B)062343H C)AT938773 D) two s/a shots in Pass N of OF No muzzle flashes obsev'd	S-3, S-2, G-3, XO
2345	21	Fr 2/3: Sit Rep All Secure	G-3
2359	22	Fr 2/26: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
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0031	2	Fr 2/26: A) G-A-1 B) 06233CH C) AT888705 D) 1 VC seen floating down river on log. Opened fire and rec'd fire from opposite side of river. Patrol displaced back to base.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
0145	3	Fr 2/26: Sit Rep Neg Cont	G-3
0400	4	Fr 2/26: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
0930	5	Fr 2/3: A) 7th Engr B) 070735H C) AT886573 D) Box type mine found in road, blown in place.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1108	6	Fr Prov Bn: A) E Co. B) 071030H C) AT945883 D) 2 lrg sail boats approaching beach. Two patrols of ARVN dispatched to area from Hai Van Pass.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1143	7	Fr 2/26: A) F Co. B) 071104H C) AT908708 D) Found cave and blown.	S-2
1237	8	Fr 2/3: A) E Co. B) 071215H C) AT888588 D) Rec'd 5 rds sniper fire, returned fire resulting in VN female being wnd and med-evaced.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1346	9	Fr 2/26: A) G Co. B) 071115H C) AT901706 D) Found box type mine and blew it in place.	G-3
1420	10	Fr 2/26: A) G-5 B) 071040H C) AT896705 D) Marine had accidental discharge of rifle, bullet wounded VN civ in arm and leg.	G-1, S-1
1421	11	Fr S-2: A) H Co. Prov In B) 071100H C) AT872839 D) Report on VC activity in the area.	S-2
1455	12	Fr 2/26: A) G2 B) 071340 C) AT896705H D) Marine rec'd shrap wds when he tripped a mine, and med-evaced.	S-1, G-3
1517	13	Fr 2/26: A) E-6 B) 070800H C) AT890706 D) 2 VCS apprehended and had no ID cards. Sent to IIT	S-2
1520	14	Fr 2/26: A) E2 B) 070930H C) AT914709 D) Found cave and blew it up.	S-2
1619	15	Fr 2/26: A) CAC 33 B) 071520H C) AT941675 D) US truck carrying VN Civ was sniped at w/50 rds fire. Searched area w/neg results.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
1801	16	Fr 2/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
2000	17	Fr 2/3: Neg Sit Rep	G-3
2040	18	Fr 2/26: A) G-A-3 B) 071950H C) AT925694 D) Patrol fired on while departing from CP. Returned fire and sweep area to flush them out.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
2320	19	Fr 2/3: A) F Co. B) 072215H C) AT892569 D) CAC platoon amb by Viet Chin. Investigation being conducted.	S-2, S-3, G-3, XO
2400	20	F Journal Closed	





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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0800	1	: Journal Opened	:
1215	2	: Fr 3/4 Spot Report A) L Co B) 0630H C) YD 148604 D) L : Co patrol after a thorough search of area found following : wps, equip and casualties E) Equip to be sent to Crowd: : 2 F) H) Neg I) 2 prob conf J) 7 prob K L) neg M) 2 : AK-47 rifle taken by Army advisor N) 4 mag, 2 40 lb : sachel charges, 1 RB-40 rocket rnd; 1 canteen w/cover, : medical supplies, 3 blast caps, rubber strip 10 ft long, : plastic and canvas bags, (1) wallet w/contents and misc : articles. O) Believed to be attacked by NVA plt w/NVA : Co in area	: S-3 S-2 G-3 : XO FSCC
1900	3	: Fr 2/9 Spot Report A) H B) 171630H C) XD988605 D) PIT : PTI found 17 graves E) Opened graves found NVA dressed : in khaki. Bodies appeared to be about 1 wk ol. Graves : were marked with bamboo stakes crossed. I) 17 NVA (cong) : O) Suspect NVA were killed by 2/9 H & I or TPQ P) Con- : tinuing to search graves Q) Forwarded on cont final : spot report.	:
2350	4	: Fr Black Box Sit Rep 172400H 2) no change 3) conducted : patrols and ambushes 4) neg 5) none 6) conducted patrols : and ambushes 7) friendly KIA BY (3) friendly WIA HHT (25) : Enemy KIA 23 (conf) WIA-neg.	:
2400	5	: Journal Closed.	:



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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	Journal Opened	
0845	2	Fr G-3 Spot Report A) IIF B) 190806H C) XD 897503 D) Approx 2-10 VC walking E to W, uniform and equip unk. Pat heard enemy but did not observe.	
2020	3	Fr 3/4 2 WIA at Bn Aid Station fr short round	
2115	4	Fr 2/9 Spot Report A) 3/4 B) 192015H C) VD 062547 D) AT 2015H Mutter W had a 81mm short rd which landed in vic of Mutter CP wounding 3 Marines, (1) serious, (2) minor. E) Investigatio n presently under way, Marines med evac.	S-1 G-3
2315	5	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
2330	6	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
2400	7	Journal Closed	



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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	Journal Opened	
1157	2	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Toro 12F B) 210001H C) XD925530 D) Saw and chased 1 NVA out of brush and spotted 1 up in hill wearing steel helmet. Spotted approx 11 NVA about 30m from position, further sightings made of unk no. of NVA w/helmets thru out area. Recon team made contact- gun shots fired on VC position. Recon extracted by Hueys which rec'd fire.	S-2 S-3
1255	3	Fr Recon Spot Report A) Toro 12F B) 211030H C) XD 926533: D) At 211010H point flushed 1 VC out of bush at above coord. Then team spotted another VC wearing a helmet and dark clothing at XD 925533. Team then heard movement, coughing and talking of about 5 persons at XD 927532 E of their position. Movement heard came from VC in groups of 5-10, team saw 1 VC, this VC wearing dark colored uniform, helmet and wpn. Then heard a whistle blowing in the gully to the E. Team then spotted 2 VC on edgeline at coord : XD928534, wearing a helmet and green utilities. Team shot and knocked 1 of these VC down resulting in 1 VC KIA prob. The team then began to receive auto/wpn fire from VC and team ret fire. Est that there were about 30 VC/NVA oper+ ating this area. Gunships came in, strafing area w/excellent coverage, while receiving enemy fire. Team extracted w/o incident at 211100H at XD 924534 to be re-inserted 22 Oct.	
2110	4	Fr 3/4 Spot Report A) Mutter I B) 291956 C) YD061561 D) AT 211956 I patrol 102 spotted 4 to 5 flashlights in front of their position moving in a S to SE direction. E) Arty msn and 81mm msn called on 065575 w/good effect on target. O) Cannot determine this time. P) Will search at first light. Q) unk.	S-3 G-3 XO S-2
2300	5	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
2325	6	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
2400	7	Journal Closed	

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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	:Journal opened	:
0525	2	:Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	:
0620	3	:Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	:
1615	4	:Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Toro 12, Lt Carlish B) 221414H :C) XD 916530 D) Spotted 19 NVA/VC wearing light grey :shirt, black belt (like old Marine Corp type w/holder :strap). Very light complexions, equipment unk.	:D-2
1643	5	:Fr S-2 Spot Report A) E-Co B) 221230H C) H-492 x 09249 :D) COE cont detailed search vic Hill 492 and recovered :following materials: 1 small container of assorted s/ards, :2 baskets misc. cooking utensils, 2 bamboo canisters ( : :(canteens or warning devices) 1 large tray, 4 long cutting :knives, clothes, misc punji pits, trenches and fighting holes. :E) Stakes, pits, trenches, fighting holes to be destroyed. :Other material to be evac. Note: HLZ atop 492 completely :covered w/punji stakes not more than 1 week old.	:S-2 S-3
2113	6	:Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Cobra 21F (Debrief) B) 221445H :C) 992646 D) Ptl heard movement to NE and W. 1 VC seen : :to N wearing light green uniform and 1 VC to W-same uniform- :no wpns obs. VC appeared to be looking for Toro patrol.: <del>Est</del> :Est to be approx 15 VC in this area based on movement and :sound in proximity of ptl. AT XD 990643 team saw 2 VC : :wearing dark colored ponchos moving NW. Team moved to : :HLZ for extraction and rec'd 2 rds semi-auto wpns fire : :while boarding helo. Team returned fire-results unk.	:S-2
2400	7	:Journal closed	:

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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	Journal opened	
1355	2	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Toro 12F (Debrief) B) 211100Ø	
C) Text	D) 221445H,	vic XD 916540 tm saw 1 NVA observing N-S stream bed in GS 91153. VC was larger than average NVA, light complexion wearing light gray shirt, khaki trousers and a black leather chest and waist belt. No wpn observed. Team radio was jammed by a foreign voice using ptl call sign. Team heard movement coming from the N. Movement covered 500m front, enemy blew whistles for signaling, est to be Co sized NVA unit sweeping the area. 12F then spotted 3 NVA 40m to N. These NVA wore khaki uniforms and one carried type 43 Chicon smg, other 2 were armed. Called arty w/excellent coverage. Enemy heard running through bush, seemed to be in state of confusion, about 1 could be heard talking and calling out names as if looking for dead/wounded. Talking and movement cont all night. Morn of 23d enemy began to sweep fr "-E moving toward the patrol. Team observed and fired on 2 NVA while in HLZ. Enemy fled, plt extracted.	S-2
1515	3	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) High Tide B) 201800 C) YD158454 D) Patrol made neg sightings and contacts but found signs of heavy and recent enemy activity throughout area. Team found 8' wide main trail, heavily used, running SW to NE. E) Team was extracted due to illness of team member.	S-2
2300	4	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
2320	5	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
2400	6	Journal closed	







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260001H Oct 1966  
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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	: Journal opened	:
0640	2	: Fr 2/9 Spot Report A) 2/9 B) 260620H C) 924499	:
		: E) Casualties resulted by faulty 81mm. faulty ammo report	:
		: will be submitted earliest. Med evac requested.	:
1300	3	: Fr 2/9 Spot Report A) 2/9 B) 261102H C) 937480 D) G Co	:
		: was in contact w/unk size enemy force vic 937480 at	:
		: 1102H. F Col moved into position so that VC unit would	:
		: be inbetween F and G at 261115H. 2/9 reports 5 minor	:
		: casualties, having comm trouble w/starboard.	: XO S-2 S-3
1345	4	: Fr S-2 Spot Report A) 2/9 B) 261245H C) 934478	:
		: D) F Co screening 2/9 movement above coord made cont	:
		: w/est 40 NVA IN KHaki uniforms, auto wps and 1 50 cal	:
		: MG. Enemy attempted to flee N along trail and ran into	:
		: lead elem of G Co. NVA caught in crossfire, became	:
		: disorganized and fled E and W. E) Pursued enemy by fire	:
		: and called Arty on possible escape routes. H) 4 auto	:
		: wps, type unk. N) Med supplies, 40 Chicon grenades,	:
		: 3 RPG rockets, 70 lbs rice, assorted ammo and magazines.	:
		: Q) NVA plt surprised by 2/9 movement.	: XO S-3 S-2
1925	5	: Fr S-3 Spot Report A) S-3, 3d Marines B) 261245	:
		: C) 934478 D) Follow up to my spot rep #6. Contact was	:
		: meeting engage mt w/NVA plt size carrying party carrying	:
		: food, med sup, dressed in NVA uniforms w/NVA wps, which:will	:
		: be evac when possible. 2/9 not in NVA bivouac area w/many	:
		: fox holes. Total casualties friendly revised to 4 KIA	:
		: and 12 WIA, 5 WIA med evac. 12 WIA and 4 KIA remain to	: S-3 S-2
		: be evac when weather permits.	: XO FSCC
2315	6	: Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	:
2350	7	: Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	:
2400	8	: Journal closed	:

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0001	1	Journal opened	
0530	2	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
0600	3	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
1730	4	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Grasshopper B) 271519H C) XD116706 D) At above time, several personnel at above coord including S-3 Actual obs a swept wing single jet plane w/stabilizer located at top of rudder. Plane was light grey color, no markings obs. All personal agree plane wasn't US origin. Plane came from NW at 1000 ft, turned at corner of 2/5 position and returned N. Came within 1000 meters of position and afforded good look by all personnel.	S-2
2030	5	Spot Report S-2 A) H Co B) 271700H C) XD 949870 D) Disc 3 huts, 2 bundles punji stakes and bomb shelter (4 to 5 men) also found assorted baskets. E) Baskets and stakes will be evac'd, huts and shelter will be dest.	S-2
2255	6	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	S-3
2345	7	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	S-3
2400	8	Journal closed	



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290001H Oct 1966  
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IN	SER NO	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION
0001	1	Journal opened	
0519	2	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
0608	3	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
1700	4	Fr SB Spot Report A) 2/9 E B) 291500H C) F-978446, E-976435 D) Lead elements spotted approx 40 VC moving in vic of bog on route 9 E. E) "E" took underfire with s/a, 60mm and arty. "E" now checking out area. O) VC moving in open. P) Taken under fire by arty and 60mm. Q) Now checking out area.	S-3 S-2 XO G-3 FSCC
1740	5	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Co E B) 291345H C) XD963453 D) Co E discovered 1 15xman hosp. 1 hut(kitchen), 2 small huts, 3 lean-to, 7 bunkers (2x3x5), med supplies cache, misc clothing, 6-8 cartridge traps and associated documents. E) Documents med supplies and cartridge traps to be evac. Huts to be destroyed.	S-3
2230	6	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
2300	7	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
2400	8	Journal closed	

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0001	1	Journal opened	
0430	2	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
0500	3	Fr 2/9 Neg Sit Rep	
0715	4	Fr G-3 ARVN will be moving by convoy thru our area tow'd rock pile this morn	
1935	5	Fr 3/4 Spot Report A) L Co B) 300900H C) F-983544 E-993538 D) AT291800H smoke was observed at above coord. Tanks fired 12 rds and secondary expl occured. Heavy H&T's were fired the remaining of the night. Prep fired were fired by tanks. Patrol dispatched at 300900H supported by MG fire. Patrol observed crators and smell-ed body odors in area. No paths were observed. Fresh fruit recently picked at 991541. One rusted possible naval gun fired rnd located in area. 3 hooches found and destroyed	XO S-2 S-3
1955	6	Fr S-2 Spot Report A) Seahorse 23A B) 301710H C) XD905513 D) Tm spot 3VC/NVA 200 meters to S at XD906511 hog N. VC wore full khaki uniforms, green utility covers, cart belts, 1 VC carried US 30 cal BAR. No packs obs. Tm also heard 2 different tone whistles 40m to N&NE. Gun ships called. Checked area, spot 1 mule mvg N mv'mt and whistle moved closer to team. Team ext w/o incident. After liftoff team spotted 2 more VC mvg S towards HLZ. VC wore dark colored uniforms, covers and wpns. Spotted several well worn trails from air coming in and going out. Also saw several fox holes in groups of 10-12, recently made. P) 175mm arty zone fired	S-3
2247	7	Fr 3/4 Neg Sit Rep	
2400	8	Journal closed.	

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO ZEN/THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
ZEN/CO A, THIRD AT BN  
ZEN/CO A, FIXED TK BN  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
CG FIRST MAW  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES  
ENGR GRP B, THIRD ENGR BN  
FLSU  
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OPERATION PRAIRIE FRAG ORDER 1-66  
A. CG 3D MARDIV 160150Z OCT 66

## 1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.  
B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- (1) 3D MARDIV (FWD) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPN PRAIRIE  
(2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELO SUPPORT.  
(3) UNITS OF 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCT OPNS IN I CORPS AREA.  
(4) 12TH MAR PROVIDE ARTY SUPPORT.  
(5) CO A, 3D TK BNI D/S.  
(6) CO A(-), 3D AT BN, D/S.

C. AT 170800H OCT 66 3D MAR TAKES OPCON OF 3D BN, 4TH MAR;  
2D BN, 9TH MAR; AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.  
REF A REFERS.

MISSION. 171800H OCT 66 3D MAR: CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE OPNS  
IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETECT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AREA; ATTACKS AND  
DESTROYS ENEMY FORCES LOCATED IN AREA MAKING MAX USE OF SUPPORTING  
ARMS; ENSURES SECURITY OF SUPPORTING UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS  
LOCATED IN ASSIGNED AREAS; ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION  
OF ALL UNITS IN AO AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF DEF  
AND ADMIN FUNCTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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**SECRET****3. EXECUTION**

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE OPN OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY TO ACTION ADDEES.

B. HQ CO, 3D MAR. PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY AND PERIMETER DEF FOR 3D MAR CP.

C. 2D BN, 9TH MAR

(1) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPNS TO DETECT, ATTACK AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AO.

(2) ON ORDER, CONDUCT OPNS TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN MSR RTE NR 9 IN AO.

(3) ON ORDER, PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SUPPORTING UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS IN AO.

(4) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, FOR DEPLOYMENT BY AIR OR SURFACE MEANS FOR OPNS ANYWHERE IN OPN PRAIRIE AO.

(5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DIV/REGT OP AND COMM RELAY STATION AT (YD 979559).

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR

(1) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPNS TO DETECT, ATTACK AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AO.

(2) CONDUCT OPNS TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN MSR RTE 9 IN AO.

