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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1.	Ninth Marines 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein)	1-31Jan68	Col R. B. SMITH

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company	1-31Jan68	1stLt E. W. HENDERSON
1stBn, 4th Marines	1-31Jan68	LtCol E. A. DEPTULA
BLT, 2dBn, 4th Marines	27-31Jan68	LtCol W. WEISE
3dBn, 4th Marines	1-24Jan68	LtCol L. R. BENDELL
3dBn, 3d Marines	1-21Jan68	LtCol R. C. NEEDHAM
	22-31Jan68	LtCol J. W. MARSH
2dBn, 9th Marines	1-31Jan68	LtCol W. M. CRYAN
2dBn, 1st Marines	1-8Jan68	LtCol E. L. PARKER, Jr.
	9-31Jan68	LtCol B. R. DUNCAN

2. 1-31 January 1968: Dong Ha, RVN

3. Executive Officer	1-12Jan68	LtCol W. F. GATELY, Jr.
	13-21Jan68	Major C. TYE Acting
	22-31Jan68	LtCol R. C. NEEDHAM
S-1	1-31Jan68	1stLt D. J. MOSSEY
S-2	1-31Jan68	Major P. J. KIESELBACH
S-3	1-31Jan68	LtCol J. C. STUDT

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S-4	1-31Jan68	Maj C. TYE
S-5	1-31Jan68	Capt G. L. BARLOW
Chaplain	1-31Jan68	Cmdr J. V. BORECZKY

4.

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
23	206	1	3	0	0

PART II

S-1 CHRONOLOGY

1. Personnel

a. Casualties. Headquarters Company sustained the following casualties during the month of January 1968.

	USMC	
	OFF	ENL
Battle (KIA)	0	0
Battle (WIA)	0	2
Non-Battle	0	2

b. Rotation during January

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
1	31	0	0

c. Replacements received during January 1968

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
1	40	0	2

2. Informational Services. Hometown news releases were filled out and submitted on personnel receiving the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Purple Hearts, also on those who were promoted. Headquarters Company had one Corporal meritoriously promoted to Sergeant and one Lance Corporal moritoriously promoted to Corporal.

3. Special Services. Personnel of Headquarters, 9th Marines received the following: 100 writing kits; 2 game kits; 100 pocket books; 1 Gym set; 1 TV set; 1 Badminton set; 8 Badminton rackets with presses; 4 Boxing gloves; 1 Striking Bag; 10 Footballs.

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4. Discipline.

a. No unusual problems.

b. Courts-Martial

	Completed	Pending
GCM	0	0
SPCM	1	0
SCM	0	0

c. Regimental Commander's Office Hours-0

d. Company Commander's Office Hours-7

5. Morale, P.X., Postal Affairs and R&R

a. Morale. Morale within Headquarters, 9th Marines remains excellent.

b. Post Exchange Facilities. P.X. facilities are excellent.

c. Postal affairs. Postal services are good.

d. R&R. Headquarters, 9th Marines was allocated the following quotas for R&R during the month of January 1968, 5 of which were not filled.

Okinawa	- 1	Penang	- 1
Bangkok	- 4	Tokyo	- 2
Hong Kong	- 3	Hawaii	- 4
Taipei	- 3	Sydney	- 2
Manila	- 1		
Singapore	- 1		

Returnee's from R&R reported no problems and expressed satisfaction with the program.

6. Administration. This command is presently short 3 0141's. No other critical shortages exist.

7. Chaplain.

Protestant Services	Catholic Masses
18 Sunday	16 Sunday
10 Weekday	68 Weekday

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S-2 CHRONOLOGY

1. AREA OF OPERATIONS

a. Location. The 9th Marines AO is situated on the east coast of South Vietnam in northeast QUANG TRI Province. The northern border of the AO is the southern boundary of the DMZ from the east at Rt #1 (YD 207758) to the west along the southern boundary of the DMZ to (YD 085687). The western boundary follows the stream from (YD 085687) to (YD 080660); then the western boundary follows a straight line down the 08 grid line to the stream at (YD 080614), following the stream to (YD 100604), then proceeding in a straight line to (YD 100588). The southern boundary then proceeds to the river at (YD 135545) following the river (SONG VINH PHUOC) to the railroad tracks at (YD 274577). The eastern boundary follows the railroad tracks from this point to Rt #1 at which time it runs north along the railroad bend then along Rt #9 to the SONG HIEU GIANG and follows the river to (YD 170606). The eastern boundary then proceeds straight up the 17 grid line to (YD 170700) and follows a straight line to GIO LINH at (YD 213732) and goes down Rt #1 to (YD 215726). The eastern boundary then follows a pattern of a semi-circle by connecting Rt #1 with the following coordinates: (YD 220725), (YD 230730), (YD 230741) and (YD 220748). It finally proceeds up Rt #1 to the southern boundary of the DMZ.

b. Description of the Area.

(1) The AO encompasses an area of approximately 150 square miles. There are two distinct topographic regions represented:

(a) Coastal lowland. The coastal lowland consists primarily of poorly drained flat areas of rice cultivation. Rice cultivation extends inland for approximately 20km but may extend further along river valleys. A continuous strip, approximately 4 KM wide along the coast consists of well drained sand dunes and sand beaches. Elevations in this area rarely exceed 5 meters. Large areas of open grassland and sand dunes occur on the gently rolling plains between the beach and paddy land and National Route #1. The elevation of these rolling plains is less than 5 meters. Large areas of open grassland and sand dunes occur on the gently rolling plains between the beach and paddy land and National Route #1. The elevation of these rolling plains is less than 5 meters.

(b) Piedmont Region. Further inland west of Route #1, the flat coastal plains grade into rolling plains and hills. The elevation ranges from 10 meters to generally less than 200 meters; the ground slopes range from 10 to 30 percent, but may be as high as 50 percent. The topography is coarse textured. The streams are generally 3 to 4km apart so that in the rolling plains and hills, the topography affords large areas for dispersion. The hills become increasingly rugged toward the west and the BO DIEN River constitutes the only natural pass, and is generally followed by Highway #9.

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c. Population. The AO includes a population of approximately 75,000 people concentrated around the major population centers of C M LO, DONG HA and GIO LINH. Statistical data reflecting the ethnic and religious make-up of the population is limited, but available sources indicate that Ethnic Vietnamese make up approximately 90% of the population, 9% are Montagnards and 1% a mixture of Cambodians, Chinese and others. Roughly 85% of the population is Buddhist, 15% Catholic and a smaller number of the CAO DAI and CONFUCIUS sects. Approximately 75% of the population are subsistence farmers, 20% are employed in some type of family industry, 5% work for the government of Vietnam.

d. Waterways and LOC's. The AO has numerous waterways. Most of the large rivers, used as LOC's and supply routes, flow into the CUA VIET River, which empties into the Gulf of TONKIN. The waterways have great tactical significance, emphasized by the fact that they reach into all sections of the AO. National Route #9 runs from DONG HA west to the LAOTIAN Border, is used as a main east-west LOC for the AO. Route #561 generally running NS along grid line 13 connects CON THIEN with route #9.

e. Weather. The weather throughout the month of January was characterized with mostly sunny weather and a few brief periods of light rainfall. This change in weather is a result of a Winter-Spring Transition. During the first part of the month, the eastern coast was under the influence of the north easterly monsoonal flow but when the Winter-Spring transition arrived, sunny weather was predominate throughout the rest of the month. The average high temperature for the month was 74° while the low was 64°. Relative humidity averaged 84% and a total of 1.36 inches of rainfall was recorded for the month.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Operation KENTUCKY

(1) Operation KENTUCKY continued throughout the month of January. Five significant contacts highlighted the month and small unit contacts were continuous. The following is a summary of significant events in 9th Marines AO from 31 December - 31 January 1968.

From 311152H - 311512H Dec 67, 3/4 patrol at (YD 151741) spotted and engaged 4 to 5 NVA at (YD 153743), called mortar mission, as increasing numbers of NVA appeared to front and right flank of position. I 3/4 returned fire with S/A, M-79 and 60mm mortars. AO adjusted mortar mission on enemy mortar position in bomb crater. Friendly S/A, A/W fire caught enemy in open as they were firing at AO and gunships. AO called in artillery and contact was broken. Results of action were 27 NVA KIA (Conf), 1 AK-47 captured along with documents and other gear.

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From 071416H - 072325H, 3/4 elements engaged an estimated NVA Company at (YD 107742). NVA utilized many snipers and took patrol under fire with s/A and A/W fire. Enemy had freshly dug sniper holes and holes inside deep bomb craters across unit's front. Patrol returned fire and called in artillery mission accounting for 2 secondary explosions and 28 NVA KIA (CONF).

From 180730H - 181730H: "M" Co (-) 3/4 moved into right and left flank blocking positions at 0730H. "L" Co spotted 5 NVA at (YD 148 726) at 0845H moving across front. "L" Co found and destroyed 1 155mm dud at (YD 145722) and a chicom grenade in the same vicinity. "L" Co made contact with an estimated reinforced NVA platoon at (YD 143726). At 0945H, "L" Co deployed all units on lines to gain fire superiority as enemy fire increased intensity, a right blocking unit was directed to move on "L" company's right flank. "M" Co was ordered to move to a right blocking position from perineter disposing all of "M" and "L" company north of the trace. Around 1015H, approximately 67 rounds of estimated 100mm artillery were received on "M" company's west blocking position and battalion CP. An AO working with "L" company received .50 caliber fire from right flank. "L" and "M" company started delivering accurate fire on NVA across north and northeast front. As "L" and "M" company were taking 60mm mortar fire and RPG fire, they over-ran at least 3 mortar position and several MG's and fighting holes. Contact increased to at least a reinforced company with enemy mortar, RPG's, and many automatic weapons. "L" and "M" company received about 60 - 75 60mm mortar rounds during entire engagement and about 5 - 10 RPG rounds. They destroyed a 60mm mortar tube, but did not attempt to recover weapons or equipment due to requirement for evacuation of friendly casualties, exposure to continued fire, and northern deployment of units. It is believed that a combination of ground action plus air and artillery support severly hurt enemy. Results of action were 162 NVA KIA (CONF). Totals for Operation KENTUCKY as of 31 January were 735 NVA KIA (CONF), 60 individual weapons and 16 crew served weapons. Total detainees were 61 consisting of 3 NVA PW, 2 NV PW, 1 NVA returnee, 1 VC returnee, 1 civil defendant and 53 innocent civilians.

3. VC/NVA TACTICS. VC/NVA tactics remained generally the same as they continued their constant reconnaissance of 9th Marines AO. Interdiction along main LOC's was prevalent with more intensity then in previous months. Enemy probes were numerous around Con Thien as many breaks in their perimeter wire were reported. Other Marine outposts in 9th Marines AO observed extensive enemy activity outside their perimeter. The enemy continued their use of mortars/artillery/rockets with a slight increase but nothing paramount

4. NVA/VC OOB.

a. 324B Division

Strength: 9,600
Weapons: Unknown
Commander: Gen TRAN DO
Location: DMZ

b. 803d Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 1,725
Weapons: 82mm morts, 75mmRR, 60mm morts, 12.7mm AAMG, MGs
Commander: Maj VO THIET
Location: DMZ

c. 812th Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 1,940
Weapons: 82mm morts, 75mmRR, 60mm morts, 57mmRR, 12.7mm AAMG, MG's
Commander: Lt Col NGUYEN MINH HE
Location: DMZ

d. 90th Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 2,040
Weapons: 82mm morts, 75mmRR, 60mm morts, 57mmRR, 12.7mm AAMG, MG's
Commander: THIEP
Location: DMZ

e. 101st Regiment, 325C Division

Strength: 1,590
Weapons: Unknown
Commander: Unknown
Location: DMZ

f. 27th Independent Battalion

Strength: 290
Weapons: B-40's, 60mm morts, 120mm morts, MG, AK's
Commander: Sr Capt HOA
Location: CAM LO District

g. CAM LO Company, LF

Strength: 60
Weapons: Unknown
Commander: NGHIA
Location: YD 1058

h. K-400 Company, LF

Strength: 75
Weapons: 3-60mm morts, 2 B-40's, 6 BAR'S
Commander: 1st Lt DAM
Location: GIO LINH District

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY

1. General. The 9th Marine Regiment continued its assigned mission of responsibility in its AO for the construction of the Anti-Infiltration barrier and the the security of the LOC's. Operation KENTUCKY continued throughout the month.

2. Operation KENTUCKY. Activity during the month was limited to security patrols, spoiling attacks, reconnaissance and surveillance patrols, and interdiction of infiltration routes and harboring sites leading to or within the 9th Marines' AO. Additional alert and defense forces were provided by units of the 9th Marines for convoy security, Sparrow Hawk and similar operations.

   a. Units OPCON to the Regiment during the reporting period were as listed on page 1-1, Organizational Data.

   b. During the month of January there were five significant engagements as follows:

      (1) On 1 January, 2/1 received incoming grenades, A/W fire, and mortars from what appeared to be 3 squads. Engaged enemy with supporting arms.

      (2) On 7 January, L/3/4 made contact with an unknown number of enemy, which utilized S/A, MG's, chicom grenades, and claymores from dug-in positions.

      (3) On 18 January, L/3/4 engaged an estimated enemy reinforced company, firing A/W, mortars and supported by artillery.

      (4) On 25 January, 3 USMC vehicles were ambushed by what appeared to be an enemy squad with RPG's and S/A.

      (5) On 26 January, a D/1/4 ambush spotted and fired on a small force of NVA which was apparently the point elements of an enemy company. The enemy fired 60mm mortars on the ambush position.

3. Operations conducted by 9th Marines were devoted to the construction and improvements of the anti-infiltration barrier. The mission of the Regiment resulted in the employment of all available supporting arms including saturation bombings by B-52's, Naval Gunfire, varied calibers of artillery, and

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a wide assortment of ground combat weapons, equipment and surveillance devices.

a. The results of Operation KENTUCKY during the month of January were:

(1)	USMC KIA	33
(2)	USMC WIA (Medevac)	149
(3)	USMC WIA (Minor)	57
(4)	Enemy Casualties- See S-2 Chronology	

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FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Artillery

a. General. The 2d Bn, 12th Marines (Rein) provided direct support artillery fires to the 9th Marines throughout the month of January. The following batteries provided the aforementioned support under the operational control of 2d Bn, 12th Mar during the indicated periods: D/2/12 (1-31Jan); E/2/12 (1-31Jan); F/2/12 (1-31Jan); Mortar btry 2/12 (1-31Jan); B/1/13 (15-21Jan); H/3/12 (27-31Jan); Mortar btry 3/12, 27-31Jan. 2d Bn, 12th Mar assumed OpCon of the two SLF batteries (H/3/12 and Mortar btry 3/12) from CG, 3d Mar Div on 27 Jan. The Mortar battery was airlifted to the A-3 position and H/3/12 occupied a position in DONG HA. Although M/4/12 was chopped from OpCon 2/12 to OpCon 4/12 on 21 Jan, it remained in a reinforcing role with L/4/12, and often provided fires in support of 9th Marines. B/1/13 displaced to KHE SANH and chopped OpCon from 9th Marines 21 Jan 68.

b. Significant Events. Infantry Battalions OpCon to the 9th Marines conducted daily company and platoon sized patrol and sweep operations, and were always supported by artillery preparation and/or on call fires. In addition, an active mortar suppression plan was executed daily in the A-4 position AO. Artillery support included an active H&I program, counter battery fires, daily preplanned fires, and fires on targets of opportunity.

c. Types of Missions Fired

Observed	2188
Unobserved	1665
H&I	2803

d. Number of Rounds Fired

105mm	54,420
107mm	15,892
155mm	10,085
Total	80,397

e. Significant Surveillances

76 KIA (Confirmed)
68 WIA
63 Secondary explosions
14 bunkers destroyed

2. Naval Gunfire. Although Naval Gunfire was not available to 9th Marines on a direct support basis, it was occasionally integrated into fire plans and was often very helpful in supporting the H&I program.

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AIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY

1. Helicopter Support

a. During the month of January, 3d Bn, 4th Marines was helo-lifted from the PHU OC Area, vic YD 148691, to Camp CARROLL, utilizing one (1) CH-53 and nine (9) CH-46 helicopters. Second Bn, 4th Marines was lifted from the SLF to the C-2 area where they debarked and proceeded on foot to the PHU OC area. "W" Battery was helo-lifted into the A-3 position. After two (2) days in position, 3 companies of 2/4 and "F" Battery were again helo-lifted to Camp CARROLL.

b. Total resupply for January was 2,494,200 pounds.

c. Medevac missions evacuated 132 personnel.

2. Fixed Wing Support

a. Fixed Wing Aircraft were utilized in close air support, deep air support, TPQ-10, aerial reconnaissance, photography, ECM, flare drop, TAC (A), artillery spotting, and helicopter support operations.

b. Another month of unusually fair weather enabled Fixed Wing to conduct 222 close air support sorties.

c. There were 442 TPQ-10 missions flown in support or the 9th Marine Regiment, delivering 2,544,750 pounds of ordnance.

d. Tactical Air Observers flew 181 sorties compiling 365.8 hours in direct support.

e. There were 10 targets hit under the ARC LIGHT program.

3. Personnel and Equipment

a. All OPCON battalions have one (1) ALO and one (1) FAC assigned.

b. ALO/FAC's controlled 46 airstrikes within their assigned areas of operation. The majority of them being controlled in the A-4 (CON THIEN) area.

c. There still hasn't been any relief from the shortage of BB451 power packs, AN/PRC-41 radios, or MRC-87 jeeps, available to the battalions.

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4. Bomb Damage Assessment

a. KBA (c) - 128; KBA (p) - 37

b. Bunkers destroyed - 116; Damaged - 17

c. Military structures destroyed - 4

d. Automatic weapons/mortar positions destroyed - 5

e. Fighting holes destroyed - 25; Trench-line destroyed - 635 meters

f. Secondary explosions - 13

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S-4 CHRONOLOGY

1. Supply and Distribution

a. Force Logistic Support Group Bravo was the primary source of supply and maintenance support for Headquarters Company, Ninth Marines and infantry battalions serving under the operational control of Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines.

b. Supply point distribution was in effect.

2. Transportation

a. Highway transportation utilized Route 1 between Quang Tri and Gio Linh, Route 9 between Dong Ha and Cam Lo, and Route 561 between Cam Lo and Con Thien during the period. Major traffic flow was conducted between unit rear areas at Dong Ha and tactical positions along Route 561. Organic vehicles supported unit needs within the capability of the vehicles. Vehicles for tactical and nontactical troop movements, resupply and "household" committments were provided by Ninth Motor Transport Battalion.

b. Air transportation was restricted to helicopter support provided by MAG-36 and MAG-16. Helicopters from MAG-36 were utilized for resupply, medical evacuation, and troop lifts under both emergency and routine conditions. CH 53 aircraft from MAG-16 were used for routine resupply missions coordinated through the Dong Ha ISA. Resupply of stationary positions was restricted to SSPB A-3. Total transportation support for all units maneuvering in the Ninth Marines AO was provided by helicopter.

3. Engineer Support. Company "C", Third Engineer Battalion provided direct combat support during the period. This support has been marginal due to the low personnel strength of the unit. Eleventh Engineer Battalion provided direct combat and combat service support for Project 972, "DYEMARKER", activities during the period. General maintenance support for Ninth Marine elements located at Dong Ha Combat Base was coordinated through the Base Facilities Coordinator.

4. Medical. Casualties requiring treatment beyond the organic BAS level were evacuated to Company "D", Third Medical Battalion for treatment and, when required, further evacuation.

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MEDICAL CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events:

a. Headquarters Company, Ninth Marine Regiment is geographically located at Dong Ha, Republic of Viet Nam. The Regimental Aid Station is located within the company area. The treatment and disposition all Regimental personnel is being made by this facility. A dental unit is available at Sub Unit #2, 3rd Marine Division (RVIN), for use by all personnel in this area. Patient referrals are being seen by Dr. Andrews at Company D, 3rd Medical Battalion.

2. New Developements:

a. HMC Harold H. JOHNSON transferred to 3rd Medical Battalion, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam on 18 January.
b. HM3 Kevin C. LOWE transferred to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment on 25 January.
c. HMC Richard L. FRYER reported to Headquarters Company, Ninth Marine Regiment on 22 January.
d. HM3 Dennis M. MUDD reported to Headquarters Company, Ninth Marine Regiment on 25 January.

3. Problem Areas:

a. None.

4. Patient Statistical Data:

a. Breakdown of patient data: Number of patients seen-150 Referrals: 37 Admissions: 7 Dental: 5
b. The majority if treatment was for common colds, sore throat, and minor infections.
c. Emergency treatment was administered for lacerations.

5. Innoculations and Prophylactic Medicines Administered:

a. During the month of January, 340 immunizations and innoculations were given.
b. A total of 900 Chloroquine-Primaquine Phosphate tablets were administered as prophylactic against malaria.

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S-5 CHRONOLOGY

1. Civil Affairs.

a. During the month of January, food stuffs and commodities were issued by S-5, 9th Marines and OPCON units to hamlets and villages in the 9th Marine's Civil Affairs Area of Operations.

b. During the month of January, S-5 was custodian/coordinator of a Piaster Fund. This fund was used for the hiring of local refugees for filling sandbags for the Rye-Marker Project. A total of 242,430 piasters have been paid for the filling of 242,430 sandbags.

c. The following distribution was made by S-5, 9th Marines in relationship to Tet:

UNIT	PIASTERS	TOYS
CAM LO District Headquarters	0	1,200
2nd Battalion, 9th Marines	5,000	300
FLSG-B	1,250	300
1st Amtrac Battalion	5,500	500
9th Motor Trans. Battalion	2,500	1,000
MCB #5	2,000	500
3d Shore Party Battalion	1,375	200
2nd ARVN Regiment	0	500
Headquarters Co. 9th Marines	375	0

The total piasters and toys distributed was 18,000 piasters and 4,500 toys, all of which were given to Vietnamese children at parties held by the units mentioned herein according to Vietnamese Tet customs.

d. MedCaps were conducted throughout the month by CAC-P, 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 9th Motor Transport Battalion, 7th Communications Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines and MCB #5.

e. The following data is relative to the Regiment's Civil Affairs Program for the month of January 1968:

ITEM	AMOUNT
MedCap totals	3,197 persons treated
Food distributed	5,000 pounds
Tin sheeting distributed	75 sheets
Roofing nails distributed	1 case
Cement distributed	150 bags

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2. Psychological Warfare.

a. On the 1st of January 1968 the 9th Marine Regiment was utilizing eight Kit Carson Scouts. Three new Scouts were transferred to 9th Marines from Camp J. J. CARROLL and one Scout was released from the hospital, which brings the total number of Scouts in the Regiment to twelve. All Kit Carson Scouts are employed by OPCON units in the field and, with the exception of one Scout, reports indicate their work is outstanding.

b. HB Teams #5 and #7, working in support of the 9th Marine Regiment, completed a total of 146½ hours of ground broadcasting.

c. Leaflets dropped in support of 9th Marine Regiment totaled 9,600,000.

d. Aerial broadcasting for the month of January totaled 8 hours 55 minutes.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. Comm/Elect support for Operation KENTUCKY continued through January. Repairmen continued to provide technical assistance and equipment repair for Project 972.

2. Communications Center. Normal operations continued during December. Two communication center personnel augmented the Division Communication center. Outgoing messages were prepared on spirit process duplicating mats and distribution effected to battalion rears in the area. 1503 messages were processed during the month.

3. Wire. Underground installation of cable between C-3 and C-2 was completed. The cable used, #20 two pair annealed copper, covered steel, plastic underground gopher protected service wire (spec. GUA-204-TSCW), is not suitable for voice communication due to induction between the pair. The project was held in abeyance pending analysis of the installed cable. An attempt was made to install wire between C-3 position and Cam Lo District Headquarters. The wire was cut and removed in numerous places the first day.

4. Radio.

a. Normal operations continued during the month. Regimental TAC #3 net was placed in a standby status.

b. Antenna locations were changed during January due to interference from Recon Bn. Antennas installed in close proximity.

5. Radio Relay. Facilities for the Dong Ha terminal of A-4 were continued with Division Radio relay platoon in order to utilize a common 400 CPS power source.