(3) CONDUCT OPNS TO DEFEND (YD 0654)

AND ENSURE THE SECURITY OF UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS LOCATED IN BASE COMPLEX (YD 0654).

(4) CONDUCT OPNS TO DEFEND KHE GIO BRIDGE AND WATER POINT (YD 027561).

(5) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, FOR DEPLOYMENT BY AIR OR SURFACE MEANS FOR OPNS ANYWHERE IN OPN PRAIRIE AO.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) UNITS LISTED IN PARA 1C REPORT OPCON TO 3D MAR AT 170800H.

(2) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REMAIN THE SAME.

(3) 3D MAR FSCC ASSUMES FSC RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO, INCLUDING FIRES IN SUPPORT OF RECON TMS OPERATING IN AO.

(4) AIR SUPPORT NORMAL.

(5) SUBMIT 6 HR SITREPS TO REACH THIS HQ BY 1800, 2400, 0600 AND 1200. SUBMIT SPOT REPS ON OCCURRENCE.

4. ADMIN AND LOG. NORMAL.

5. COMMAND AND COMM - ELECT.

A. CMD. 3D MAR ASSUMES OPCON ONLY OF UNITS LISTED PARA

1C. ADCON REMAINS PARENT UNIT. SUBMIT OPSTATS TO THIS HQ NLT 171300H BY PRIORITY MSG.

B. COMM - ELECT

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- (1) DIV O P02000.2E.  
 (2) GUARD RADIO NETS COMMENCING 170300H OCT 66  
 (A) REGT CMD (P) 3322 M-74  
                   (S) 5189 M-129  
 (B) REGT TAC NR1 (P) 38.25 M507  
                   (S) 39.7 N-529  
 (3) COMM SECURITY  
 (A) NUMERAL CODE KAC-QT 2  
 (B) AUTHENTICATION KAC-QT 2  
 (C) BREVITY CODE KAC-181

## C. COMMAND POSTS

- (1) HQ 3RD MAR YD064546  
 (2) 3D BN, 4TH MAR YD062545  
 (3) 2D BN, 9TH MAR XD973573  
 (4) CO A, 3D TK BN YD063546  
 (5) CO A(-), 3D AT BN YD063546  
 (6) 1ST PLT, ENGR GRP B YD062545

## D. LIMITED 1ST AND 2D ECHELON REPAIR CAPABILITY AVAILABLE

THIS CP.

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B. HQ CO. 3D MAR CMD GRP A BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT TO PRAIRIE/DONG HA AREA ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MAR DIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

G. 1ST BN (REAR)

(1) BE PREPARED TO MOVE WITH A/1/3 TO OPCON 1/3 UPON RELIEF BY PROV BN 010900H OCT66. CHOP OPCON E/2/3 (RELIEF) AND H/2/26 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1/3 TAOR TO PROV BN AT 010900H OCT66.

(2) CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 010001H - 010900H OCT66 IN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

H. 2D BN (-)

(1) E/2/3 (RELIEF) REMAIN OPCON 1/3 (REAR) UNTIL CHOP PROV BN 010900H OCT66.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 010001H - 012400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR TELECOM 301645H SEP66 APPROVED.

(3) PROVIDE BN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE CO ( ) FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO PRAIRIE/DONG HA AREA ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MAR DIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

I. 2D BN, 26TH MAR (-)

(1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCON 1/3 (REAR) UNTIL CHOP TO PROV BN 010900H OCT66.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 010001H - 012400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR MTR 3100 OF 30SEP66 APPROVED.

J. PROVISIONAL BN, 3D MARINES

(1) ASSUME OPCON E/2/3 (RELIEF) AND H/2/26 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1/3 TAOR 010900H OCT66.

(2) CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 010900H - 012400H OCT66 IN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

K. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REQ FOR PRECISE REPORTING.

(A) USE OF ADJ RATHER THAN NUMERICAL VALUES MAKES ANALYSIS OF THESE INFO DIFFICULT. WORDS SUCH AS FEW, NUMEROUS, MANY, MAJOR OR SIGNIFICANT HAVE NO MEANING IN THESE ANALYSIS.

(B) WHEN REPORTING SIZE, STRUCTURE, NUMBER, CALIBER, QUALITY AND SIMILAR INFO:

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1 REPORT THE EXACT NO.

2 WHEN AN EXACT NO CANNOT BE DETERMINED, EST LOWER AND UPPER LIMITS SUCH AS 100-150 ENEMY TROOPS, 10-12 SQ MILES OR 10-15 VEHICLES.

3 IF EXACT OR EST NUMERICAL VALUES CAN IN NO WAY BE DETERMINED REPORT IT AS UNK. CG 3D MARDIV 281338Z AUG 66 REFERS.

(2) DURING PERIOD OF AUSTERITY OF FORCES IN ASSIGNED SECTOR, CMDRS WILL LIMIT OFF OPNS TO REG AMBUSHES, PATROLS, S&D, S&C, AND SURVEILLANCE OPNS WITHIN SECTOR, EXPLOITING WTS TO FULLEST EXTENT WITH SUPPORTING ARMS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. REPORT REQ BY CG 3D MARDIV 281003Z SEP 66 CONCERNING REQ FOR MOTOR VEHICLE INFO IS DUE AT DIV RATHER THAN FOR LOG CMD. REPORT DUE TO DIV NLT 4OCT66. CG 3D MARDIV 290841Z SEP 66 REFERS.

B. FLSG CLOTHING ISSUE STORE CLOSED FOR INVENTORY 29SEP66 THRU 3OCT66. CASH SALES TO BE CLOSED ONE DAY ONLY, 29SEP66. INVTG WILL BE TAKEN ANYTIME. CG 3D MARDIV 290618Z SEP 66 REFERS.

C. ATTN IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 290815Z SEP 66 CONCERNING AIR CLEANER INTAKE ASSEMBLY: TRUCK 1/4 TON M-38A1 AND M-170. SUBMIT REPORT AS REQ BY PARA 4 TO DIV (ATTN: SCI-35) VIA THIS HQ ASAP.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

GP:dy  
TOD: 01/0110H/OCT66/CON#11/JWS/*[Signature]*

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RELEASED BY MAJOR G. H. RIPLEY

DRAFTED BY SGTMAJ W. K. DUFFEE

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FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
 TO: THIRD MARINES

INFO: CO THIRD MARDIV  
 FIRST MARINES  
 NINTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
 THIRD REGON BN  
 FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 CO A THIRD AT BN  
 CO A THIRD INTR BN  
 CO A THIRD BK BN

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

DAILY DRAG O 276-66 (PERIOD 030001H - 032400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN O 326-65  
 B. REGT OPN O 338-66

## 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUNS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

## 2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

## 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE.

B. HQ CO. 3D MAR CMD GRP "A" BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT  
 ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CO 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

## C. 2D BN (-)

(1) K/2/3 (REIN) REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING  
 THE PERIOD 030001H - 032400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 020330Z  
 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) PROVIDE BN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE CO (REIN) FOR POS.  
 STABLE COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CO 3D MARDIV 291715Z  
 SEP66 REFERS.

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D. 2D BN, 26TH MAR (-)

(1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCOM PROV BN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 030001H - 032400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 20CT66 APPROVED.

(3) BN PREPARED TO PROVIDE BN FOR COMMITMENT LAW PARA 3C, 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66.

E. PROV BN

(1) RETAIN OPCOM E/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 030001H - 032400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 20CT66 APPROVED.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. CMDRS ARE REMINDED THAT ONLY THE VERY LOWEST LEVEL CAPTIVES SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL DIST CHIEFS. THESE CAPT ARE REFERRED TO AS "OTHER INDIGENOUS CAPTIVES", AND ARE USUALLY ID CARD VIOLATORS, ETC. CAPT FROM WHOM DEFINITE GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION OF VC ACTIVITY EXISTS SHOULD BE RELAYED DIRECTLY TO IFF. HOWEVER, UNIT INTER-ROGATION FOR INFO OF IMMEDIATE TACTICAL VALUE IS PERMITTED.

G. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. ATTN IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 011055Z OCT66 WHICH ESTAB MAX SPEED LIMITS IN 3D MARDIV AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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O 031435Z OCT 66  
FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
TO: THIRD MARINES**HAS BEEN SENT**INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
CO A THIRD AF BN  
CO A THIRD ENGR BN  
CO A THIRD TK BN**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

DAILY FRAG O 277-66 (PERIOD 040001H - 042400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN O 326-65  
B. RANGE OPN C 338-66

## 1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INT-SUMS.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

## 2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

## 3. EXECUTION

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE
- B. HQ CO. BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

## C. 2D BN (-)

(1) E/2/3 (REIN) REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 040001H - 042400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 030335Z OCT66 APPROVED.

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(3) PROVIDE IN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE CO (REIN) FOR POSSIBLE COM MITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

D. 2D BN, 26TH MAR (-)

(1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCON PROV IN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 040001H - 042400H OCT 66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR ITR 3100 OF 30OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE IN FOR COM MITMENT IAW PARA 30, 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66.

(4) PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES AS REQ FOR GVN RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IN BO BAN - LA CHAU AREA COMMENCING 040400H OCT66. YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO CG 3D MAR DIV 211205Z AUG66.

E. PROV IN

(1) RETAIN OPCON E/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 040001H - 042400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR ITR 3100 OF 30OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN AN DINH HAMLET (REF 8883) IAW MY 031400Z OCT66.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. CAREFUL ATTN IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 010710Z OCT66 "LESSONS LEARNED - DEFENSE AGAINST ENEMY ATTACKS ON FRIENDLY POSITIONS (U)."

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ATTN IS INVITED TO CG 3D MARDIV 020140Z OCT66 CONCERNING PRESENTATION OF AWARDS. CMDS HAVING A PROPRIATE AWARDS TO RESUME WILL COORDINATE PRESENTATION WITH REGT S-1. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED BY REGT CO.

B. COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL ENSURE ALL TEMPORARY OFFICERS ARE NOTIFIED OF COMNAV SECNAV 302256Z SEP66 CONCERNING UNIFORM ALLOWANCES.

C. ATTN IS INVITED TO DIV 0 1910.5 CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR UNSUITABILITY DISCHARGE.

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D. FURNISH REQUESTS FOR OFFICER ASSIGNMENT TO COMM TOUR TO THIS HQ BY 1800Z 66 IAW CG 3D MARDIV SPMTR 7B/AE/JDM OF 100Z 66.

E. COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL ENSURE THAT THE FILM "THE UNLIONEL WAR" IS SHOWN TO ALL PERSONNEL REPORTING TO RVN IAW CG 3D MARDIV 011704Z OCT 66.

F. CG 3D MARDIV 011656Z OCT 66 SUSPENDS THE FOLLOWING AID EXCEPT FOR COMBAT EMERGENCY USE ONLY:

(1) 1390 - E276 FUZE MFSQ M501; LOT NR EK - 2-19.

(2) 1315-0225 CCG 81MM MORT HG M43A1B1; LOT NR KOP-9-206 REPORT ALL O/H CTYS TO DIV (ATTN: SCL-8) NITE 600Z 66. NO NEGATIVES REQUIRED.

G. SUBMIT REPORT REQUIRED BY CG 3D MARDIV 021550Z OCT 66 CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL VEHICLES. REPORT TO DIV (ATTN: SCL-21) VIA THE HQ NITE 10/600 OCT 66.

H. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

A. COMMAND: NO CHANGE

B. COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) NEW FM FAMILY RADIO EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE EFFECTIVE THIS DATE. CG THIRD MARDIV 020645Z REFERS.

(2) COLLARS ON AN/PRC 25 ARE BREAKING. DEFECTIVE PART IS COLLAR, SHAFT, PART NR. SN - 3447575 PSN 5820 - 973 - 1505. CG THIRD MARDIV 020715Z REFERS.

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TO: THIRD MARINES

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INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN  
FIRST AMERAC BN  
CG A THIRD AT BN  
CG A THIRD ENGR BN  
CG A THIRD TK BN

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DAILY PRG O 276-66 (PERIOD 050001H - 052400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN O 326-65  
B. REGR OPN O 338-66

1. SEPARATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUNS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE

B. 1ST CO. BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR  
ALERT. CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

C. 2D BN (-)

(1) E/2/3 (REIN) REMAIN OPCON PROV BN

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES

DURING THE PERIOD 050001H - 052400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY  
YOUR 040350Z OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) PROVIDE BN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE CO (REIN) FOR  
POSSIBLE COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z  
SEP66 REFERS.

D. 2D BN, 26TH MARINES (-)

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- (1) H/2/26 REMAIN OPCON PROV BN
- (2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 050001H-052400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 4 OCT66 APPROVED.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BN FOR COMBATMENT LAW PARA 3C, 3D MARDIV 291715Z S P66.
- (4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BLOCKING FORCES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES AS REQ FOR CIVIL RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IN BO BAN & LA CHAU AREA.

## E. PROV BN

- (1) REMAIN OPCON H/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26
- (2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 050001H-052400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 4 OCT66 APPROVED.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN CORPORANT 3-4 ON TWO HOUR ALERT LAW BY 031555Z AND 021715Z OCT66.

## F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) IN THE CONDUCT OF COMBAT OPNS AGAINST VC FORCES, RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL STRUCTURES MUST NOT BE UNNECESSARILY DESECRATED OR DESTROYED. REVIEW PROVISIONS OF ICCI 5370.1A.
- (2) CMD ATTN TO USMACV CARD "THE BERRY IS IN YOUR HANDS". DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN MADE TO BNS FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION TO EACH SQD AND PATROL LEADER AND DISSEMINATION OF INFO TO ALL PERSONNEL.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO DIV BUL 4400 OF 26SEP66 CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF PRIORITIES TO SUPPLY REQUISITIONS.
- B. FOLLOWING CLASS V SUSPENDED EXCEPT FOR COMBAT EMERGENCY USE ONLY BY CG 3D MARDIV 030544Z OCT66.

(1) 1315 - G225 CTG 81MM MORTAR ILS M43A181 W/FUZE RD:  
LOT NR PA-1-198.

(2) 1305 - A066 CTG 5.56MM BALL: LOT NR FC-1815.

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FOLLOWING ITEMS RELEASED FOR UNRESTRICTED ISSUE AND USE:

- (1) 1390-N411 FUZE PROX M5148 LOT NR SAA-62-14-1A-53.
- (2) 1370-L231 SIGNAL ILLUM AC ANAMJ43-RIED: LOT NR OM-11-23.

REPORT QYYS PARA ON: (1) ON HAND TO DIV (ATTN: SCL-8)  
NLT 8 OCT66. NO NEG.

G. CG 3D MARDIV 030641Z OCT66 SUSPENDS FOLLOWING CLASS  
V EXCEPT FOR COMBAT EMERGENCY USE ONLY:

- (1) 1315-C651 CTG 1061E HELT M 346A1: LOT NR MA-7-30A
- (2) 1315-C704 CTG 4.2" HE M329 W/FUZE PD: LOT NR LS-2-223. REPORT QY ON HAND TO DIV (ATTN: SCL-8)  
NLT 8 OCT66. NO NEG.

D. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 300825Z SEP66  
CONCERNING POWER OF CO'S TO IMPOSE NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT  
ON PERSONNEL ASSIGNED OPCON ONLY.

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS .. ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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O 051740Z

FM: CG THIRD MARINES  
TO: THIRD MARINESINFO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
CO A THIRD AF BN  
CO A THIRD NGR BN  
CO A THIRD TK BN**HAS BEEN SENT****CONFIDENTIAL**

DAILY FRAG O 279-66 (PERIOD 060001H - 062400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN O 326-65  
B. REUR OPN O 338-66

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE.

B. HQ CO. BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT.  
CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

C. 2D BN (-)

(1) E/2/3 (REIN) REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING  
THE PERIOD 060001H - 062400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 050330Z  
OCT66 APPROVED.(3) PROVIDE BN CMD GRP AND 3 BIPLES CO (REIN) FOR POS.  
SINCE COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CG 3D MARDIV 291715Z OCT66  
REFERS.(4) BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT, WITHIN CAPABILITIES  
AND ALERT RPT, OF DA1 LOG DIST RICE HARVESTING OPNS 7OCT66.

(5) ASSUME OPCON HVY SGT TKS UPON ARRIVAL YOUR SECTOR 6OCT66.

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D. 2D BN, 26TH MAR (-)

- (1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.
- (2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 060001H - 062400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 5OCT66 APPROVED.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BN FOR COMMITMENT IAW PARA 30, 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66.
- (4) ASSUME OPCON LIGHT SECT TKS UPON ARRIVAL YOUR SECTOR ETA 061200H OCT66.
- (5) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES TO HHC DUC DIST HQ FOR GVN RELOCATION PROJECT, HOA TUYEN 155.

## E. PROV BN

- (1) REMAIN OPCON E/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26.
- (2) ASSUME OPCON 1 GUN TANK UPON ARRIVAL YOUR SECTOR.
- (3) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 060001H - 062400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 5OCT66 APPROVED.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN CORMORANT 3-4 ON TWO HOUR ALERT IAW MY 031555Z AND 021715Z OCT66.

## F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) CHDRS REVIEW SECURITY PRACTICES AND ESTAB SECURITY INDOCTRINATION PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENSURE THAT ALL PERS ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING SECURITY AND HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

(2) THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL REOP AND BN CARTER ADVISORY OFFICERS AND NCOs AT 1300H, 10OCT IN THE 3D MARINES SNGO CLUB.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. CO CONF 071530H OCT66, BN CHDRS, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4 AND CAO OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND.

B. ATTN IS DIRECTED TO FOR O 4000, UN WHICH PRESCRIBES THE FORM, FORMAT AND CONTENT FOR SUBMISSION OF MONTHLY LOG SUN REPORT. FOR O 4000, ID IS CANCELLED. SUBMIT REQ REPORT TO REACH THIS HQ NOT FIRST OF EACH MONTH.

C. SUBMIT REQ FOR 1967 CALENDARS TO DEV (ATTN: SCL-21) NOT 9OCT66 VIA THIS HQ. CG 3D MARDIV 040927Z OCT66 REFERS.

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D. UNITS CEASE THE FIRING OF A/C SIGNALS IN THE GRENADE LAUNCHER, M79. CG 3D MANDIV 040544Z OCT66 REFERS.

E. CMDRS ENSURE THAT ALL PERS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE INCREASED DEPENDENT MEDICARE BENEFITS CONTAINED IN SECNAV 031200Z SEP66.

F. CMDRS ENSURE THAT THE SEMI-ANNUAL INVENTORY OF SPECIAL SERVICES PROPERTY REQ. BY DIV BUL 1700 OF 6 SEP66 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

G. PERS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE CONTENTS OF COMNAVIREP0280101Z SEP66 AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES IN PURCHASING AUTOMOBILES FROM OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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051346Z OCT66

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INFO: CO THIRD MARINE  
FIRST MARINES  
2ND MARINES  
3RD BN, 21ST MARINES  
21ST MARINE BATTAL  
FIRST BATTAL  
CO 21ST MARINE  
CO 21ST MARINE

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

REF: FM G O 280-66 (PERIOD 070001H - 072400H OCT 66)

- A. DIV O & O 326-65
- B. 21ST MAR 0 338-66

1. SITUATION

- A. ARMY FORCES SEE COMBAT LITERS
- B. AIRBORNE FORCES TO COMBAT

2. MISSION TO COMBAT

3. ASSIGNMENT

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. TO COMBAT
- B. BE PREPARED FOR COMBAT ON 8 HOUR ALERT.  
CO 21ST MARINE 291715Z SMP 66 REFERS.
- C. 2d BN(-)
  - (1) 1/2/3 (REF) REMAINS OPCODED PRO 3M
  - (2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 0700 1H - 072400H OCT 66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 060530Z SMP 66 REFERS APPROVED.  
Oct
  - (3) PROVIDE AN ODD GEP AND 3 RIFLE CO (REF) FOR POSSIBLE COMBAT ON 8 HOUR ALERT. CO 3d MARINE 291715Z GEP 66 REFERS.
  - (4) BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SUP ORT MIE IN CAPABILITIES AND ALERT RE: OF THE LOG DIST RICH BARRIERS OPS.

D. 2d BN, 26th MARINES

- (1) 1/2/26 REMAINS OPCODED PRO 3M

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(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 070001H - 072400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR ITR 3100 OF 6 OCT 66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BN JOE COMMITMENT IAW PARA 35, 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66

(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES TO KING HUC DESE HQ FOR CVN RELOCATION PROJECT, DIA TUXEN 155.

#### H. PROV BN

(1) HEREIN OPGON E/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 070001H - 072400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR ITR 3100 OF 6 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN CORPORATE 3-4 ON 2 HOUR ALERT IAW HQ 031555Z AND 021715Z OCT66.

#### F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) COMMANDING OFFICERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL UNDER SIGNED HAVE BEEN NOT TO MAKE STATEMENTS CONCERNING MATRONS WHO ARE IN A MIA STATUS OR WHO MAY BE PRISONERS OF THE VC OR NVN OR CONCERNING VO OR NVN CAPTIVES HELD. CG 3D MARDIV 080608Z AUG66 REFERS.

#### G. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

1. GO COMF 071530H OCT66. BN CMERS, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4 AND GAO OR WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES WILL ATTEND.

2. REEF AND BN GARRER ADVISORY OFFICERS AND NCO'S MEETING 101300H OCT66 IN REEF 8200 SITES.

3. SUMMIT TO THIS HQ (ATTN: S-3) THE 101200H REPORT OF MEMBERS IN COMPANY HQ FORAMS REEF O 3400.3A REFERS.

4. SUBMIT REPORT ON PRESENT STATUS OF MODIFICATION TYPES FOR RM22/M2221 TO DIV (ATTN: SGT-21) VIA THIS HQ NIE 081600H OCT66. REF SUMMIT AS DIRECTED IN CG 3D MARDIV 040048Z OCT66 REFERS.

5. IAW CG 3D MARDIV 041201Z OCT66 VERIFY COMPLETE INFO ON ALL BATTAL RELOCATIONS FOR SITES 11-01-681 TO DIV (ATTN: SGT-21) NIE 11 OCT66 VIA FILE 21.

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RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF M-10 WEAPONS LISTED  
REPLACED. ADVISE (ATTN: SCL-35)  
OCT 7 06166 VIA MESSAGE INFO COPY THIS IS. NEGATIVE REPORTS ARE  
REQUIRED.

6. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 060011Z OCT66 WHICH  
DETECTS A CHANGE IN SUBMISSION OF AMMUNITION/EXPLOSIVES MALFUNCTION  
REPORTS.

5. COM AND AND COMMUNICATIONS. ELECTRONICS NO CHANGE.

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 TO: THIRD MARINES

#11 071415Z OCT 66

INFO: 00 THIRD MARINE  
 FIRST MARINES  
 NINE MARINES  
 FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
 THIRD ALCON BN  
 FIRST AMPHAC BN  
 CO A THIRD AT BN  
 CO A THIRD LGR BN

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DAILY FRAG 0 280-66 (PERIOD 080001H ~ 082400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN 0 326-65  
 B. HQT OPN 0 338-66

1. SITUATION

A. ALLY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE.

B. HQ CO: BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT.  
 CO 3D MARINE 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.

C. 2D BN (-)

(1) H/2/3 (REIN) REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.

(2) LOCAL SECURITY TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE PERIOD  
 080001H ~ 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 060635Z OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT WITHIN CAPABILITIES  
 OF BAI LOC DIST RICE HARVESTING OPNS.

D. 2D BN, 26TH MARINES(-)

(1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE

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PERIOD 080001H - 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 7 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BF FOR COM INTLLET IAL PARA 3B. 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66.

(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES TO HIEU DUC DIST HQ FOR GVN RELOCATION PROJECT. HQA TUDEN 155.

E. PROV BN

(1) RETAIL OPCON 11/2/3 (REIN) AND 11/2/26.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 080001H - 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 7 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPN COSMORATE 3-4 ON 2 HOUR ALERT IAL BY 031555Z AND 021715Z OCT66.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRING 60/81/MM MORE HE ARE SET FORTH IN CG 3D MARDIV 060932Z AUG66. ORDERS WILL INSURE WIDE DISSEMINATION.

(2) CMD ARVN DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 060515Z OCT66 CONCERNING THE PROMPT FORWARDING OF CAPT VC MAPS AND DOCU.

(3) THERE WILL BE A PSY WAREFARE AIR DROP IN PROV BN TRACK 080800H TO 081000H OCT66 IN VIC GS (AT 8982), (AT 8977), (AT 9082), (AT 9182), (AT 9083), (AT 9183). WAREFARE SUBJ "REPORTING OF KILLS AND REWARDS FOR INFORMATION".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. CG INSPECTION SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CG 3D MARDIV 060957Z OCT66.

B. REQUISITIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSE VEHICLES WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL DIV ALLOCATION IS PROMULGATED. CG 3D MARDIV 060832Z OCT66.

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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COMM CENTER

O 081345Z OCT 66

FM CG THIRD MARINES

TO THIRD MARINES

ZEN/FOURTH BN, FIVE-HUNDRED-THIRD INFANTRY (REIN)

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

FIRST MARINES

NINTH MARINES

FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

THIRD RECON BN

FIRST AMTRAC BN

ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN

ZEN/CO A THIRD ENGR BN

BT

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

DAILY FRAG O 281-66 KPERIOD 090001H - 092400H OCT 66)

A. DIV OPN 0326-65

B. REGT OPN 0 338-66

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE

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2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE

B. HQ CO. CMD GRP ALPHA MOVE TO OPN PRAIRIE AREA 1AW  
CG 3D MARDIV 071610Z OCT 66. UPON DEPARTURE CMD GRP "A",  
CMD GRP "B" ASSUME OPCON REGT TAOR.

C. 2D BN (-)

(1) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING  
THE PERIOD 090001H - 092400H OCT 66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 080200Z  
OCT 66 APPROVED.(2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY 2/26 SECTOR OF TAOR FROM TUY LOAN  
RIVER SOUTH EFF 091800H OCT 66.

D. 2D BN, 26TH MAR (-)

(1) BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF OF SECTOR RESPONSIBILITY SOUTH  
OF TUY LOAN RIVER BY 2/3. 091800H OCT 66.(2) CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER 9, 10, AND 11 OCT 66 FROM DA NAI G  
TO PHU RAI AND RETURN. CG 3D MARDIV 080250Z OCT 66 REFERS.(3) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING  
THE PERIOD 090001H - 092400H OCT 66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR  
3100 OF 8 OCT 66 APPROVED.

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E. 4TH BN. 503D INF (REIN)

(1) CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED  
SECTOR 090001H - 092400H OCT 66.F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. CMD ATTN TO CG 3D MARDIV  
071610Z OCT 66. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED MY 080700Z  
OCT 66.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ATTN IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 060832Z OCT 66 CONCERNING  
ALL TYPES OF TENTAGE, REQUISITIONING AND ALLOWANCES.B. CONDUCT SEARCH FOR TRUCK CARGO M-35 SER NO 200587 AS LISTED  
IN CG 3D MARDIV 060959Z OCT 66. REPORT RESULTS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE

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 TO: THIRD MARINES

INFO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
 FIRST MARINES  
 NINTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
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 FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 CO A THIRD AT BN  
 CO A THIRD LOG BN

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DAILY FRAG 0 280-66 (PERIOD 080001H - 082400H OCT66)

A. DIV OPN 0 326-65  
 B. REGT OPN 0 338-66

1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

3. DELEGATION

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. NO CHANGE.
- B. HQ CO: BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT ON 8 HOUR ALERT.  
 CG 3D MAR DIV 291715Z SEP66 REFERS.
- C. 2D BN (-)
  - (1) H/2/3 (REIN) REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.
  - (2) LOCAL SECURITY TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE PERIOD  
 080001H - 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 060635Z OCT66 APPROVED.
  - (3) BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SUPPORT LITENIN CAPABILITIES  
 OF MAJ LOG DIST RICE HARVESTING OPNS.
- D. 2D BN, 26TH MARINES(-)
  - (1) H/2/26 REMAINS OPCON PROV BN.
  - (2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND ABUSIONS DURING THE

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PERIOD 080001H - 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 7 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE BF FOR COM TYPHET IAW PARA 3B. 3D MARDIV 291715Z SEP66.

(4) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN CAPABILITIES TO HIBU DUC DIST HQ FOR GVN RELOCATION PROJECT. LOA TUYEN 155.

E. PROV BN

(1) REPAIR OPON E/2/3 (REIN) AND H/2/26.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 080001H - 082400H OCT66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR LTR 3100 OF 7 OCT66 APPROVED.

(3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPM COMBORATE 3-4 ON 2 HOUR ALERT IAW NY 031555Z AND 021715Z OCT66.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR FIRING 60/81/MM MORT HE ARE SET FORTH IN CG 3D MARDIV 060932Z AUG66. COMDAS WILL INSURE WIDE DISSEMINATION.

(2) COMD ATTN DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 060515Z OCT66 CONCERNING THE PROMPT FORWARDING OF CAPT VC MAPS AND DOCU.

(3) THERE WILL BE A PSY WAREFARE AIR DROP IN PROV BN TRAC 080800H TO 081000H OCT66 IN VIC GS (AT 8982), (AT 8977), (AT 9082), (AT 9182), (AT 9083), (AT 9183). MESSAGE SUBJ "REPORTING OF HITS AND REWARDS FOR INFORMATION".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. CG INSPECTION SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CG 3D MARDIV 060957Z OCT66.

B. ACQUISITIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSE TENTS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL DIV ALLOCATION IS PROMULGATED. CG 3D MARDIV 060832Z OCT66.

5. COMRAID AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. NO CHANGE.

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O 091545Z OCT 66  
 FM: CG THIRD MARINES  
 TO: THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH BN, FIVE HUNDRED THIRD INF (REIN)

INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 FIRST MARINES  
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 FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
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DAILY FRAG O 282-66 (PERIOD 100001H - 102400H OCT 66)

- A. DIV OPN O 326-65
- B. RECF OPN O 338-66

1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. CHANGES TO BE ISSUED.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

- A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. NO CHANGE
- B. HQ CO (-) CMD GRP "B" BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE IAW CG 3D MARDIV 071610Z OCT 66.
- C. 2D BN (-)

(1) BE PREPARED TO SHIFT OPCON AS DIRECTED.

(2) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS, PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD 100001H - 102400H OCT 66 AS SUBMITTED BY YOUR 090400Z OCT 66 APPROVED.

D. 2D BN, 26TH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER 10 AND 11 OCT 66 FROM DA NANG TO PHU BAI AND RETURN. CG 3D MARDIV 080250Z OCT 66 REFERS.

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E. 4TH BN, 503D INF (REIN)

- (1) BE PREPARED TO SHIFT OPCON AS DIRECTED.
- (2) CONDUOT LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED SECTOR 100001H - 102400H OCT 66.
- (3) PROVIDE PATROL SUPPORT FOR ROUGH RIDER IAW CG 3D MARDIV 080915Z OCT 66.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) SCHEDULE OF VISIT BY DR. WILLIAM MC MILLAN, RESEARCH ENGINEER, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO 3D MARINES TACR ON 10 OCT 66.

ARRIVE 2/30P	1315
DEPART 2/3 CP	1335
ARRIVE HILL 65	1340
DEPART HILL 65	1400
ARRIVE AN MY (3)	1410
DEPART AN MY (3)	1420
ARRIVE CAC-32	1430
DEPART CAC-32	1445

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 090243Z OCT 66 WHICH REQUIRES ALL UNITS TO REPORT ALL CLASS V ASSETS WHICH EXCEED 5 DAYS ON POSITION.

B. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO CG 3D MARDIV 070715Z OCT 66 CONCERNING FT-81-AB-2 OF DEC 65 AND FT-81-A1-1 AS CURRENT TABLES FOR USE WITH 81MM MORTAR AMMO.

C. PERSONNEL DEPARTING DA NANG IN OCTOBER ARE ALLOWED 66 LBS PER PASSENGER. PERSONS DEPARTING DA NANG FROM NOV 66 THROUGH JUN 67 WILL BE ALLOWED 100 LBS PER PASSENGER. CG 3D MARDIV 070640Z OCT 66 REFERS.

D. U.S. SAVINGS BOND REPORT AS REQUIRED BY DIV O 5120.1A IS HEREBY CHANGED TO 15TH AND LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH. CG 3D MARDIV 080857Z OCT 66 REFERS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS. NONE

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THIRD MARINES  
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O 170620Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
CO A THIRD AT BN  
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THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES

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SECRET  
OPN PRAIRIE  
1. SITREP NO 1-66 AS OF 171200H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 (XD 976567), E/2/9 (XD 976567), F/2/9 (XD 976567),  
G/2/9 (XD 978585), H/2/9 (XD 938592)
- (3) 3/4 (YD 062548), I/3/4 (YD 026562), K/3/4 (YD 062548),  
L/3/4 (YD 062548), M/3/4 (YD 062548)

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR CONTINUED CP CONSTRUCTION AND LOCAL SECURITY.
- (2) 2/9 CONDUCTED LOCAL PATROLS.
- (3) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY ARTY PLATEAU (YD 0654), PROVIDED BRIDGE SECURITY (YD 148604) AND CONDUCTED ROAD RECON ALONG RTE 9 FROM (YD 0356) WEST TO (XD 9853).

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR NEG.
- (2) 2/9 NEG.
- (3) L/3/4 SQD 170501H RECD S/A AND MORT FIRE (YD 148504) FROM EST PLT NVA. S/A AND GREN RTRND RESULTING IN 10 VC KIA (CONF) AND 7 VC WIA (PROB).

D. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR NONE.
- (2) 2/9 NONE.
- (3) 170630H L/3/4 SQD CAPT 2 AK-47, 2 RB60 RL, 4 AK47 MAG, 2 40LB SATCHEL CHARGES, 2 RB40 RKT RDS, MISC MED SUP, AND MISC PERS ARTICLES (YD 148604).