6. Personnel and Equipment.

a. Personnel shortage continued to be critical for MOS 2861 (ML-2, CH-0) and 2831 (ML-10, CH-4).

b. Assets of 400 CPS power continued to be a problem. Partial allowance of three PU-549 generators were obtained during the month.

c. Selected REDBALL items were repaired by FLSG-BRAVO. The problem of REDBALL equipment at maintenance facilities external to Dong Ha remains a problem. All combat essential radio relay equipment was placed in a REDBALL status.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Jan 68- At 2130H, 2/1 received incoming grenades, A/W fire, and (4) 60mm mortar rounds from an enemy force estimated to be (1) 60mm mortar sqd, 1 mg sqd, and 1 rifle sqd. resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA. Illumination was called for and returned fire w/s/a, 81mm mortars, and artillery. The enemy broke contact and fled while artillery fired on suspected withdrawal route. (Sit Rep 247)

5 Jan 68 At 0945H, 2/1 received 37 rounds of mortar fire in 3 to 5 round groups. After ceasing fire for several minutes the next group would be fired again. The caliber of 5 of the rounds was estimated to be 120mm mortars; the remainder was estimated to be 82mm mortars. Fired artillery, 81mm mortars, and conducted air strikes on suspect positions. Sustained 1 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIA including the commanding officer of the battalion. (Sit Rep 260)

7 Jan 68 At 1100H, a plt patrol from L/3/4, while returning to IP, dropped off (2) 6-man teams to ambush snipers that had been firing at the 3/4 perimeter. A sniper fired and struck a 3/4 Marine. The ambush parties linked up to flush out the sniper. An exchange of fire took place between the patrol and the enemy which resulted in 5 NVA KIA. As fire increased, an additional plt was committed to aid the contact. Link-up took place at 1515H. The enemy was apparently building up forces as s/a fire increased intensity. The NVA were observed in freshly dug spider-holes and deep bomb craters across the units' front. The remainder of Company L linked up to insure an adequate sized force. At 1630H all elements were at the point of breaking contact. Two plts from K/3/4 were sent to establish a covering position. While attempting to break contact L Company received casualties from s/a and chicom claymores. Artillery and air strikes saturated the contact area until extraction was accomplished. Resulting casualties were 6 USMC KIA, 29 USMC WIA, and 28 NVA KIA. (Sit Rep 270)

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11 Jan 68 At 0845H, while on a sweep, K/3/4 made contact with snipers and numerous surprise firing devices. The enemy was engaged with s/a and M-79's resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1010H another contact was made with 8 to 10 dug-in NVA. Small arms, M-79's, and artillery were fired and the enemy broke contact. The contact resulted in capturing 2- AK-47's and one Chicom claymore, and 4 NVA KIA. Two Marines were wounded. At 1105H, NVA living bunkers with signs of a hasty exit were discovered. One RPG, 1 carbine, 1 MG, and 1 sniper rifle were captured. (Sit Rep 284)

15 Jan 68 The Dyemarker bunker construction requirements were completed at C-3 position in accordance with schedule. (Sit Rep 302)

18 Jan 68 At 0945, L/3/4 made contact with an estimated enemy reinforced company. The enemy fired a/w and 20 rds mortar fire. Fire was returned with s/a, mg fire, and artillery. At 1120H contact was still maintained, receiving s/a and 50 cal. mg fire. Gunships were employed and the situation came under control. The action was broken by reinforcing with one company (M/3/4) and blocking with another (I/3/3). The contact resulted in 9 USMC KIA, 22 USMC WIA, and 119 NVA KIA by infantry and 46 NVA KIA by gunships. (Sit Rep 312 and 313)

22 Jan 68 At 0841H, 2/1 patrol received heavy s/a and a/w fire and mortars. Returned fire and called artillery mission. Contact was broken and patrol returned to A-4. A-4 received a total of 100 rds 82mm mortar and 130 rounds of 152mm artillery. Returned fire with heavy artillery on suspected enemy locations. The contact resulted in 2 USMC KIA, 16 USMC WIA and 3 NVA KIA. (Sit Rep 327 and 328)

23 Jan 68 At 2300H, 2/1 received 41 rounds of 82mm mortar, 20 rounds of 60mm mortar and 10 rounds of 152mm artillery inside their perimeter. Returned fire with 81mm mortars and artillery mission on suspected enemy firing positions. Sustained 6 USMC WIA. (Sit Rep 333 and 334)

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24 Jan 68 — At 1430H, a vehicle from 2/12 was ambushed on Route 561, south of C-2. A platoon from 1/4 was sent to the site and no enemy was found. There were 2 USMC KIA and 1 WIA. The survivor reported seeing 4 persons w/camouflage helmet covers and no flak jackets, on the road, just prior to being hit. Vehicle was apparently struck by RPG round. (Sit Rep 336)

25 Jan 68 — At 1635H, two 6x6 trucks and one M-422 were ambushed by an estimated force of 10 NVA utilizing RPG's and S/A. The drivers and riders immediately jumped from the vehicle and returned fire with S/A. A reaction force was sent to area with no contact and an artillery mission was called. Action resulted in 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA KIA. (Sit Rep 340 and 341)

26 Jan 68 — At 2200H, a D/1/4 ambush sighted 7 to 8 NVA and opened fire with S/A. The NVA returned fire with 8 to 10 60mm mortar rounds. The ambush called for artillery support. Area was searched in the morning and blood trails were found leading into a nearby village. At 271000H a task force of one platoon of tanks, one platoon from D/1/4, and National Police members searched the village with negative results. However, questioning of the villagers revealed that the NVA suffered 20 casualties. The contact was estimated to be a point for an NVA Company. (Sit Rep 348)

28 Jan 68 — At 2145H, a G/2/9 ambush was sprung using a claymore and S/A's fire. Enemy returned with a heavy volume of S/A and Chicom grenades in order to break contact. Contact resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. (Sit Rep 354)

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following documents are submitted with the 9th Marines Command Chronology for January 1968.

✓TAB A SITREPS, #244 - 365, Opn KENTUCKY, 31 Dec 67 - 31 Jan 68

✓TAB B INTSUMS, #60 - 91, Opn KENTUCKY, 31 Dec 67-1 Feb 68

✓TAB C AO Overlay

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✓Tab D Operation Order 1-68

✓Tab E Operation Order 2-68

✓Tab F Msg 251430Z Subj: Counter Ambush Measures for Security of Route 561

✓Tab G Spot Report dtd 241630H Jan 68 WIA by Enemy Sniper, Med Evac

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NOCHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES AND MAINTAINED POSTURE IAW COMUSCACV 201150Z ANT 30C603Z DEC67.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. MAXIMUM CONSTRUCTION AND POLICE EFFORT SCHEDULED TRUCE PIRIOD AT A-3 AND A-4 SITES. ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE EMPLOYED WITH EMPHASIS ON FORWARD SLOPES OF A-4 WHERE EXPOSED TROOPS ARE NORMALLY SUBJECTED TO FIRE, TRENCHERS, BULLDOZERS AND TRUCKS PREPOSITIONED 31DEC.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 67
WIA 492 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 195 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 373 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET: 54
(1) 3 POW
(2) 49 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS.

B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSTURE IAW COMUSMACV 300603Z DEC67.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. A TOTAL OF 9.6 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 30 AND 31 DEC67. AT YD 164874 99 AO OBS 2 NVA IN A TRENCHLINE COMPLEX, RAN AS ACCOUNTING FOR 3 BUNKERS DEST, 1 STRUCTURE DEST, AO OBS 3 NVA IN HVY BUNKERED AREA AT YD 144735. AT YD 155724 AO OBS 3 NVA MOVING NORTH RAPIDLY FROM FRIENDLY SWEEP. AO CONDUCTED A/S ON FORTIFIED FIELD COORDS UNK

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ACCOUNTING FOR 3 BUNKERS DEST, 200 METERS OF TRENCHLINE AND 2 UNCOVERED, 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

B. AT 010955H 3/3 AT A-3 REPTD THAT A 155MM ARTY CANNISTER LYING BESIDE BURN PIT EXPLODED RESULTING IN 3 USMC WIA (3 MINOR). INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSTURE IAW COMUSMACV 300603Z DEC67.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 67
WIA 492 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 198 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 374 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 54
(1) 3 POW
(2) 49 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS WHILE MAINTAINING DEF POSTURE IAW COMUSMACV 300603Z DEC67.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 010955H 3/3 AT A-3 HAD 3 MARINES INJURED WHEN A 155MM ARTY CANNISTER EXPLODED (REF PARA 4B OF SITREP #245 FOR OPN KENTUCKY.) MARINES WERE ERRONEOULSY INCLUDED IN CUMULATIVE LOSSES AS 3 USMC WIA (3 MINOR) MARINES WERE NBC. DELETE 3 WIA. CORRECTED

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TOTALS REFLECTED THIS SITREP.

B. AT 011400H I/3/3 PATROL FOUND 4 BUNKERS AND 1 AP MINE AT YD 168723. MINE DESTROYED.

C. AT 011615H K/3/4 PATROL TOOK VN INTO CUSTODY (1 DETAINEE) AT YD 181738. DETAINEE ~~WILL BE~~ BROUGHT TO DONG HA FOR INTERROGATION.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES WHILE MAINTAINING DEFENSIVE POSTURE IAW COMUSMACV XXXXXX 300603Z DEC67.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 67
WIA 492 (MEDEVAC)
195 WIA ~~192~~ (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 374 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET: 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 49 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
CSWC: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NO OF TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/4	4	4	YD 170730	REF PARA 3A OF SITREP NR 239 FOR ~~OPN KENTUCKY~~.

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SITREP NR 247 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 011800H-012400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. C-4, D-13, J-15, AA-4, CC-7.

B. MAINTAINED CEASEFIRE POSTURE, SENT OUT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 012130H JAN68 2/1 AT YD 117693 RECD INCOMING GRENADES, AW AND 4 RDS 60MM FROM YD 113688 AND YD 121689. CALLED ILLUM, RFTD FIRE WITH SA, 81MM AND ARTY, GOOD TGT COVERAGE. EN BROKE CONTACT, FIRED ARTY ON SUSP WITHDRAWAL ROUTE YD 097680. EN STRENGTH EST 1 60MM SQD, 1 MG SQD AND 1 RIFLE SQD. 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC MEDEVAC. EN CASUALTIES UNK AT THIS TIME.

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AO REPORT A TOTAL OF 13.2 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) B DONG HA AO'S ON 30 AND 31 DEC67. AO OBS 10 NVA AND MORT (82MM) AT YD 156743 ONLY 100 METERS FROM FRIENDLIES, CALLED FOR GUNSHIP (CADAVER 4-3 AND 4-4) ACCOUNTING FOR 8 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 NVA KIA (PROB). AT YD 145730 AO OBS 2 HEAVILY USED TRAILS COMING FROM THE NORTH TO BUNKERS, ACCOUNTED FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

5. PLANS:

A. D-13, J-15, AA-6, CC-4.

B. MAINTAIN CEASEFIRE POSTURE, CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 68
WIA 493 (MEDEVAC)
195 WIA ~~192~~ (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 383 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 49 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 RETURNEE
(4) 2 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 248 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 022400H-020600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES AND MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSTURE IAW COMUSMACV 300603Z DEC67.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 012245H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS MOVEMENT AT EN YD 121699 W/AN/PPS-6 RADAR, FIRED 30 RDS 60MM MORTAR AND MOVEMENT CEASED.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 68 KIA

493 WIA (MEDEVAC)

195 ~~192~~ WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 383 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) ~~3~~ POW
(2) 49 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 DETAINEES
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. K/3/3 YD 173722
B. K/3/4 YD 170730

C. ALL OTHER UNITS REMAINED THE SAME AS REPORTED SIT REP NR 234.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTATCS: NONE

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 020230H 2/1, OP SPOTTED TRUCK AT YD 114732. SUBSEQUENT TO TERMINATION OF TRUCE AT 020615H A TOT WAS FIRED BY 12TH MARINES; OP REPORTED LARGE FLASH RESULTED.

B. AT 020705H F/2/9 AT YD 134636 REPORTED ROAD SWEEP GOING NORTH FOUND 3 BOX TYPE MINES APPROX 50 FT APART.

C. AT 020830H 1/4 REPORTED ROAD SWEEP FOUND ONE BOX TYPE MINE AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COORDS: YD 133625 132626, AND 135628. MINES HAD PRESSURE TYPE FIRING DEVICE AND ONE APPRARED TO HAVE 40MM RD UNDER IT. RT OF APPROACH USED BY NVA APPEARED TO BE DRAW WEST OF RD. MINES BLOWN IN PLACE.

D. AT 020915H L/3/4 PATROL AT YD 184735 FOUND 3 CHICOM CLAYMORE MINES ATTACHED W/WIRE, HANGING FROM TREE ABOUT 3 FT OFF GROUND. MINES BEING DISMANTLED AND FORWARDED TO S-2.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 68 KIA

493 WIA (MEDEVAC)

~~192~~ 195 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 383 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
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(3) 1 DETAINEE
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 021150H L/3/4 FOUND 2 HOUSES 10'x15' OF WOOD AND STRAW CONST, AND A BUNKER 4x12x4 FT OF METAL AND LOGS AND CONCRETE RECENTLY USED AT YD 190743, ALL WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

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B. AT 021205H I/3/4 REC'D 7 RDS S/A FIRE FR YD 170739. FIRED 81MM MSN W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE, NO FURTHER FIRE REC'D.

C. AT 021300H L/3/4 FOUND 8 CHICOM 82MM RDS AT YD 188736, FORWARDED TO S-2.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POS AND TAKE SECURITY MEASURES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 68 KIA
493 WIA (MEDEVAC)
192 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 383 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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SITREP NR 251 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 021800H-022400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 1 NVA KIA (CONF) FROM A/S WAS REPORTED TWICE (REF PARA 4A OF SITREP NR 245 AND PARA 4G OF SITREP NR 242) DELETE 1 NVA KIA (CONF). CORRECT TOTALS REFLECTED THIS SITREP.

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B. AT 021957H 3/4 AT YD 170735 HAD 2 EXPLOSIONS SUSPECTED TO BE ENEMY GRENADES INSIDE PERIMETER RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA (1 MEDEVAC), INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

C. AT 022030H 1/4 AT 0-2 (135635) SPOTTED 7 NVA IN BRUSH ALONG MSR AT EN YD 145640 WHILE USING SEARCHLIGHT. FIRED 81 MSN MORTAR W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND MAINTAIN LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 68 KIA
494 WIA (MEDEVAC)
193 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 382 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
55 DET
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: MAINTAIN POSITS, CONDUCT AMBUSHS AND LP'S IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: CONDUCT PATROLS, OP'S IN AO AND MAINTAIN POSITS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: KIA 68
      WIA 494 (MEDEVAC)
      WIA 196 (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 382 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
      DET 55
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SITREP NR 253 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 030600H-031200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 010955H 3/3 AT A-3 R PTD THAT A 155 CANNISTER NEAR BURN PIT EXPLODED RESULTING IN 3 USMC NBC (MINOR) PREVIOUSLY REPTD (REP PARA 4B OF SITREP NR 245). INVESTIGATION WAS UNABLE TO PINPOINT CAUSE OF EXPLOSION AND DETAILED EXAMINATION SHOWED THAT EXPLOSION COULD NOT DEFENITELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO 155 CANNISTER.

B. AT 021957H 3/4 AT YD 170735 HAD 2 EXPLOSIONS W/IN PERIMETER SUSPECTED TO BE HN GRENADE WHICH RESULTED IN 2 USMC WIA (1 MEDEVAC). ~~PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF PARA 4B OF SITREP NR 251).~~ INVESTIGATION

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WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE ANY FACTS NOT ALREADY REPORTED.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 68
WIA 494 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 196 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 382 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 031156H 2/1 AT A-4 RECD 20 RDS 60MM MORTAR INSIDE PERIMETER. RETD FIRE ON SUSPECTED MORTAR POSIT W/30 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 127708, 40 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 111710, 10 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 121710, 20 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 105708, AND 24 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 106715. REACTION TIME WAS 4 MIN.

B. AT 031220H 3/4 PATROL FOUND 2 TUNNELS 1½' IN DIA AND 10' DEEP W/CONNECTING TUNNELS LEADING BOTH N AND S. TUNNEL DEST.

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C. AT 031285H I/3/4 PATROL AT YD 153731 SPOTTED 15-20 NVA AT EN YD 150731. CALLED ARTY MSN W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE AND NVA SCATTERED. ON CHECKING AREA PATROL DISCOVERED 4 BUNKERS 3x5x4 OF LOG AND DIRT CONSTRUCTION. BUNKERS MARKED FOR FUTURE DEST.

D. AT 031255H 2/1 AT A-4 RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTARS INSIDE PERIMETER RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR). RETD FIRE ON SUSPECTED MORTAR POS W/18 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 103715, 66 RDS 105MM ARTY ON EN YD 125725, 10 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 113715, 15 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 121710, 20 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 091701, 50 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 116713, AND 35 RDS 81MM ~~ARTY~~ MORTAR ON EN YD 121710. REACTION TIME WAS 4 MIN.

E. AT 031430H 2/1 AT A-4 RECD 3 RDS SA FIRE FROM EN YD 121707. RETD FIRE W/10 RDS 60MM MORTAR.

F. AT 031440H 3/4 AT YD 170730 RECD 7 RDS 130MM ARTY FR 6000 MILS. RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR). RETD FIRE W/16 RDS 175MM ARTY ON EN YD 173779, 11 RDS 175MM ARTY ON EN YD 175785, 20 RDS 175MM ARTY ON EN YD 154819, AND 20 RDS 8" ARTY ON EN YD 14627826. REACTION TIME WAS 15MIN.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 68
WIA 494 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 197 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 382 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. MAINTAIN POSIT, CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

B. D-12, J-16, AA-6, CC-5

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 031812H JAN68 3/4 RECD 8-10 RDS INCOMING 60MM. RETD FIRE ON YD 142749, YD 143743, YD 147738, YD 149732, YD 151727, YD 152738 W/81MM (18 RDS) 105MM ON YD 158728 (51 RDS). 5 MIN REACTION. RES UNK.

B. 032145H JAN68 2/1 AT YD 124692 RECD 3 RDS POSSIBLY 60MM. RETD FIRE W/81MM (25 RDS) ON YD 124692. RES UNK.

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C. 032230H JAN68 2/1 RES-6 SPOTTED MOVEMENT. FIRED NEXT 81MM (30 RDS) AND 60MM (5 RDS) AT YD 127907. MOVEMENT CEASED. RES UNK.

5. PLANS:

A. MAINTAIN POSIT, CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

B. D-12, J-14, AA-3, CC-11

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 68
WIA 494 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 198 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 382 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES, AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS. NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 032230H 2/1 AT YD 119703 USING AN/PPS-6 SPOTTED SUSPECTED VC AT YD 127707. FIRED 30 RDS 81MM AND 5 RDS 60MM MORTAR, MOVEMENT CEASED.

B. AT 040010H I/3/4 AT YD 170730 OBS MOVEMENT WHAT

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APPEARED TO BE ONE MAN MOVING TOWARD FRIENDLY LINES EAST TO WEST AT YD 165731. ILLUM AND M-79 WAS FIRED AND MAN WAS OBS TO FLEE TO DEFILADED AREA. FURTHER SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED.

C. AT 040142H 21/ AT YD 114701 REC'D 1 RD 60MM MORTAR FR YD 101701. RET'D FIRE W/6 RDS 60MM MORTAR WITH REACTION TIME OF 10 MIN AND UNK RESULTS.

D. AT 040445H 3/3 AT YD 173720 REC'D 9 RDS ESTIMATED T 105MM FR 5900 MILS COOR YD 152772. FIRED CTR BTRY W/6 MIN REACTION TIME. CRATER ANALYSIS TO BE CONT'D AT DAYLIGHT.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTE SECURITY PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND OP'S.

B. CONTINUE SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES.

A. FRIENDLY: 68 KIA
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198 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 382 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: MAINTAIN POSITION, CONDUCT PATROLS, OP'S AND CONTINUE TO IMPROVE POSITIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 032000H JAN68 THE BOUNDARY BTWN 9TH MAR AND 2D ARVN REGT WAS READJUSTED. FR YD 170695 TO

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YD 185690 TO YD 190690 TO YD 190710 EAST TO THE RAILROAD AT YD 215710 THEN NORTH ALONG THE RR TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ. NO OTHER CHANGE. CHANGE NECESSITATED BY MOVEMENT OF 2/2 ARVN FR POSITION AT YD 2171 TO VIC DONG HA.

B. 040800H CMOP OPCON BLT 1/3 ONTOS PLT TO 3D MARINE DIVISION.

C. 040935H 2/1 REC'D 30 RDS 60MM AND 5 RDS 82MM INSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D 81MM 20 RDS ON YD 117717, 30 RDS YD 116710, 20 RDS ON 099710, 10 RDS YD 122710, 29 RDS 4.2 YD 105715, 51 RDS 4.2 ON 105715, AND 12 RDS 155 ON YD 123674. REACTION TIME 3 MINUTES.

D. 041005H JAN68 RECON PATROL 6-1 TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP AT YD 152658. 4 MEDEVAC (RECON), BX1/4 PATROL MOVING OUT TO ASSIST.

E. 041038H 2/1 REC'D 10 RDS OF 82MM INSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE W/81MM AND ARTY. REACTION TIME 3 MIN.

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5. PLANS: CONDUCT PATROLS, OP'S, MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. 68 KIA
494 WIA (MEDEVAC)
198 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 383 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
CSWC: 14

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

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SITREP NR 258 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 041200H-041800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. CONDUCTED PATROLS, OP'S, AND IMPROVED POSITIONS.

B. 041230H TRAIL DUSTER RAN FR YD 0870 TO YD 2173.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. REFER TO OP KENTUCKY SIT REP NR 257 PARA 4D

~~ADD 4 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) TO CUMULATIVE TOTALS. THIS~~

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SITREP SHOWS CORRECTED TOTALS.

B. 041115H 1/4 PATROL FOUND 2 BUNKERS AND VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIP AT YD 115676.

C. 041250H 1/4 REC'D 3 RDS OF 82MM TO NORTH OF C-2 BRIDGE AT YD 125675 FROM 5600 MILS, NEG CASUALTIES, RET'D 81MM AND ARTY.

D. 041346H 3/4 REC'D SEVERAL RDS SNIPER FIRE FR YD 170739 AND 175742. RET'D FIRE W/AW AND 106 RR. CALLED 81MM, ARTY, GUNSHIP, 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

E. 041512H 3/4 MARINE INSIDE PLT POSITION AT YD 171732 DETONATED MINE OR BOOBY. 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC); INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

F. 041545H 1/4 AT C-2 SAW 3 EN CARRYING WPNS AT YD 167665. CALLED ARTY WITH GOOD TOT COVERAGE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

5. PLANS: CONDUCT LP'S, AMBUSHES, AND MAINTAIN POSITION.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

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A. FRIENDLY: [redacted] KIA

[redacted] WIA (MEDEVAC)

[redacted] WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 382 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 PCM
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
CS WS: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	CODES	RESULTS
TOTAL SNIPER TEAMS 9TH MARINES		9		
2/1		2		
3/4		4		
3/3		2		

ONE NOT EMPLOYED.

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: THIRD MAR DIV FWD DHCB
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SITREP NR 259 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 041800H-042400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED SECURITY PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES.

B. D-13, J-14, W-1, AA-2, CC-12

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

~~A. AT 041732H 2/1 AT YD 114701 RECID 3 RDS 82MM~~

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		INFO						

MORTARS INSIDE PERIMETER W/NEG CASUALTIES. FIRED 71 RDS HE 81MM AT YD 109709, 55 RDS HE 4.2" AT YD 110730, 15 RDS HE 4.2" AT YD 143731, AND 30 MIXED RDS 105MM ARTY AT YD 095723 W/3 MIN REACTION TIME.

B. 1/4 AT 041750H VIC YD 135644 REPORTED A SHORT WP 81MM MORTAR RD, RD LANDED APPROX 30 METERS FR THE TUBE, AMMO LOT NR WAS MA5112. FIRING WAS NOT OVERHEAD OF FRIENDLIES.

C. 3/4 AT 042015H VIC YD 177732 A SQD AMBUSHED 4 NVA ACROSS A RICE PADDY, WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. 1/4 AT 042230H VIC YD 133646 OBS 1 NVA DIGGING VIC YD 117653, CALLED 81MSN W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE, WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. (DELAYED ENTRY) ON 040737H VIC YD 095614 RECON TM 1C3 ENGAGED APPROX 5 NVA, BOTH UNITS RET'D S/A RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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~~P. 1/4 AT 2230H VIC YD 133646 OBS 1 NVA THROUGH NOD~~ (NCS)

~~AT YD 117653. CALLED 81MM MSN, RDS IMPACTED ON TGT.~~ (NCS)

~~RESULTS WERE [redacted] UNKNOWN, WILL CHECK AMGA~~ (NCS)

~~AT FIRST LIGHT~~. (NCS)

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS will MAINTAIN POS, and CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS AND ESTABLISH LP'S.

A. D-13, I-2, J-14, W-1, AA-2, CC-10

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 69 KIA

502 WIA (MEDEVAC)

198 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 383 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
CSWC: 14

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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

INFO: THIRD MARDIV (FWD), DHCB
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THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMYX CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 042230H 1/4 AT C-2 OBS 1 NVA DIGGING AT EN YD 117653. CALLED 81MM MORTAR MSN W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE AND SAW NVA BLOWN INTO AIR BY CONCUSSION. WILL CHECK AREA ATFIRST LIGHT.

B. AT 042330H 1/4 AT C-2 OBS 1 MAN AT EN YD 127656. FIRED 60MM MORTAR MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

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C. AT 042345H 1/4 AT C-2 SPOTTED LIGHT AT EN YD 147651. FIRED 60MM MORTAR ILLUM AND SAW 2 NVA. FIRED 81MMMORTAR MSN. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. ~~BETWEEN~~ BETWEEN 050020H AND 050300H 1/4 AT C-2 RECD 3 RDS SNIPER FIRE. RETD FIRE W/A RTY ON SUSPECTED POSIT AT EN YD 145649.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. KIA 69
WIA 502 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 198 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 383 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
CSWC: 14

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SITREP NR 260 FOR OPERATION Kentucky fr 050600H TO 051200H JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

INFO: THIRD MARDIV (FWD), DHCB

2/1 1/44 ARTY, USA
3/3 1st Mar
1/4 3rd Mar
3/4 4th Mar
2/9 12th Mar

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. All units maintained positions, conducted patrols, and established OP's.

B. Continued security and resupply along MSR.

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS: None.

3. FRIENDLY CONTACTS:

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4. ~~OPER~~ SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. At 050745H 1/4 obs 4 TO 5 unidentified personnel crossing a bomb-crater, moving NW. A 60mm and 81 mm Mortar msn was fired with good TGT coverage. Patrol checking area.

B. at 050945H and 051015H 2/1 at YO114701 Recd 37 RDS of mortars ~~and Battalion~~ in 3 TO 5 ~~rnd~~ round groups. after ceasing for several minutes, the group would be fired again. Caliber of 5 of the RDS is established as 120 mm mortars. Returned fire with Artly, 81 mm Mortars and A/S with 2 min reaction time. Resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIA (medevac). One of the medevacs was the CO, 2/1; LTCOL E.L. PARKER, JR. 056530 was sent to Co D, 3d MED Bn at 051020H.

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5. PLANS: A. All units maintain positions, conduct patrols, and establish OP's.
B. Continue resupply.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

Friendly: KIA 70 ~~69~~ +1
WIA 510 ~~502~~ (Medevac) +8
WIA 198 ~~191~~ (Minor)

Enemy: NVA KIA 383 ~~385~~ (Conf) VC KIA 0 (Conf)
NVA KIA ____ (Prob) VC KIA ____ (Prob)
Det: 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 ~~DETAINEES~~ VC Returnee
(4) 1 Civil Defendant

IWC: 37
CSWC: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

Unit No of Teams No Employed Coords Results

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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS, ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES, AND OP'S.

B. CONTINUED SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. CHANGE PARA 4B OF SITREP #260 TO READ 2 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 6 USMC WIA (MINOR) VICE 8 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC. CUMULATIVE LOSSES THIS SITREP REFLECT CHANGES.

B. A TOTAL OF 20.1 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG

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2 WP RDS 105MM ON 064677, 7 HE RDS 105MM ON 078768, 13 HE RDS 105MM ON 125755, 6 RDS 105MM ON 074722, 67 HE RDS 4.2 ON 107732, 3 WP AND 3 HE RDS MX 105MM ON 127776. REACTION TIME 2 MIN.

5. PLANS: UNITS MAINTAIN POSITS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND AMBUSHES, AND ESTABLISH LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 70
WIA 504 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 204 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 393 (CONF) VC KIA 0 C(ONF)
DET: 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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CSWC: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

INFO: THIRD MARDIV (FWD), DHCB
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LPS' AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 70
WIA 504 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 204 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 393 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET: 55
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 263 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 060001H-060600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 060005H 1/4 C-2 BRIDGE OBS MOVEMENT AT YD 135670 FIRED 60MM ILLUM, M-79, CALLED ARTY MSN AND 81MM MSN, WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

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B. 060055H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 1 RD OF 60MM FR YD 118684 FIRED 10 RDS 81MM WITH REACTION TIME OF 1 MIN, NEG CASUALTIES.