E. INTENTIONS: ALL UNITS TO CONTINUE LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.

F. CASUALTIES:

- (1) FRIENDLY: 25 KIA; 190 WIA; 0 MIA
- (2) ENEMY: 260 KIA (CONF); 401 KIA (PROB); 0 WIA (CONF); 7 WIA (PROB); 0 VCC; 1 VCS.

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FM CO THIRD MARINES

TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES  
CO A, THIRD AT BN  
CO A THIRD TK BN  
ENGR GRP B, THIRD ENGR BN  
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THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
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OPN PRAIRIE  
1. SITREP NR 2-66 AS OF 171800H OCT66  
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
B. SUMMARY:  
(1) HQ 3RD MAR AND 2/9 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY.

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(2) 3/4 CONT SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROL (UD0654) AND BRIDGE (YD-148604). DAYLIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN ASSIGNED AREAS.  
C. CONTACTS: NONE  
D. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
(1) HQ 3D MAR: NONE  
(2) 2/9: 17200H G/2/9 CORPSMAN SUSTAINED FOOT WOUND WHILE CLEANING WPN (XD 978585). 1 NONE BATTLE CASUALTY. 171630H H/2/9 PATROL LOCATED 17 GRAVES CONTAINING BODIES OF NVA (XD 988605).  
(3) 3/4: 171230H I/3/4 LP LOCATED 105MM ROUND (YD027564).  
BLOWN IN PLACE.  
E. INTENTIONS:  
(1) HQ 3D MAR: CONTINUE LOCAL SECURITY AND CP CONSTRUCTION  
(2) 2/9: CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES (XD 969574), (XD979585), (XD981581), (XD973583), (XD974590), (XD988598), (XD990597).  
(3) 3/4: CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PERIMETER SECURITY FOR BRIDGE AND CAMP CARROL. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSHES (YD035567), (YD051531), (YD-073549).  
F. CASUALTIES:  
(1) FRIENDLY: 25KIA; 190 WIA; 0 MIA  
(2) ENEMY: 269 KIA (CONF); 409 KIA (PROB) 7 WIA (PROB) 0VCC;

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OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SIT REP NO 3-66 AS OF 172400H OCT 66.
- 2. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 3. SUMMARY:
  - (1) HQ 3D MAR AND 2/9 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY.

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(2) 3/4 CONT SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL (YD 0654) AND BRIDGE (YD 148604). CONDUCTED AMBUSHES WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

C. CONTACTS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR AND 2/9 NONE

(2) 3/4: 172240H L/3/4 OBSERVED MOVEMENT (YD 062547) HAND ILLUM AND FRAG GRENADE THROWN. ONTOS ON STATION FIRED 30 CAL MG. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR: CONTINUE LOCAL SECURITY.

(2) 2/9: CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(3) 3/4: PATROL (YD 0156), (YD 0256), (YD 0157), (YD 0257) AND (YD 0354), (YD 0654), (YD 0854).

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 4-66 AS OF 180600H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

3. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ 3D MAR AND 2/9 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY.

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(2) 3/4 CONT SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL (YD 0654) AND BRIDGE (YD 148604). CONDUCTED AMBUSHES WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR CONTINUE LOCAL SECURITY

(2) E/2/9 AND G/2/9 AREAS OF RESPON TO BE EXCHANGED.

F/2/9 AND H/2/9 AREAS OF RESPON TO BE EXCHANGED.

(3) CONDUCT DAYTIME PATROLS.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SIT REP NO 5-66 AS OF 181200H OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY:
  - (1) HQ CO 3D MAR. NO CHANGE.

(2) 2/9. NO CHANGE.

(3) 3/4. NO CHANGE EXCEPT PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BRIDGE AT

(YD 026561).

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NO 6-66 AS OF 181800H OCT66.

A. LOCATIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD064546)

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(2) 2/9 (XD976567)

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F2/9 (XD963590)

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H2/9 (XD976567)

(3) 3/4 (YD062547)

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M 3/4 (XD062545)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NO 7-66 AS OF 182400H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY:

(1) H&I INCREASED DUE TO WEATHER AND CANCELATION OF  
TPQ-10.

(2) 2/9 CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN AREA BOUNDED

BY GRID LINES; N 60; S 55; E 98 AND W 95.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: 181845H E/2/9 LOC ENEMY MORT PSN (XD 967593). 3  
82MM RDS; RDS AND EMPLACEMENT WILL BE DESTROYED IN MORNING.

E. INTENTIONS: 2/9 CONTINUE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES LISTED IN  
B (2)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
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- 1. SIT REP NR 8-66 AS OF 190600H OCT66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NONE  
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE  
F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE  
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 9-66 AS OF 191200H OCT 66

- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY : NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.

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- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 10-66 AS OF 191800H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 (XD 976567)

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- E 2/9 (XD 976567)
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- H 2/9 (XD 976567)
- (3) 3/4 (YD 062547)
- I 3/4 (YD 082561)
- K 3/4 (YD 062547)
- L 3/4 (YD 068548)
- M 3/4 (YD 062545)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY.
- (2) 2/9 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY, CONDUCTED AMBUSH AND PATROLS WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATION, CO E AND F RETURNED TO BN CP. (XD 976567)
- (3) 3/4 CONTINUED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL (YD 0554), BRIDGES (YD 148604) AND (YD 026561). CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND PATROLS WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATION. 191310H 3/4 SECURITY FOR CAM LO BRIDGE (YD 148604) RETURNED TO CP.

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C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR, CONTINUE LOCAL SECURITY.
  - (2) 2/9 PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY, CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
  - (3) 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL AND BRIDGE (YD 026561) CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.
- F. CASUALTIES. NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SIT REP NR 11-66 AS OF 192400H OCT 66.
  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
  - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
  - C. CONTACTS: NONE
  - D. EVENTS: 192015H 3/4 81MM MORTAR SHORT ROUND LANDED IN BN CP (YD 062547) RESULTING IN 3 USMC WIA, 1 WIA MED EVAC. CAUSE UNDETERMINED, INVESTIGATION RESULTS TO FOLLOW.
  - E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
  - F. CASUALTIES:
    - (1) FRIENDLY KIA 25 WIA ;93 MIA 0.
    - (2) ENEMY KIA (CONF) 269 (PROB) 409 WIA (CONF) 0 WIA (PROB) 7
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1. SITREP NO 12-66 AS OF 200600H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.

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- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: ON ORDER, ALL UNITS WILL EXECUTE MY FRAG O  
 OPN PRAIRE 2-66. E/1/12, TK PLT, 2 INF PLT MOVE TO PSN  
 (XD 9854) BEGINNING 0900H. 2/9 MOVES BY HELO OR OVERLAND  
 TO VIC HILL 492 (XD 925498). 3/4 WITH TWO COS RELIEVES 2/9  
 IN PSN IN THAN SON LAM AREA, AND CONT TO PROVIDE SECURITY  
 FOR CAMP CARROLL AND KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD 026562).
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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**S E C R E T**  
 OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 13-66 AS OF 201200H OCT 66
  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGES EXCEPT L/3/4 (XD 983543).
  - B. SUMMARY: EXECUTION OF MY FRAG O OPN PRAIRIE 2-66 COMMENCED AT 200955H.

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- C. CONTACTS: NONE.
- D. EVENTS:
  - (1) 200955H E/1/12, TK PLT, AND 2 INF PLT DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL ARRIVED (XD 983543) AT 201130H.
  - (2) 201015H 2/9 CMD GRP A AND 2 COMPANIES CROSSED LD BY FOOT MARCH. 201109H ARRIVED AT PL GREEN.
- E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9 CONTINUES MOVEMENT TOWARD PL BLUE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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 OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 14-66 AS OF 201800H.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 (XD 976567) CMD GRP B  
2/9 CMD GRP A (XD 952543)

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- E 2/9 (XD 952543)
- F 2/9 (XD 976567)
- G 2/9 (XD 976567)
- H 2/9 (XD 976567)
- (3) 3/4 (YD 962547)
- I 3/4 (YD 026562)
- K 3/4 (YD 062547)
- L 3/4 (XD 983543)
- M 3/4 (YD 062544)

B. SUMMARY: 2/9 ADVANCED FROM PL GREEN TO BLUE BY 201430H.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 201530H F/2/9 LOC FLT SIZE UNOCCUPIED PSN (XD 944-544). PSN DESTROYED.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY PON PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66.

2/9 CMD GRP A SET NIGHT PSN (XD 952543) AND CONDUCT PATROL, AMBUSH AND H&I FIRED IN VIC.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

G. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: 3/4 HAS 1 USMC MED EVAC AT 201519H.  
BACK INJURY.

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- 1. SITREP NO 15-66AS OF 202400H OCT 66
  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
  - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
  - C. CONTACTS: NONE.

- D. EVENTS: 201930H 1/3/4 OBSERVED 4 NVA (YD 033557).  
 FIRED S/A, 60MM MORT, AND 106MM RR. RESULTS UNK.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SIT REP NO 16-66 AS OF 210600H OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NO CHANGE

D. EVENTS: NO CHANGE

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY FRAG O OPN PRAIRIE 2-66.  
ON ORDER, WEATHER PERMITTING, CMD GRP B AND 2 COMPANIES 3/4  
RELIEVE 2/9 (REAR) ON PSN THAN SON LAM. HELO LIFT CMD GRP B AND 2  
COMPANIES 2/9 FROM THAN SON LAM TO-LZ VIC HILL 492 211200H. CMD GRP  
A AND 2 COMPANIES 2/9 REMAIN PL BLUE FOR HELO LIFT TO DESSIG 17S  
VIC HILL 492 NEXT PERIOD.

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OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SITREP NO 17-66 AS OF 211200H OCT66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: 210918Z CMD GRP A W/2 COS, CROSSED PL BLUE, PROCEEDING TO PL YELLOW.

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- C. CONTACTS: NONE.
- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY FRAG O OPN PRAIRIE 2-66. ON ORDER, WEATHER PERMITTING, CMD GRP A, COS E AND F 2/9 HELO-LIFT FROM VIC PL YELLOW TO LZ VIC HILL 492 (XD 925498). CMD GRP B COS G AND H 2/9 HELOLIFT TO SAME LZ VIC HILL 492. UPON RELIEF IN PLACE BY CMD GRP B COS K AND M 3/4.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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 OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 18-66 AS OF 211800H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MARD (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 CMD GRP B (XD 976567)
- 2/9 CMD GRP A (XD 924498)

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- E 2/9 (XD 924498)
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- G 2/9 (XD 976567)
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- (3) 3/4 (YD 062547)
- I 3/4 (YD 026562)
- K 3/4 (YD 062547)
- L 3/4 (XD 983543)
- M 3/4 (YD 062544)

B. SUMMARY: 211536H COMD GRP A CO E AND F 2/9 COMMENCED HELO LIFT FROM LZ (XD 945542) TO HILL 492 (XD 925498). HELO LIFT COMPLETED AT 211743H.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. CMD GRP A CO E AND F WILL ESTABLISH NIGHT PSN VIC HILL 492 (XD 925498) AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. 2/9 (REAR) REMAINS ON PSN ON THAN SON LAM. 3/4 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SITREP NO 19-66 AS OF 212400H OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: 211820H I/3/4 PTL (YD 052532) RECD 2 RDS S/A  
FIRE. RETURNED S/A. RESULTS UNK. SEARCH AREA FIRST LIGHT.

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D. EVENTS:

(1) 211645H E/2/9 LOC VC PSN (XD 924503) W/CAVE AND TUNNEL  
COMPLEX. CAPT AMMO, DOCU, EQUIP AND 1 WPN. WILL BE FORWARDED  
TO G-2.

(2) 211950H I/3/4 PTL (YD 061561) OBS 4-5 LIGHTS (YD -  
065575). 81MM MORT AND ARTY MSN FIRED. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY: 25 KIA; 262 WIA; 0 MIA (SEE NOTE)

(2) ENEMY: NO CHANGE.

NOTE: INCREASE IN FRIENDLY WIA RESULTS FROM WOUNDS NOT REPORTED  
ON OCCURANCE BUT TREATED AT 2/9 BAS SUBSEQUENT TO OPNS.

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**S E C R E T**

OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 20-66 AS OF 220600H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NO CHANGE

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. ON ORDER WEATHER PERMITTING, CMD GRP B, COMPANIES G AND H 2/9 HELOLIFT TO LZ VIC HILL 492 (XD 924498) UPON RELIEF IN PLACE BY CMD GRP B COMPANIES K AND M 3/4. CMD GRP A COMPANIES E AND F 2/9 CONTINUE S AND D OPNS VIC HILL 492. 3/4 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR REGT AREA, LESS AREA ASSIGNED 2/9 FOR OPNS.

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 25 AS OF 231200H OCT 66.

2. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

3. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE. WEATHER PREVENTED EXECUTION LAST PERIOD.

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C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. ON ORDER, WEATHER PERMITTING, HELOLIFT ONE CO 3/4 TO THAN SON LAM AND ONE CO 2/9 TO LZ VIC HILL 492. REMAINING CO 2/9 AT THAN SON LAM OPCON 3/4 PREPARED FOR HELOLIFT TO VIC HILL 492 ON ORDER. CHIP OPCON FOR REGT AO TO 3/4, LESS AO ASSIGNED TO 2/9 FOR OPN.

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SETREP NO 21-66 OF 221200H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- C. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- G. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NO. 22-66 AS OF 221800H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 CMD GRP A (XD 924498)

2/9 CMD GRP B (XD 976567)

E 2/9 (XD 924498)

F 2/9 (XD 924498)

G 2/9 (XD 976567)

H 2/9 (XD 976567)

(3) 3/4 (YD 062547)

I 3/4 (YD 026562)

K 3/4 (YD 062547)

L 3/4 (XD 983543)

M 3/4 (YD 062544)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) CMD GRP A, COS E AND F 2/9 MAINTAINED PSN VIC HILL 492. CONDUCTED S & D OPNS.
- (2) CMD GRP B COS G AND H 2/9 MAINTAINED PSN ON THAN SAN LAM (XD 9756). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES.
- (3) 3/4 COS K AND M PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL (YD 0654), CO I PROVIDED SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD-026562), CO L PROVIDED SECURITY FOR E/1/12 (XD 983543). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREAS.
- (4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: 2/9 AND 1 USMC MED EVAC AT

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C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 221100H F/2/9 CAPT DOCU (XD 926499). WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(2) 221230H E/2/9 LOC EN PSN (XD 9249). CAPT AMMO, EQUIP, CLOTHING. PSN WILL BE DESTROYED. CAPT MAT WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2. LZ HILL 492 COVERED WITH PUNJI STAKES.

E. INTENTIONS: CONT TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. CMD GRP A COS E AND F 2/9 WILL ESTAB NIGHT PSN VIC HILL 492 (XD 925498) AND CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES. 2/9 (REAR) REMAINS ON PSN ON THAN SON LAM AND CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES. 3/4 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY: 25 KIA; 262 WIA; 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY: 269 KIA (CONF); 409 KIA (PROB); 0 WIA (CONF); 7 WIA (PROB); 0 VCC; 1 VCS.

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- B. SUMMARY : NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SET REP NO 24-66 AS OF 230600H OCT 66
- 2. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 3. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- 4. CONTACTS: NONE
- 5. EVENTS: NONE

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1. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. ON ORDER, WEATHER PERMITTING, CMD GRP B COMPANIES G AND H 2/9 HELOLIFT TO LZ VIC HILL 492 (XD 924498) UPON RELIEF IN PLACE BY CMD GRP B, COMPANIES K AND M 3/4.

2. CMD GRP A, COMPANIES E AND F 2/9 CONTINUE S AND D OPNS VIC HILL 492. 3/4 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR REGT, LESS AREA ASSIGNED 2/9 FOR OPNS.

3. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 26-66 AS OF 231800H OCT 66.

1. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2/9 CMD GRP A (XD 924498)

- 2/9 CMD GRP B (XD 976567)
- E 2/9 (XD 924498)
- F 2/9 (XD 924498)
- G 2/9 (XD 976567)
- H 2/9 (XD 976567)
- (3) 3/4 (YD 062547)
- I 3/4 (YD 026562)
- K 3/4 (YD 062547)
- L 3/4 (XD 983543)
- M 3/4 (YD 062544)

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1. SUMMARY:

- (1) CMD GRP A COS E AND F 2/9 MAINTAINED PSN VIC HILL 492. CONDUCTED S & D OPNS.
- (2) CMD GRP B COS G AND H 2/9 CONTINUES PSN ON THAN SON LAM (XD 9756). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES.
- (3) 3/4 COS K AND M PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL (YD 0654). CO I PROVIDED SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD - 026562). CO L PROVIDED SECURITY FOR E/1/12 (YD 983543). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.
- (4) WEATHER PREVENTED EXECUTION OF INTENTIONS, LAST PERIOD.

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C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

(LATE ENTRY) 231030H E/2/9 LOC 2 BUNKERS AND 2 HUTS . CAPT  
 DOCU AND MISC GEAR. PSN WILL BE DESTROYED. MAT FORWARDED TO  
 G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: CONT TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG 0 2-66.  
 CMD GRP A COS E AND F 2/9 CONT TO PROVIDE NIGHT PSN VIC HILL  
 492 AND CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES. CMD GRP B COS G AND H RE-  
 MAIN ON PSN ON THAN SON LAM AND CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES. 3/4  
 COS K AND M PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CO I PROVIDE  
 SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. CO L PROVIDE SECURITY FOR E/1/12.  
 CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY: 25 KIA; 262 WIA; 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY: 269 KIA (CONF); 409 KIA (PROB); 0 WIA (CONF);

7 WIA (PROB); 0 VCC; 1 VCS.

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- 1. SITREP NO 27-66 AS OF 232400H OCT66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.

2/9 (FWD) HAD 2 NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES (HIGH TEMP). UNABLE TO  
EVAC DUE TO WEATHER.

(LATE ENTRY)

(1) 231400H E/2/9 LOC HARBOR POINT (XD913504).

(2) 231400H F/2/9 LOC PSN (XD921499), TRAPS (XD931493)

(POSS ANIMAL) AND TRAIL FROM (XD913504) TO (XD931481).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SIT REP NO 28-66 AS OF 240600H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: L/3/4 PATROL (YD 070550) OBSERVED LIGHTS (YD 091561)

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240455H. ARTY FM FIRED EXTINGUISHING LIGHTS.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG 0 2-66  
 ON ORDER, WEATHER PERMITTING, HELOLIFT ONE CO 3/4 TO THAN SON LAM  
 AND ONE CO 2/9 TO LZ VIC HILL 492. REMAINING CO 2/9 AT THAN SON LAM  
 OPCON 3/4 PREPARED FOR HELOLIFT TO VIC HILL 492 ON ORDER.

CHOP OPCON FOR REGT AO TO 3/4, LESS AO ASSIGNED TO 2/9 FOR OPN.

F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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 OPN PRAIRIE  
 1. SITREP NO 29-66 AS OF 241200H OCT66.  
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT CMD GRP A AND CO K 3/4  
 (XD 976567).

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 B. SUMMARY: 241000H CMD GRP A AND CO K 3/4 COMMENCED  
 HELOLIFT FROM CAMP CARROLL (YD 062547) TO THAN SON LAM  
 (XD 976567).  
 C. CONTACTS: NONE.  
 D. EVENTS: NONE  
 E. INTENTIONS: CONT TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66.  
 UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT CMD GRP A AND CO K 3/4 HELOLIFT  
 ONE CO 2/9 FROM THAN SON LAM TO LZ VIC HILL 492, HELOLIFT CO M  
 FROM CAMP CARROLL TO THAN SON LAM. UPON COMPLETION, HELOLIFT  
 REMAINING CO 2/9 FROM THAN SON LAM TO LZ VIC HILL 492  
 AND CONDUCT S & D OPNS.  
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO. 30-66 AS OF 241800H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)

(2) 2/9 COMPANIES E, F, G, AND H (YD 924498)

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(3) 3/4 CMD GRP B COMPANIES K AND M (XD 976567) L(-) 3/4 (XD 983543)

I (-) 3/4 (YD 027561) CMD GRP A (YD 062544)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) 241345H CMD GRP A 3/4 COMPANIES K AND M COMPLETED HELO LIFT TO THAN SON LAM (XD 976567).

(2) 241435H CMD GRP B 2/9 COMPANIES G AND H COMPLETED HELO LIFT TO HILL 492.

(3) 241500H BOUNDARY CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATION OVERLAY FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66

VC. CONTACTS: NONE

D: EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9 CONDUCT PAT AND AMBUSHES OPN VIC HILL 492. 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GAI BRIDGE E/1/12, AND THON SON LAM.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY: 25 KIA 262 WIA 0 MIA

(2) ENEMY 269 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA

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 OPN PRAIRIE

- 1. SITREP NO 31-66 AS OF 242400H OCT66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY:
  - (1) 2/9 COS E, F, G AND H ESTAB DEF PSN VIC HILL 492.

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(2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12 AND THON SON LAM.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: 242015H L/3/4 PTL (YD 056535) DETECTED MOVEMENT (YD 054537). ARTY AND 81MM FIRE MSN. RESULTS UNK. WILL SEARCH AREA 1ST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SITREP NO 33-66 AS OF 251200H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

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- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 34-66 AS OF 251800H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 3/4 CMD GRP B (XD 976567)

- 3/4 CMD GRP A (YD 062544)
- I (-) 3/4 (YD 027561)
- K 3/4 (XD 976567)
- L (-) 3/4 (XD 983543)
- M 3/4 (XD 976567)
- (3) 2/9 (XD 924498)
- E 2/9 (XD 924498)
- F 2/9 (XD 924498)
- G 2/9 (XD 924498)
- H 2/9 (XD 924498)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR: NO CHANGE
- (2) 2/9 CONDUCTED S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL FROM VIC HILL 492 NW TOWARD KHE GLANG THOAN VALLEY.
- (3) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GAI BRIDGE, E/1/12, AND THAN SON LAM, CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS
- (4) 3/4 NON BATTLE CASUALTIES. 1 USMC CRAMPS, 1 USMC INFECTED OF OLD WOUND. BOTH MED EVAC.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 251200H F/2/9 AND ENGR DET LOC 4 HUTS (XD 924503) AND 3 TRAILS CONVERGING TO WATER FALL (XD 935480). HUTS DESTROYED.

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E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTION MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG 0 2-66.  
 2/9 CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC HILL 492, 3/4 PROVIDE  
 SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GAI BRIDGE, E/1712, AND THON SON  
 LAM.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY 25 KIA 262 WIA 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY 269 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)

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- 1. SITREP NO 35-66 AS OF 252400H OCT 66
  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
  - B. SUMMARY:
    - (1) HQ 3D MAR-NO CHANGE.
    - (2) 2/9 CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHED VIC HILL 492.
    - (3) 3/4- NO CHANGE.
  - C. CONTACTS: NONE.
  - D. EVENTS: NONE.
  - E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
  - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SIT REP NO 36-66 AS OF 260600H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 260500H E/2/9 RECEIVED SUSPECTED 81 MM SHORT ROUND  
RESULTING IN 1 KIA AND 2 WIA.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9  
DISPLACE CP AND CONDUCT S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL FROM VIC HILL 492  
TOWARD VICH HILL 715 (XD 9447). 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL,  
HKE GIA BRIDGE, 6/1/12, AND THAN SON LAM, CONDUCTING LOCAL SECURITY  
PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY: 26 KIA 264 WIA 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY 269 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)

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- 1. SIT REP NO 37-66 AS OF 261200Z OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY:
  - (1) HQ CO 3D MAR. NO CHANGE
  - (2) 3/4 NO CHANGE

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- (3) 2/9 COMMENCED DISPLACEMENT CP AND CONDUCTED S AND D OPN ALONG TRAIL FROM VIC HILL 492 TOWARD VIC HILL 715 (XD9447).
- (4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES. 260820H H/2/9 2 USMC, 1 INJURED ANKLE, 1 MALARIA MED EVAC. 261000H H/2/9 2 USMC HEAT CASUALTIES MED EVAC.
- C. CONTACTS:
  - (1) 261110H G/2/9 MADE CONTACT WITH UNK NO VC VIC (XD 935480) 261128H F/2/9 JOINED G/2/9. ARTY MSN FIRED. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAIL.
- D. EVENTS: REF MY SIT REP 36-66; E2/9 CASUALTIES RESULTING 81 MM SHORT RD. DUE TO FAULTY AMMO. MED EVAC COMPLETED 260600H.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
- F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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 A. LOCATIONS:  
 (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)  
 (2) 3/4 CMD GRP B (XD 976567)  
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B. SUMMARY  
 (1) HQ 3D MARINES. NO CHANGE.  
 (2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12, AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.  
 (3) 2/9 CONDUCTED S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL FROM VIC HILL 492 TOWARD VIC HILL 715 (XD 9447).  
 C. CONTACTS: 261108H CO F AND G 2/9 MADE CONTACT WITH 40 NVA (XD 934478) IN KHAKI UNIFORMS RESULTING IN 4 USMC KIA, 17 USMC WIA, 6AUCWIA (CONF). MED SUPPLIES, 40 CHI COM GRENADES, 3 RPG ROCKETS, RICE, AND ASSORTED AMMO. ARTY MISSION CALLED ON POSS ESCAPE ROUTE. RESULTS UNK. 5 WIA MEDICAL

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D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9 ESTAB DEF PSN  
VIC HILL 715 (XD 9447) CONDUCT PAT AND AMBUSHES VIC OF PSN. 3/4 PROVIDE  
SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12, AND THON SON LAM.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 281 WIA 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 39-66 AS OF 262400H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR: NO CHANGE.

(2) 3/4: NO CHANGE.

(3) 2/9 ESTAB DEF PSN VIC HILL 715 (XD 9447). CONDUCTED  
PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC PSN.

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: 161 SINCE 20 OCT 66. 134 CELL-  
ULITIS, 18 MALARIA, 3 SPRAINED BACKS, 1 HEAT EXHAUSTION, 1  
DIARRHEA, 1 RUPTURE, 1 STOMACH CRAMPS, 1 BAD EYES (COULD NOT  
SEE RIGHT EYE), AND 1 INFECTION OLD WOUND OF 8 OCT 66.

(5) 262215H M/3/4 1 USMC NON-BATTLE CASUALTY MED EVAC HIGH  
TEMP, POSSIBLE MALARIA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SIT REP NO 40-66 AS OF 270600 OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.

- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTION MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66.  
(1) 2/9 CONTINUE SEARCH OF PRESENT AREA. H/2/9 MOVE FARTHER SOUTH ALONG TRAIL VIC NIGT POSITION (XD 9447).  
(2) 3/4. NO CHANGE.
- F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 41-66 AS OF 271200H OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY:
  - (1) HQ CO 3D MAR. NO CHANGE

(2) 3/4 NO CHANGE

(3) 2/9 CONDUCTED SEARCH OF AREA VIC HILL 715. H/2/9 CONDUCTED S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL SOUTH OF HILL 715.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 2/9 MED EVAC VIC HILL 715 (XD9447) COMPLETED 271200H FOR WIAS KIA EVAC IN PROGRESS.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9 DISPLACE CP AND CONDUCT S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL SOUTH FROM VIC HILL 715 (XD 9447) 3/4 NO CHANGE

F. CASUALTIES: NONE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 42-66 AS OF 271800H OCT 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 3/4 (XD 976567) CMD GRP B

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- (3) 2/9 (XD 947471)

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G 2/9 (YD 947471)

H 2/9 (XD 947471)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR. NO CHANGE

(2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE

E/1/12, AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PTLs.

(3) 2/9 DISPLACED CP AND CONDUCTED S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL SOUTH FROM VIC HILL 715 (XD 9447)

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS 271530H 2/9 CMD GRP A CROSSING OVER HILL 715 (XD 943476)  
271736H M3/4, 1 USMC MED EVAC NON-BATTLE CASUALTY, MALARIA.

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E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9  
 ESTAB DEF PSN VIC (XD 947471) CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC  
 PSN. 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12  
 AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY AND PTLs.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 281 WIA 0 MIA

(2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA  
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  - B. SUMMARY:
    - (1) HQ CO 3D MAR - NO CHANGE
    - (2) 3/4 - NO CHANGE

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(3) 2/9 ESTAB DEF PSN VIC (XD 947471). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC PSN.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY -- 271530H H/2/9 LOC 18 INDIV PSN (XD 943476).

(2) 274700H H/2/9 LOC (XD 948470) 3 HUTS EACH COULD HOLD 10 MEN, 1 BUNKER, 2 BUNDLES PUNJI STAKES, AND ASSORTED BASKETS. BASKETS AND STAKES WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2. HUTS & SHELTERS WILL BE DESTROYED.

(3) 271730H E/2/9 LOC (XD 948470) ASSORTED DOCU IN BASKETS ALONG TRAIL. RICE FROM BASKET STREWN IN AREA. DOCU AND BASKETS WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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- 1. SITREP NO 44-66 AS OF 280600H OCT 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

- D. EVENTS: NONE
- E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66, 2/9 DISPLACE CP AND CONDUCT S AND D OPNS ALONG TRAIL SOUTH FROM VLC HILL 5 (XD 9447).
- F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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B. SUMMARY:

(1) 2/9 CONDUCTED S&D OPNS ALONG TRAIL SOUTH FROM VIC HILL 715

(2) FOUL WEATHER PREVENTED RESUPPLY AND MED EVAC 2/9.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: 2/9 CP REMAINS LZ (XD947471) UNTIL RESUPPLY, THEN CONDUCTS S&D OPNS SOUTH ALONG NVA TRAIL. 3/4 NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NO 46-66 AS OF 281800H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)

(2) 3/4 CMD GRP A (YD 062544)

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## B. SUMMARY

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDES SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE E/1/12 AND THON SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.
- (3) 2/9 MAINTAINED PSN AND CONDUCTED S&D OPN VIC LZ (XD 947471)
- (4) 2/9 5 USMC NON BATTLE CASUALTIES. CELLULITIS. AWAITING MED EVAC.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 281520H 2/9 AND 11F RECON HAVE JOINED FORCES. RECON WILL REMAIN WITH 2/9 TILL EXTRACTED.

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(2) 281530H H&S 2/9 (XD 948460) LOC 4 HUTS CAP 8 MEN EACH W/PROTECTIVE SHELTERS, CAPTURED 1 PICK, 1 SHOVEL, 1 COPPER POT. HUT AND SHELTERS WILL BE DESTROYED. MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE E1/12 AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.
- (3) 2/9 MAINTAIN PRESENT PSN CONDUCT NIGHT TIME PATROLS AND LOCAL SECURITY VIC LZ (XD 947471).

F. CASUALTIES:

- (1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 281 WIA 0 MIA
  - (2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB) 0 VCC 1 VCS.
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1. SITREP NO 47-66 AS OF 282400H OCT66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE  
1. SITREP NO 48-66 AS OF 290600H OCT 66.  
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE  
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NONE  
E. INTENTIONS:  
(1) CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. 2/9 CONDUCT S  
AND D OPNS SOUTH ALONG TRAIL FROM LZ VIC (XD 947471).  
(2) 3/4 NO CHANGE  
F. CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE  
1. SITREP NO 49 66 AS OF 291200H OCT 66  
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

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B. SUMMARY: 2/9 CONDUCTED S & D OPNS SE ALONG NVA TRAIL  
FROM VIC LZ (XD: 947471).  
C. CONTACTS: NONE.  
D. EVENTS: NONE  
E. INTENTIONS: 2/9 CONDUCT S & D OPNS SE ALONG NVA TRAIL.  
F. CULULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE  
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OPN PRAIRIE  
1. SIT REP NO 50-66 AS OF 291800H OCT66.  
A. LOCATIONS:  
(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)  
(2) 3/4 CMD GRP A (YD 062544)

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CMD GRP B (XD 976567)  
I (-) 3/4 (YD 027561)  
K 3/4 (XD 976567)  
L (-) 3/4 (XD 983543)  
M 3/4 (XD 976567)  
(3) 2/9 (XD 984437)  
E 2/9 (XD 976434)  
F 2/9 (XD 939437)  
G 2/9 (XD 984437)  
H 2/9 (XD 984437)

**B. SUMMARY:**

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.  
(2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12, AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.  
(3) 2/9 DISPLACED CP AND MOVED SE ALONG NVA TRAIL TO VIC (XD 978466)

**C. CONTACTS:** 291500H 2/9 (XD 978446) OBSERVED APPROX 40 VC (XD 976435). S-A, 60MM MORTARS AND ARTY FIRE MISSION. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. 291345H E/2/9 (XD 963453) LOC 15 MAN HOSPITAL, 1 HUT (KITCHEN), 2 SMALL HUTS, 3 LEAN TO AND 7 BUNKERS. MEDICAL SUPPLIES CLOTHING, 6-8 CARTRIDGE TRAPS AND DOCUMENTS. HUTS AND BUNKERS WILL BE DESTROYED AND CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

**E. INTENTIONS:**

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.  
(2) 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/12, AND THAN SON LAM. CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.  
(3) 2/9 CONTINUE EXECUTE MY OPERATION PRAIRIE FRAG O 2-66. ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVES PSN VIC (XD 984437).

**F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:**

(1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 280 WIA 0MIA  
(2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)  
0 VCC 1 VCS.  
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- 1. SITREP NO 51-66 AS OF 292400H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: 2/9 ESTAB NIGHT DEF PSN VIC (XD 984437). CONDUCTED PTLs AND AMBUSHES. 3/4 CONTINUED CURRENT DEF MSNS.