C. 060140H 2/9 B AT CAM LO BRIDGE HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT, THREW M-26 GRENADES AND HAND ILLUM. MOVEMENT CEASED, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

D. 060410H 3/4 AT YD 170730 HEARD MOVEMENT ESTIMATED 4-5 ENEMY OUTSIDE PERIMETER AT YD 168733, ENGAGED MOVEMENT WITH S/A AND M-79. SAW OBJ'S FALL IN FRONT OF WIRE. ATTEMPT TO CHECK AREA DREW S/A. WILL FURTHER CHECK OUT AT FIRST LIGHT. ALERT POSTURE MAINTAINED.

5. PLANS: IMPROVE POSITIONS, RUN PATROLS AND POST OP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 70 KIA
504 WIA (MEDEVAC)
204 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 393 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
55 DET

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 3/4 AT 060820H VIC YD 172743 REC'D S/A SNIPER FIRE FR EN YD 180739. RET'D S/A AND CALLED ARTY MSN, UNK RESULTS,

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. 3/3 AT 051430H VIC YD A-3 REC'D 1 RD WP INSIDE PERIMETER, CHECK FIRE CALLED AND INSIDENT INVESTIGATED. RD LANDED 1900 METERS (OVER SHOT) CO 2/12 TOOK CORRECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING RELIEF OF BRTY CMDR.

B. 3/4 AT 060830H VIC YD 168733, CHECKED OUT AREA WHERE SUSPECTED MOVEMENT OCCURRED, FOUND EVIDENCE OF 4-5 NVA PROBING LINES,; IMPROVING WIRE AND SETTING OUT MORE TRIP FLARES.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 70 KIA
504 WIA (MEDEVAC)
204 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 393 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
55 DET
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 201000H RECON TM MADE CONTACT AT YD 090653 W/UNK SIZE [redacted] UNIT. CONTACT RESULTED IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF)

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANTEVENTS:

AQ AT 061000H K/3/4 PATROL FOUND 4 BUNKERS 5x4x4 FT AND CONNECTING TRENCHES. W/LOGS AND DIRT OVERHEAD AT YD 145720.

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B. AT 061030H 2/1 PATROL FOUND 26 MORTAR POS W/5 AIMING STAKES EACH AND 2 TUNNELS AT YD 129686.

C. AT 061152H 2/1 PATROL FOUND 6 UNFIRED 90MM SHELLS W/EXPLOSIVE REMOVED AT YD 130689.

D. AT 061330H BULLDOZER AT A-4A HIT MINE, TRACK WAS DAMAGED AND OPERATOR REC'D SMALL CUT WHEN JUMPING OFF.

E. AT 061442H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 6 RDS 107MM RR GUN. 20 RDS 82MM MORTAR, AND 12RDS 120MM MORTAR. ALL RDS IMPACTED W/IN PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE ON SUSPECTED EN POSIT W/25 RDS 81MM MORTAR AT EN YD 092723, W/60 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 115735, W/60 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 104719, W/40 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 087727, W/355 RDS 81MM ON EN YD 093696, 097704, 105719, 123724, AND W/42 RDS 4.2" MORTARS ON EN YD 116728, W/36 RDS 105MM ARTY ON EN YD 078740, AND 26 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 090715. REACTION TIME WAS 3 MIN, INCOMING RESULTED IN 3 USMC WIA (MINOR)

F. A TOTAL OF 24.2 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) ON 5 JAN BY DONG HA AO'S. AT YD 158742 AO SPOTTED 5 NVA IN KHAKI, FIRED ARTY (ISTHMUS K) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF), AT YD 124710 AO OBS 6 NVA IN G[illegible]. FIRED ARTY

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(ISTHMUS E) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), RAN A/S (DECRATE 176) AT YD 124718 ON 6 NVA IN TRE LINE ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF) AT YD 153738 AO OBS 2 NVA IN GREENS HIDING UNDER HEAVY BRUSH, RAN A/S (HELBORNE 531) ACCOUNTING FOR 5 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 2 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 4 FIGHTING HOLES UNCOVERED.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 70 KIA
504 WIA (MEDEVAC)
207 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 403 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
55 DET

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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.

B. C-3, D-13, AA-3, J-15, CC-6, EE-2

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. L/3/4 AT 061810H VIC YD 170730 REC'D 3 SNIPER RDS FR EN YD 173744, FIRED 105MSN (23 RDS) WITH 3 MINUTE REA[illegible]N TIME.

B. 2/1 AT 061900H VIC YD 114701 REC'D 5-7 RDS OF 82MM MORTARS FR SUSPECTED EN YD'S 095694, 133693, 144695, AND 119726; RET'D 81 AND 4.2 MSNS ON ALL EN TGTS--4 MINUTE REACTION TIME.

C. 1/4 AT 062000H VIC YD 127665 OBSERVED ONE PERSON MOVING TOWARDS THEIR LINES, FIRED M-79, PERSON DISAPPEARED.

D. 2/1 AT 062130H VIC YD 114701 REC'D 5 RDS OF 82MM MORTARS FR EN YD 125709, FIRED 81 (10 RDS) AND 105 (90 RDS) MISSIONS--REACTION TIME OF 2 MINUTES.

E. (LATE ENTRY) AT 021215H, PLT 2C3 (3D RECON) VIC YD 105643 EXCHANGED S/A AND A/W FIRE WITH AN EST 12 NVA RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND MAN LP'S.

A. D-13, I-2, J-15, AA-4, CC-7

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 70 KIA

50 WIA (MEDEVAC)

207 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 105 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHNGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND CONTINUED TO CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) 062100H 1/4 AT C-2 OBS 3 NVA APPROX 100 M TO FRONT OF LINES HEADING SOUTH. FIRED 60MM ILLUM, 81 HE, SA AND M-79. UNK RESULTS.

B. (LATE ENTRY) 062105H 2/1 AT YD 114701 OBS MOVEMENT APPROX 85 METERS SW OF LINES. CALLED 60MM MSN OBS INDIVIDUAL RUNNING IN

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SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. UNIT CHECKED AREA, NEG RESULTS.

C. (LATE ENTRY) 062355H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 OBS MAN APPROX 100 M FROM LINES. FIRED 10 RDS M-79, WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT. NEG RES. YD 114701

D. 070001H 2/1ALP HEARD SUSP MORTAR FIRE AT YD 135699. DID NOT OBS IMPACT. FIRED 20 RDS 60MM AT SUSP COORDINATE. RES UNK.

5. PLANS: IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT PATROLS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 70
WIA 504 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 207 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 405 (CONF) VC KIA 4 (CONF)
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PLATROON AND SQD SIZE PATROLS IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 1/4 AT 070810H VIC YD 135645 REPTD THAT PIECES OF ORDNANCE IMPACTED APPROX 100 METERS INSIDE THE WIRE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 3 USMC WIA (MINOR). FOD CURRENTLY MAKING ANALYSIS--DETAILED RPT TO FOLLOW UPON INVESTIGATION.

B. 3/3 AT 071058H VIC YD 197720 FOUND SEVERAL M-16 MINES,

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SQD MOVED OUT TO DESTROY SAME.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITS AND CONDUCT PATROLS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 70
WIA 505 (MEDEVAC) 1504
WIA 210 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 405 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55
(1) 31 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 DETAINEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
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SIT REP NR 269 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 071200H TO 071800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

3/4/L/K/I/M - YD 170736
3/3 I/K/L - YD 174723
3/3/M - YD 214743
2/1/H - YD 115693
2/1/E/F/G - YD 115701
1/4/C/B - C2B 129662
1/4/A/B - YD 134643 (C-2)
2/9/F/G(-) - YD 144615 (CAM LO ARTY)
2/9/G(-) - YD 145643 (CAM LO BRIDGE)

E/F/2/12 - YD 135646 C-2
K/4/13 - YD 135646 C-2
B/2/12 - YD 143613 C-3
W/2/12 - YD 116701 Con Thien
M/4/12 - YD 212597 Dong Ha

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PLT AND SQD SIZE PATROLS IN AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 071140H IN THE VIC OF YD 170738 A PLATOON OF L/3/4

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MADE CONTACT W/2-3 EN SNIPERS. WHILE MANEUVERING TO ENGAGE SNIPERS THE PLT RECD AN INCREASED VOLUME OF FIRE. AT 071530H AN ADDITIONAL PLT OF L/3/4 WAS COMMITTED AND AT 071630H L-6/3/4 XXX XXXX PLUS ONE PLT WAS COMMITTED TO BREAK CONTACT VIC YD 170738. CUMULATIVE LOSSES AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA MINOR, AND 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT THE PRESENT, UNIT STILL IN CONTACT-EFFORT BEING MADE TO BREAK CONTACT. DETAILED REPT TO FOLLOW.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 071100H IN VIC YD 115693 A PPS-6 PICKED UP PERSONNEL WALKING IN SW DIRECTION, FIRED 60MM AND 81MM MORTAR MSNS W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

B. AT 071130H WHILE CONDUCTING 81 FO TRAINING, 1 SHORT RD OF 81MM WP FELL 110 METERS FR THE TUBE. LOT NO MA5112A HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

C. AT 071200H 3/L/3/3 FOUND 40 M-16 MINES, 16 FIRING DEVICES FOR M-16 AND 3-81MM ILLUM RDS IN VIC YD 197720. ALL ORDNANCE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

D. AT 071312H 3/4 RECD SEVERAL INCOMING SNIPER RDS FR VIC

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YD 170742 RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). A MANEUVER SQD FR 67574 WAS SENT TO VIC OF SNIPER.

E. A TOTAL OF 26.3 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 6JAN68. AT YD 122717 OBS 12 NVA CARRYING 2 BODIES FROM A PREVIOUS ACTION, NVA MOVED INTO BUNKERS, FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 122717 AO RAN AS ON BUNKER COMPLEX AND NVA TROOPS WHO RAN NORTH, ACCOUNTING FOR 60 METERS OF TRENCHLINE DESTROYED, AND 2 NVA KIA (CONF), AT YD 248068 AO RAN ARTY MSN (ISHERWOOD) "A") ON NVA IN BUNKERS ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 BUNKER DESTROYED.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 7D
WIA 506 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 21D (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 106 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DET 55 FEB 409
(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
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7. SCOUT SNIPER [illegible] NO CHANGE

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SITREP NR 270 FOR O N KENTUCKY FR 071800H TO 072400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. D-13, I-2, J-4, AA-4, CC-7

B. SUPPRESSIVE MORTAR FIRES DELIVERED IN SUPPORT OF 2/1 AT CON THIEN 070700H TO 071900H: 4.2 - 148 RDS, 105 - 38RDS, 155-7 RDS, 175 - 15 RDS, 8" - 22 RDS, 81MM - 1,023 RDS, 60MM - 621 RDS, 40MM (DUSTER) - 200 RDS.

C. CORRECTIVE ENTRY. DELETE 1 NVA KIA (CONF) RECORDED SITREP 265 PARA 4A. CORRECT TOTALS REFLECTED THIS SITREP.

D. MAINTAINED POSIT CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

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E. COMPLETED ACTION INVOLVING L/3/4, SEE PARA 3 FOR DETAILS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 3/4 AT 072325H VIC YD 170742 AT 071100H L/3/4 PLT PATROL DROPPED OFF SIX MAN UNITS IN TWO LOC VIC GRID 178738 IN AN ATTEMPT TO AMBUSH SNIPERS THAT HAVE BEEN FIRING AT 3/4 PERIMETER. SNIPER FIRED ON PERIMETER HITTING 3/4 MARINE. (1 PREV REPTD PRIORITY MEDEVAC NOT INCLUDED IN BELOW TOTALS). AMBUSH TEAMS LINKED UP TO INVESTIGATE SNIPER AT GRID 170742. TOOK 1 3/4 KIA AND MINOR WIA FROM EST THREE NVA W/AK-47S AT 071440H. EXCHANGE OF FIRE TOOK PLACE W/PATROL ACHIEVING 5 NVA KIA (C). AS HEAVY FIRE RECD, ADDITIONAL PLT COMMITTED TO AID BREAKING CONTACT, LINKING UP AT 1515H. EN APPARENTLY BUILDING UP, ONE AS INTENSITY OF NVA FIRE INCREASED. NVA IS IN FRIENDLY DUG SNIPER HOLES AND HOLES INSIDE OF DEEP BOMB CRATERS ACROSS UNITS FRONT. AT 071600H L-6/3/4 TOOK REMAINDER OF L/3/4 TO CONTACT TO INSURE ADEQUATE FORCE. L-6 W/AO USED ARTY AND AS WITHIN 100 METERS OF FR LINES BUT EN SA CONTINUED. AT 1630H ALL ELEMENTS OF L/3/4 AT POINT OF CONTACT. THE INITIAL PLT IN

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CONT CT HAD DIFFICULTY BREAKINGCONT CT, BEING PINNED DOWN ON FORWARD SLOPE. L-6 PROVIDING COVERING SA AND ARTY FIRE TO BREAK CONTACT. AT 1730H K-6 W/2 PLTS SENT TO BLOCKING/COVERING POSIT AT GRID YD 175736. L TOOK CASUALTIES AS THEY BROKE CONTACT FROM ACCURATE SNIPER FIRE, AW AND ONE APPARENT CHICOM CLAYMORE WHILE RETURNING. L, CARRYING CAS AND COVERING REAR, RETD TO PERIMETER VIA K POSIT. NVA KIA (C) INFLICTED BY SA, GRENADES, AND 60MM FIRES W/UNK NUMBER OF CAS INFLICTED BY EXCELLENT ARTY, NAPALM AND SNAKE-EYE STRIKE. HUEY GUNSHIP COVERAGE DURING LAST STAGES OF CONTACT CLAIMED ADDITIONAL 2 NVA KIA (CONF) NOT INCLUDED IN BELOW 3/4 TOTALS. NO INCOMING MORTARS RECD. EN EST AS COMPANY, W/MANY SNIPERS. IT IS NOTED THAT AREA HAS BEEN RECENTLY PATROLLED BY 3/4 UNITS. 2 NVA KIA (C) CREDITED TO FR SNIPERS (INCLUDED IN TOTALS). REQUESTED MEDEVAC TO 3/4 LZ, HVY ARTY SATURATED CONTACT AREA, INCLUDING 562 RDS 155MM; ARTY CAUSED TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND DESTROYED TWO AW. TPQ'S AND G/S ARTY REQUESTED ON CONT CT AREA DURING NIGHT. THE ACTION RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CUMULATIVE LOSSES: 6 FR KIA TOTAL, 21 ~~IMMEDIATE MEDEVAC, APROX 8 ADDITIONAL MEDEVACS AS OF 08JAN68. FOR~~

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TOTAL OF 29, 7 TOTAL MINOR. EN CASUALTIES WERE 26 NVA KIA COMP PLUS 2 NVA KIA (COMP) BY AIR TOTAL 28.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLAYS: D-13, J-44, AA-3, CC-9

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 76
WIA 535 (MED VAC)
WIA 249 (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 436 (COMP) VC KIA 0 (COMP)
DET 55
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NONE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 071945H CAP-1 AMBUSH AT YD 108598 SPOTTED 6 VC AT YD 105598. OPENED FIRE W/S/A, M-79 AND HAND GRENADES WHILE SWEEPING AREA, AMBUSH REC'D 3 RDS 60MM MORTARS FR ~~FR YD 112598 AND 20 RDS S/A FR YD 107593. CONTACT RESULTED~~

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IN CAPTURE OF 1 RIFLE (1 IWC) AND 1 ~~ELEMENT~~ HELMET.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

535 WIA (MEDEVAC)

217 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 436 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: CONDUCT PATROLS, ESTABLISH OP'S AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DELETE 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 1 USMC KIA (COMP), FOR SITREP NR 269. PARA 3A ABOVE FIGURES ALSO

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INCLUDED IN SITREP 270 AND DOUBLE COUNTED. TOTALS SHOWN SITREP NR 270 3A FOR L/3/4 CONTACT ARE CORRECT. CUMULATIVE TOTALS T IS SITREP FOR OPN KENTUCKY ARE CORRECT.

5. PLANS: CONDUCT 1 COMPANY PATROL TO SITE OF YESTERDAYS L/3/4 CONTACT,WITH ARE ADDITIONAL COMPANY IN SUPPORT/BLOCKING FORCE.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

535 WIA (MEDEVAC)

217 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 436 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (COMP) 0

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 081416H L/3/4 WITH ONE OTHER COMPANY IN SUPPORT MOVED OUT AS SOON AS VISIBILITY ALLOWED AO UP TO RECOVER BODY 1 USMC KIA NOT RECOVERED ON 7 JAN68. UPON APPROACH TO AREA OBS 12 NVA IN OPEN AT YD 177742. AIR ALSO OBS BODY OF MARINE HAD BEEN MOVED INTO DMZ AND AMBUSH

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ESTABLISHED HEAVILY DUG IN WITH A/W AND AK-47'S. RAN GUNSHIP STRIKE AND 155MM. LITTLE EFFECT, CMDR DETERMINED FURTHER EFFORTS WOULD BE TOO COSTLY AND RETURNED TO POSITION AT 1600. BODY NOT RECOVERED ON 7 JAN . (1) ON EXPOSED FORWARD SLOPE (2) COVERED BY HEAVY FIRE.

(3) DARKNESS. FOLLOWING FACTS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED:

(1) MAN WAS DEAD

(2) FIRST MAN KILLED IN CONTACT

(3) DOG TAGS REMOVED

(4) FRIENDLIES INITIALLY MOVED BODY IN A ATTEMPTED RECOVERY.

B. ALL OTHER UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED OP'S AND IMPROVED POSITIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: SEE (A) UNDER SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 081130H C/1/4 SQD PATROL AT YD 118675 FOUND BUNKERS, 1 BUNKER 15x4x5 FT W/OPENINGS FACING NORTH

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AND SOUTH AND 1 BUNKER 4x5x5 FACING EAST. DESTROYED BOTH BUNKERS.

B. AT 081230H A/1/4 AT YD 105647 FOUND PLT BUNKER COMPLEX AND MISC ORDNANCE. ORDNANCE DESTROYED.

C. A TOTAL OF 22.6 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE BY DONG HA AO'S ON 6-7 JAN68. AT YD 115744 AO OBS 5 NVA CARRYING OBJECT, POSSIBLE MORT, TROOPS WERE MOVING EAST ALONG TRAIL, RAN A/S (HILBORNE 505) AND LOVEBUG 504) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF) 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED. AT YD 121657 AO OBS NVA WHO WERE IN PRESUIT OF RECON TEAM FR SOUTH, RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), AND 1 BUNKER DESTROYED.

5. PLANS: MAINTAIN POSITIONS, ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA
535 WIA (MEDEVAC)
217 WIA (MINOR)

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B. ENEMY: 439 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) @

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWG: 37
CSMC: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
TOTAL TEAMS 9TH MARINES		16 TEAMS		
2 TEAMS			2/1 AT A-3	
5 TEAMS			3/4 NORTH OF A-3	
9 TEAMS PULLED FOR REORGANIZATION				

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SITREP NR 274 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 081800H-082400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LF'S AND AMBUSHES.

A. B-5, B-4, D-12, J-16, W-1, AA-3, CC-7 EE2

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 061320H RECON TEAM 2G2 OBS 10 NVA IN

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TREELINE AT YD 108646, wearing KHAKIS, PACKS, RIFLES AND CART BELTS; PLT CALLED ARTY MSN; DID NOT CHECK AREA BECAUSE POSSIBILITY OF MORE NVA IN AREA, POINT MAN OBS ARTY RDS ON TGT. 13 NVA KIA (CONF), AND W/1 USMC WIA (MINOR)

B. AT 081700H 1/4 AT C-2 B SPOTTED 1 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON 400 METERS SOUTH OF PERIMITER AT YD 124665. PERSON MOVED INTO TREELINE AT 1/4 FIRED 60MM MORT MSN, WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE.

C. AT 082025H A 2/1 LP AT A-4 OBS 1 PERSON AT YD 117686, FIRED 60MM MORTAR MSN, WILL CHECK AREA WHEN MOVING INTO POSIT.

D. AT 082035H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS 3 NVA AT YD 122709 W/WN/PPS-6 RADAR. FIRED RR AND MOVEMENT CEASED, WILL INTERDICT AREA W/81MM MORTARS AND CHECK AT 1ST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: A ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMB SHES.

~~A.~~ B A-5, B-4, D-12, J-16, W-1, AA-3, CC-9, EE-2

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

533 WIA (MEDEVAC)

218 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 452 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIV
(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
(4) 1 CIV DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 37
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

533 WIA (MEDEVAC)

218 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 452 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPN'S AND IMPROVED POSITIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 091315H 1/4 SECURITY DETAIL FOR FNGRS AT C-2B SPOTTED EN ON TRAIL AT EN YD 131673, FIRED S/A, W/NEG RES.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 091130H L/3/4 PATROL DESTROYED FOUR BUNKERS AT YD 145720 (BUNKERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PARA 4A

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OF SITREP NR 265).

B. AT 091200H /3/3 REPORTED THAT TRACTOR RAN OVER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT YD 178722 RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR).

C. AT 091315H C/1/4 PATROL FOUND 2 6x4x4 FT BUNKERS W/MISC 782 GEAR AND 1 RPG RD. GRENADE THROWN INTO BUNKER W/SUSPECTED SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION. 1 USMC WIA (MINOR).

D. AT 091500H 3/4 REPORTED THAT MARINE HAD ACCIDENTIAL DISCHARGE W/M-16 RESULTING IN 1 USMC NBC (MEDEVAC), INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY 3/4.

E. AT 091520H 3/3 AT A-3 REPORTED 6 STRANDS OF DOUBLE APRON CUT AND 1 TRIP FLARE DISARMED IN SE PORTION OF PERIMETER.

F. A TOTAL OF 11.0 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 8 JAN 68. AT YD 175747 AO OBS 4 NVA MANNING AW POS. RAN GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 14787362 AO OBS 8 NVA IN ~~TRENCHLINE, FIRED ARTY MSN;~~ RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF)

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2 BUNKERS DEST, 40 METERS OF TRENCH DEST. IN VIC OF YD 1774 AO OBS 10 NVA DRESSED IN KHAKI INSIDE EAST-WEST TRENCH; RAN A/S (LOVEBUG 523) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 104756 AO OBS 5 NVA IN OPEN; FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 3 NVA KIA (CONF) AT YD 130756 AO OBS NVA IN BUNKERS; FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA
533 WIA (MEDEVAC)
220 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 462 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

55 DET

(1) 3 POW
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(3) 1 VC RETURNEE
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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED OP'S.

B. NINTH MARINES MONITORED ROUGH RIDER CONVOY FROM PHU BAI.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE.

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 090845H 3/3 AT YD 206727 DISCOVERED 10 INCOMPLETED/FRESHLY DUG FIGHTING HOLES; HOLES LOCATED ON NORTH SIDE OF RD, AND PROVIDED EXCELLENT FIELD OF FIRE ON RT 566. 9 HOLES WERE 3x1½x1 FT AND 1 HOLE WAS "L" SHAPED, NO OVERHEAD.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 090900H 3/3 VIC YD 203721 FOUND 6 CRATES OF 60MM CANISTERS AND CARGO, ALL AMMO CANESTERS WERE EMPTY.

C. AT 091725H 3/3 VIC YD 182722 UNCOVERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE OLD FRENCH MINEFIELD. UNCOVERED 5 AT MINES WITH APPROX 40 LBS TNT, MINES MARKED: 34A-5-62 ON SIDES. THREE MINES DESTROYED IN PLACE, 2 MINES DETERIORATED BEYOND USE, FORWARDED TO 9TH S-2.

D. AT 092020H 2/1 VIC YD 118704 SPOTTED SUSPECTED EN MOVEMENT AT YD 123712 WITH AN/PPS-5 RADAR, CALLED 60MM AND 81MM MSN'S, MOVEMENT CEASED, UNK RESULTS.

E. AT 092050H 2/1 VIC YD 118704 USING AN/PPS-6 RADAR OBS MOVEMENT AT YD 139701. FIRED 60MM MORTAR

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F. AT 092225H 2/1 VIC YD 118705 USING AN/PPS-5 OBS MOVEMENT AT YD 122711, FIRED 20 RDS 60MM AND 10 RDS 81MM MORTAR MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

533 WIA (MEDEVAC)

220 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: [redacted] 462 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) 092315H 2/1 USING STARLIGHT SCOPE OBS 3 MEN AT YD 114688 MOVING WEST, FIRED 3 RDS M-79 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. PLANS: IMPROVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND

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ESTABLISH OP'S.

A. PROVIDE REACTION FORCE FOR ROUGH RIDER.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDL: 76 KIA

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SITREP N 280 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 100600H-101200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

All units maintained posits AND conducted patrols

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NC

4 OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: A. AT100850H 2/1 OBS MOVEMENT VIC YD1757120 W/PPS-5 FIRED 60MM MSN OF 40 RDS, AND PATROL SENT OUT TO AREA. FOUND DRAG MARKS N AREA.

B. AT 100830H 1/4 FOUND A POSSIBLE NVA MORTAR POSIT IN VIC YD 132681, CONSISTING OF 9 HOLES AND WOODEN AIMING STAKES, AREA RECORDED FOR H&L AND POSIT DESTROYED.

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C. AT 100845H 1/4 VIC YD 133681, 1/4 FOUND AND DESTROYED ONE BUNKER.

D. AT 101040H THE 3/3 FOUND BUNKERS IN THE VIC OF YD 193715 AND 192715, ANOTHER BUNKER WAS FOUND UNDER A DESERTED HOUSE VIC YD 192715. AT YD 199714 APPROX 35 FIGHTING HOLES AND 2 MORTAR PITS WERE DISCOVERED AND BLOWN IN PLACE.

E. AT 101030H 3/4 FOUND AND DESTROYED 2 BUNKERS IN AREA OF YD 182737.

F. AT 101035H 1/4 FOUND AND DESTROYED 3 EN BUNKERS VIC YD 136682, AND 1 CONTAINER 20 RDS AMMO, (M-16 TYPE).

G. AT 101120H VIC YD 164665 RECON PATROL DISCOVERED 3 EN PERSONNEL IN HARBOR SITE; RESULTS OF ACTION WERE: 2 NVA KIA (COMP) AND 1 NVA POW (WIA). AND 3 AK-47 CAPTURED.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: TO CONTINUE PATROLING AND IMPROVING POSITIONS.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA

533 WIA (MEDEVAC)

220 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 464 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

56 DET

(1) 4 POW
(2) 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
(3) 1 DETAINEE
(4) 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C: IWC: 40
CSWC: 14

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SITREP NR 281 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 101200H-101800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

A. A/1/4 YD 236500

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED OP'S.

B. CONTINUED SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

C. MONITORED ROUGH RIDER TO PHU BAI.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 101407H JAN68 3/4 REC'D 7 DS SNIPER FIRE FR ZD 166738, RET'D FIRE W/S/A AND M-79, AND GUNSHIPS, TGT COVERAGE GOOD, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. A TOTAL OF 7.0 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (I) B DOMC HA AO'S ON 9 JAN 68. AT YD 236763/AO OBS BUNKER COMPLEX, FIRED ARTY(ISHERWOOD A1) (ISHERWOOD A2) ACCOUNTING FOR 4 NVA KIA (CONF).