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 C. CONTACTS: NONE.  
 D. EVENTS: NONE.  
 E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.  
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.  
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- 1. SITREP NO 52-66 AS OF 300600H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

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- D. EVENTS: NONE
- E. INTENTIONS: UPON AVAILABILITY OF HELOS, 2/9 WILL HELOLIFT FROM LZ VIC (XD 985439) TO CAMP CARROLL. UPON COMPLETION OF 2/9 EXTRACTION FROM AREA, E/1/12 AND SECURITY FORCES WILL MOVE BY SURFACE MEANS TO CAMP CARROLL. 3/4 CONTINUES PRESENT MISSION.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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- 1. SITREP NO 53-66 AS OF 301200H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 2/9 CO E, F, G AND H (YD 013452).
- B. SUMMARY:
  - (1) 2/9 MOVED VIC LZ AT CALU (XD 013452) AWAITING HELO LIFT

- TO CAMP CARROLL.
- (2) 3/4 CONTINUED CURRENT MSNS.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.
- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.
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1. SIT REP NO 54-66 AS OF 301800H OCT 66.  
A. LOCATIONS:  
(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)  
(12) 3/4 CMD GRP A (YD 062544)

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- 3/4 CMD GRP B (XD 967EEE (976567)  
I (-) 3/4 (YD 027561)  
K 3/4 (XD 976567)  
L (-) 3/4 (XD 983543)  
M 3/4 (XD 976567)  
(3) 2/9 (YD 064546)  
E 2/9 (YD 064546)  
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H 2/9 (YD 064546)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR CONDUCTED SECURITY FOR CP.  
(2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12, AND THOM SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.  
(3) 2/9 HELOLIFT FROM (YD 013452) TO CAMP CARROLL COMMENCED 301200H; COMPLETED 301415H.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

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(2) 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12,  
AND THON SON LAM. CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.

(3) 2/9 ESTABLISH PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL.

F. CASUALTIES:

(1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 281 WIA 0 MIA.

(2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)

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- 1. SITREP NO 55-66 AS OF 302400H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE:
  - (1) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES

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(A) 301855H - 2/9 1 USMC, MED EVAC, LEG WOUND. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE.

(B) LATE ENTRY: 301630H - HQ 3D MAR, 1 USMC, MED EVAC, MALARIA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY - 291810H - L/3/4 (XD 983544) OBS SMOKE (XD 993538). TKS FIRED RESULTING IN SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ARTY FIRED H & I THROUGHOUT NIGHT. 300900H TKS FIRED PREP FIRE. PTL SEARCHED AREA. OBS CRATERS AND SMELLED BODY ODOR IN AREA.

(I) OBS FRESH PICKED FRUIT, LOC RUSTED ROUND (POSS NAV GUN) (XD 991541) AND 3 OLD HUTS (XD 992547). HUTS AND RD DESTROYED.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES. NO CHANGE.

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  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHNAGE
  - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
  - C. CONTACTS: NONE
  - D. EVENTS: NONE
  - E. INTENTIONS: 2/9 CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION PREPARE TO RELEASE 3/4 IN PLACE.
  - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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- 1. SITREP NO 57-66 AS OF 311200H OCT 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.

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- D. EVENTS: NONE.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SIT REP NO 58-66 AS OF 311800H OCT 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066546)
- (2) 3/4 CMD GRP A (YD 063552)

CMD GRP B (XD 976567)

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K 3/4 (XD 976567)

L 3/4 (YD 063552)

M 3/4 (XD 976567)

(3) 2/9 (YD 064546)

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ C) 3D MAR CONDUCTED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 3/4 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, E/1/12 AND THOM SON LAM. CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.
- (3) 2/9 MAINTAINED PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL, PREPARING TO RELEIVE 3/4 INPLACE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 311545H E/1/12 AND L/3/4 CLOSED CAMP CAROLL.

E. INTENTIONS:

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- (1) HQ CO 2D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP
- (2) 3/4 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, KHE MIA BRIDGE, AND THON SON DAM. CONDUCT LOCAL SECURITY AND PATROLS.
- (3) 2/9 MAINTAIN PSN CAMP CARROLL PREPARING TO RELIEVE 3/4 IN PLACE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

- (1) FRIENDLY 30 KIA 281 WIA 0 MIA
- (2) ENEMY 275 KIA (CONF) 409 KIA (PROB) 0 WIA (CONF) 7 WIA (PROB)

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G. SCOUT-SNIPEER TEAMS: NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 59-66 AS OF 312400H OCT 66
  - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
  - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
  - C. CONTACTS: NONE.
  - D. EVENTS: NONE.
  - E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
  - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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REINFORCEMENT NORTHERN VCIZ AND 1ST BN 3D MAR TAOR  
A. CG THIRD MARDIV 291715Z SEP 66

- 1. REF A INDICATES IMMEDIATE REQ FOR REIN PRAIRIE/DONG HA AREA.
- 2. FOR HQ CO. 3D MAR: PROVIDE REGT HQ ON 8 HOUR ALERT PREPARED TO MOVE BY MOTOR CONVOY OR FIXED WING TO DONG HA FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT.
- 3. FOR 1ST BN 3D MAR: PROVIDE CMD GRP ALPHA AND 3 COS FOR AIR MOVEMENT TO KHE SANH 301300H SEP66. PROVIDE FOURTH CO AND BRAVO CMD GRP TO JOIN BN VIA AIR MOVEMENT 011000H OCT66.
  - A. CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN VIC KHE SANH CIDG CAMP TO DETECT ANY ENEMY THREAT TO CAMP.
  - B. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE GROUND FORCE SUPPORT AND SECURITY FOR THE KHE SANH CAMP/AIRFIELD

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C. CHOP OPCON TAOR RESPONSIBILITY TO BRAVO CMD GRP 2D BN.  
26TH MAR 010900H OCT66.

D. CHOP TO OPCON TF DELTA 010800H OCT66.

4. FOR 2D BN 3D MAR

A. CHOP 1 CO AND 1 PLT TO 1ST BN 3D MAR BRAVO CMD GRP  
30SEP66.B. PROVIDE BN (-) ON 8 HOUR ALERT PREPARED TO MOVE BY MOTOR  
CONVOY OR FIXED WING A/C TO DONG HA FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT.

5. FOR 2D BN 26TH MAR

A. CHOP 1 CO TO 1ST BN 3D MAR BRAVO CMD GRP 30SEP66.

B. ESTABLISH BRAVO CMD GRP TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1ST  
BN 3D MAR TAOR.

C. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1ST BN 3D MAR TAOR 010900H OCT66.

D. ASSUME OPCON OF 1 CO AND 1 PLT FROM 2D BN 3D MAR  
010900H OCT66.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CAC UNITS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.

B. EXPECTED DURATION OF DEPLOYMENT 15 DAYS. PRESCRIBED

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LOADS AS DIRECTED BY PARENT UNIT CMDRS.

C. PERSONNEL SCHED TO ROTATE TO CONUS PRIOR 15 OCT66  
WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED.

D. DIRLAUTH

E. COMM INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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TPQ-10 STRIKES

1. THE FOLLOWING TPQ-10 STRIKES ARE REQUESTED DURING THE PERIOD 021800-040600H OCT:

COORD	ALT(MTR)	TGT	ORD REQ
AT 807641	740	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 806640	780	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 808642	730	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 805643	760	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 805644	770	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 806644	760	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 812647	680	FACTORY TUNNEL	D-3, D-4
AT 814648	720	OP	D-2
AT 814644	800	SUS CP	D-2, D-3
ZC 146712	440	SUS BASE CAMP	D-2, D-3
ZC 146718	470	SUS BASE CAMP	D-2, D-3
ZC 146716	460	SUS BASE CAMP	D-2, D-3
ZC 158726	590	OP	D-2

2. REPORT SURVEILLANCE TO THIRD MARINES ON BUTTON BLUE.

CALL SIGN STARBOARD 14.

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 ATTN: G-3  
 OPSTAT 001 AS OF 011500Z OCT 66

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A. DIVO 03000.5  
 B. FLIPACO P03000.5A  
 1-3 MAR

PART II

CO. MT. CRPER C1 WILL DROP TO A MAX OF C2 ON OR ABOUT 7 OCT  
 DUE ROTATION LOSSES OF ESSENTIAL RANKS AND MOS.

2-3 MAR

PART I

CRPER C2/C1/UNK

PART II

COMMT NONE

2-26 MAR

PART I

CRPER C2/C1/UNK

CRTNG C1

PART II

COMMT NONE

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
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ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES  
P 311452 OCT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO HQ BN  
THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN TWO SIX MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
FIRST BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN  
THIRD AT BN  
THIRD TK BN  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
THIRD MT BN  
THIRD SP BN  
THIRD MED BN  
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THIRD ENGR BN

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UNCLAS E F T O  
PERSONNEL STATUS PLANNING

1. THIS HDQ HAS REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH CG FMFPAC ESTIMATE OF NON-EFFECTIVES ON ROLLS FOR MONTHS OF OCT-NOV-DEC.
2. DIRECT YOU SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS (SC-1) BY 3 NOV FOR MONTH OF OCT AVERAGE NUMBER OF NON-EFFECTIVES ON ROLLS IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.
  - A. IN COUNTRY HOSPITALIZATION (MED BN, NSA-USS REPOSE)
  - B. BRIG

EXAMPLE OF COMPUTING MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER IF ANY ONE CATEGORY FOLLOWS:

SIX OFFICERS HOSPITALIZED FOR AN AVERAGE OF FIFTEEN DAYS EACH DURING THE MONTH IS EQUAL TO A MAN/DAY LOST OF NINETY DAYS OR A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF THREE.

3. SUBMIT SAME INFOR FOR NOV AND DEC BY 3DEC AND 3JAN RESPECTIVELY.

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U 030430Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
BT  
C O N F I D E N T I A L  
TPQ-10  
A. YOUR 010916Z OCT 66  
1. REQ IN REF A CLEARED.  
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CG THIRD ARDIV 030840Z OCT 66 RE. DDRESSED AS INDICATED  
AOBOVE.  
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REF:.....030840Z..CG THIRD ARDIV.....HELD HIGHER CLASS

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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TANK REQUIREMENTS

1. WITHDRAWAL OF TK COMPANY IN DIRECT SUPPORT THIS REGT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH CURRENT MSNS.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT MINIMUM ONE TK PLT BE REASSIGNED DIRECT SUPPORT THIS REGT TO ACCOMPLISH FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TASKS:

A. NUCLEUS OF RAPID REACTION/COUNTERATTACK FORCES IN DEFENSE OF NAM O BRIDGE (AT9284), ARTY PSNS (AT9279), TUY LOAN BRIDGE (AT943708), AND DIA LOC BRIDGE (AT914577).

B. AP MINE CLEARING OPNS ALONG MSH RT NR 5 FROM HILL 41 (AT9366) SOUTH TO DAI LOC BRIDGE AND WEST TO HILL 65 (AT877573).

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TOD: 05/0050H/OCT66/CCN# 04/PWP/ B

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CO 3RD MARINES MSG 041630Z OCT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.  
REF: CO 3RD MARINES 041630Z OCT 66.....HELD, OF HIGHER CLASSIFICATION.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

TPQ-10 STRIKES

A. YOUR 010916Z OCT 66

B. MY 030915Z OCT 66

1. CLEARANCE FOR TGTS LISTED IN REF A AND B

EXTENDED UNTIL 070600H OCT 66.

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O 071600Z OCT 66  
 FM CG THIRD MARINES  
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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GOLDEN FLEECE OPN

1. 30 MAR CONDUCTS MODIFIED GOLDEN FLEECE OPN VIC  
 SONG VU GIA VALLEY FROM HILL 65 (AT 8757) WEST TO GL 81  
 TO PROVIDE HARVEST PROTECTION AND SECURITY FOR VN HARVESTING  
 OPNS 080100H TO DUSK 8 OCT66.

2. CONCEPT OF OPNS. ONE RIFLE CO SECURES HIGH GROUND NORTH  
 OF PHUOC LOC (AT 8157). ONE RIFLE CO SECURES VILLAGES VIC  
 (AT 8255) BN CMD GRP ESTABLISHES CP VIC NONG LAM (2)  
 (AT 8356). DAI LOC DIST HQ COORDINATES HARVESTING AND  
 REMOVAL OF RICE BY RF/PF FORCE AND REFUGEES.

3. FOUR OTTERS, 9TH MT BN, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. NO OTHER  
 SUPPORT REQUIRED.

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O 080130Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO CO FOURTH BN 503D INF, 173D AIRBORNE BRIG  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
THIRD MARINES

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OPCON OF FOURTH BN 503D INF (REIN)  
1. CO THIRD MARINES ASSUMES OPCON FOURTH BN 503D INF 173D  
AIRBORNE BRIG 080710H.

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CG THIRD MARDIV 080250Z OCT 66 READDRESSED AS  
INDICATED ABOVE.

REF:.....080250Z...CG THIRD MARDIV...HELD HIGHER CLASS

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CO NINTH MARINES  
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REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARINES

A. CG 3D MARDIV 071610Z OCT66

1. PURSUANT PROVISIONS REF A THIRD MARINES REDEPLOYS AS FOLLOWS:

A. RESPONSIBILITY FOR 3D MAR SECTOR FROM TUY LOAN RIVER NORTH TO TAOR BOUNDARY CHOPS TO 4TH BN. 503D INF 081800H OCT66. CMD GPP B. 2D BN 26TH MAR H/2/26 AND E2/3 (REIN ) REVERT OPCON PARENT UNITS.

B. RESPONSIBILITY FOR 3D MAR SECTOR FROM AN INCLUDING TUY LOAN RIVER TSOUTH TO TAOR BOUNDRY IS ASSINED TO 2D BN 3D MAR EFF 091800H. OCT66.

C. REGT HQ. 3D MAR DISPLACES TO PRAIRIE AREA WHEN DIRECTED 9OCT66. 3D MAR (REAR) ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY 3D MAR TAOR UNTIL

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RELIEVED.

D. 2D BN 26TH MAR DEPLOYES TO PHU BAI WHEN DIRECTED 11OCT66. PREPARED FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT TO PRAIRIE AREA.

E. 2D BN 3D MAR OPCON AND SECTOR RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTS TO 1ST MARDIV WHEN DIRECTED.

F. 4TH BN 503D INF OPCON AND SECTOR RESPONSIBILITY SHIFTS TO 1ST MARDIV WHEN DIRECTED.  
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 ROUGH RIDER

A. 080250Z OCT 66

B. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 416-66

1. REF DIRECTS ROUGH RIDER NORTH DANANG TO PHU BAI AND RETURN  
 ON 9, 10, 11 OCT 66

2. DEPART NAM-O BRIDGE NLT 0615H EACH DAY RETURN AS SOON AS  
 UNLOADED PHU BAI

3. BE PREPARED TO ANSWER CALLS FOR FIRE IN SUPPORT OF SUBJECT  
 CONVOYS.

A. FORWARD OBSERVER ONE/MONEY 61 ALFA

B. ATY AO/SACRED (LTR SUFFIX)

C. FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES / MOORTGAGE

D. THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR/POLISH

E. FOURTH BN TWELFTH MAR /PRETEXT

F. PHU LOC LNO/POLISH 24

4. ACTIVATE CONDUCT OF FIRE NET 36.0 (M-462) NLT 0545 EACH DAY

5. CRYPTOGRAPHIC & AUTHENTICATION

A. AUTHENTICATION KAC-QT

B. NUMERICAL CODE KAC-138

C. CP CODE KAC 1381

6. FOR FIRST BN TWELFTH MAR PROVIDE FO TEAM WITH CONVOY DANANG  
 TO PHU BAI AND RETURN

7. FOR THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR ACTIVATE STA AT PHU LOC 0700  
 EACH DAY

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F 120100Z OCT 66  
FM B CGO GRP THIRD MARINES  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN)

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OF LOCATIONS AND CAMP SITES VACATED

- 1. A. CG FIRST MARDIV 110802Z OCT 66
- A. B CGO GRP THIRD MAR 943763
- B. ANTICIPATED TO BE VACATED 16 TO 18 OCT 66
- C. BY THIRD MAR (REAR)
- D. 40 MEN
- E. 40 MEN
- 2. A. 1/3 REAR 938784
- B. ANTICIPATED 1/3 (REAR) WILL DEPART 16 TO 18 OCT 66
- C. CAMP PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY FOURTH BN, 503 ABN INF.
- 3. A. 2/26 GP 950722
- B. ANTICIPATED DATE TO BE VACATED 13 OCT 66
- C. BY 2/26 (REAR)
- D. NO SECURITY WILL BE REQUIRED. CAMP BEING DISMANTLED.
- E. TWO RIFLE PLTS.

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
**SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

- A. YOUR 151632Z OCT 66
- 1. REF A TASKS THIS REGT WITH CONDUCT OF S&D OPNS IN AO.  
FOLLOWING SUPPORT REQUESTED:
  - A. HST, ENGR TM, EOD TM D/S 2/9 181500H OCT 66 FOR PERIOD APPROX 12 DAYS.
  - B. ENGR MINE SWEEP SUPPORT TO CLEAR RTE 9 FROM (YD 025561) TO (XD 981531) FROM 171200H OCT66 FOR PERIOD APPROX 15 DAYS.
  - C. HELOLIFT ONE RIFLE CO 190800H OCT66 FROM VIC (XD 9756) TO LZ TO BE DESIGNATED.
  - D. AO, AERIAL RESUPPLY, MED EVAC AND CAS AS REQUESTED.
  - E. RECON OPNS WEST OF GL YD 92 AND SOUTH OF GL XD 48 IN AO AND BETWEEN RTE 9 AND BASE COMPLEX (YD 0654), AS REQUESTED.