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH LPLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FF DLY: 76 KIA
533 MIA (MEDEVAC)
220 MIA (MINOR)

B. [illegible]LY: 468 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 DETAINEES
0 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 40
CSWC: 14

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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SITREP NR 282 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 101800H-102400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.

B. C-2, D-11, J-20, W-1, CC-12

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 2/1 AT 101915H VIC YD 114701 RADAR PICKED UP EN AT YD 125695, FIRED 60MM MSN (20 RDS) MOVEMENT CEASED.

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B. 2/1 AT 102200H VIC YD 114701 RADAR PICKED UP MOVEMENT VIC YD 127697, FIRED 60 MSN (40 RDS) MOVEMENT CEASED.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO.

6. [redacted]

A. D-11, J-20, AA-4, W-1, CC-5, EE-3

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 76 KIA
533 WIA (MEDEVAC)
220 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 468 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 DETAINEE
0 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IBC: 40
CSWC: 14

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SITREP NR 283 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 110001H-110600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 102330H 2/1'S AMBUSH AT ID 127697 WAS TRIGGERED BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY SQUAD, UNKNOWN RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICNAT EVENTS:

A. AT 102345H A PATROL FR 2/1 WHILE GOING OUT OF THE PERIMETER WENT THROUGH A BREAK IN THE WIRE

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AND INTO THE MINE FIELD, THERE WERE THREE CASUALTIES:
1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), 1 USMC WIA (MINOR)
AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER WILL BE APPOINTED, AND REPORT MADE.

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 101620H A RECON PATROL IN VIC OF YD 101614 ENCOUNTERED 2 NVA/VC ON TRAIL. ENEMY APPEARED TO BE CARRYING A ROCKET LAUNCHER DEVICE SIMILAR TO A 3.5" RL AND 1 AK-47 RIFLE. RECON TOOK THE EN UNDER FIRE RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF), DUE TO NOISES HEARD IN AREA, TEAM PULLED BACK AND CALLED FIRE MISSION, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

5. PLANS: UNITS WILL CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS WHILE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
534 WIA (MEDEVAC)
221 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 469 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

C. IWC: 40
CSWC: 14
1 DETAINEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 284 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 110600H-111200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. K/M/3/4 SWEEPING EAST FR YD 170730 TO OBJ, YD 186742 THEN NORTH TO YD 184750, WEST YD 172747 AND SOUTH TO YD 177738 WHERE 3/3 HAS ESTABLISHED A BLOCK. RESULTS SO FAR:

110845H K/3/4 FOUND BUNKERS AT YD 182749 AND MISC GEAR BUNKERS DESTROYED. 110936H K/3/4 CONTACTED SNIPERS AND BOOBY TRAPS AT YD 181750. ENGAGED WITH S/A AND M-79

1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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111010H MADE CONTACT WITH [redacted] 8-10 NVA DUG IN AT YD 175754, RET'D S/A AND M-79 MORTARS AND ARTY, CONTACT BROKEN, CAPTURED 2 AK-47, CHICOM CLAYMORE AND MISC GEAR, 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), 1 USMC WIA (MINOR). 111105H FOUND LARGE COMPLEX OF LIVING BUNKERS AT YD 176750, SIGNS OF HASTY NVA EXIT, ONE BUNKER CONTAINED WARM RICE, DESTROYED BUNKER AND PICKING UP ABANDONED GEAR. TOTAL WPNS CAPTURED: 1 RPG, 1 CARBINE, 2 AK-47'S, 1 MG, 1 SNIPER RIFLE.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: SEE PARA A THIS REP.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) 102105H 2/1 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM INCOMING, 1 WIA (MEDEVAC), (1 WIA MINOR).

B. (LATE ENTRY) 110550H 2/9 AT YD 132627 AMBUSH HEARD DIGGING NEAR ROAD, FIRED M-79 AND 81MM ILLUM, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. 111017H 1/4 FOUND ROCKET RD OF UNDETERMINED ORIGN STUCK IN TREE AT YD 123668, BLOWN IN PLACE. ~~FRAG BROUGHT BACK FOR IDENTIFICATION.~~

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D. 111048H 1/4 SPOTTED 1 NVA AT YD 117675
CALLED 12 RDS ARTY, GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL COND'CT PATROLS AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.

B. COMPLETE 3/4 OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
536 WIA (MEDEVAC)
223 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 472 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 ~~DETAINEES~~ INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 44 47
CSWC: 16

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. M/K/3/4 COMPLETED SWEEP AND RETURNED TO POSITION. RECOVERED BODY OF FR KIA FR 7 JAN CONTACT AT YD 174744 FINAL SPOT REP FR UNIT WILL BEMADE LATER. ADDITIONAL INFO ON NEXT SIT REP,

B. REMAINING UNITS IMPROVED POSITION AND CONDUCTED PATROLS IN AO.

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY) 111017H 1/4 FOUND RKT RD FR UNK SOURCE STUCK IN TREE AT YD 123668. BLOWN IN PLACE

B. LATE ENTRY. 111048H 1/4 SPOTTED ONE NVA 500 METERS NW OF POSIT, FIRED ON W/M-79 AND S/A NVA FLED.

C. LATE ENTRY. DE1140H 2/1 OBS 8 EN AT YD 114670 CALLED ARTY. NEG RESULTS.

D. 111215H 2/1 FOUND BUNKER 3x3x3 FT COVERED WITH DIRT AND LOGS, AT YD 144708. DESTROYED W/C-4.

E. 111315H 2/1 LOCATED BREAK IN OUTER WIRE GIVING ACCESS TO MINE FIELD. ALSO 7 BUNKERS, PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND BOOT WITH FOOT IN IT, AT YD 117707.

F. 111330H 3/4 TROOPS DIGGING 60MM POSIT UNCOVERED APPARENT FRENCH MINE AT YD 170731. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

G. 111350H 1/4 FOUND 1 LINE BOUNCING BETTY AND ARE EXPENDING MINE AT YD 131678. BLOWN IN PLACE.

H. 111445H 3/3 REC'D 6 RDS ARTY INSIDE WIRE AT YD 181720. CRATER ANALYSIS INDICATES POSSIBLE FRIENDLY

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FIRE. INVESTIGATION BEING HELD. 1 USMC WIA (MINOR)

I. 111730H 1/4 AT YD 160665 SIGHTED 3 NVA MOVING NW, CALLED 81MM MSN AND ARTY WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE ON TARGET.

5. PLANS: CONDUCT LP'S AND AMB'SHES IN AO'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
536 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 472 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 [redacted] INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 DETAINEE
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1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 44
CSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

2/1 AT A-4 3 TEAMS
3/3 AT A-3 3 TEAMS
3/4 NORTH OF A-3 5 TEAMS
A/1/4 AT DONG HA 3 TEAMS

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POS AND CONDUCTED LP(S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DETAILED DEBRIEF OF PARTICIPATING MARINES IN 3/4 CONTACT (REF PARA 2A OF SITREP NR 284) REVEALS ADDITIONAL 2 NVA KIA NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

B. AT 111945H 2/1 AT A-4 SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT

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YD 126697 W/AN/PPS-5 RADAR, FIRED 60MM MORTARS MISSION AND MOVEMENT CEASED.

C. AT 112120H 2/1 LP AT YD 124697 OBS MOVEMENT AT EN YD 126697. LP FIRED M-79 AND RET'D TO LINES. CALLED 60MM MORTAR MSN AND RET'D TO POSIT, NO FURTHER MOVEMENT OBSERVED.

D. 3/3 AT A-3 REC'D 6 RDS SUSPECTED FRIENDLY ARTY FIRE (REF PARA 3H OF SITREP NR 285) CRATER ANALYSIS REVEALS THAT SHELLS CAME FROM AZIMUTH OF 2900 MILS AND WERE POSSIBLE 155MM ARTY.

5. PLANS: A. ALL UNITS WILL CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

~~A.~~ B. A/1/4 WILL MOVE FROM DHCB TO VIC YD 180557 W/MSN OF AMBUSHING INFILTRATING EN IN THAT AREA.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A.	FRIENDLY:	77	KIA
		536	WIA (MEDEVAC)
		224	WIA (MINOR)
B.	ENEMY:	474	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
		56	DET TOTAL
		4	POW
		50	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
C.	IWC: 44	1	VC RETURNEE
	CSWC: 16	1	CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 287 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 120001H-120600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.

B. C-2, D-2, J-17, AA-4, CC-5 AND EE-3

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: ~~NO CHANGE~~ NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 112350H 2/1 VIC YD 114801 REC'D 7 RDS 82MM MORT FR YD 134723, RET'D FIRE W/120 RDS 81MM MORTAR, EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE AND 5 MIN REACTION TIME.

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B. AT 120010H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 OP OBS 1 EN AT YD 128698, FIRED 120 RDS 4.2" MORT, OBS 1 EN RUNNING FR PERIMETER.

C. AT 120405H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 22 RDS 82MM AND 21 RDS 60MM MORT INSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED 370 RDS 81MM, 93 RDS 105MM AND 33 RDS 4.2", REACTION TIME OF 2 MIN AT YD 089726, 140703, 102685, 122721, 128707 135720, 119721, 115716, 107719, 117726, 095708, 105725 AND 124721.

5. PLANS: D-12, J-17, AA-2, W-1, CC-7 AND EE-1

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
536 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 474 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
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SITREP NR288 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 120600H-121200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: 3/4 YD 148708
A/1/4 YD 183550

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF 3/4'S BN (-) SWEEP BETWEEN 110500H AND 111500H JAN68.:

AT 110500H 2 CO'S PLUS THE BN CP GRP MOVED OUT TOWARD BN OBJ'S. A 1 COMPANY BLOCKING FORCE MOVED INTO POSITION IN THE VIC OF YD 182748 AT 110700H.

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FIRST CONTACT WAS ~~MOVED OUT~~ MADE IN THE VIC YD 181750 AT 110935H IN AREA OF OBJ 9. SCOUT DOGS GAVE THE ALERT WHILE SNIPER FIRE GRADUALLY INCREASED IN INTENSITY, AS K/3/4 QUICKLY DEPLOYED. IN THE INSUING FIRE FIGHT 3/4 INCURRED 1 WIA (EVAC) AND 1 WIA (MINOR) WHILE THE ENEMY SUFFERED 5 NVA KIA (CONF). AO'S OBSERVED EN TROOPS ATTEMPTING TO RFINF AND ENVELOP 3/4'S FLANK AND CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO'S FURTHER REPORTED SEEING NVA'S FLEEING NORTH IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CONTACT. K/3/4 CHECKED OUT THE BUNKER CAMPLEX THE EN HAD BEEN DEFENDING FINDING 21 BUNKERS, FOOD AND MISC EQPT. M/3/4 FIRED S/A AT 3 CAMOUFLAGED NVA IN THE REAR OF THE COLUMN IN THE VIC OF YD 186~~7~~5. K/3/4 ALSO FOUND 5 DIRECTIONAL MINES AND 5 BOOBY TRAPPED CHICOM GRENADES. K/3/4 ALSO FOUND 1 NVA BODY, DEAD ABOUT 3 WEEKS. M/3/4 FOUND FRIENDLY KIA OF 7 JAN 68, AND RECOVERED. AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT DESCRIBING THE BUNKERS, TERRAIN AND WPNS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. ALL STATICS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN SIT REPS.

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AO WORKING FOR 2/1 SPOTTED 3 EN IN TRENCH LINE AT 120805H AT YD 134724, AN ARTY MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RESULTS.

B. AT 120925H 2/9'S ROAD SWEEP FOUND 1 M-26 GRENADE WITH A ROPE TIED AROUND IT AND 1 81MM DUD. BOTH WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

C. AT 120930H 3/4 CHOPPED OPCON OF K/3/4 TO 3/4.

5. PLANS: UNITS WILL CONDUCT SWEEPS AND PATROLS WHILE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
536 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 474 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
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SITREP NR 289 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 121200H-121800H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A/1/4 YD 185555
3/4 (-) YD 148708
K/3/4 YD 170730

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: UNITS CONTINUED PATROLS AND SWEEPS AND IMPROVED LOCATIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. TOTAL OF 25.3 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 11 JAN 68. AT 17637579 AO OBS APPROX 15 ENGAGING 3/4 PLT, FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR

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2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 063647 AO OBS APPROX 20 NVA ON TRAIL RUNNING NW TO SE, RAN GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTING FOR 7 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 176758 AO OBS APPROX 20 NVA IN OPEN IN SMALL GROUPS, CALLED ARTY RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 187753 AO OBS APPROX 15-20 NVA MOVING WEST IN TRENCH, RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 7 NVA KIA (CONF)

B. AT 121030H C/1/4 FOUND 6 FIGHTING HOLES WITH MISC CLOTHING IN AREA. ONE ~~NVA KIA (CONF)~~, DEAD 2-3 WKS. WAS UNCOVERED IN ONE OF THE HOLES. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

C. AT 121200H 2/1 HAD A 60MM SHORT ROUND WHILE FIRING PREP FIRES IN VIC YD 128694 RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

D. AT 121230H 2/1 REC'D 5 RDS SNIPER FIRE FR YD 168738 AND RET'D FIRE W/20 RDS S/A XXXXXXXXX

E. AT 121430H 3/3 REC'D 11 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FR YD 168738 AND RET'D FIRE W/SMALL ARMS AND M-79 [illegible]

F. AT 121400H 1/4 FOUND 20 OLD VN IN SMOKE HOUSE IN VIC YD 119669. FORWARDED TO REGT S-2 [illegible]

G. AT 121600H 3/4 DISCOVERED AN OLD AT-MINE IN

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AREA THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY 3/3 THE MINE IS TO

BE [redacted]WARDED TO 9TH MAR S-2.

5. PLANS: TO ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVELOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA

538 WIA (MEDEVAC)

224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 492 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

56 DET TOTAL

4 POW

50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

1 VC RETURNEE

1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 44
CSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.

A. C-3, D-14, J-20, AA-2, CC-10

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. 3/3 AY 121845H VIC YD 165734 REC'D 40 RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE FR SUSPECTED EN YD 151750. FIRED 155 MSN (10 RDS) W/UNK RESULTS. REACTION TIME OF 15 MIN.

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B. 2/1 AT 121900H VIC YD 126704 OBS 1 NVA IN FRONT OF LINES (YD 120709) CALLED 81MM MSN (~~50~~ two 30 RDS) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

C. 1/4 AT 122015H VIC YD 130663 OBSERVED MOVEMENT (STARLIGHT SCOPE) OF 3 NVA VIC YD 131634, FIRED 81MM MSN (35 RDS HE) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

D. 2/1 AT 122100H VIC YD 125697 HEARD 2 DOGS ~~BARK~~ LOUDLY VIC YD 128698, FIRED 60MM MSN (15 RDS) Noises) ~~NOISE~~ CEASED.

E. 2/1 AT 122115H VIC YD 125697 OBSERVED EN MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-5 VIC YD 135701, FIRED 60MM MSN (20 RDS) MOVEMENT CEASED.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS ~~STAY~~ CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND CONTINUE TO MAN LP'S.

A. C-3, D-19, J-20, AA-2, W-1, CC-10

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
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B. ENEMY: 492 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0

56 DET TOTAL

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 130145H 1/4 AT C-2 BRIDGE REC'D 8 RDS UNK CAL MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER FR 5300 MILS, RET'D FIRE W/120 RDS 81MM MORTARS ON SUSPECTED EN POSIT W/UNK RESULTS.

B. AT 130330H G/2/9 AMBUSH AT YD 143606 SPOTTED 3 PERSONS AT EN YD 145606. FIRED M-79 AND A/W W/NEG RESULTS.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
538 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 492 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
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SITREP NR 292 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 130600H-131200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NONE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: CONDUCT PATROLS IN AO, IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT OP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. K/3/4 FIRED ON 1 NVA AT YD 177728 WITH S/A AND M-79 NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. 2/1 PATROL VIC YD 125690 REC'D 1 RD SNIPER FIRE. NO CASUALTIES.

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C. 2/1 AT YD 123684 FOUND JUNGLE SHIRT WITH BLOOD STAINS ON SHIRT AND AREA. RESUMED MISSION.

5. PLANS: IMPROVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 77 KIA
538 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 442 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
4 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 44
CSWC: 16

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SITREP NR 293 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 131200H-131800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. 120100 A/1/4 TO YD 184555

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. LATE ENTRY. 101200H ASSUME OPCON A/1/4 FROM 1/4.

B. CONDUCTED PATROLS, OP'S IN AO AND IMPROVED POSIT.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. 122330H 3/3 SNIPER OBS 3 NVA AT YD 164736, OPENED FIRE, RESULTS 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. REFER SIT REP NR 284 PARA 2A: TOTAL IWC SHOULD READ "1 SKS CARBINE, 4 AK-47'S, AND 1 SNIPER RIFLE, THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADDITIONAL TWO EXTRA LWC THIS REPORT. AN ERROR IN ADDITION DATING BACK TO SITREP NR [redacted] 272 ACCOUNTS FOR THE 3RD IWC SUBMITTED THIS REPORT.

B. A TOTAL OF [redacted] VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) BY DONG HA AO'S [redacted] RAN A/S AT YD 167719 IN TRENCHLINE ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF)

C. 131345H 3/4 OBS 6 EN AT YD 137737 FIRED ARTY, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. 131415H 3/4 [redacted] AT YD 149704 FOUND 5 BUNKERS AND 6 RDS 82MM, BUNKERS DESTROYED, RDS BURNED.

E. 131305H 3/4 AT YD 134712 REC'D [redacted] APPARENT SHORT ROUND FR FRIENDLY ARTY C-2. 2 KIA, (NONHOSTILE) 6 WIA (MEDEVAC), INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

F. 131525H 3/3 AT YD 181717 REC'D 20 RDS OF PRESUMED FRIENDLY ARTY, NEG CASUALTIES, INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

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G. 131443H 2/1 REC'D 25 RDS 82MM INCOMING AND ARTY. RETURNED FIRE WITH 155, 4.2" AND 105. TOTAL OF 131 RDS, REACTION TIME OF 3½ MIN.

H. 131440H 3/4 REC'D 7 RDS INCOMING ARTY UNK CAL OUTSIDE PERIMETER FR YD 173750, FIRED COUNTER ARTY FIRE W/155MM AND 105MM WITH 60 RDS AND 4 MINUTES REACTION TIME, NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

I. 131600H K/3/4 FOUND 2 PROTECTIVE TYPE BUNKERS AT YD 193733. EXCELLENT CONDITION. BLEW BUNKERS.

J. 131645H 3/3 AT YD 155735 REC'D 10 RDS 82MM REQUESTED AO, ARTY MISSION CALLED, NEG RESULTS.

5. PLANS: CONDUCT AMBUSH AND LP'S IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 494 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF)
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 417
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7. SCOUT SNIPER RPT: CAC-1 2 TMS YD 125592. NEG RES.

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SITREP NR 294 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 131800H - 132400H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
A. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN A06
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 131443H 2/1 REC'D 13 RDS 82MM MORTAR, 2 60MM MORTAR, AND 22 RDS 85MM ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY FIRES OF 435 RDS OF 81MM, 63 RDS 155MM ARTY, 7 RDS OF 175MM ARTY, 40 RDS 4.2" MORTAR AND 2 RDS 105MM ARTY AND 9 RDS 8" ARTY ON SUSPECTED EN GUN AND MORTAR POSITIONS. REACTION TIMES WERE 3.5 MIN FOR 4.2"; 4 MIN FOR 105'S; 7 MIN FOR 155'S, 7 MIN FOR 175'S, AND 7 MIN FOR 81MM MORTARS.
B. AT 131730H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 SPOTTED MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-5 RADAR AT EN YD 128797 AND 129769, FIRED 30 RDS 60MM MORTAR, MOVEMENT CEASED, UNK RESULTS.
C. AT 131800H 3/3 VIC YD 174735 REC'D 18-20 RDS 82MM MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER, RDS CAME FR AZIMUTH OF 5040 MILS POSSIBLE EN COORDS OF 158742, CALLED ARTY MSN.
D. AT 131915H, 2/1 VIC YD 114701 WHILE FIRING AT SUSPECTED EN ARTY PSN VIC YD 1142729, OBS 3 SECONDARIES. FIRED 114 RDS HE W/QUICK DELAYED FUZE.
E. (REF SITREP 293 PARA 4,J AND THIS SITREP PARA C). 3/3 VIC YD 174723-INCOMING CEASED AFTER SECOND BARRAGE, TUBES IN DEFILADE AND NO ENEMY COULD BE OBS, REACTION TIME OF 18 MIN, EXC. TGT COVERAGE.
F. AT 132100H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 SPOTTED VISUAL MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF PERIMETER FR VIC YD 124702, FIRED 3 RDS 60MM ILLUM AND S/A, MOVEMENT CEASED W/UNK RESULTS.

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G. AT 132145H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 OBS MOVEMENT ON AN/PPS-5; FIRED 16 RDS 81MM MORT W/UNK RESULTS.
H. AT 132300H 1/4 VIC YD 128471 OBS TWO TRIP FLARES GOING OFF ON OUTER RIDGE OF PERIMETER. FIRED 6 RDS M-79 AND THREW 2 HAND GRENADES, RESULTS UNK.
5. PLANS: CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
A. D-9, H-28, U-4, AA-2, BB-3, CC-3, EE-1
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 491 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
4 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 48
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SITREP NR 295 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 140001H TO 140600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 132340H AN AMBUSH FROM I/3/3 SPOTTED 2 PERSONNEL 50 TO 75 METERS FROM THEIR POSIT AT YD 174725. THE AMBUSH FIRED SA AND ASW THE EN FALL OR TAKE COVER. THE AREA WILL BE CHECKED AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. AT 140115H AN AMBUSH FROM 2/1 REPORTED MOVEMENT IN ITS SECTOR.

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60MM MORTAR, AND 22 RDS 85MM ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY FIRES OF 435 RDS OF 81MM, 63 RDS 155MM ARTY, 7 RDS OF 175MM ARTY, 40 RDS 4.2" MORTAR AND 2 RDS 105MM ARTY AND 9 RDS 8" ARTY ON SUSPECTED EN GUN AND MORTAR POSITIONS. REACTION TIMES WERE 3.5 MIN FOR 4.2"; 4 MIN FOR 105'S; 7 MIN FOR 155'S, 7 MIN FOR 175'S, and 7 MIN FOR 81 MM MORTARS.

B. AT 131730H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 SPOTTED MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-5 RADAR AT EN YD 128697 AND 129669, FIRED 30 RDS 60MM MORTAR, MOVEMENT CEASED, UNK RESULTS.

D. AT 131800H 3/3 VIC YD 164735 REC'D 18-20 RDS 82MM MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER, RDS CAME FR AZIMUTH OF 5040 MILS POSSIBLE EN COORDS OF 158742, CALLED ARTY MSN.

D. AT 131915H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 WHILE FIRING AT SUSPECTED EN ARTY PSN VIC YD 11427296 OBS 3 SECONDARIES. FIRED 114 RDS HE W/QUICK DELAYED FUZE.

E. ~~AT 131920H~~ 3/3 VIC YD 174723 -INCOMING CEASED AFTER SECOND BARRAGE, TUBES IN DEFILADE AND NO ENEMY

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COULD BE OBS, REACTION TIME OF 18 MIN, EXC. TGT COVERAGE.

F. AT 132100H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 SPOTTED VISUAL MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF PERIMETER FR VIC YD 124702, FIRED 3 RDS 60MM ILLUM AND S/A, MOVEMENT CEASED w/UNK RESULTS. AF

G. AT 132145H 2/1 VIC YD 122699 OBS MOVEMENT ON AN/PPS-5, FIRED 16 RDS 81MM MORT W/UNK RESULTS.

H. AT 132300H 1/4 VIC YD 128671 OBS TWO TRIP FLARES GOING OFF ON OUTER RIDGE OF PERIMETER. FIRED 6 RDS M-79 AND THREW 2 HAND GRENADES, RESULTS UNK.

5. PLANS: CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITION.

A. D-9, H-28, U-4, AA-2, W-3, CC-3, EE-1

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 494 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL ~~4 DETAINEES~~
4 POW 1 VC RETURNEE
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 48
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SITREP NR 296 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 140600H TO 141200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 140821H 3/3 AT YD 174735 REPORTED THAT THE EXPLOSION OF AN M-26 FRAG GRENADE RESULTED IN 5 USMC KIA (5 MEDEVAC). (NOT INCLUDED IN CUMULATIVE TOTALS). INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY 3/3.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
B. K/3/4 WILL RELIEVE M/3/3 AT A-2. M/3/3 WILL RETURN TO A-3.
C. ADVANCE PARTY OF 2/26 WILL ARRIVE AT DONG HA.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 494 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IMC: 47
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SITREP FR 24 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 141200H TO 141800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. E/F/G/2/1 - YD 114701
B. H/2/1 - YD 115693
C. I/K/3/3 - YD 172723
D. L/M/3/3 - YD 170730
E. I/K/L/3/4 - YD 148708
F. B/1/4 - YD 133645
G. C/D/1/4 - YD 128672
H. A/1/4 - YD 183556
I. F/2/9 - YD 144615
J. G(-)/2/9 - YD 148605
K. E/F/2/12 - YD 135646
L. K/4/13 - YD 135646
M. D/2/12 - YD 143613
N. W/2/12 - YD 116701
O. M/4/12 - YD 212597

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
B. K/3/4 RELIEVED M/3/3 AT A-2. OPCON OF K/3/4 WAS CHOPPED TO 12TH MAR AND OPCON OF M/3/3 WAS CHOPPED TO 3/3.
C. ADVANCE PARTY OF 2/26 ARRIVED DONG HA.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. AT 143045H RECON TM 2C2 SPOTTED 20 NVA W/INDIVIDUAL AND CREW-SERVED WPNS. NVA WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF). PATROL WAS EXTRACTED.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 141115H E/2/1 PATROL FOUND 2 DECOMPOSED NVA BODIES AT YD 104685. 2 NVA KIA (CONF).
B. AT 141145H I/3/4 PATROL FOUND 5 FIGHTING BUNKERS AND 1 A/C BOMB AT YD 146693.
C. AT 141333H I/3/4 PATROL FOUND 5 BUNKERS 5x5x5 FT W/2FT LOG AND DIRT OVERHEAD AND MISC UNSERVICEABLE NVA 782 GEAR AT YD 162688.

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D. AT 141140H M/3/4 PLATOON PATROL AT YD 139715 SPOTTED 10-13 NVA IN OPEN AT MR YD 132718. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 NVA KIA BY SNIPER AND 1 AK-47 CAPTURED (1 IWC). AO CALLING IN AIR AND ARTY ON NVA FLEEING TO NW.
E. AT 141430H I/3/4 PATROL FOUND COMPANY SIZED HARBORING SITE AT YD 163697 WHICH SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE.
F. AT 141435H G/2/1 PATROL CHECKING WIRE AT A-4 FOUND SANDAL PRINTS OF 2-3 PERSONS AT YD 116707.
G. AT 141500H G/2/1 PATROL FOUND 10 FRENCH ROUNDS AT YD 106704. RDS DESTROYED.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 499 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 PCW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 48
CSWC: 16
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
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SITREP NR 298 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 141800H TO 142400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS IN AO.
B. C-10, O-16, J-24, AA-7, CC-6, EE-1.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 2/1 at 141445H vic YD 114701 FOUND LOOSE BOARDS OVER BARBED WIRE FENCE TO MAKE A GOOD TRAIL--BOARDS REMOVED AND FENCE REPAIRED.
B. (LATE ENTRY) 2/1 AT 141445H VIC YD 114701 OBS 13 EN NEAR 2 BUNKERS VIC YD 123711. CALLED IN AIRCRAFT, OBS 6 EN RUNNING IN FLAMES, 2 BUNKERS DESTROYED, AND 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
C. (LATE ENTRY) 2/1 AT 141510H VIC YD 113698 DISCOVERED A FIGHTING HOLE W/EXCELLENT OBS OF OP#1. AREA ALSO CONTAINED SANDAL PRINTS APPROX 1 TO 2 DAYS OLD.
D. 2/1 AT 142045H VIC YD 114701 RECD 8 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR INCOMING FR AN UNK DIRECTION RETD 81MM MSN ON SUSPECTED 81 POSITS, REACTION TIME 1 MIN.
E. 2/1 AT 142015H VIC YD 119704, LP HEARD MOVEMENT VIC YD 123705; FIRED 81 AND 60 MSNS, MOVEMENT CEASED.
F. 1/4 AT 142035H VIC YD 133646 OBS EN MOVEMENT VIC YD 144645. FIRED ARTY MSN (12 RDS HE) W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

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5. PLANS
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND CONTINUE PATROLS.
B. C-11, D-19, E-28, AA-6, CC-6, EE-1
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
224 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 499 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA 0 (CONF)
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
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C. INC: 48
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. AT 142000H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 HEARD EXPLOSION IN MINE FIELD AND CHECKED AREA WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE. EN WAS SPOTTED IN MINEFIELD VIC YD 115705 AND ILLUM WAS FIRED AND EN WAS NOTED TO ATTEMPT WITHDRAWAL THRU OBSTICLES AND MINE-FIELD. A SQD WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE WAS SENT OUT TO PICK UP EN. ELEMENTS OF 4-5 EN WERE SEEN OUTSIDE PERIMETER APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RETRIVE EN WIA. AT 142300H 4 EN IN MINEFIELD SET OFF MINE. A PLT WAS SENT OUT TO RECOVER 2 NVA WIA.
B. AT 150120H WHILE ELEMENT VIC YD 115705 FR CO G WAS CHECKING FOR EN WIA, IT HEARD A GREAT DEAL OF NOISE FROM APPARENT LARGE ENEMY ELEMENT. EN WITHDREW TO EFFECT MEDEVAC AND FIRED S/A, 60MM MORTARS AND 57MM RR. COUNTER MORTAR FIRES OF 50 RDS 105MM AT YD 119714, 24 RDS 155MM AT YD 114747, 36 RDS 105MM AT YD 108735, 26 RDS 155MM AT YD 105717, 52 RDS 4.2" AT YD 112710, 54 RDS 155MM AT YD 107722, 40 RDS 81MM AT YD 120707, 70 RDS 81MM AT YD 107699, 80 RDS 81MM AT YD 125705, 60 RDS 81MM AT 116707, AND 100 RDS 81MM AT YD 107722, SUSTAINED 2 USMC WIA (MINOR), RETURNED FIRES WITH 1 MINUTE REACTION TIME.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND ESTABLISH OP'S.
B. MONITOR ROUGH RIDER CONVOY TO PHU BAI.
C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MCB-5 CONSTRUCTION EFFORT ALONG ROUTE 9.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
   544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
   226 WIA (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: 499 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
   56 DET TOTALL
   4 POW
   50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
   0 DETAINEES
   1 VC RETURNED
   1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
   C. IWC: 48
   CSWC: 16
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THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 300 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 150600H-151200H JAN 68.
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED DEFENSIVE POSN AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ~~EXPANDED LP'S~~. SWEEPS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 150755H B/2/9 RD SWEEP FOUND A 105MM DUD IN VIC YD 132625, THE RD WAS DESTROYED IN PLACE BY ENGRS.
B. AT 150800H 3/3 REPORTED 12 RDS OF FST 60MM IMPACTING NORTHWEST OF PERIMETER, CALLED FIRE MSN ON POSITION AT YD 153145 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. REACTION TIME OF 5 MINUTES.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINE AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
544 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 499 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 48
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: J.H. CHAMBERS 1/LT

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 151240Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 301 FOR O-N KENTUCKY FR 151200H-151800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND SWEEPS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. AT 150820H 3/3 ENGAGED 4 NVA WITH SNIPER FIRE AT YD 175739, RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
B. AT 150845H 3/3 TOOK SNIPER FIRE FROM YD 167738. RET'D FIRE WITH M-79'S AS SNIPER WAS TOO WELL CONCEALED FOR OBSERVATION ACTION ~~WAS~~ RESULTED IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY. AT 142330H 2/1 REPORTED HEARING DOGS BARKING AND ACTIVITY IN VIC YD 126643 AND YD 127695.
B. AT 150945H FOUND 2 "U" SHAPED TRENCHES ONE OF WHICH CONTAINED 4 NVA KIA (CONF). BELIEVED ARTY WAS CAUSE OF DEATH.
C. AT 151000H 2/1 REPORTED THE AREA OF EN CONTACT OF LAST NITE YD 115705, 1 PICK, 1 WRENCH AND ONE PONCHO WITH HOLES IN IT.
D. AT 151150H 3/4 REPORTED FINDING 5 OLD BUNKERS WIT 9 82MM RDS IN 1 BUNKER. THE BUNKERS WERE 8x8x3 FT WITH THICK LOGS AND SOD OVERHEAD. THE BUNKERS AND MORTARS WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE.
E. AT 151230H 3/1 REPORTED 2 EN IN TREE LINE AT YD 107706 AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE WITH 81MM MORTARS, WITH UNK RESULTS.
F. AT 151500H A SWEEP TM FR 11TH ENGRS FOUND 2 HOMEMADE MINES AT YD 183721 3 INCHES UNDER THE RD AND DESTROYED THEM IN PLACE.

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5. PLANS:
A. ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LPS' IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
545 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 504 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. MC: 48
CSMC: 16
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	3	1	YD 176739	1 NVA KIA (CONF)

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 302 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 151800H-152400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
B. C-12, D-15, Y-3, J-26, AA-4, CC-1, EE-1
C. THE BUNKER CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT C-3 POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 151835H 2/1 SNIPER TM SPOTTED EN AT YD 125705, FIRED 4 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS.
B. 152050H 2/1 AMBUSH MOVING INTO POSIT AT YD 126688 OBS 7 EN AT YD 129685 WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE, BE SPLIT WITH 2 MOVING WEST AND 5 MOVING INTO TREELINE AMBUSH WILL STAY IN POSIT AND OBSERVE AREA.
C. 152250H 1/4 AT YD 128699 SPOTTED 4 NVA AT YD 124674, THRU STARLIGHT SCOPE, MOVING SW IN TREELINE, FIRED 118 RDS OF 81MM HE, FAIR COVERAGE, RES UNK, WILL CHK AREA IN MORNING.
D. 152230H A/1/4 AMBUSH AT YD 164586 FIRED ON 3 EN AT YD 162584, EN RET'D FIRE W/NEG CASUALTIES OR RESULTS.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY. 151430H 2/1 FOUND HOLE IN WIRE AT YD 116705 believed cut last NIGHT, APPROX 6 FT WIDE WITH WELL DEFINED PATH LEADING INTO MINE FIELD, REPAIRED AND PLOTTED 60MM MSN.
B. 151815H 1/4 SPOTTED 1 NVA WEARING DARK GREEN UTILITIES HEADING IN SW DIRECTION. FIRED 80 RDS 81MM RESULTS UNK.

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5. PLANS:
A. C-8, D-15, Y-3, J-26, AA-2, W-1, CC-9, EE-1
B. MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
545 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 504 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IVC: 48 50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
CSVC: 16

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DRAFTER R. A. STEWART, 1/LT R.A. Stewart

RELEASER J. C. STUDT, LTCOL R.A. Stewart for

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OP IMMED PRIORITY 152430Z JAN68
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 303 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 152400H TO 160600H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
CORRECTION TO SITREP #297
C. I/M/3/3 - YD 172723
D. L/K/3/3 - YD 170730
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. AT 152230H A/1/4 AMBUSH AT YD 164586 SPOTTED 3 PERSONS AT EN YD 162584. AMBUSH OPENED FIRE AND EN RETD 3 RDS SA. AREA CHECKED W/NEG RESULTS.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 160105H 2/1 AT A-4 HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF PERIMETER AT EN YD 123701. FIRED M-79 AND MOVEMENT CEASED.
B. AT 160145H A/1/4 AMBUSH AT EN YD 164586 SPOTTED 15-20 NVA AT EN YD 163587 MOVING WEST W/2 MORTAR TUBES. EN DID NOT COME W/IN RANGE OF AMBUSH AND CONTINUED TO MOVE W.
C. AT 160315H 2/9 OP AT YD 141614 SPOTTED 6-8 NVA AT EN YD 128617. CALLED ARTY MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
D. CHANGE PARA 4A OF SITREP #296 TO READ "4 NBC (4 MEDEVAC)" VICE "5 NBC (5 MEDEVAC)" TO CORRECT ERROR IN REPORTING.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
545 MIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 504 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 48
CSWC: 16
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DRAFTER M. G. SORENSEN, MAJ

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARVT, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 304 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 160600H TO 161200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
545 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 504 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 POW
58 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. DSC: 48
CSWC: 16
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 305 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 161200H TO 161800H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 2/1 AT 161145H VIC YD 114701 RECD SNIPER FIRE FR EN YD 094705, FIRED 60 MSN W/UNK RESULTS.
B. 3/4 AT 161220H VIC YD 165693 A COMPANY PATROL FOUND A CACHE OF 82MM AMMO (183 RDS). AREA SEEMED TO BE CAPABLE OF HAVING A COMPANY OR BN SIZE UNIT. DESTROYED AMMO.
C. 2/1 AT 162130H VIC YD 114703 OBS 3 NVA VIC YD 129711, FIRED 60 MSN (22 RDS), 81MSN (4 RDS), AND 4.2 MSN (52 RDS) WITH UNK RESULTS.
D. A TOTAL OF 40.8 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 15JAN68. A/S RAN AT YD 123711 (POSTSCRIPT 517) ON 5 NVA IN A TREELINE RESULTED IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S IN AO.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
545 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 505 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DETAINEES TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
C. INC: 48
CSWC: 16
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
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SITREP #306 161800 - 162400 Jan 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: UNITS MAINTAINED POSITS AND ESTABLISHED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 152258H JAN68 3/3 REPTD RECEIVING 2 RDS OF FR 105MM ARTY INSIDE THEIR PERIMETER. 2/12 IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION; THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.
B. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF 3/4'S I CO PETROL OF 16JAN 68. THE AREA SEARCHED AT YD 165643 WAS AN APPARENT BN SIZE BASE CAMP. 183 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR WERE FOUND IN AN AREA OF 117 BUNKERS INCLUDING MORTAR POSITS. 82 RDS WERE COMPLETE W/ALL NECESSARY COMPONENTS. AMMO WAS DESTROYED EXCEPT FOR SAMPLES. RECENT ARTY AND TPQ HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON HARBOR SITE. 22 BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED, THEY WERE 5x5x5 WITH 2 TO 3 FT OF OVERHEAD. APPROX 14 LIVING BUNKERS WERE NOT DESTROYED. PHOTO'S WERE TAKEN OF THE Area PRIOR TO DESTRUCTION. DETAILED RPT TO FOLLOW.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITS AND CONTINUE LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: KIA 79
WIA 545 (MEDVAC)
WIA 226 (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: NVA KIA (CONF) 505 VC KIA 0 (CONF)
DETAINEES 56 TOTAL
POW 4
INNOCENT CIVILIANS 50
VC RETURNEES 1
CIVIL DEFENDANTS 1
C. INC: 458
CSMC: 16
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 307 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 170001-170600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. UNITS MAINTAINED AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 162320H 2/1 OP HEARD MOVEMENT AT YD 128698, FIRED 20 RDS 60MM, MOVEMENT CEASED.
B. 162340H 2/1 AMBUSH TM MOVED INTO FRIENDLY MINE FIELD AT YD 114701 WHERE PW HAD REMOVED WARNING FENCE. RESULT IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
5. PLANS:
A. MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES.
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
546 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 505 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. PVC: 48
CSVC: 16

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170610Z JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES

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SITREP NR 307 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 170600H-171200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 170700H E/2/1 PATROL AT YD 109693 REC'D 1 RD CARBINE FIRE FR EN YD 102694, RET'D FIRE W/M-79, 60MM AND 81MM MORTARS.
B. AT 170945H I/3/3 PATROL DISCOVERED 2 BOOBY TRAPPED GRENADES AT YD 195725. GRENADES DESTROYED.
C. AT 171050H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM MORTAR, 2 RDS 60MM MORTAR AND 1 RD SNIPER FIRE, RET'D FIRE W/10 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 107708, 20 RDS 81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 114720, AND 24 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 115736. INCOMING RESULTED IN 2 USMC WIA (2 MEDEVAC)
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
B. 17 JAN - 2/9 BRAVO AT CAM LO WILL REINFORCE CAP-I AND CAP III EACH WITH 1 RIFLE SQD, 1 MG TM, AND, IN THE CASE OF CAP III, 1 60MM MORTAR SQD. 9TH MARINES WILL PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT UNTIL TET IN VIEW OF ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD.
C. 19 JAN - A/1/4 WILL WITHDRAW AFTER DARK FROM THE AREA SOUTH OF RT 9 TO DHCB; WILL RETURN TO PARENT BN AT C-2 ON 20 JAN.
D. 19 JAN - ANTICIPATE RELIEF OF K/3/4 AT CIO LINH BY ARVN. PLAN TO MOVE K/3/4 TO DONG HA COMBAT BASE AS REGT'L RESERVE AND TO MEET FOLLOWING SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

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4 SQDS FOR [redacted]RD SWEEP SECURITY; 2 SQ[redacted]R MCB RD CONSTRUCTION SECURITY; 2 SQDS (REINF) TO REINFORCE CAP I AND CAP III DURING TET THREAT; BALANCE OF COMPANY AS DHCB REACTION FORCE/SPARROW HAWK AND COUNTER-AMBUSH PATROL ALONG RT 9.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
548 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 505 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) C
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 48
CSVC: 16

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 308 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 171200H-171800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. A TOTAL OF 42.7 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 15 AND 16 JAN. AO OBS 4 NVA AT YD 162747 W/S NEW BUNKERS. RAN A/S (COMBAT 29) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
B. AT 171300H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 55 RDS SNIPER FIRE. RET'D FIRE W/60MM AND 81MM MORTAR AND S/A FIRE.
C. AT 171300H 1/4 SECURITY FOR BULLDOZER AT C-2 BRIDGE SPOTTED 2 NVA IN BRUSH AT IN YD 132668, FIRED S/A WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
D. AT 171345H L/3/4 PATROL FOUND 4 60MM MORTAR RDS AT YD 143700. RDS RET'D TO CP.
E. AT 171400H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 13 RDS S/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN POSITION.
F. AT 171430H L/3/4 PATROL FOUND 2 BUNKERS 6x4x4 FT W/3 FT LOG AND MUD OVERHEAD, BUNKERS DESTROYED.

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5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
548 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 506 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 48
CSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.
A. NO CHANGE

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DRAFTER: M.C. SGT MAJOR

RELEASED BY: S.C. LTCOL

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 171630H

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 309 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 171800H-172400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.
B. C-4, O-17, Y-3, J-23, AA-4, CC-7, EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 2/1 AT 171724H VIC YD 114701 OBS 7 EN IN OPEN VIC YD 135724 FIRED 4.2" MSN (200 RDS) RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF), CONFIRMED BY AO.
B. 1/4 AT 172015H VIC YD 126667 OBS MOVEMENT BY USE OF AN/PPS-6, NOD, AND SID VIC YDS 125669 AND 125673, FIRED 60, 81, AND 90MM MSN'S WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
C. 3/4 AT 172050H OBS EN MOVEMENT WITH STARLIGHTSCOPE AT EN YD 147712, FIRED S/A, M-79, AND THREW M-26 GRENADE, CHECKED AREA W/NEG RESULTS, THOROUGH SEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED AT FIRST LIGHT.
D. AT 172110H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 FIRED 155 MSN (27 RDS) ON YD 091751 AND 4.2" MSN (50 RDS) ON YD 123728, OBSERVED 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. Both suspected enemy arty psns.
E. 2/1 AT 172230H VIC YD 125698 AN AMBUSH RTC'D 3 GRENADES AND 6 RDS S/A FIRE FR EN YDS 127695 AND 131698, FIRED 60 MSN ON EACH LOCATION--- MOVEMENT CEASED.

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F. (LAST ENTRY) 2/1 AT 171345H VIC YD 114701 RECD 7 RDS OF 82MM MORTARS AND 2 RDS OF 60MM MORTARS INSIDE PERIMETER FR [illegible] YD 114722 AND 115729. FIRED 81 MM (40 RDS) AND 4.2" MSN OF (20 RDS) WITH UNK RESULTS, REACTION TIME OF 3 MINUTES.

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND CONTINUE TO MAN LP'S IN AO.
B. C-4, D-17, Y-3, J-22, AA-3, CC-7, EE-2.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 79 KIA
543 WIA (MEDEVAC)
225 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 507 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
56 DET TOTAL
4 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 48
CSVC: 16

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OP IMMED/PRIORITY 172340Z

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 310 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FF 180001H TO 180600H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINT IMD POSITS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LPS.
3. FRIENDLY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY - AT 172345H, 2/1 RECD 1 RD 82MM MORTAR FR AN VIC DIRECTION.
B. LATE ENTRY - AT 172355H, 2/1 RECD 1 RDOF 82MM MORTAR FIRE AND RETD FIRE W/ARTY AND 81MM.
C. AT 180015H 2/1 REPTD THEIR AMBUSH VIC YD 128599 OBS EN MOVEMENT VIC YD 130700. 60MM ILL, HE AND M-79 RDS WERE FIRED W/NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITS, AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OPS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: KIA 79
WIA 548 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 226 (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: PAVN KIA 507 (CONF) VC KIA 0 (COIF)
DETAINEES 56 TOTAL
POW 4
INNOCENT CIVILIANS 50
VC RETURNEES 1
CIVIL DEFENDANTS 1
C. INC: 48
CSWC: 16
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DRAFTER C. W. BOSTON, MAJ
RELEASER J. A. [illegible], LTCOL

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OP IMMED/PRIORITY 180510 JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
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SITREP NR 311 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 180600H TO 181200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE POSITS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 180930H L/3/3 AT YD 193714 ENGAGED 2 NVA W/SA. SWEPT AREA FOUND 2 NVA KIA(CONF) BY SA AND 1 NVA KIA (CONF) BY ARTY PREP AND 1 NVA KIA (POW) BY ARTY PREP. POW MEDEVACED.
B. 180945H L/3/4 AT 144725 MADE CONTACT WITH NVA RUN PLAT W/SA. RECD 20 RDS MIX ARTY 181037H. AO, GUNSHIPS ON STATION. CONTACT CONTINUES.
C. 181047 L/3/3 IN CONTACT WITH 15-20 NVA AT YD 163739. EN BROKE CONTACT. SWEPT AREA FOUND EXTENSIVE TUNNELS AND BUNKERS.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 181037H D/1/4 FOUND 3 OLD FIGHTING HOLES ALONG WELL USED TRAIL AT YD 135676. DESTROYED HOLES PLOTTED MAI.
5. PLANS: CONDUCT PATROLS AND OPS IMPROVE POSITS.

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A. [illegible]: [illegible] 79
[illegible] 240 ([illegible])
[illegible] 220 ([illegible])
B. [illegible]: [illegible] 510 [illegible] ([illegible]) 0
[illegible]
[illegible] 5
[illegible] 50
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C. [illegible]
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DRAFTER G. M. BOSTON, MAJ

RELEASER F. C. STUDT, LTCOL

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OP IMMED/PRIORITY 181130Z JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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SITREP NR 312 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 181200H TO 181800H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. (PRELIMINARY REPORT) 1/3/4 ON PATROL MADE CONTACT AT 180945H W/EST BN REINF CO AT YD 144725. RECD AW FIRE, SA AND 20 RDS MORTAR FIRE. RETD SA AND NF FIRE AND CALLED ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION COORDINATING FIRES. AT 181120H L/3/4 REMAINED IN CONTACT RECEIVING 50 CAL FIR AND SA. CONTINUED TO EMPLOY GUNSHIP WITH SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. AT 181234H RECD 50 INCOMING RDS UNK CAL AT YD 145724. DIRECTION 0340 MILS. REQUESTED MEDEVAC FOR 14 WIA AND 2HKIA. 181340H M/3/4 MOVING TO L/3/4 POSIT AT YD 145724 AND I/3/3 MOVING WEST FR A-3 TO FURTHER REINF. L/3/4 WAS TEMPORARILY PINNED DOWN BUT AT 181535 L/3 AND M 3/4 WERE IN CONTACT WITH I/3/3 IN POSIT AS BLOCKING FORCE. ALL MEDEVACS WERE COMPLETED, CONTACT BROKEN WITH ALL UNITS BACK IN POSIT BY 181745H. AO RPTS AND PRELIMINARY DEBRIEF OF 3/4 INDICATE HEAVY EN CASUALTIES. FINAL RPT TO BE MADE LATER. CASUALTY FIGURES IN PARA 6 ARE NOT TOTAL Pending RECEIPT OF FINAL REPORT.
B. 2/1 AND 1/4 EACH PROVIDED ONE COMPANY ON STANDBY TO REINF 3/4 BUT WERE NOT NEEDED. ALL OTHER UNITS IMPROVED POSITS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPNS IN AO.

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) RECON 3-2 AT YD 094630 ENGAGED SA W/4 NVA. RDS IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) LF STRIKE 311 FOR 180600-181200H PARA 3C L/3/3 SPOTTED 4 NVA AT YD 161740 ENGAGED W/S/A. NEG RESULTS.
B. 181030H 2/1 PATROL SPOTTED 2 EN AT YD 121711. FIRED 4.2 UNK RESULTS.
C. 181225H L/3/3 SNIPER SPOTTED 1 NVA AT YD 160746. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
D. 181300H 2/1 PATROL FOUND 90MM AT YD 126686. DESTROYED.
E. 181430H 1/4 AT C-2 TOWER RECD 6 SNIPER RDS FR SE. RETD 81MM, 105MM. SNIPER FIRE CEASED.
5. PLANS: MAINTAIN POSITS, CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: KIA 81
WIA 548 WIA (MEDEVAC)
WIA 226 (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: NVA KIA (CONF) 511 VC KIA (CONF) 0
DETAINEES 57
POW 5
INNOCENT CIVILIANS 50
VC RETURNEES 1
CIVIL DEFENDANTS 1
C. IVC: 51
CSWC: 16
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NO OF TEAMS	NR EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	3	3	YD 173723	1 KIA
2/1	2	2	YD 117701	
1/4	3	1	YD 128671	
		1	YD 133646	
		1	YD 183556	
3/4	4	4	YD 144724	
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DRAFTER: LT J. A. STEWART, USNR

APPROVED: LCDR J. J. STUDT, USNR

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CP INVOKED/PRECEDENCE: 181900Z JAN68
FROM: WINGS MAU US
TO: CG, THIRD MAW
INFO: TWELFTH MAW MCAS
SECOND MAW, FIRST MAW
MCAS EL TORO, MCAS MIRAMAR
MCAS BEAUFORT, MCAS IWAKUNI
MCAS FUTENMA, MCAS KANEOHE BAY
FLEET LDG, FOR PAC PEARL HARBOR, USA
FLEET ACT WINGS
THIRD MAW DIVS
FOURTH MAW DIVS
SENIOR ADVISOR, SOUTH VIETNAM (2)
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SINCEP ER 313 FOR OPN KINGSTON FY 181200Z TO 182300Z JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS NOT NOTED BELOW CONDUCTED ATTACKS AND LOG.
B. UNITS WHO DID NOT REPORT IN BY 3/4 CONTACT (SEE PARA 2A(2)).
C. A-5, B-4, C-6, D-16, F-22, L-2, M-3, AA-2, CC-10, EE-1.
3. NEGATIVE CONTACTS:
4. TOTAL NET OF 3/4 CONTACT:
M CO MINUS MOVED INTO RP BLANK AND LIFTED BLOCKING POINT STA-
TION AT 0750. L CO MOVED NORTH ALONG PHU LOI ROUTE. M CO CONTI-
NUED AT 1106 AT DA,58 NOVING NORTH ON CP. L CO MOVED INTO DEF
L-15 BLOCK AND AT 1157Z AND A CHECK OF AREA IN VIC GATE VIC. L CO
MAY CONTACT W/M VIC WHERE PLT AT 1172. AT 0945H L CO DEVELOPED
AND LIFTS CP ON ITS TO GAIN PLT SUPPORTIVE. THEY MOVED
INTO AREA W/A PROXIMITY. AT BLOCKING POINT (GRID 1) DIVIDED V; OVE
DESIL L CO AT YL X. UNIT 2 ORIENTED TO R VY TO RP PLANS BLOCKING
POINT FROM A BRIDGE DESIGNED FOR OPNS AND 2 BOOBY TRAPS.
PLT PLAN 1015 AND 1100 ST ROS OF TSE PL LOOKS ARTY SEARCH OF R CO
WEST BLOCKING POINT AND RP CP. L CO TIED IN WITH CAS AT BLOCK
POINT OF CONTACT AND ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE POINT AND SWEEP R
FIELD DOWN TO WEST R FROM. VIA 3 PL ROUTE TO L CO RP

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TOOK C/S AND PUSHED TW IN FRONT OF L CO FROM THEIR [illegible] LINE
BY SA AND TF. L CO WITH TANK SUPPORT MADE RAPID PROGRESS CUTTING THRU
OPARTY TROOPS FOR BRIEFLY CONTACT. AC ON STATION OVER AREA OF
K AND I UNITS AND AIDED L CO IN VICINITY TOWARD FINAL OBJ
REGIMENTAL. BOTH GUNSHIPS ON STATION AT 1102 PROVIDING PROTECTIVE
FIRES ON NVA ATTEMPTING TO FLANK L AND M POSITS, I CO EXCH
RECEIVING 50 CALIBER MG FIRE FROM IT FLANK, L AND M DELIVERING
ACCURATE RETURN FIRE. MVA ATTACKED ACROSS NORTH AND NE FRONT.
L AND M TOOK SOME MORTAR AND RPG FIRE. CASUALTIES AT LAST 3
MORTAR POSITS AND SEVERAL FOXHOLES. LARGE EVA FIRING
FROM BOMB CRATERS. L AND CAS RUTE TO L'S TANK BLOCKING POSITS
BECAME OBVIOUS THAT CONTACT INCREASED TO AT LEAST A REIF CO W/M
MORTARS, RPG'S AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. L AND M REPORTED ABOUT 60-
75 NVA 60MM MORTARS DURING ENTIRE ENGAGEMENT AND ABOUT 5-10 RPG
ROS. AT 1130H L CAS INCREASED AS TIME TRIED TO RECOVER PLOTTED
KOMIA ELEMENTS (ABOUT 1½ MEN IN BOMB CRATERS) L'S HIT BY MORTAR
RD AT 1330H AS IT PERSONNEL "W" TO AID IN FIRST DUTY MIL ACTIVITY
L-6 REPORTED COMBINATION CAS AND TF FIRE PROVIDED SUFFICIENT SCOPE
TO BREAK CONTACT. AIR ON STATION DUE TO LACK OF FUEL. ARTY FIRES
RECOMMENDED AT 1345H. DS-6 WITH M COMPANY INCLUDING M-2 FROM
RT FLANK POSIT MOVED FORWARD TO AID L-1. US-34 VACUATED L CO
CASUALTIES OUT TO FIRE AND FORCED LANDING PLAT C-2. AS M LINKED UP
WITH L AO AND MOVES BACK ON STATION. M HELD TO ELIMINATE POCKETS
OF RESISTANCE THROUGH TO L. MIKE LINKED UP WITH L, MOVE UNITS AND
RESUPPLY PROVIDED COVERING FIRE FOR CH-46 TO EVACUATE L CAS. 4 KIA
CARRIED OUT BY L FROM AREA DIRECTLY BEHIND FROM A-3 TO RT FLANK BLOCKING
POSIT AT 154722. 7 CAS EVACUATED TO 2/4 BY HELO. AFTER CAS
WERE AIRLIFTED FROM L CO WERE PASSED TO POINT FOR CARRYING STRETCHER
CAS. [illegible] DUE TO LACK OF [illegible]
[illegible]
WITH 8 AS L AND M NEED BY 7/SA, DISPOSITION AS FOLLOWS: [illegible]
COD. MOPPING ARTY TOT, AIR TO SUPPLEMENT WITH CONTINUING AIR AND
ARTY STRIKES ON CONFIRMED OR AREA ALREADY BOMBARDED. CASUALTIES FOR
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS: 9 USMC KIA, 22 USMC WIA (DOW 1 (1)), 14
NVA KIA BY INFANTRY/ADDITIONAL NVA KIA BY [illegible]
D. AT 1300HOE K/3/3 HAS CONFIRMED (REF PARA 2A OF SITREP NR 311).
FINAL REPORT STATES 2 USMC KIA (HOSTILE) WIA (EVACUATED), AND 1 WIA
(NON HOSTILE) EVACUATED. OTHER USMC CASUALTIES NOTED IN
REPORT.