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO THIRD MARDIV ( FWD)  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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ASSUMPTION OF OPCON

A. YOUR 160150Z OCT 66

B. MY 161611Z OCT 66

1. AS DIRECTED BY REF A AND IAW REF B. THIRD MAR TOOK OPCON OF  
SECOND BN , NINTH MARINES AND THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES 170300H OCT  
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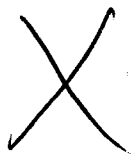
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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

- A. YOUR 151632Z OCT 66
- B. MY 161610Z OCT 66

1. REQUEST FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FORCES FOR CONDUCT OF S&D OPN DIR BY REF A.

- A. RETURN OF 3/4 RIFLE SQD (REIN) CURRENTLY DEPLYED VIC CAM LO
- B. IN EVENT CMD GRP AND TWO COMPANIES REQUESTED BY REF A NOT ROVIDED, REQUEST MINIMUM OF ONE RIFLE CO OPON THIS REGT FOR DURATION OF OPN TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ARTY BTRY DEPLOYED VIC (XD 983541) AND FOR CAMP CARROL SECURITY.

2. CHANGE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED BY REF B AS FOLLOWS:

- A. PHASED IN HELOLIFT OF ONE INF OF APPROX 800 PERSONS DURING PERIOD 20-21 OCT 66 FROM VIC (XD 9756) TO LZ VIC HILL 492 (XD 9249).

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COMM CENTERO 180640Z OCT 66  
FM COORDINATOR, CAMP CARROL  
TO CAMP CARROL COLLECTIVE  
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SECURITY OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS

1. DURING PERIODS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER LIMITED VISIBILITY  
REQUIRES INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT VITAL INSTAL-  
LATIONS AGAINST VC TACTIC OF RAPID, SURPRISE ATK BY INFILTRATION  
OF SMALL UNITS.2. PENDING PROMULGATION OF CAMP CARROL DEF DIRECTIVE LOCAL CMDRS  
WILL:A. MAN DESIG DEF PERIMETER AT ALL TIMES DURING DARKNESS AND  
PERIODS OF LIMITED VISIBILITY.E. CONTINUALLY MAN KEY DEF PSN, LPS AND OPS AS COORDINATED  
WITH CO, 3D BN, 4TH MAR.C. MAKE MAX USE OF DEF WIRE, TRIP FLARES AND OBSERVED CLAYMORE  
MINES IN DESIG DEF PERIMETER.D. COORDINATE FIRES OF ALL WPNS WITH CO. 3D BN, 4 TH MAR TO  
PRECLUDE FIRES INTO 3D BN, 4 TH MAR OPERATING AREA AND OTHER  
MANNED SECTORS. POSITIVE APPROVAL MUST BN GRANTED BY CO. 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 4<sup>TH</sup> MAR  
PRIOR TO COMMENCE FIRE IN ANY SECTOR OF DEF PERIMETER.

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MOVEMENT OF FORCES

1. EXECUTION OF MY FRAG O OPN PRAIRIE 2-66 COMMENCED 200955H  
WITH MOVEMENT BY CONVOY OF E/1/12, TK PLT, 2 INF PLT TOWARD PSN  
(XD9854). CMD GRP A AND 2 COMPANIES OF 2/9 CROSSED LD BY FOOT  
MARCH 201015H MOVING WEST.

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INFO SECOND BN NINTH MARINES

THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

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

REQ FOR RECON INSERTIONS

A. THIRD MARDIV (FWD) 181200Z OCT 66 (NOTAL)

1. REQ RECON PATROLS IN FOLL AREAS AT TIMES INDICATED:

A. YD 0155 210800H/250800H

B. XD 8948 240800H/280800H

C. XD 9346 270800H/310800H

2. ABOVE REQ IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS DIR BY REF A.

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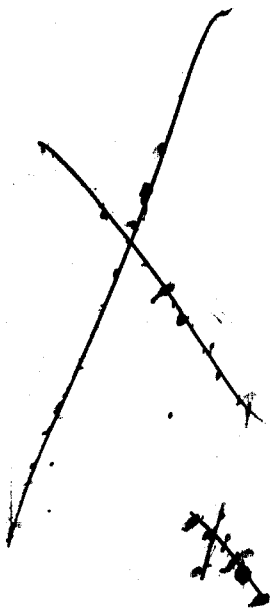
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UNCLAS E F T O  
LESSONS LEARNED SUBMISSION OF  
A. DIV O 3480.1A  
1. SUBMIT LESSONS LEARNED TO ARRIVE THIS HQ NLT  
252400H OCT66.

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FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
INFO ZEN/THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
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THIRD MARINES  
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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SWOLLEN STREAMS  
IN THE VIC OF THON SON LAM (YD 9955) THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT  
IS REQUIRED FOR USE BY THIS REGT:

A. TWO OTTERS TO BE USED FOR RESUPPLY.

B. FIVE AMTRACS TO BE USED FOR RIVER CROSSINGS, RIVER FTLS,  
AP MINE CLEARANCE, RESUPPLY OVER SWOLLEN STREAMS, TACTICAL  
MOVEMENT OF TROOPS, AND TO SUPPORT CLEARANCE OF RTE 9.

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FM CG THIRD MARINES  
TO FIRST BN THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES  
ZEN/THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN NINTH MARINES  
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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 190239Z OCT 66  
1. REF A QUOTED FORAC.

QUOTE:  
R 190239Z OCT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
NINTH MARINES  
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SUBJ: FAC CONTROLLED AIR STRIKES

1. REQUEST ALL FAC'S BE SCREENED AND THE NUMBER OF IN COUNTRY AIR STRIKES EACH HAS CONTROLLED SINCE 1 JAN 66 BE REPORTED TO THIS HQ.
2. IF RECORDS ARE UNAVAILABLE OR THE FAC HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED SINCE 1 JAN 66, REPORT THE BEST ESTIMATE OF AIR STRIKES CONTROLLED BY FAC'S AND INDICATE IF FIGURE IS ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED

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UNQUOTE  
2. FIRST BN THIRD MARINES, SECOND BN THIRD MARINES, AND SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES REPORT TO DIV INFO THIS HQ.  
3. THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES AND SECOND BN NINTH MARINES REPORT TO DIV INFO FOURTH MARINES AND NINTH MARINESM.

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ROUTINE  
220125Z OCT 66

FM COM THIRD MARINE  
TO COMNAV BN THIRD MARINES

URGENT  
MSGT COM THIRD MARINE  
UNTL FURTHER NOTICE ACTIVATE THIS NET AT 0800 AND 1800  
DAILY. TODAY ONLY COME UP AT 1300 ALSO.

TO: 22/0925H/OCT66/COM2/JRV/ *[Signature]*

220125Z OCT 66

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R 250420Z OCT 66  
 FM CO THIRD MARINES  
 TO ZEN/HQ CO, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES

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MUMMS TRAINING

A. CG III MAF 081220Z OCT 66 (NOTAL).

B. CG 3D MARDIV 182337Z OCT 66.

1. SUBMIT NOMINATION OF ONE MAN TO ATTEND SUBJECT TRAINING ON DATES  
 INDICATED TO CG 3D MARDIV (ATTN: G-3 TRAINING) COPY TO THIS HQS  
 NLT 31 OCT 66. REF A AND B REFER.

HQ CO 7-12 NOV

2/26 14-18 NOV

1/3 21-26 NOV

2/3 28 NOV-2 DEC

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THIRD MARINES  
COMM CENTER

R 250730Z OCT 66  
 FM CO THIRD MARINES  
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
 CO SECOND BN NINTH MARINES  
 ZEN/CO THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES  
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 UNCLAS E F T O  
 BUNKER REQUIREMENTS

CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 201413Z OCT 66  
 D. DIVO 11000.1

1. IAW REF A BUNKER REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBMITTED. REF B NOT AVAILABLE THIS CP AT PRESENT SO NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE NOMENCLATURE OR DIMINSIONS OF BUNKERS.

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT MATERIALS TO CONSTRUCT BUNKERS BE FURNISHED TO FOLLOWING UNITS OPCON THIS COMMAND.

UNIT	QTY	PURPOSE
HQ THIRD MAR	1	REGT SIZE COMMAND CENTER
	1	REGT SIZE MSG CENTER
	1	REGT SIZE COMM CENTER
3D BN 4TH MAR	1	BN SIZE COMMAND CENTER
	1	BN SIZE COMM CENTER
2D BN 9TH MAR	1	BN SIZE COMMAND CENTER
	1	BN SIZE COMM CENTER
OPCON BN NOT YET ASSIGNED	1	BN SIZE COMMAND CENTER
	1	BN SIZE COMM CENTER

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TOD: 261650H/OCT66/CCNO6/JRV/ ~~1~~ 250730Z OCT 66

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THIRD MARINES  
COM CENTER

260945Z OCT 66

FM CG THIRD MARINES

INFO CG THIRD MARINE  
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HAS BEEN SENT

A. SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES MSG 240445Z OCT 66

1. SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES 240445Z OCT 66 READDRESSED AS INDICATED ABOVE.

REF:.....A. SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES 240445Z OCT 66.....HELD OF HIGHER CLASS.

TOD: 27/0915H/OCT66/CCM/06/J.S./~~Q~~

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O 260946Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES  
P 250925Z OCT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO THIRD MARDIV  
NINTH MARINES  
SECOND BN TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD MT BN  
THIRD MED BN  
THIRD TANK BN  
FIFTH COMM BN  
SEVENTH ENGR BN  
FIRST MP BN  
INFO CG III MAF  
CG FIRST MARDIV  
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SUBMISSION OF COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
A. CG III MAF 240518Z OCT 66 (NOTAL)  
1. REF A DIRECTED THAT ALL III MAF UNITS SUBMITTING

COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES WILL SUBMIT SUCH REPORTS THROUGH THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE PARENT ORGANIZATION CHAIN OF COMMAND. THE COMMAND CONTROL SECTION OF THE COMMAND CHRONOLOGY WILL BE UTILIZED TO REFLECT DETACHMENTS FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO OPERATIONAL CONTROL STATES. REPORTS WILL THEN BE FORWARDED THROUGH CHANNELS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND

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TO: 27/0931H/OCT66/COM7/JLV/

260946Z OCT 66

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R 271230Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
TO THIRD MARDIV FWD  
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(ATTN G-2)

SUBJ AIR RECONNAISSANCE REQUEST  
L. 3D MARINES 26-66

M. PHOTOMAP, 2'X2' (TWO FEET BY TWO FEET)

N. VIETNAM AMS L7014, 1:50,000; SHEET 6342 I

O. ARTILLERY PLATEAU COVERING AREA ENCLOSED BY YD0558 TO YD 0858 TO YD 0856 TO YD 0556

P. ENLARGED TO FIT LARGEST SIZED PAPER AVAILABLE

Q. 1:2,000

R. ONE (1) DOZEN ENLARGEMENTS

S. CRCWD -2, WILL PICK UP, NOTIFY 3D MARINES, S-2,  
WHEN READY; REQUEST ASAP

T. NLT 4 NOV 1966. MISSION TO BE FLOWN AFTER 27 OCT 1966

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P 281135Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MARINES  
INFO SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES  
P 260325Z OCT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO THIRD MAR  
FOURTH MAR  
NINTH MAR  
TWELFTH MAR  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
THIRD ENGR BN  
SEVENTH ENGR BN  
THIRD AT BN  
INFO CG III MAF  
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UNCLAS E F T O  
BASIC INFANTRY WPNS REPAIR SCHOOL  
A. CG III MAF 221316Z SEP66 (NOTAL)  
1. REF A REFERS. FOLLOWING QUOTAS ASSIGNED FOR SUBJECT SCHOOL  
CONVENING 19 NOV66  
THIRD MAR - 1                      FIRST AMTRAC BN -1  
FOURTH MAR - 1                    THIRD ENGR BN -1  
NINTH MAR -1                      SEVENTH ENGR BN -1  
TWELFTH MAR -1                  THIRD AT BN -1

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2. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS THIS HQ (ATTN: G-3 TRNG) NLT  
6 NOV 66.  
3. REQUEST ORDERS THIS HQ (ATTN SC-7B) REPORT BY 1000 19NOV66  
TO BLDG 2376, CAMP HANSEN OKINAWA. PAY, HEALTH AND DENTAL RECORDS  
TO ACCOMPANY STUDENT.  
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TOD: 28/2136H/OCT66/CCNO5/JRV/ *JRV* 281135Z OCT 66

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P 301330Z OCT 66  
FM CO THIRD MAR  
INFO FIRST BN THIRD MAR  
P 270935Z OCT 66  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO HQ BN  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
THIRD ENGR BN  
FIRST MP BN  
THIRD MED BN  
TWELFTH MAR  
THIRD MAR  
INFO CG III MAF  
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UNCLAS E F T O

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL OKINAWA

A. CG III MAF 250208Z OCT 66 (NOTAL)

B. CAMP BUTLER 0 1500.1

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING QUOTAS ARE ASSIGNED FOR SUBJECT SCHOOL  
CONVENING ON DATES INDICATED FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

21 NOV 66

28 NOV 66

HQ BN (SUB UNIT NR 4)-1

FIRST MP BN-1

FIRST AMTRAC BN-1

THIRD MED BN-1

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THIRD ENGR BN-1

TWELFTH MAR-1

THIRD MAR-1

2. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS THIS HQ (ATTN: G-3 TRNG) NLT 10 NOV 66.  
INCLUDING RTD AND RUC. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE SIX MONTHS RE-  
MAINING ON CURRENT OVERSEAS TOUR AFTER COMPLETION OF SCHOOL.

3. REQUEST ORDERS THIS HQ (ATTN: SC-7B).

4. STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO ARMY LANGUAGE SCHOOL, US ARMY EDUCATION  
CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA. REPORT TO CO, THIRD FSR BLDG NR 5710, CAMP  
SUK. FOR MESSING AND BILLETING. HEALTH, DENTAL AND PAY RECORDS TO  
ACCOMPANY STUDENTS.

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TOD: 31/ 0202H/OCT66/GCN#05/RAB

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Subj: Task Organization; correction of

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines (Rein) (DA NANG)</u>	133	3220	9	161	3523
<u>Hq Co (DA NANG)</u>	17	231	1	6	255
<u>1st Bn. 3d Marines (DA NANG)</u>	47	1027	3	54	1131
<u>2d Bn. 3d Marines (DA NANG)</u>	32	899	2	53	906
<u>2d Bn. 26th Marines (DA NANG)</u>	37	1063	3	48	1151

Enclosure (1)  
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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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1 October 1966

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Task Organization; correction of  
Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv ltr 30pms.JJS/das over 5440.2 dated 5 September 1966  
Encl: (1) 3d Marines Task Organization and Personnel Troop List  
1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

G. H. RIPLEY  
By direction

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

3/GHR/om  
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1 October 1966  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Lessons Learned, September 1966

Ref: (a) 3d MarDivO 3480.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a) the below listed lessons learned are submitted.

a. ITEM: The enemy often chooses the most difficult route of approach into a position knowing it to be the least well defended.

DISCUSSION: On occasion, two VC probed a position. They were apparently trying to establish a route of approach for an enemy assault. They approached the friendly positions up the south slope which has a 45 degree grade and is thickly matted with brush and vines. That slope had previously been considered a highly improbable avenue of approach and was very lightly defended.

RECOMMENDATION: Do not neglect any possible enemy strategy. Anticipate the enemy's use of difficult routes. No approach is impossible to a determined foe.

b. ITEM: VC can and will operate in close to Marine positions even in daylight.

DISCUSSION: An old cave about two feet deep was known to be located about 700 meters forward of the Battalion perimeter. This cave had been abandoned by the VC when the Marines pushed westward, and had not been checked for several weeks. On inspection, it was found to have been expanded to a depth of about seven feet. The digging implement was a broken soda bottle. The digging had probably been accomplished during daylight because there was evidence that someone had cooked C-rations outside the cave entrance.

RECOMMENDATION: Patrol leaders should be cautioned not to treat close-in daylight patrols as routine. Regardless of how familiar they become with an area, patrols must always remain alert for anything unusual.

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Declassified after 12 years.