3. FINAL RPT OF L/3/3 CONTACT: AT 1302H L/3/3 OBS 5-10 NVA MOVING
IN AT DIRECTION OF FIRE AT 25.75U. ENGAGED BY 7/SA, FIRE AND
COUNTER MANEUVER. ENGAGED IN DURING WITHDRAWAL W/F-79'S, SA AND
M-60'S. AT 1330H L/3/3 FORWARD ELEMENTS FOUND 1 ADDITIONAL KIA
BEGAN CONSOLIDATION OF POSITION. WITHDREW W/ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES
ROLLED 1 TO 3 DAYS (LD). NO TROUBLE TO ACCOUNT A GOOD. NUMEROUS
FOOTPRINTS AND DRAG MARKS INDICATED HEAVY WITHDRAWAL OF NVA. AT

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1225H SNIPER SIGHTED 3 NVA AT 160744, FIRED AND OBS 1 NVA FALL. L/3/3 SA KEPT 3 TO 4 NVA PINNED DOWN BEHIND BRUSH TILL ARTY COULD BE ADJUSTED ON POSIT. ARTY ACHIEVED DIRECT HIT. HVY BUNKER COMPLEX SIGHTED IN VIC OF 158742. BUNKERS ORIENTED TO THE SE. CONTACT RESULTED IN 3 NVA KIA NOT PREV RPTD.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 181045H L/3/3 PATROL FOUND BUNKER COMPLEX W/ CONNECTING TRENCHES, 1 RD 82MM MORTAR, 2 RDS 60MM MORTARS AND 4 CANS MORTAR FUSES AT YD 162736.

B. AT 181400H M/3/3 PATROL FOUND M-26 RIGGED AS SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE DESTROYED.

C. AT 181700H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS MOVEMENT AND MUZZLE FLASH (ACS) OF SA FIRE AT IN YD 105708. FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN AND OBS 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

D. AT 181905H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS MOVEMENT AT IN YD 125698 W/AN/PPS-6 RADAR. FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN W/UNK RESULTS. W/AN/PPS-6 RADAR

E. AT 182000H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS MOVEMENT AT IN YD 134698, 134699, AND 134696. FIRED 60MM MORTAR MSNS W/UNK RESULTS.

F. AT 182205H 2/1 AT A-4 OBS MOVEMENT AT IN YD 125721 AND 129715 W/AN/PPS-6. FIRED 81MM AND 4.2" MORTAR MSNS W/UNK RESULTS.

G. AT 182220H 2/1 AT A-4 FIRED M-79 ON MOVEMENT AT IN YD 124693 W/ UNK RESULTS.

H. AT 182315H 3/4 AT YD 145708 FIRED SA ON MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINES. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

B. WILL CONTINUE TO FIRE ARTY AND RUN TPQ'S INTO AREA OF 3/4 CONTACT (GS YD 1472)

C. A-5, B-5, C-8, D-16, J-22, W-1, Y-3, AA-4, CC-7, FS-1.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
584 KIA (MEDEVAC)
226 KIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 673 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
57 DETAINEES TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 51
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: MAJ [illegible] MAJOR

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DTG 182055Z

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 314 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 182400H-190600H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. (DELAYED ENTRY) 1/4 AT 182215H VIC YD 128678 REPORTED THAT TRIP FLARE WENT OFF, 2 PAX WERE OBS W/INFRARED DEVICE RUNNING INTO A TREE LINE AT YD 125672. AT 182246H SPOT-6; PICKED UP EN MOVEMENT AT YD 123667; FIRED 90 MSN (3 RDS) AND 60 MSN (10) RDS ON YD 125672, AND FIRED 90 MSN (30 rds) ON YD 123677. RESULTS UNK AT THIS TIME--WILL CHECK OUT WITH DAY ACTS.
B. 2/1 AT 190045H VIC YD 124688 AN AMBUSH OBS 2 NVA VIC YD XXXXXX 125688, EN FIRED S/A RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA (MEDEVAC), RET'D S/A, M-79 FIRE AND 1 CLAYMORE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, AMBUSH RET'D TO A-4.
C. 2/1 AT 190105H VIC YD 116687 AN LP HEARD MOVEMENT 25 METERS TO THEIR SW, THEN REC'D 2 INCOMING GRENADES, IN RETURN THREW 3, M-26 GRENADES W/UNK RESULTS, MOVED LP TO YD 115687.

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 2/1 AT 190230H VIC YD 114701 REC'D 4 RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE APPROX 290 METERS SE OF OP 1 IN MINE FIELD FROM SUSPECTED EN YD 095697, FIRED 81MM MSN (40 RDS) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
585 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 673 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
57 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 51
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS L/ST
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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 190402 JAN 68

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUNAG TRI

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SITREP NR 315 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 190600H-191200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OP'S WHILE IMPROVING POSITIONS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY. FURTHER DEBRIEF OF RECON PATROL 2C2 INDICATES 14 NVA KIA (CONF), 8 BY USMC GUNSHIP A D 6 BY RECON PATROL. ONLY 2 NVA KIA (CONF) WERE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED; ADD 12 NVA KIA (CONF) TO OPN KENTUCKY.
B. AT 191040H 1/4 PATROL REPORTED HEARING MOVEMENT ABOUT 15 METERS AWAY IN THICK TERRAIN VIC YD 136674. THE PATROL TOOK APPROX 20 RDS S/A FROM AREA OF MOVEMENT. THE PATROL PULLED BACK AND CALLED AN 81MM MSN OF 40 RDS HE, THE AREA WAS THEN CHECKED WITH NO RESULTS.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING PATROLS AND LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
585 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 685 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
57 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 DETAINEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
1 VC RETURNEE
C. IWC: 51
CSWC: 16

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 191202Z JAN 68

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THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 316 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 191200H-191800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND LP'S WHILE MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING POSITIONS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 190200H 3/3 CALLED A FIRE MSN AT VIC YD 168706. "F" BTRY 2/12 FIRED 4 RDS AT 190229H. AT 190240H ONE RD IMPACTED AT YD 178722. "F" BTRY WAS GIVEN CHECK FIRE BY 2/12 WATCH OFFICER. INFO RE'D FR 2/12 INDICATED THAT ONE CHARGE 7 WAS FIRED IN LIEU OF A CHARGE 6 CAUSING A LONG ROUND. INVESTIGATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY 2/12.
B. FOLLOW UP TO SPT REP 18 JAN 68 OF 3/4. 3/4 REPORTS 2 EN KIA (CONF) TO BE CREDITED TO SNIPER M0857 AND 1 TO SNIPER J3082 IN 18 JAN 68 ACTION
C. REF 182315H JAN68 OF 3/4 CHECK OF AREA AT 190930H REVEALING NEGATIVE RESULTS.
D. AT 191300H 1/4 REPORTED AT VIC YD 114446 FINDING BUNKER 10 FT LONG W/18 " OF DIRT AND LOGS ON TOP WITH 2 ENTRANCES. ALSO FOUND 2 MORE BUNKERS 5x5x3 FT WELL CAMOUFLAGED. ALSO FOUND: 1- E TOOL, 1 PICK, 50 FT ELEC WIRE, MISC DOCUMENTS, NVA C-HATS, ONE OLD GRAVE, DEST BUNKERS, AND FORWARDING GEAR TO S-2.
E. AT 191315H 3/3 REPT'D FINDING 2- 4 MAN BUNKERS AT VIC YD 162723 AND DESTROYED THEM.
F. AT 191430H 2/1 REPORTED RECEIVING A SNIPER RD FR YD 117711, RET'D FIRE W/81MM MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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G. AT 191455H 2/1 REPORTED RECEIVING 2 SNIPER RDS FR YD 119706, RET'D FIRE W/20 RDS 60MM, SNIPER FIRE CEASED.
H. AT 191700H 2/1 REPORTED SUSPECTED EN MOVEMENT AT VIC YD 123713, CALLED 60MM MSN (5 RDS)W/UNK RESULTS.
I. A TOTAL OF 20.0 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 17 - 18 JAN68 AT YD 075645 AO RAN A/S ON APPROX 20 FRESHLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS ACCOUNTING FOR 6 NVA KIA (CONF).

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
585 WIA (MEDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 685 ~~692~~ NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
57 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 51
CSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.
A. NO CHANGE

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DRAFTER: G.W. BOSTON MAJOR

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

CCN: 169

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SITREP NR 317 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 191800H-192400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. A/1/4 YD 239591 (DONG HA)
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. A/1/4 COMPLETED MOVE BY FOOT FR VIC YD 179558 TO DONG HA.
B. CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO AND MAINTAIN POSITIONS.
C. C-4, D-12, Y-3, J-7, AA-4, CC-10
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 192000H 2/1 AT A-4, AN/PPS-5 DETECTED EST 10 PN AT YD 188700, FIRED 10 RDS 4.2" WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
B. 192335H 2/1 AT A-4, AN/PPS-5 DETECTED MOVEMENT AT YD 128690, FIRED 10 RDS 60MM, MOVEMENT CEASED.
5. PLANS:
A. CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO, MAINTAIN POSITIONS.
B. D-12, J-17, AA-9, CC-6
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
585 WIA (INCDEVAC)
226 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 692 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
57 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 51
CSWC: 16

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RELEASER J. C. STUDT, LTCOL

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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 318 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 192400H TO 200600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 192230H H/2/1 LP AT YD 123690 SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT EN YD 123687. LP FIRED SA, M-79, AND THREW GRENADES. WHILE RETURNING TO PERIMETER RECD SA FIRE RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA (MINOR).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 180930H M/3/3 HAD CONTACT (REF PARA 3A OF SITREP NR 311) CONTACT RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF 3 AK-47 RIFLES (3 EWC) PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN CUMULATIVE TOTALS BUT NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED IN NARRATIVE.

B. AT 192355H 2/1 AT A-4 DETECTED MOVEMENT OF 6 NVA AT EN YD 118692. FIRED 60MM MORTAR MSN W/UNK RDS.

C. AT 200020H 2/1 AT A-4 RECD 14 RDS 60MM MORTAR AND 16 RDS 82MM MORTAR INSIDE PERIMETER. RETD FIRE W/105MM ARTY ON EN YD 128717 W/18 RDS, ON EN YD 121716 W/18 RDS, ON EN YD 104722 W/18 RDS, W/4.2" MORTAR ON EN YD 127725 W/70 RDS, ON EN YD 125720 W/10 RDS, AND W/81MM MORTAR ON EN YD 116721 W/10 RDS, ON EN YD 122711 W/40 RDS, ON EN YD 127713 W/40 RDS, ON EN YD 121716 W/25 RDS, ON EN YD 090704 W/45 RDS, ON EN YD 121720 W/20 RDS, AND ON EN YD 122711 W/10 RDS. REACTION TIME WAS 1 MIN.

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D. AT 200200H 2/1 OP AT A-4 SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT EN YD 112703 W/STARLIGHT SCOPE. FIRED 60MM MORTAR MSN W/UNK RESULTS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: KIA 90
WIA 585 (MEDEVAC)
WIA 228 (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: NVA KIA 686 (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
DETAINEES TOTAL 57
POW 5
INNOCENT CIVILIANS 50
VC RETURNEES 1
CIVIL DEFENDANTS 1
C. IWC: 52
CSWC: 16
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RELEASER J. C. STUDT, LTCOL

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OP IMMED/PRIORITY 200500Z JAN 68
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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
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SITREP NR 319 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 200600H TO 201200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. AT 200900H 2/9 REPTD VIC YD 164587 A CONVOY OF TRUCKS BEHIND THE 11TH ENGR SWEEP TEAM WERE AMBUSHED. 2 TRUCKS (1 USN AND 1 USMC) WERE DAMAGED, ONE BY RPG-2 AND 1 BY CLAYMORE, RESULTING IN 1 USN WIA (MEDEVAC).
B. AT 200920H RECON PATROL 2-2 AT VIC YD 105634 ENCOUNTERED 5-7 NVA WEARING CAMOUFLAGE UTILTIES AND CARRYING AK-47'S. GUNSHIPS ON STATION MADE STRAFING RUNS. THE EN BROKE CONTACT AND THE RECON PATROL CONTINUED MSN.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 201016H 2/1 AT A-4 TOOK 4 RDS OF 60MM MORTARS FROM VIC YD 116714. RETD FIRE W/A 1 MIN REACTION TIME, W/50 RDS OF 81MM ON YD 114718 AND 10 RDS 81MM ON 116714.
B. AT 200715H 2/1 AT VIC YD 107703 FOUND 18 FRESHLY DUG EN 1 MAN HOLES 2-3 DAYS OLD, ARRANGED IN AN OVAL ORIENTED TOWARDS A-4.
C. AT 200730H 2/1 AT VIC YD 109703 MAN ON RT FLANK OF POINT TM TRIPPED Z-10 W/MINE RIGGED W/TRIP WIRE. RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
D. AT 200330H 2/1 AT YD 101697 FOUND 1-Z-10 MINE WHICH APPEARED TO BE BOOBY TRAPPED. IT WAS DISARMED AND BROUGHT BACK TO A-4.

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DRAFTER: CAPT MAS DIV

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 201100H JAN 68

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
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TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 320 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 201200H-201800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OP'S WHILE MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING POSITIONS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 201145H 3/3 REPORTED [redacted] FINDING 1 250LL BOMB FRAGMENTATION CYTT VIC YD 183734. 3/3 WILL DESTROY WITH EOD.
B. LATE ENTRY. AT 201243H 2/1 RECEIVED 1 RDS 82MM IN VIC YD 119704 INSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE ON THE FOLLOWING SUSPECTED COORDS: YD 124718, W/61 RDS 81MM, 15 RDS 4.2" VIC YD 116720 AND 40 RDS 105MM VIC YD 15.997690.
C. AT 201503H 2/2 REC'D 6 INCOMING 82MM AND 4 RDS EST 82MM RR INSIDE OF A-4, RET'D FIRE W/61MM AND 4.2" MORTARS.
D. AT 201523H 3/4 REPORTED RECEIVING 2 RD 82MM MORTAR INSIDE PERIMETER FR THE NORTH. THIS RESULTED IN ABORTING THE CH-46 MISSION IN PROGRESS.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES AND PATROLS.
B. 1 PLT OF 'A' CO WILL EST NITE TIME AMBUSH ALONG FYW 9 AND LEAVE SCOUT SNIPER KILLER TEAMS ON THE RD OF THE 21ST WHO WILL MAN NITE TIME AMBUSH ON NITE OF 21-22 JAN68.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES.
A. FRIENDLY: [redacted] KIA
587 WIA (MEDEVAC)
228 ~~WIA~~ WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: [redacted] NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DETAINEES
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES, SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 321 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 201800H-202400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. NONE
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
587 WIA (MEDEVAC)
228 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 686 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 51
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: G.W. BOSTON LAJER

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 2022307 JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MAR
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 322 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 210001H-210600H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 210245H A/1/4 YD 156580 PLAT AMBUSH FIRED ON 8-9 NVA. RESULT IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF) 2 AK-47s AND CHICOM GRENADES CAPTURED, NEG FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 210140H 2/9 AT D 149602 (CAM LO BRIDGE) SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT 149609. ENG W/S/A, SEARCHED AREA, NEG RESULTS.
B. 210300H 1/4 134645 (C-2) OBS MOVEMENT OF 2 MEN THRU STARLIGHT SCOPE, FIRED .50 CAL MG, OBS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT.
C. 210515H 2/1 AT YD 115700 (A-4) REC'D 1 RD SNIPER FIRE FR UNDETERMINED LOCATION, NEG CASUALTIES.
5. PLANS:
A. 3/4 TO SWEEP SOUTH FR PRESENT POSIT TO VIC YD 158680 YD 148707
B. ALL OTHER UNITS CONDUCT PATROLS, OP'S AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
587 WIA (MEDEVAC)
228 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 688 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DET
1 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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C. INC: 53
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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 210500Z JAN 68

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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SITREP NR 323 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 210600H-211200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 210855H, 9TH MAR, YD 167568 RD SWEEP TM FOUND ONE T-41 RUSSIAN AT-MINE, MINE DESTROYED IN PLACE.
B. 211045H 3/4, YD 146713 PATROL FOUND 1 NVA PACK WITH BLANKET ROLL AND COMM WIRE, GEAR REC'D TO S-2.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
567 WIA (MEDEVAC)
228 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 688 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 0
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 53
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: R.A. STEWART

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21 1030Z
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 324 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 211200H-211800H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 210830H, 3/3, YD 190732 PATROL FOUND 3 VC FLAGS, 1 BOOBY TRAPPED AT MINE, 1 CHICOM AT MINE, PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND 1 82MM MORTAR RD, FLAGS AND LEAFLETS RET'D TO S-2, REMAINDER DESTROYED.
B. 210942H, 2/1, YD 126696 PATROL SPOTTED 2 NVA. FIRED S/A AND M-79, NVA FLED TO NORTHEAST.
C. 211215H, 2/1, YD 110700, REC'D 1 RD RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), RET'D FIRE W/60MM MORTARS.
D. 211345H 1/4 YD 140663 PATROL SPOTTED 1 NVA. FIRED S/A AND M-79, SEARCH OF AREA REVELED BLOOD TRAIL.
E. 211400H 3/3 YD 146708 REC'D BURST OF A/W FIRE FROM WEST RESULTING IN 1 WIA (MINOR, UNABLE TO DETERMINE EN POSITION.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
587 WIA (MEDEVAC)
228 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 688 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 53
CSWC: 18

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	5	5	YD 172723	NEG
3/4	5	5	YD 147709	NEG
1/4	4	4	YD 133646	NEG
2/1	2	2	YD 114701	NEG

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SECTION:

DEPT: J.R. CHARLES LT

COMM CNTR

THRU: [illegible] BY: J.C. STUDT LTCOL

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211715Z JAN 68

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SITREP NR 325 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 211800H-212400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POS WHILE CONDUCTING LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
B. C-3, D-3, J-19, AA-3, CC-7
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 212020H A/1/4 YD 164586 2 NVA ENTERED AMBUSH SITE, SPRUNG AMBUSH AND RECOVERED 1 AK-47, MANY CHICOM GRENADES, MUCH AMMO AND 2 NVA KIA (CONF)
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. CORRECTION. REF SIT REP 313 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PARA 3C - L/3/3 LATER REPT'D 3 ADDITIONAL KIA (CONF) THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COUNTED.
B. CORRECTION. REF SIT REP 324 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PARA 6A - 1 WIA (MEDEVAC AND 1 WIA (MINOR) WERE INCLUDED IN BODY PARA 4C AND 4D BUT NOT ADDED TO THE TOTALS.
C. LATE ENTRY. 211740H 3/4 YD 136715 A SPECIAL PATROL WAS SENT OUT IN REF DTG 211515H, RETURNING WITH NEG RESULTS AND FINDINGS.
D. LATE ENTRY: 211645H 3/3 YD 175723 REC'D REQUEST FR 3/4 TO FIRE COUNTER BTRY AND MORTAR FIRE PLANS 5 AND 6 GRIDS REQ FIRED 90MM AZ 5900 MILS, 6200 MILS RANGE FROM 5900 M TO 11,000 METERS FIRED 19 RDS 30 SEC REACTION TIME 150 RDS 81MM 90 SEC REACTION TIME EST 6100 AZ TO EN ARTY/RKT SITE EST 18 FR REPORT TO IMPACT.
E. 211807H TO 211855H 3/4 YD 167707 REC'D A TOTAL OF 250 RDS 82MM, 80 RDS ARTY, 6 RDS DIRECT FIRE TYPE WPN RESULTING IN 10 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)

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F. 212000H 2/9 YD 165645 UNIQUE FOXTROT REPORTED THAT AN EN BN AT ABOVE COORDS WILL ATTACK 2/9 ABOUT 211800H JAN68. 2/9 WILL FIRE ARTY IN AVENUES OF APPROACH.
G. 212020H 3/4 YD 144708 I/3/4 SQD WHILE MOVING INTO NITE ACTS SITE REC'D SEVERAL RDS S/A FIRE FR ABOVE COORDS, RET'D FIRE W/S/A AND M-79 WITH UNK RESULTS. 3/4 WILL CHECK AT 1ST LITE AND RELOCATE NIGHT TIME ACTS.
H. 212104H 2/1 YD 121709 SPOTTED MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-6 SUSPECTED EN, FIRED 20 RDS 60MM HE, MOVEMENT CEASED.
I. 212115H 2/9 YD 105590 CAC I REPORT THAT AMBUSH WAS LOCATED AT ABOVE COORDS AND "PF" TROOPS ABANDONED AND WENT TO VILLAGE NEARBY. CAC I AMBUSH MOVED TO CP.

5. PLANS:
A: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CARRY OUT NITE TIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
598 WIA (MEDEVAC)
229 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 693 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DET
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C: IWC: 53
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SITREP NR 326 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 212400H-220600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 212125H 2/1 VIC YD 147603 OBS LIGHT NEAR NORTH SIDE OF PERIMETER AT THE SAME TIME SOUTH SIDE OF PERIMETER REC'D 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE. THREW GRENADE AT LIGHT, LIGHT WENT OUT-- UNABLE TO DETERMINE POS OF SNIPER IN VILLAGE.
B. AT 220106H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 12 RDS OF 82MM MORTARS (INSIDE THE PERIMETER) RET'D FIRE WITH 60, 81, AND 105 MSNS ON IN YD'S 122719, 134701, 105724, 114724, AND 123720 -- REACTION TIME OF 2 MINUTES.
C. AT 220155H 2/9 VIC YD 145613 OBS MOVEMENT VIC YD 144610 FIRED S/A, THREW HAND ILLUMS, WILL CHECK AT FIRST LITE.
d. AT 220350H 2/9 VIC YD 121614 OBS 5 PEOPLE MOVING SOUTH, CLEARED MISSION WITH DIST CHIEF AND FIRED 81MM MSN WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
598 WIA (MEDEVAC)
229 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 693 EVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DETAINEES
C. IVS: 53 1 VC RECURRENT
CBJ: 16 1 CIVIL DEFENDER

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SITREP NR327 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 220600H-221200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 220841H 2/1 AT YD 115710 PATROL REC'D HVY S/A AND A/W FIRE AND MORTARS FR YD 115715 AND 114724, FRIENDLY PATROL RET'D FIRE AND CALLED ARTY, BROKE CONTACT AND RET'D TO A-4. CASUALTIES UNK AT THIS TIME, COMPLETE REPORT TO FOLLOW.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY: 220335H 2/1 AT YD 119688 OP OBS 3 EN AT YD 124688, SET UP AMBUSH ON RD AND OPENED FIRE WITH LAAW AND S/A, CHK'D AREA AT FIRST LITE, FOUND BLOOD STAINS.
B. 220830H 3/3 YD 173724 FIRED ON 10 NVA AT YD 163700 WITH 81MM, GOOD TGT COVERAGE, UNK RESULTS.
C. 221005H 2/1 YD 120720 REC'D 8 INCOMING MORTAR, ARTY AND RKTS, INCOMING HAS CEASED, DETAILED INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE.
5. PLANS:
A. CONDUCT PATROLS, OP'S IN AO AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.
B. 3/4 TO MOVE TO YD 158695 FROM 148703.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 90 KIA
598 WIA (MEDEVAC)
229 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 693 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DET
1 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 53
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SITREP NR 328 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 221200H-221800H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. A/1/4 YD 134646 (C-2)
B. D/1/4 YD 239593 (DONG HA)
C. I/M/L/3/4 YD 149692

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.
A. CONDUCT PATROLS AND LP'S IN AO IMPROVE POSITIONS
B. 3/4 SWEPT TO NEW POSIT AT YD 149692.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. REFER SITREP NR 327 OP KENTUCKY 220600H TO 221200H PARA 3A 220841H 2/1 YD 115709 REFER YR JOURNAL 221545H CONTACT RESULTED IN 2 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) 8 USMC WIA (MINOR) AND 3 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. REFER SIT REP FOR OPN KENTUCKY 220600H-221200H PARA 4A REC'D TOTAL APPROX 100 RDS 82MM, 130 RDS 152MM ARTY INCOMING AT A-4 STARTING 221005H RET'D FIRE 1077 RDS 82MM 806 RDS 4.2", 300 RDS 105MM, 49 RDS 155MM ARTY MKD ON SUSPECTED EN LOCATIONS, REACTION TIME 2 MINUTES. 2 USMC KIA, 10 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 5 USMC WIA (MINOR).
B. 221205H 1/4 YD 137646 TOWER OBS 6 NVA ALONG EDGE OF TREE LINE CARRYING WPNS, CALLED 81MM MSN AND ARTY GOOD TGT COVERAGE, RESULTS UNKNOWN.
C. 221140H 3/3 YD 166740 PATROL REC'D 8-10 RDS SNIPER FIRE, RET'D FIRE WITH 90MM HE AND CANNISTER, UNK RESULTS.
D. 221705H 3/3 YD 185700 OP REC'D 2 SNIPER RDS, ARTY MNS CALLED, GOOD TGT COVERAGE, UNK RESULTS.

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5. PLANS:

A. CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 94 KIA
516 WIA (MEDEVAC)
242 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 696 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DET
1 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 54
CSWC: 16

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 221500Z JAN 68

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SITREP NR 329 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 221800H-222400H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CMD GRP/E/F/G/2/1	YD 114701
H/2/1	115693
CMD GRP/I/M/3/3	172723
L/K/3/3	170730
CMD GRP/I/L/M/3/4	150693
CMD GRP/A/B/1/4	133645
C/1/4	~~243587~~ 128672
D/1/4	243587
F/2/9	144615
G/2/9	148605
E/F/2/12	135646
D/2/12	143613
H/2/12	116701

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
B. 3/4 COMPLETED MOVE TO YD 150693.
C. C-3, D-13, J-15, K-1, AA-3, CC-8
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 221439H M/3/3 PATROL OBS 3 PERSONNEL AT YD 191721 WHEN THEY SPOTTED MARINES THEY RAN IN TREE LINE, MARINE UNIT THEN OBS 10-15 NVA IN TREE LINE AND OPENED FIRE W/S/A, M-60'S, AND M-79. 2 PLATOONS THEN SWEPT TREE LINE. ENGAGED EN W/S/A AND FOUND 1 NVA KIA AND 1 PRC-25 RDTRY.
B. AT 221715H 3/4 FOUND 1 CHICOM GRENADE BOOBY TRAP IN OLD BUNKER, D TROYED BOOBY TRAP.
C. AT 221800H 1/4 AT C-2 REPORTED THAT TRUCK ON RT 561 BTWN C-2 AND C-3 REC'D 5 RDS RR FROM EN YD 124635. 1/4 FIRED 81MM MORTAR AND ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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D. AT 221815H 1/[redacted] C-2 BRIDGE REC'D S[redacted]IPER[redacted]RE IN YD 134668, RET'D FIRE W/81MM MORTAR MISSION.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES. B.C-3, D-13, J-15, W-1, AA-5, CC-7

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 94 KIA
516 WIA (MEDEVAC)
242 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 696 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 54
CSWC: 16

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SITREP NR 330 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 222400H-230600H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND AND IMPROVE POSITIONS, WHILE CARRYING OUT PATROLS AND ESTABLISHING OP(S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 94 KIA
516 MIA (MEDEVAC)
242 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 696 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DETAINEES
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1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 331 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 230600H TO 231200H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN A.O.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 221815H 2-2 RECON TM VIC YD 108656 OBS POINT ELM. OF UNK SIZE ENEMY UNIT MOVING N.E. ENEMY CARRIED AK-47 AND SKS RIFLES. SCOUT DOGS ALERTED, ENGAGED EN W/S/A IN BRIEF FIRE FIGHT, CALLED ARTY W/GOOD COVERAGE. RESULTS OF ACTION: 1NVA KIA CONF.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITION AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN A.O.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	94	KIA
	516	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	242	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY	697	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	59	DETAINEES TOTAL
	5	POW
	50	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	2	DETAINEES
	1	VC RETURNEES
C.	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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SITREP NR 332 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 231200H-231800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 231010H 2/1 VIC YD 115705 FOUND GERMAN TAPE DESTROYED BY BANGALORE TORPEDO, REPAIRED SAME.
B. AT 231030H 1/4 VIC YD 136676 FOUND 1 BUNKER 2x3x5 FEET. DESTROYED.
C. AT 231000H 2/1 VIC YD 115694 FOUND GERMAN TAPE CUT, APRON WAS DESTROYED BY BANGALORE TORPEDO, FOUND BLASTING CAPS AND 2-¼LB BLOCKS OF TNT AND TIME FUZE.
D. AT 231145H 3/3 VIC YD 152735 OBS A SECONDARY EXPLOSION AS RESULT OF ARTY FIRE.
E. AT 231135H MCB-5 RD REPAIR UNIT VIC YD 223632 REPORTED THAT A GRADER STRUCK A PLASTIC MINE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR) AND 1 MCB-5 WIA (MINOR)
F. AT 231415H 3/3 VIC YD 165741 REC'D 8-12 RDS S/A FR TWO SNIPERS VIC YD 169741 FIRED 90 MSN.
G. A TOTAL OF 48.6 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 22 JAN 68. RAN A/S AT YD 129731 ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF) (HELBORNE 517).
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	94	KIA
	616	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	244	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	699	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	59	DET TOTAL
	5	POW
	50	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	1	VC RETURNEE
C. IWC: 54	1	CIVIL DEFENDANT
CSWC: 16		

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SITREP NR333 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 231800H-232400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S.
B. C-3, D-19, J-18, AA-9, W-2, CC-10
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 232000H 2/1 YD 148610 AMBUSH MOVING INTO POSIT OBS 3 FIGURES, SET UP HASTY AMBUSH, FIRED, SAW ONE FIGURE DROP AND BE DRAGGED AWAY. CK'D AREA, FOUND NOTHING.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY. 2317 OH YD 150693 3/4 PATROL RET'D TO POSIT OF 22 JAN68, FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF EN ACTIVITY, [redacted] CONT'D MSN FOUND 82MM MORTAR INCREMENTS AT YD 141715. WILL DESTROY.
B. LATE ENTRY. 231730H 3/4 YD 150693 CP OBS 1 MAN IN BLACK AT YD 138694, FIRED 60MM MSN AND ARTY, GOOD COVERAGE, UNK RESULTS.
C. LATE ENTRY. 231727H 3/3 YD 172723 REC'D 23 RDS 82MM MORTAR FR YD 173708, RET'D FIRE W/81MM, 90MM AND TWIN 40'S ON OBS TGT. EXC TGT COVERAGE, UNK EN DAMAGE.
4 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)
D. 232000H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 5 RDS 82MM INSIDE PERIMETER RET'D ARTY AND 81MM, REACTION TIME OF 5 MIN, UNK RESULTS.
E. 232015H 3/4 YD 150693 AMBUSH DEPARTED FOR POSIT HEARD VOICES AT YD 150690 CALLED ARTY ON W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE UNKNOWN RESULTS

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F. 232030H 2/1 VIC YD 114601 REC'D 2 RDS S/A IN "G" COCP FR UNK SOURCE, NEG CASUALTIES.
G. 232045H 2/1 YD 114701 OBS 5 EN AT YD 114707 ACROSS RIDGE IN FRONT OF WIRE NEAR MINE FIELD, FIRED 200RDS 81MM.
H. 232140H 2/9 YD 144606 AMBUSH HEARD MOVEMENT TO NE, FIRED M-16, MOVEMENT CONTINUED AND FOLLOWED BY AN/PPS-6 AT C-3 MOVEMENT MOVED EAST AND DISAPPEARED.

I. 232256H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 3 RDS 82MM INSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE WITH 1 MIN REACTION TIME.
J. 232300H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 30 RDS 82MM AND 20 RDS 60MM INSIDE PERIMETER, ALSO OBS EN MOVEMENT OUTSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE W/545 RDS OF 81MM, 4.2" MORT AND 105MM ARTY ON GRIDS PICKED UP BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES RESULTS, 2 USMC WIA (MINOR)
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
B. C-1, D-13, J-18, AA-5, CC-6, L-1, EE-2

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 94 KIA
620 WIA (MEDEVAC)
246 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 699 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) &
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
50 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI [illegible]

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SITREP NR 3: FOR OPT RESTRICTED FR 212400H-220500H JAN68
UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS REMAINED IN AND CONDUCTED LOCAL AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITIES:
A. 212[illegible]H: 375 LF YD 178721 SPOTTED 5 NVA W/6 RIFLES FIRED ON AS (AMOUNT UNKNOWN) HELD FIRE UNTIL 232300H WHEN NVA MOVED E/IN 50 [illegible]'S. ATTKD BY FIRE W/S/A SQD 2 PLS AND SQD 1 NVA FELL. 1 NVA KIA AND UP AS RPTD BY 1 SQD. 15 NVA [illegible] AND WHEN THIRD W/S/A AND M-79. HP W/CREW AND SQD 2 PLT MSR, WILL C[illegible] AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
B. 232345H: 4 AND A HALF KLICKS SE YD 153582 SPOTTED 2 VC MOVING NORTH, OPEN[illegible] FIRE AND 2 VC FELL, WILL SEARCH AREA AT 15[illegible] LIGHT.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 212000H: [illegible] AO A-4 RECT 5 RDS 82MM MORTARS [illegible] PLAN 4D OF SITREP NR. 033) [illegible] CONTD 202300H TOTAL OF 43 RDS 82MM MORTAR [illegible] 21 RDS (2ND PLATOON AND 10 RDS 152MM ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER. [illegible] RECEIVING IN 6 USMC VIA (HELITAC), RPTD FIRE MISSIONS [illegible] TO YD 132726 (20 RDS), YD 127723 (40 RDS) YD 135728 [illegible] RDS), 132722 (20 RDS), 130712 (10 RDS) YD 132708 (40 RDS) YD [illegible]8728 (20 RDS) AND YD 141721 (30 RDS) RPTD FIRE W/A.2" MORTARS [illegible] 0 RDS IN YD 105703 (50 RDS), YD 135716 (16 RDS), AND 133721 (100 RDS), RPTD FIRE W/120MM MORTARS ON YD 116740 (54 RDS) AND YD 099723 (24 RDS), REACTION TIME OF 5 MINUTES.
B. 210215H: 1 A-4 REC'T 10 RDS 82MM MORTARS INSIDE PERIMETER, [illegible] YD 095705 W/2.2" MORTARS ON YD 116740 (36 RDS). REACTION TIME OF 5 MINUTES.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
6. CASUALTIES:
A. FRIENDLY: [illegible] KIA
626 WIA (EVAC)
246 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 699 NVA KIA (BOH) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET HELD
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50 INFO ON [illegible]
C. [illegible]

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240500H
FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES, TWELFTH MAR
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
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SITREP NR 335 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 240600H TO 241200H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING OP's AND PATROLS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 240730H 3/4 YD 159582 CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF AMBUSH AREA AND FOUND A BLOOD TRAIL APPROX 70 M IN LENGTH. THE UNIT CONTINUED ON IT'S MISSION.
B. 240830H 3/4 YD 138694 SQUAD CHECKED AREA OF LAST NIGHT'S ACTIVITY, REPORTING NEGATIVE FINDINGS.
C. 241000H 3/3 YD 195714 LIMA COMPANY FOUND A BLOODY BANDAGE AND AN NVA HAT. BLOOD APPEARED TO BE APPROX 1-3 DAYS OLD. UNIT CONTINUED MISSION.
D. 241125H 3/3 YD [illegible] 197709 FOUND A REINFORCED BUNKER 4x6x5 FT. WITH 4 FT. OF OVERHEAD. ENGINEERS DESTROYED BUNKER AND CONTINUED MISSION.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND AND IMPROVE POSITION [illegible] WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	[illegible] 94	KIA	
	626	WIA (MEDEVAC)	
	246	WIA (MINOR)	
B. ENEMY:	699	NVA KIA (CONF)	VC KIA (CONF) 2
	59	DETAINEES TOTAL	
	5	POW	
	50	INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	2	DETAINEES	
	1	VC RETURNEE	
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS	

C. IWC: 54
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS 1/LT

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FROM: NINTH MARINES
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
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THIRD MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI

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SITREP NR 336 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 241200H-241800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. M/3/4 YD 062549
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.
A. 3/4 AS PER VERBAL ORDERS FR DIV COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO CAMP CARROLL.
B. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 241530H 3/3 YD 173738 A PATROL REC'D 10-12 RDS S/A RDS(SNIPER FIRE) FR YD 167739, RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
B. 241430H 1/4 YD 134632 A VEHICLE FR 2/12 WAS AMBUSHED AT ABOVE COORDS, A PLT WAS SENT OUT TO REINF, THEY FOUND NO ENEMY BUT THERE WERE 2 USMC KIA AND 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) THE SURVIVORS REPT'D SEEING 4 PERSON EL W/CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS BUT NO FLAK JACKETS, THE VEHICLE WAS APPARENTLY STRUCK BY RPG ROUND.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATENTRY, 241010H B/ 3RD TANKS AT YD 163586 CONVOY TO DONG HA REC'D 4-5 RDS OF S/A FIRE FR SOUTH SIDE OF RD.
B. 241225H 2/1 AT A-4 A BREAK IN WIRE APPROX 14 FT LONG NO DAMAGE TO MINE FIELD AND WIRE BEING REPAIRED.
C. 241235H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D INCOMING, 3 RDS OF 60MM, FIRED 20 RDS ARTY MSN WITH 1 MIN REACTION TIME.
D. 241400H 2/1 YD 115708 FOUND AN AREA 10 METERS BY 50 METERS THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED OF MINES AND WAS APPARENTLY USED AS CONCEALED POSIT BEHIND A SMALL OBSTACLE. MAINTAINED OBSERVATION OF AREA THROUGH FIELD GLASSES.
E. THE 2 DETAINEES PICKED UP BY 3/3 ON 20 JAN, REF SIT REP 319 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PARA 6B HAVE BEEN RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

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5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
246 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 699 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. EPW: 54
CSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

A. NO CHANGE

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FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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TWELFTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 317 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 241800H-242400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.
B. C-1, D-13, J-14, AA-5, BB-1, CC-5, EE-2
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. LATE ENTRY. IN REF TO 9TH MAR INTSUM NR 79. AT 200920H RECON TM 4-2 AT YD 105634 EXCHANGED S/A AND A/W FIRE W/5-7 NVA, RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 3 NVA KIA (CONF)
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 241740H 2/1 AT A-4 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM MORT, AND 4 RDS 107MM MORT, OUTSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE ON EN YD 099699 W/10 RDS 4.2" AND 40 RDS 81MM ON EN YD 103703 RESULTS UNKNOWN.
B. AT 242140H 3/4 AT YD 140692, OP HEARD MOVEMENT TO FRONT OF POSIT, OP OBS 5-6 EN ON 3 SIDES OF THEM. FIRED ON EN WITH UNK RESULTS. WILL CHECK AREA AT 1STLITE.
C. A TOTAL OF 44.0 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QT (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 23 JAN 68. AT YD 132729 AO OBS APPROX 30 NVA, RAN A/S RESULTING IN 7 NVA KIA (CONF). AO OBS A MORTAR POSIT AND 3 NVA IN TRENCH AT YD 145720 RAN A/S (RINGNECK)(521, 522) ACCOUNTING FOR 5 NVA KIA (CONF)
D. AT 242310H 2/9 VIC YD 142614 REPORTED THAT PRS-5 PICKED UP FIGURES RUNNING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION, FIRED 81MM MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.
E. AT 242315H 2/9 VIC YD 142612 REC'D 1 M-26 GRENADE, FIRED ILLUM WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.
F. AT 242245H, 2/1, VIC YD 114701 REC'D 3 RDS OF 60MM MORTARS. RET'D FIRE W/60 MSN (30 RDS) ON EN YD 113712 AND 81 MSN OF 30 RDS ON EN YD 115715.

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5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LPS IN AO.
B. C-2, D-13, J-14, AA-3, BB-1, CC-9

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
246 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 714 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 PCM
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 54
CSWC: 14

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FOURTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 338 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 250001H TO 250600H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSH AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN A-O.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 250130H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 1RD 82mm INSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D FIRE WITH 69 RDS 105mm ARTY ON YD 135715 AND 40 RDS 81mm ON YD 135718.
B. 250500H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 1 RD 82mm INSIDE PERIMETER. FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY LOCATION.
5. PLANS: A. CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN A.O. AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.
B. PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT AT CAM LO CUT-OFF TO PREVENT TRAFFIC WEST OF CAM LO ON RT 9 UNTIL SECURITY OF RT 9 RESTORED.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A.	FRIENDLY:	97	KIA
		628	WIA (INCL DVAC)
		246	WIA (MINOR)
B.	ENEMY:	714	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
		59	DETAINEES TOTAL
		5	POW
		52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
		0	DETAINEES
		1	VC RETURNEES
		1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 54
CSWC: 36

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 25/0610Z

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST [illegible], FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
FIRST MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 339 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 250600H TO 251200H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
   A. 2/1, 1/4, AND 2/9 MAINTAINED POSITION AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
   B. REMAINDER OF 3/4 CONTINUED MOVEMENT TO 4th MARINES A.O.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. 251023H 2/1 A-4 REC'D 2 RDS 82mm RR INSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D FIRE W/81mm MORTARS ON ENEMY YD 1 3703 (30 RDS), YD 109700 (20 RDS), YD 102701 (30 RDS), W/60mm MORTAR ON ENEMY YD 103703 (40 RDS), W/106mm RR ON ENEMY YD 1 3703 (3 RDS), AND W/105mm ARTY ON ENEMY YD 103703 (65 RDS). INCOMING RESULTED IN 3 USMC WIA (MINOR). REACTION TIME WAS ONE MINUTE.
5. PLANS:
   A. 1/4, 2/1, AND 2/9 WILL IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.
   B. REMAINDER OF 3/4 WILL COMPLETE MOVE TO A.O. 4TH MARINES AO
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
      628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
      249 WIA (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: 714 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
      59 DETAINEES TOTAL
      5 POW
      52 INNOCENT CIVILLIANS
      ~~DETAINEES~~
      1 VC RETURNEES
      1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
   C. EW: 54
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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 340 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 251200H-251800H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. 2/1, 3/3, 1/4, 2/9 IMPROVED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
B. LAST ELEMENTS OF 3/4 WERE HELILIFTED TO 4th MARINES A.O.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. 251635H 2/9 YD 135623 REPORTED THAT TWO 6x6 TRUCKS AND 1 UNIT WERE AMBUSHED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA EMPLOYING RPG'S AND S/A. REACTION FORCE OF ONE PLATOON WAS DISPATCHED FROM C-3. TWO 6x6 TRUCKS CONTINUED TO C-2 POSITION. REACTION FORCE ARRIVED AT SITE WITH NO CONTACT. NO CASUALTY FIGURES AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 250545H 3/3 YD 170731 OP REC'D MINT RDS. 85 ARTY FROM BN YD 179751. RET'D FIRE WITH 155mm ARTY (11RDS) WITH REACTION TIME OF FIVE MINUTES.
B. 251105H 2/1 YD 105685 PATROL FOUND TWO BUNKERS, ONE M G POSITION, AND TRENCH. DESTROYED BUNKERS.
C. 251150H 2/1 A-4 REC'D 8 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BN YD 107702. RET'D FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND 60mm MORTAR FISSION.
D. 251255H 3/3 YD 162736 O P OBSERVED ONE MAN IN DARK CLOTHING WITH RIFLE AT BN YD 166737. SNIPER FIRED AND MAN FELL.
E. 251345 1/4 C-2 OBSERVED 20 RDS 82 mm MORTAR IMPACTING 300 METERS WEST OF PERIMETER. FIRED 105mm ARTY ON BN YD 105645 (12 RDS) WITH A REACTION TIME OF THIRTY MINUTES.
F. 251640H 2/1 A-4 OBSERVED ONE RD. 82mm MORTAR IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D FIRE W/81mm MORTARS ON BN YD 129718, 135715, AND 120721 WITH A TOTAL OF 25 RDS. REACTION TIME 1 MIN.

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5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITION AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	97	KIA
	628	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	249	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	714	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	59	DETAINEE TOTAL
	5	POW
	2	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
		~~DETAINEES~~
	1	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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CSWC: 16

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FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
FIRST MARINES
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FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 341 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 251800H-252400H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES AND LP'S WHILE CONTINUING TO DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS.
B. C-8; D-13; J-18; AA-3; CC-8.
3. A. LATE ENTRY: 251504H 2/9 YD 133615 REPORTED 2 6x6 TRUCKS AND ONE JEEP WERE AMBUSHED AT THE ABOVE COORDINATES BY AN ESTIMATED 10 NVA. DRIVERS AND SHOT GUNS IMMEDIATELY JUMPED FROM THE TRUCKS AND RET'D FIRE. THE NVA RAN DOWN A DRAW TO THE WEST. THE WOUNDED DRIVER WAS TAKEN TO C-2. THE DRIVER SAID THE NVA RAN TO THE ROAD TO FIRE. A REACTION FORCE WAS DISPATCHED AND ARTY MISSION CALLED. RESULTING CASUALTIES WERE 1 USMC WIA (MINOR) AND 1 NVA KIA (CONF). ONE AK-47 RIFLE WITH GRENADE LAUNCHER ADAPTER WAS RECOVERED WITH TWO CHI COM GRENADES, AK-47 MAGAZINE, MESSAGE BOOKS, PERSONAL PAPERS AND A FIRST AID PACK. RECOVERED EQUIP. BEING FOUNDED TO 9th MARINES S-2.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY: 251630H 2/1 YD 114701 REPORTED SPOTTING 5 NVA WITH PACKS AT YD 098706. THE ENEMY WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITH 95 RDS OF 60mm MORTARS, 40 RDS 81mm MORTARS 50 RDS 4.2 IN MORTARS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
B. 252030H 2/1 YD 114606 REPORTED ITS AMBUSH AT ABOVE COORD. OBSERVED AND TOOK UNDER FIRE FOUR ENEMY MOVING SOUTH. A FIRE TEAM CHECKED OUT THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE THEIR NIGHT ACTIVITIES AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	97	KIA
	628	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	250	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	714	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	59	DETAINEES TOTAL
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	1	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 55
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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 252230H JAN68

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CO, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES

SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES

THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA

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TWELFTH MARINES; SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 342 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 252400H-260600H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 252315H 2/9 VIC YD 154612 OBS 3 NVA MOVING NORTH, FIRED 60MM ILLUM, OPENED FIRE W/S/A WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

B. AT 260100H 2/9 "G" CO AMBUSH NE OF C-3 BRIDGE OBSERVED 10 NVA MOVING NORTH, FIRED S/A AND M-79, SWEPT AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 KIA (MEDEVAC)
250 KIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 714 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 55
CSWC: 16

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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES; First BN, Fourth Marines
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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SITREP NR 343 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 260600H-261200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 261000H 2/1 YD 134697 PATROL FOUND 2 BUNKERS W/LOG REINF OVERHEADS, DESTROYED BOTH.
B. 261005H 2/1 A-4 REC'D 2 RDS 57MM RR, 1 RD 82MM MORTAR, 2 RDS 60MM MORTAR, AND 15 RDS OF SAF. RET'D FIRE W/105MM ARTY AT VIC YD 101709 (7 RDS) AND YD 124701 (7 RDS) W/81MM MORTAR ON VIC YD 101707 (20 RDS), YD 098709 (10 RDS) YD 100706 (10 RDS) AND YD 099700 (5 RDS) REACTION TIME OF 1 MINUTE.
C. 261047H 3/3 YD 187733 L/3/3 PATROL FOUND BUNKER AND TUNNEL COMPLEX, 75MM RR CANNISTER, 1 DH-10 DIRECTIONAL MINE, BUNKER AND TUNNLE DESTROYED, MINE RET'D TO S-2.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
250 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 715 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 PW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC SUSPECT
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. EPW: 55
CSVC: 16

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FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
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SITREP NR 344 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 261200H-261800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS OPERATE IN AO WITH PATROLS, OP'S AND AMBUSHES, CONTINUED TO IMPROVE POSITIONS.

B. PROVIDED ADDITIONAL PATROLS, DAYLIGHT AMBUSHES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR RT 561 AND RT 9 IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) 261050H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 2 RDS 60MM 2 RDS RR, ONE RD 82MM AND SNIPER FIRE, RET'D FIRE WITH 22 RDS ARTY ON YD 101709 AND 124701 45 RDS 82MM ON YD 101709, YD 109709, 100706 AND 099700.

[redacted]

B. (LATE ENTRY) 261140H 2/1 PATROL AT YD 142694 AND YD 145691 FOUND THREE BUNKERS AND A 105MM ROUND RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP, DESTROYED WITH C-4.

C. (LATE ENTRY) 261145H 3/3 PATROL AT YD 189742 FOUND TRUCK TIRE TRACKS LEADING NW ABOUT TWO WEEKS OLD, WELL USED, [redacted] TIRES 15" WIDE 4 FT APART.

D. 261215H 2/9 YD 148603 TRUCK HIT TWO CHILDREN IN VILLAGE, MEDEVACED TO "D"MED, SIR TO FOLLOW.

E. 261230H 2/9 YD 140602 PATROL DISCOVERED 80 BAGS RICE DIST CHIEF CONFIRMED CACHE WAS LEGAL, NO ACTION TAKEN.

F. 261410H 3/3 YD 189742 "L" CO FOUND 10 BUNKERS AND TRENCHES, DISCOVERED 2 SKELETONS IN NVA UNIFORMS APPROX 3-4 WKS OLD, DEST BUNKERS CREDIT OP KENTUCKY WITH 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

G. 261430H 2/1 YD 116704 FOUND BREAK IN WIRE 3FT WIDE WITH PATH INTO MINE FIELD, ALSO WIRECUTTERS, E-TOOL, AND 3 PAIR OF SHOES. REPAIRED WIRE.