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Subj: Lessons Learned, September 1966

c. ITEM: Mined areas in and around where cattle are grazed.DISCUSSION: In and around villages, that raise cattle, Marines have noticed cattle are grazed away from booby trap and mined areas.RECOMMENDATION: That Marines be alert for areas where grass is taller. Movement may be facilitated through areas where cattle (not water buffalo) are present.d. ITEM: Lower Torso body armor (flak diapers) for the point, second and third men in patrol formations.DISCUSSION: It has been noted that most mine and booby trap incidents result in wounds to the first, second and third men in a patrol column.RECOMMENDATION: Where practical, the first three men, in patrol formations, wear lower torso body armor when patrolling areas known to be or suspected to be mined.e. ITEM: Slings for M-14 Rifle and M-60 Machine Gun.DISCUSSION: On long patrols, (six or more hours), Marines carrying the M-14, with full magazine and those armed with the M-60 find it extremely fatiguing to carry their weapons at the ready. The present sling is neither long enough nor configured to permit carrying weapons at the ready. Also, the present sling keepers and hooks are noise makers; they require taping for use in the field.RECOMMENDATIONS: That a rope type sling be developed, which would permit an individual to carry his weapon at the ready while suspended from one shoulder. The sling developed should be free of metal and other noise producing materials.f. ITEM: Cover, waterproofing for AN/PRC 25 radio.DISCUSSION: The present plastic cover presents a "snow man" appearance, at night. Because of this, the waterproof cover is impractical to use on night patrols.RECOMMENDATIONS: That a waterproof cover for the AN/PRC 25 Radio be developed of a green or camouflaged material.g. ITEM: Interpreters (Shortage of Trained Interpreters)DISCUSSION: The lack of Marine personnel trained in Vietnamese of Vietnamese trained in English severely limits combined operations, civil affairs projects, formation of Combined Action Units, and our daily dealings

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Subj: Lessons Learned, September 1966

with the Vietnamese people. The language barrier is the greatest single limitation encountered in this war by this unit and without some assistance from interpreters it is all but impossible to communicate the most basic of ideas to our counterparts.

RECOMMENDATION: That basic Vietnamese language instruction be conducted where practicable at all Marine Corps schools and training centers. Those persons found to have the ability to easily learn the language then be sent to advanced language classes prior to deployment to Vietnam in an all out effort to alleviate this problem.

h. ITEM: Viet Cong Uniforms (Wearing of Black Pajamas)


DISCUSSION: The newly arrived personnel reporting to front line company positions are often surprised to see Vietnamese personnel that are both armed and wearing black pajamas. They are under the impression that this is the acceptable uniform of the Viet Cong forces and not a uniform prescribed or worn by friendly forces. Popular Force personnel and the civilian population, while working in the fields, often wear black pajamas.

RECOMMENDATION: That personnel being sent to Vietnam be made aware of this fact.

i. ITEM: Radio Procedure

DISCUSSION: Inexperienced radio operators frequently have difficulty adjusting to operation in a Company or Battalion CP. This usually occurs when two (2) radio nets and a landline are being manned by the individual.

RECOMMENDATION: That all radio operators from all echelons be trained to receive messages through training with multiple nets and landlines.

  
G. H. RIPLEY  
By direction

HEADQUARTERS  
 3d Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FPM  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

3/GHR/lws  
 3400  
 4 October 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d MarDiv (ATTN: Pay Ops).

Subj: Psychological Operations Report

Ref: (a) CG, 3rd MarDiv 291219Z SEP66

1. In accordance with reference (a), subject report is submitted for the period 031201H OCT to 041200H OCT66.

2. Data to follow for support of Prov BN search and destroy operations of 4 OCT66.

A. Prov BN, 3d Mar

B. HDA LAC area bounded by (AT 8686), (AT 8783) and (AT 8986), (8983).

C. Search and Destroy Operation

D. Pay Op Support:

(1) None

(2) Aircraft Support:

(a) 1- U 10/USAF

Conduct Passes.  
 (b) 90,000; 244 Pay Ops 70-65; Rallier; 10,000; Safe

(c) JUSPAO #9,10 and 11; all Other Hsi/Rallier.

(d) One and One Half (1 1/2)

(e) Same as 2.B.

E. Remarks:

(1) Effectiveness could not be accurately determined.

(2) None

G. H. RIPLEY  
 By direction

HEADQUARTERS  
 3d Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96601

3/AEL/rdp  
 4 Oct 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d MarDiv (ATTN: Psy Ops)  
 Subj: Psychological Warfare leaflet drop and aerial broadcast requests  
 Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv Psy War leaflet catalogue  
 (b) JUSPAO taped broadcast catalog.  
 Encl: (1) U-10 Mission briefing/request form

1. Subject drop to be conducted with 5th Air Commando U-10 assigned to 3d Marines on 12 October 1966.

2. In accordance with reference (a) the following leaflets are requested:

(a)	VU Terrorism	17-65	100,000
(b)	Report VU Activity	19-65	100,000
(c)	VU Run Away from Wounded Children	32-65	100,000
(d)	Safe Conduct Pass	92-66	100,000

3. In accordance with reference (b) the following JUSPAO tapes are requested for broadcasts simultaneously with the leaflet drops.

(a)	Chieu Hoi	#6
(b)	Chieu Hoi	#9
(c)	Chieu Hoi	#10
(d)	Chieu Hoi	#11

4. Areas for coverage are the Song Tay Lam valley area bounded by (AT 840715), (AT 900715), (AT 900700) and (AT 840700); and Do Ban area from (AT 945700), (AT 970700), south along Song Tan to (AT 962600) and (AT 943660).

G. H. RIPLEY  
 By direction



HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marines  
3D Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (ATTN G-3)  
Subj: Popular Forces - Marine Corps Combined Action Company (CAC); weekly reports of  
Ref: (a) Div OpO 358-65  
(b) CG 3d MarDiv 260038Z Aug66  
(c) CO 3d Mar 270655Z Aug66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the period 30 September - 6 October 1966.

a. Operations

- (1) CAC Plt 11 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (2) CAC Plt 12 Provided night time security for HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (3) CAC Plt 13 Stand down for one week due to PF's security assignment at HOA VANG District Headquarters.
- (4) CAC Plt 14 Conducted day and night Security Patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (5) CAC Plt 15 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (6) CAC Plt 21 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector. Participated in combined search and clear opn with U. S. and Regional Forces in vic GS (AT 9362), (AT 9562), (AT 9462).
- (7) CAC Plt 22 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.
- (8) CAC Plt 31 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector. One cave was found and blown, and a booby trapped M-26 grenade was disarmed.

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(9) CAC Plt 32 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector, and established a new vehicle check point on route 14.

(10) CAC Plt 33 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector. The unit provided a blocking force for a company size operation on 29 September.

(11) CAC Plt 34 Conducted day and night security patrols and ambushes within assigned sector.

b. Other

(1) CAC Plt 14 Completed two new positions and installed additional defensive wire within CAC Plt area.

(2) CAC Plt 15 held sick call for villages daily, built a new bunker and painted one bldg.

(3) CAC Plt 31 Head and Galley constructed in CAC Plt 31 compound. Collected "C" ration carton sleeves for insulation of huts in AN TAN Refugee Hamlet.

(4) CAC Plt 32 Continued work on compound bunkers.

(5) CAC Plt 33 Platoon assisted in putting out a fire in village on 2 Oct66.

(6) CAC Plt 34. Members assisted in construction of village school. In addition to school plt mbrs built swings and helped paint new bldgs at orphanage.

c. Training

(1) Prov Bn

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(a)	Care and Cleaning of Wpns.....	6
(b)	Map Reading.....	3
(c)	English.....	7
(d)	Defensive Positions.....	5

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(e) Scouting and Patrolling.....	6
(f) Radio Procedure.....	1
(g) Med Evac Procedure.....	1
(h) Organization.....	7

(2) 2d Bn

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(a) Patrol and Ambush Tech.....	25
(b) Communication.....	4
(c) Wpns Classes.....	2
(d) Map and Compass.....	1
(e) First Aid.....	1
(f) Hygiene.....	2
(g) Military Inspection and appearance.....	2
(h) Language.....	6

(3) 2d Bn, 26th Marines

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(a) Fields of fire.....	2
(b) M-14 Rifle.....	1
(c) Sanitation and Hygiene.....	2
(d) Patrols and Ambushes.....	26

d. Problems Encountered

(1) Continued shortage of interpreters hamper closer coordination and training.

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(2) CAC Plt 14. PFs were ordered on an operation by HOA VANG District without notification to the CAC Cmdr. This operation necessitates the cancellation of patrol activity due to shortage of personnel.

(3) The DAI LOC District chief has been rotating PF's in CAC's reducing the amount of training that can be given to individual PF's.

e. Evaluation of Progress

(1) Status of CACs

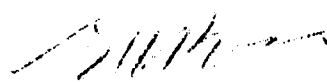
- (a) Total number of CACs.....3
- (b) Total number of CAC Plts.....11

(2) Future Plans, CAC Plts pending activation

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT RESPONSIBLE</u>
CAC 16	(AT 922852)	Prov Bn
CAC 23	Under Study	2/3
CAC 35	(AT 953692)	2/26

(3) CAC Performance continues to improve with increased training, physical improvement and wider employment.

(4) The three combined action companies of the regiment have not been redesignated in accordance with reference (b) pending receipt of response to reference (c).



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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Lessons Learned, October 1966

Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv 271438Z Apr66

1. In accordance with reference (a) the below listed lessons learned are submitted.

- a. Item: Movement of troops along a narrow ridge line through heavy growth against mutually supporting fortified positions.

Discussion: On Operation Prairie (22Sep66 - 7Oct66), the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines moved along a ridgeline which was dotted with many enemy emplacements. The nature of the terrain was such that it presented a frontage of from three to thirty meters in which to work. Such a narrow frontage limited the unit commanders in their ability to mass or maneuver their troops, and the steeply sloping ground to either flank prohibited effective movement along the flanks. To further hinder advancement, the enemy used the heavy foliage to his advantage in concealing both his fortifications and his individual troops who, incidentally, were wholly indistinguishable from that foliage in which they lay.

Recommendation: The answer to this particular situation seemed to come from two sources; use of supporting arms and an innovation in the arrangement of the various elements in the unit. First, air and artillery were used extensively to eliminate as much of the growth as possible and to expose and destroy the enemy. Second, the order of march was revamped slightly to provide for maximum fire power and control at the head of the column. The point element was composed of sixteen individuals as follows:

(1) A scout, armed only with a shotgun and smoke, this individual depends upon his stealth to discover the enemy. When contact is made he throws his smoke and rejoins the remainder of the point. This provides for immediate marking of the forward friendly elements to facilitate air strikes.

(2) An automatic rifleman to cover the scout.

(3) A machinegun team.

(4) Either the lead squad leader or lead platoon commander depending on the individual and his capabilities.

(5) A radioman.

(6) The company commander or the company executive officer.

(7) A forward Air Controller Team.

(8) An artillery Forward Observer Team.

(9) Another machinegun team.

This point element is followed by the rest of the advance party (a reinforced platoon minus the element in the point). Movement with flank security out is nearly impossible so each member of the column should be alert to one side or the other; and, each unit must have a plan for deployment when hit even if it is as simple as each man hitting the deck and alternately facing right and left. When contact is made the unit retreats, having already marked their forward limit with smoke, to a minimum safety distance. During this retraction the area to the front should be sprayed with machinegun fire to prevent the enemy from creeping forward to stay within our own safety limits. At the conclusion of the air and artillery bombardments, the column moves again, spraying the area ahead with machinegun fire as the unit moves forward.

b. Item: Seating of 81mm Mortar baseplate during the monsoon season in the Republic of Vietnam.

**Discussion:** Although it is outlined in TM9 - 3064 never to emplace the weapon on soft ground, there are few times during the monsoon season that there is any other type of ground in which to operate. Recognizing this adverse condition it is mandatory that an immediate evaluation and remedy be initiated. It has been experienced that a foundation of rock, topped with a metal pallet, reinforced with sandbags is substantial, however, care must be exercised to insure the rock base is equally distributed to preclude off-center stress which could result in damage to the baseplate.

**Recommendation:** To institute positive methods and if necessary field expedients to cope with unfavorable ground conditions in seating mortar baseplates.

c. Item: Construction of single "pot" heads.

**Discussion:** Heavy rains in the monsoon season have flooded many of the standard four hole type heads that are dug into the ground. The Seabee pot type head has proved to be very satisfactory in rainy weather. However, a shortage of building material has prevented construction of a sufficient number of these heads.

**Recommendation:** That a one hole box cover be constructed from a half 55 gallon drum for use as a head. The box cover can be constructed from an ammunition box and can be easily removed from the drum while the waste material is being burned. This one hole head accommodates twenty men. (See attached diagram).

**d. Item: Leaking Tents**

**Discussion:** Many of the tents in use in RVN leak due to the heavy wind driven rains. Small leaks and leaking seams can be sealed by applying a standard sealing compound that can be applied by gun, spatula, or by hand.

**Recommendation:** That all commands be made aware of sealing compound ASN TM 8030 - 598 - 3059, and that instructions be issued for its use.

**e. Item: Care of tents and canvas.**

**Discussion:** Tents and other canvas covers have been damaged and becoming unservicable due to a lack of knowledge pertaining to the care of such items. Proper care of tents is important to the morale of personnel living in the tents, as well as from an economic viewpoint.

**Recommendation:** That living under canvas pointers be published to units in RVN and that an hour of instruction on the care of tents and canvas be included in the instruction given to personnel at Staging Battalion, Camp Pendleton.

**f. Item: Resupply of areas accessible only by helicopter.**

**Discussion:** Many positions that can be resupplied only by helicopter are difficult or impossible to resupply during monsoon weather conditions. Essential items must be stockpiled during periods of good weather to ensure continuous supply.

**Recommendation:** That essential classes of supply be stockpiled during good weather on positions that can be resupplied only by helicopter.

**g. Item: Wire laying by helicopter.**

**Discussion:** A requirement existed to lay wire lines over precarious and inaccessible terrain. The decision was made to lay it by helicopter. The operation was unduly delayed due to the lack of experience and of knowledge in the techniques of laying wire in such a manner. A hasty review of the manuals restored the necessary confidence to both the air crew and the wire laying team.

**Recommendation:** That helicopter pilots be briefed frequently on this technique and that wire teams be instructed on the method employed. A certain degree of danger exists in employing this technique thereby

familiarity of the technique must be ensured both by the helicopter crew and the wire crew.

**h. Item: Compensator box assembly for FM 27B/TRC 27**

**Discussion:** During the recent monsoon weather compensator box assemblies frequently burned-out due to the accumulation of moisture inside them. This temporarily disables the power source for AN/TRC 27 radio relay shots.

**Recommendation:** That subject assemblies be properly moisture-proofed as factory specifications are not adequate to sustain tropical monsoons.

**i. Item: NCO Leadership training**

**Discussion:** Because of the present 13 month tour and rapid promotions many small unit leaders find themselves in positions of responsibility for which they have received no specialized training. The only training in tactics that many fire team leaders and squad leaders have had was the instruction they received at ITR. Effective military instruction must be conducted when the situation permits to ensure that small unit leaders are qualified to perform their duties. Properly prepared lectures, demonstrations and periods of application must be conducted to ensure that small unit leaders are well trained. Units must not slight formal military training in a combat environment.

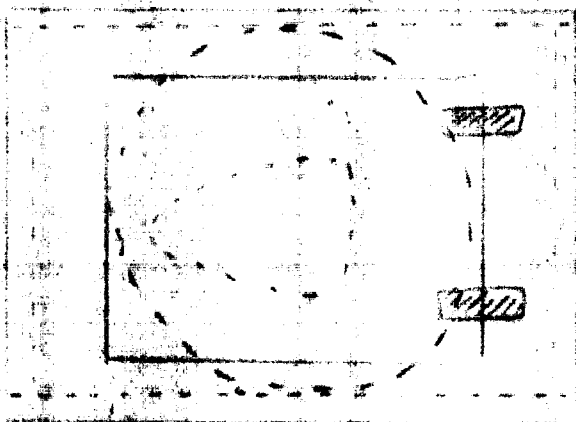
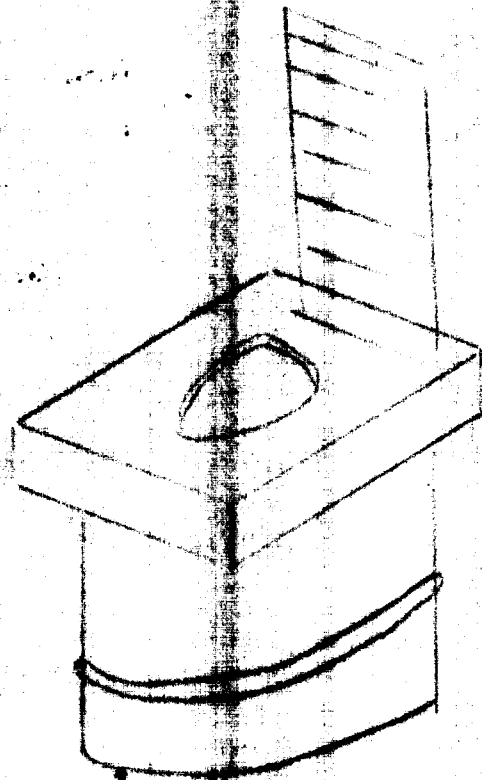
**Recommendation:** That the training of small units leaders be continuous and that formal military instruction be conducted whenever the situation permits.

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3d Marine Division Weekly Psy Ops Report

Date: 2 October 1966

Organization: 3d Marine Regiment

Period Covered: 25 Sept. to 2 Oct 1966

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET AUDIENCE	MEDIA	THEME
29 Sept	3d Marines CP	Village Children	Movies 70 Min.	Mid Autumn Festival - Marines as Friends
30 Sept	FUY LOAN DIST R1 (AF 9969)	Local People	Movies 70 Min	Marines as Friends

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