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H. 261440H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 3 RDS 82MM OUTSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM AND ARTY.
I. 261508H 3/3 YD 170735 OP REC'D 8 RDS SNIPER FIRE FR YD 165738, RET'D FIRE WITH LAAW AND S/A SAW NVA FALL. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
J. 261610H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 1 RD 82MM RR INSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE WITH ONTOS ON YD 103703, ALSO AIR STRIKE CAUSING 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.
1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)

5. PLANS: CONDUCT D LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO MAINTAIN POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
250 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 718 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 55
CSVC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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DRAFTER: R.A. STEWART 1ST LT

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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 345 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 261800H-262400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. EN BY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 261730H 3/3 YD 170733 OP REC'D 6-8 RDS SAF FR EN YD 167738, RET'D FIRE W/106MM RR, 81MM MORTARS AND SAF.
B. 261500H 2/9 YD 140601 PATROL FOUND BLOODY BANDAGE IN THICKET.
C. 261855H 2/1 A-4 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM MORTAR, RET'D FIRE W/81MM MORT ON EN YD 131711 (5 RDS), 113717 (5 RDS), 127718 (3 RDS) AND W/4.2" MORT ON EN YD 105711 (12 RDS)
D. 262000H 2/9 C-3 BRIDGE, THREW GRENADE AT FIGURE OUTSIDE WIRE, WILL CHECK AT FIRST LITE.
E. 262040H 1/4 C-3 B HEARD MOVEMENT OUTSIDE LINES, 2 TRIP FLARES WENT OFF, AND REC'D 4 RDS SAF. RET'D FIRE W/S/A AND M-79, AND FIRED 60MM MORTAR ILLUM. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LITE.
F. 262230H 1/4 YD 159586 SQD AMBUSH REC'D 6-8 RDS 60MM MORTAR AND SAF FROM EN YD 158581. OBS 7-8 PERSONS AT THAT POSIT. RET'D FIRE WITH ARTY MISSION.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 WIA (MEDEVAC)
251 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 718 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IPC: 55
CPVC: 16

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DRAFTER: 1STLT J.M. CHAMBERS

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY
262245Z JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 346 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 262400H TO 270600H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITION WHILE CONDUCTION AMBUSHES AND LP'S
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 270035H 2/1 YD 115700 REPORTED RECEIVING 150 RDS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM YD 114701 AND 50 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM YD 119704. RETURNED FIRE WITH 60mm, 81mm, AND 4.2in MORTARS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
B. 270040H 2/1 YD 114701 RECEIVED 103 RDS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE OUTSIDE PERIMETER FROM YD 11096 . RETURNED FIRE WITH 60mm MORTARS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
C. 270100H 3/3 YD 176716 REPORTED AN OP OBSERVED A MINE DETONATE. IT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SET OFF BY AN ANIMAL.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CARRYING OUT PATROLL AND OP COMMITTMENTS
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	97	KIA	
	628	WIA (MEDEVAC)	
	251	WIA (MINOR)	
B. ENEMY:	718	NVA KIA (DONT) VC KIA (CONT)	2
	59	DETAINEES TOTAL	
	5	POW	
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	1	VC RETURNEES	
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS	

C. INC: 55
CSVC: 16

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 347 FR OPN KENTUCKY FR 270600H-271200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. 2/4 YD 136640
B. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. 2/1, 3/3, 1/4 and 2/9 IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OP'S.
B. ELEMENTS OF 2/4 WAS LIFTED INTO LZ X-RAY C-2
C. 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON 2/4 ELEMENTS AS THEY WERE LANDED.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 270355H 2/1 YD 117695 LP RPT'D 1 KIA-26 FR WEST.
B. 270815H 2/9 YD 132620 MINE SWEEP REPORTED RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE TO WEST AND REACTION FORCES DISPATCHED FROM C-3 AND C-2.
5. PLANS:
A. 2/1, 3/3, 1/4, AND 2/9 WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OPS.
B. LIFT OF 2/4 WILL CONTINUE.
C. 9TH MARINES WILL ASSUME OPCON 2/4
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
628 MIA (MEDEVAC)
253 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 728 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
59 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1 VC RETURNEE
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 55
CSWC: 16

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271345Z JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
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FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 348 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 271200H-271800H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CMD GRP E/F/G/3/4 YD 140690
H/3/4 YD 128673 C-2 BRIDGE W/3/12 [redacted] YD 173720
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. CONDUCTED LP'S AND PATROLS WITH EMPHASIS ON SECURITY FOR RTS 561 AND 9 IN AO.
B. COMPLETED MOVEMENT OF BLT 2/4 (-) TO PLANNED POSITION. [redacted] AT 271530H.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 262000H 1/4 D YD 157585. AMBUSH SIGHTED 7 TO EIGHT NVA, OPENED FIRE WITH S/A. ENEMY RET'D FIRE WITH 8-10 60mm RDS. PATROL SAW 3 NVA DROP THROUGH STARLIGHT SCOPE. Friendly ER CALLED IN ARTY. SEARCHED AREA IN MORNING FOUND BLOOD TRAILS LEADING TO NEARBY VILLAGE. AT 271000H A TASK FORCE OF ONE TANK PLATOON, ONE PLATOON FROM D/1/4 PLUS FOUR DOG TEAMS CORDONED OFF VILLAGE AT YD 154584. PT'S AND NATIONAL POLICE SEARCHED VILLAGE FINDING BLOODY BANDAGES AND PENICILLIN BOTTLE. INFORMER TOLD CIVIL POLICE THAT ENEMY UNIT HAD 20 CASUALTIES. CONTACT WAS ESTIMATED AS POINT FOR NVA [redacted] Company.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 270930H 2/1 YD 114701 OP 1 SPOTTED THREE ENEMY WITH HEAVY PACKS. FIRED 60mm. UNKNOWN RESULTS.
B. (LATE ENTRY) 271110H 2/1 YD 114701 OP 1 SPOTTED ONE ENEMY IN HOPEN AT YD 098709. FIRED 60mm UNKNOWN RESULTS.
C. 271215H 1/4 YD 141651 PATROL FOUND 500 LB BOMB RIGGED AS BOOBY TRAP. MARKED FOR FUTURE DESTRUCTION.
D. 271227H 1/4 YD 135645 REC'D FIVE RDS INCOMING INSIDE PERIMETER CALLED ARTY MISSION, REACTION TIME TEN MIN. 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) COUNTED ON OP KENTUCKY TOTALS.
E. 271425H 2/9 YD 145610 NVA SOLDIER TURNED HIMSELF IN AT TRAFFIC POINT. TURNED OVER ITT. INCLUDE 1 NVA RETURNEE IN OP KENTUCKY TOTALS.
F. 271536H 2/4 YD 137667 MAN PICKED UP M-26 GRENADE FUSE, WHICH WENT OFF 1 USMC WIA NBC MEDEVACED.

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5. PLANS:
   A. PROVIDE REINFORCEMENT TO CAP-3 IN FORM OF ONE PLATOON FR D/1/4
   B. ALL OTHER UNITS-PROVIDE LPS, AMBUSHES AND MAINTAIN POSITION.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
   630 WIA (MEDEVAC)
   251 WIA (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: 718 KIA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
   60 DETAINEES TOTAL
   5 POW
   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
   0 DETAINEE
   2 VC RETURNEES
   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
   C. IVC: 55
   CSVC: 16

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SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 349 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 271800H-272400H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
   A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LP'S IN AO.
   B. C-3, D-13, J-13 AA-7, M-1, CC-5, EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. AT 271730H, 2/4, VIC YD 129633 DETECTED MOVEMENT IN VIC YD 134690 FIRED TWO 90mm RDS, MOVEMENT STOPPED.
   B. AT 271940H, 2/1 VIC YD 111702 REPORTED MOVEMENT OUTSIDE THEIR PERIMETER, FOLLOWED BY EXPLOSION BELIEVED TO BE A HAND GRENADE, THEN OBSERVED TWO ENEMY RUNNING. FIRED S/A AND M-79 'S WITH UNK RESULTS
   C. AT 272230H, 2/9 VIC YD 138640 OBSERVED THREE ENEMY FIGURES IN A TREE LINE, FIRED S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.
   D. A TOTAL OF 55.2 HRS OF VR WAS FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 25&26 JAN 68. RAF A/S VIC YD 114721 ACCOUNTING FOR ONE NVA KIA (CONF)
   E. (LATE ENTRY) AT 271200H, 3/3 VIC YD 194727, PATROL FOUND ONE FUSED MINE M-605 AND ONE FUSING WRENCH M-25. EQUIPMENT TURNED INTO 02- S/2
5. PLANS:
   A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND CONT. TO MAN LP'S
   B. C-8, O-13, I-4, J-13, AA-8, M-1, CC-5.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	97	KIA
	630	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	251	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	719	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONT) 2
	60	DETAINEES TOTAL
	5	POW
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	0	DETAINEES
	2	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 55
CSWC: 16

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FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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FOURTH MARINES
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TWELFTH MARINES

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SITREP NR 350 FROM 272400H-280600H FOR OPN KENTUCKY [redacted] JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 272212H 3/3 A-3 L/3/3 DETECTED MOVEMENT AND WAITED UNTIL 1 NVA WAS OBSERVED. OPENED FIRE W/S/A AND SAW NVA WITHDRAW TO BN YD 175738.
B. 272215H 3/3 A-3 LP HEARD MOVEMENT 75 METERS TO WEST AND OBSERVED 1 NVA AT YD 176734. FIRED S/A 106MM RR AND 60MM MORTAR. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
630 WIA (MEDEVAC)
251 WIA (NONMEDEVAC)
B. ENEMY: 719 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. EPW: 55
CSWC: 16

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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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TWELFTH MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 351 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 280600H-281200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:
A. G/2/4 YD 147691
E/2/4 YD 133690
F/2/4 YD 133690

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
B. 2/4 COMMENCED ITS MOVE TO AREA OF HILL42 YD 148692.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 272225H 1/4 YD 136644 REC'D INCOMING OF 4 RDS OF 82MM MORTARS OUTSIDE PERIMETER. RDS BELIEVED TO BE COMING FROM W-SW OF C-2.
B. (LATE ENTRY) 280345H 2/3 YD 134677 REPORTED SLIGHT EN MOVEMENT 50 METERS OUT OF THEIR PERIMETER, THE WATCH WAS INCREASED AND OBS WITH CAUTION.
C. 280834H 2/4 YD 138693 FOUND AN ANTI-TANK MINE AND DESTROYED IN PLACE.
D. 280904H 2/4 YD 141693 G/2/4 FOUND 105MM AND 81MM DUD AT YD 141693, ENGRS WILL DESTROY IN PLACE.
E. 280930H 2/4 YD 142692 REPORTED A ~~TRUCK~~ TANK STRUCK A MINE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR). REQUEST A RETRIEVER BE SENT WITH 1 SQD TO VIC YD 125688 TO PICK UP DISABLED ~~TRUCK~~ TANK.
F. 281030H B/1/4 YD 124649 FOUND 3 BUNKERS 4x4x3 FT W/1 FT DIRT AND LOGS ON TOP, THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY THE BUNKERS WERE DEMOLISHED AND CONTINUED THE MISSION.
G. 281045H 1/4 YD 132633 OBS NVA W/SLUNG RIFLES WALKING ALONG TREE LINE HEADING SOUTH APPROX 200 METERS SE OF C-2 BRIDGE. RD SWEEP OBS THEM AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE, REACTION FORCE WAS SENT OUT.

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H. 281130H 2/1 YD 117701 REPORTED 1 MAN HAD AN EPILEPTIC TYPE SEIZURE. THE MAN WAS MEDEVACED AND REPORTED AS AN NBC (MEDEVAC)

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE PATROLS AND OP'S, WHILE MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING POSITIONS.
B. 2/9 CONTINUE TO MOVE TO VIC YD 145692.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES.

A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
631 WIA (INCL MEDEVAC)
252 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 719 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 55
CSVC: 16

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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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TWELFTH MARINES
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SITREP NR 352 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 281200H-281800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:
A G/E/F/2/4 YD 148691

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. 2/4(-) COMPLETED ITS MOVE TO VIC YD 145691
B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 281200H 2/4 YD 135691 FOUND 2 81MM DUDS AND DESTROYED THEM IN PLACE.

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS WHELE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP(S).

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
631 WIA (MEDEVAC)
252 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 719 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. MOC: 55
CSMC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 281740Z

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

CCN: 241

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SITREP NR 353 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 281800H-282400H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
B. C-3, D-13, J-13, AA-7, M-1, CC-5, EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. A TOTAL OF 47.0 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 26 AND 27 JAN 68. AT YD 140742 AO OBS 12 NVA MOVING SOUTH TOWARD MARKET; FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF), RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 4 NVA KIA (CONF).
B. 2/9 AT 282200H VIC YD 145615 OBS MOVEMENT TO FRONT VIC YD 136612 AND YD 152615, CONTINUED TO OBS AND FIRED ILLUMINATION MISSION.
C. 2/4 AT 282230H VIC YD 149691 LP SAW 2 VC PASS BY A RELATIVELY LARGE ELEMENT ABOUT 75 METERS TO THEIR FRONT. FIRED S/A AND GRENADES AND SAW 3 NVA FALL.
D. 2/9 AT 282320H VIC YD 145615 REC'D 1 RD 60MM MORTAR INCOMING FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION; NO CASUALTIES RESULTED.
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
B. C-8, D-13, I-4, J-13, AA-8, M-1, CC-5.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 97 KIA
631 MIA (MEDEVAC)
252 MIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 725 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 55
CSWC: 16

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SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4

CC-N: 143

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SITREP NR 354 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 290001H - 290600H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 282145H G/2/9 YD 140608 SQUAD SPRANG AMBUSH WITH CLAYMORE AND S/A, HEAVY S/A AND CHI COMS RETURNED BY ENEMY WHO BROKE CONTACT, FLED WEST. 1 USMC KIA AND 2 USMC WIA (MINOR)
B. (LATE ENTRY) 282330 2/4 YD 149691. LP OBS EN 75 MEMBERS TO FRONT. ENGAGED WITH S/A AND M-79. SAW THREE EN FALL WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
C. 290230H 2/4 YD 148686 LP OBS 2-4 NVA TO THE FRONT OF THEIR POSIT. THEY APPEARED TO BE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. LP ENGAGED WITH S/A AND M-26. OBS 2 EN FALL. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 290015H 2/1 114701 OP#1 OBSERVED CONVOY MOVING AT YD 06837716 FIRED 23 RDS 155mm PLUS 8 mm GS&TBQ'S. RESULTED IN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE. OBSERVED 4-5 SAM LAUNCH AT AZM 5800 VIC YD 083274l8. RAN TPQ-ON SUSP SAM SITE. TOTAL OF 9 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS INCLUDING A HUGE FIREBALL, AND 1 SECONDARY FIRE FOR AREA OF CONVOY AND SUSP SAM SITES.
5. PLANS:
A. CONDUCT ROAD SWEEPS, PATROLS, AND OP'S IN AO. MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING POSITIONS.
B. MOVE ONTOS PLAT, BLT 2/4 INTO POSITION
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	98	KIA
	631	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	254	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	725	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	60	DETAINEES TOTAL
	5	POW
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	0	DEFECTORS
	2	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL CRIMINALS

C. IWC: 55
CSWC: 16

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290515Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIFTH MARINES
COMBAND TASK GROUP 79.4
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 355 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 290600-291200H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPNS
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 290145H 2/9 YD 140603 /AMBUSH SPRUNG (REF PARA 3A OF SITREP NO 354) SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED DRAG MARKS, AK-47 CARTRIDGES WITH BLOOD, RUSSIAN GRENADES, PAPERS, AND NVA BANDAGES.
B. 290230H 2/4 YD 144686 LP FIRED ON 2-4 NVA. (REF TO PARA 3C OF SITREP #354) SEARCH OF AREA DISCLOSED DRAG MARKS, BLOOD POOLS AND FRESH FOOT PRINTS.
C. 290930H 3/3 191747 OBSERVED 4 NVA AT TI YD 175753. CALLED ARTY MISSION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS
D. 291020H 1/4 YD 124637 B/1/4 SQUAD PATROL SPOTTED 1 NVA AT EN YD 142634 AND CALLED 81mm MORTAR MISSION.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OPNS
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	98	KIA
	631	MIA (MEDEVAC)
	254	MIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	725	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	60	DETAINEE TOTAL
	5	POW
	52	SUSPECT CIVILIANS
	2	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS
C. WIA:	55	
DOW:	16	

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290308 JAN 68
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 356 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 291200H-291800H JAN 68

1. UNITS LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS ENPROVED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED ATKOLS AND OP'S
3. ENTITY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. 291135H 2/4 YD 141703 PATROL FOUND HOLE ONE FT. IN DIAMETER WHICH APPEARED TO BE VENTILATION HOLE. CLOSED OFF HOLE W/SMALL CHARGE.
B. 291325H 2/1 A-4 CALLED A/S ON EN YD 121711 AND OBSERVED ONE BUNKER DESTROYED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
C. 291330H 2/1 A-4 OBSERVED TWO NVA AT EN YD 119714. FIRED 60mm MORTARS AND 90 mm TANK GUN. OBSERVED ONE CRAWLING BEHIND ROCK PILE AT EN YD 119713 AND RAN A/S. AFTER A/S OBSERVED ONE NVA IN OPEN IN VICINITY AND FIRED 60mm MORTARS MISSION.
D. 291345 2/1 YD 105696 PATROL FOUND HOLE 8IN. IN DIAMETER WHICH APPEARED TO BE AIR VENT. CAVED IN HOLE.
E. 291405H 2/4 YD 148692 G/2/4 PATROL FOUND TWO CHI COM 82mm MORTAR RDS. RDS DESTROYED.
F. 291700H 2/1 A-4 RAN A/S ON EN YD 103708 AND OBSERVED THREE BUNKERS DESTROYED.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 98 KIA
631 WIA (MEDEVAC)
254 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 725 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DETAINEES TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
C. IWC: 55
CSWC: 16

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DRAFTER: ISSLT J.M. CHAMBERS
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291700Z
FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
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SITREP NR357 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 291800H-291400H JAN 68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES [illegible]
B. C-9, D-3, E-1, F-15, W-1, AA-6, CC-6, EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. LATE ENTRY 290830H TO 291300H 3/3 YD 187742 FOUND BUNKER COMPLEX IN HEDGEROW. ONE BUNKER UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOUND AT 183748. ENEMY EQUIPMENT FOUND IN BUNKERS AS FOLLOWS: 1 CHI COM GRENADE, 3 FRAG GRENADES WITH FRICTION FUZES, ONE PRIMER 52mm RDS 2 PAIRS NVA TROUSERS, POUCHES AND BOXES FOR CARRYING AMMO AND GEAR SEVERAL NVA TENNIS SHOES, CARRYING CASE FOR 57mm RR. AND ONE NVA BODY WAS FOUND. ONE NVA KIA (CONF)
B. LATE ENTRY 291410H 2/1 YD 117722 & YD 120724 AT/AC RECEIVED 50 CAL. FIRE AND AO SPOTTED 8 BUNKERS 6x10 ' AND FRESH TRAIL. ATK MISSION WAS RUN WITH TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
C. A TOTAL OF 42.1 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA [illegible]'S ON 28JAN68. AT YD 083634 AO OBS FRESHLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS, RAN A/S RESULTING IN 4 NVA KIA (CONF)
D. LATE ENTRY 291900H 1/4 YD 14[illegible]35 SPOTTED ONE NVA AND CALLED AN 81 mm MSN WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE
E. LATE ENTRY 291745 2/4 YD 142598 A VEHICLE FRO [illegible] 8 INCH HOWITZERS PLT. REC'D TWO SNIPER RDS FROM NORTH SIDE OF ROAD.
F. 291800H 2/9 YD 103600 AND YD 115600 CAN LO DISTRICT HQ REPORTS NVA COMPANIES SUSPECTED AT ABOVE COORD. TOT'S WERE FIRED BY ARTY ON GRIDS.

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G. 291805H 2/4 YD 136694 SPOTTED TEN SUSPECTED ENEMY TROOPS AND CALLED AN 81mm MSN AFTERWARDS DETERMINING NO FRIENDLYS WERE IN THE AREA.
H. 291905H 2/1 OBSERVED LIGHTS AT AZ 560 MILS ANT[illegible] AND AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED. RESULTS NOT COMPLETE
I. 292150H 2/1 YD 130696 OBS MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-5. A FIRE MSN WITH 81mm WAS CALLED; MOVEMENT CEASED.
J. 292230H 2/1 YD 123701 SPOTTED ONE [illegible] IN FRONT OF LP. FIRED ONE MAGAZINE OF M-16 AND TWO RDS M-79. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITION AND CONT. AMBUSHES AND [illegible]

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A.	FRIENDLY:	98	KIA
		631	WIA (MEDEVAC)
		254	WIA (NON)
B.	ENEMY:	730	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
		60	DETAINEE'S TOTAL
		5	POW
		52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
		2	VC DEFECTORS
		1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS
C.	INC: 55		
	CSWC: 16		

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SECTION: S-2

DRAFTER: [illegible] SERGEANT MAJOR

RELEASER: [illegible] LTCOL

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 292200Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (p)

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SITREP NR 358 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 292400H-300600H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND CONTINUED TO MAN LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
A. AT 300415H 2/1 VIC YD 114699 REC'D 1 INCOMING GRENADE, RET'D FIRE W/M-79, WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. AT 292335H 2/1 VIC YD 114702 REC'D 2 DS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE IMPACTING AT YD 114702 AND 115704 RESPECTIVELY, RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MINOR)
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 98 KIA
631 WIA (MEDEVAC)
255 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 730 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. IWC: 55
CSWC: 16

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SECTION:

DRAFTER: J. [illegible] JANSERS 1/LT

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 300415 Z JAN68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 359 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 300600H-301200H JAN68
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. PROVDIDE ONE PLT FOR D/1/4 AS SECURITY FOR ROUGH RIDER DONG HA TO CAMP CARROLL AND RETURN.
B. IMPROVE ALL POSITIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AT A-4.
C. PROVIDE SECURITY ELEMENTS FOR RTS # 561 AND 9 IN AO.
D. ALL OTHER ELEMENTS PROVIDE PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 300150H 3/3 REC'D 2 RDS UNK CAL INCOMING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FR UNK LOCATION. CRATER ANALYSIS WILL BE CONDUCTED.
5. PLANS:
A. MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND PROVIDE OP'S AND PATROLS IN AO, WITH EMPHASIS ON SECURITY FOR LOC.
B. CONTINUE ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION EFFORT AT A-4.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: 98 KIA
631 WIA (MEDEVAC)
255 WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY: 730 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
C. INC: 55
OFFC: 16
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DICTATER: G.W. BOSTON MAJOR

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 301030Z JAN68

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FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)
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SITREP NR 360 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 301200H-301800H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. CONTINUE ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AT A-4.
B. CONTINUE MOVEMENT OF RESUPPLY CONVOY FR DONG HA TO 2/4 AT YD 149690.
C. PROVIDED INCREASED SECURITY ON RT'S 9 AND 561 IN AO.
D. ALL OTHER UNITS IMPROVED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED OP'S AND PATROLS IN AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. (LATE ENTRY) 2/4 RECON YD 158692 FOUND 6 FRESHLY DUG BUNKERS 8 FT WIDE USED ABOUT A WEEK AGO. SET UP AMBUSH AND OBS WITH NEG RESULTS. FOUND MORPHINE SYRETTE (USED), 1 PR NVA BOOTS AND BINOCULAR CASE.
B. (LATE ENTRY) 301140H 2/1 YD 116742 SPOTTED 12 EN IN OPEN, CALLED VT ARTY ENN, RESULTS UNKNOWN.
C. 301330H 2/1 YD 112697 PATROL FOUND 1 BUNKER 5x2x3 FT RECENTLY USED. DESTROYED.
D. 301400H 2/1 YD 114701 FIXED WING SITED 2 BUNKERS AT YD 100706 DESTROYED BUNKERS, ROAD CUT AND 1 SECONDARY
E. 301415H 2/1 YD 132688 PATROL FOUND ONE BUNKER; DESTROYED.
F. 301430H 2/1 YD 114701 FIXED WING SPOTTED 5 BUNKERS, AND 5 NVA, DESTROYED BUNKERS AND POSSIBLY 5 ENEMY.
G. 301445H 2/1 YD 114701 FIXED WING SPOTTED 3 BUNKERS. DESTROYED WITH AIR.
H. 301530H CAC-3 YD 182508 REPORTED APPROX 400NVA IN VILLAGE AT YD 1859 AND YD 1860 TO OBSERVE TET.

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5. PLANS:
A. CONDUCT LP'S A D AMBUSHES IN AO, MAINTAIN POSITIONS.
B. PROVIDE REINFORCEMENT TO CAC LO DET HQS AND CAC-3 FOR POSSIBLE ATTACK DURING TET.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 98 KIA
631 WIA (MEDEVAC)
255 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 730 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 55
CSMC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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SECTION: S-3

DRAFTER: R.A. STEWART 1STLT

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 301735Z JAN68

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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
CTG 79.4
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI, (F).

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SITREP NR 361 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 301800H-302400H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 302012H 3/3 YD 183719 AMBUSH OPENED FIRE ON 25 NVA AND SAW SEVERAL FALL DURING FIRST BURST OF FIRE. EN RET'D SAF RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), WILL CHECK AREAS AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 301900H 2/4 YD 163680 RECON TM WORKING W/2/4 HAD 1 WP RD DETONATED IN HARBOR SITE RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA AND 8 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME IF RD WAS FRIENDLY OR BOOBY TRAP. MEDEVAC HELO REC'D FIRE FR YD 163687 WHILE LIFTING OUT OF LZ. ESCORT CHOPPERS RET'D FIRE AND 2/4 FIRED ARTY INTO AREA. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY 2/4.

B. 302105H 1/4 YD 128673 OBS 1 NVA AT EN YD 133666 AND FIRED M-79 AND 60MM MORTARS. WILL CHK AREA AT 1ST LITE.

C. 302005H 1/4 YD 137646 TOWER REC'D 4 RDS SAF RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). RET'D SAF ON EN YD 140641.

D. 302220H 2/9 YD 131627 AMBUSH FIRED ON 4 NVA RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 CAPTURED. SPOTTED 16 NVA AT EN YD 130630 AND CALLED 81MM HSN. AMBUSH WILL REMAIN IN POSIT TO PREVENT RECOVERY OF EN CASUALTIES SUSPECTED TO BE IN AREA.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES. ~~R&A AO.~~

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES

A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA
641 WIA (MEDEVAC)
255 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 731 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DET TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 VC RETURNEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 56
CSVC: 16

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302230Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, [illegible]TH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 362 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 302400-310600H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
   A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S WHILE DEFENDING POSITION.
   B. C-8, D-12, I-2, J-22, AA-6, CC-6, EE-2.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING OUT PATROLS AND OP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA
   641 WIA (MEDEVAC)
   255 WIA (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: 731 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
   60 DETAINEES TOTAL
   5 POW
   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
   2 VC RETURNEES
   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
   C. IWC:56
   CSWC:16

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SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
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SITREP NR 363 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 310600H-311200H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
   A. UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
   A. REFER SIT REP 361 PARAGRAPH 4D, ADD ONE NVA KIA (CONF) AND ONE AK-[illegible]
   B. AT 310955H, 2/1, VIC YD 128678 ROAD SWEEP REC'D 12 INCOMING RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM YD 126678, RETURNED M-79 AND S/A FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS
   C. AT 311108H, 2/1 VIC YD 161697 FOUND A TUNNEL, IN THE PROCESS OF CHECKING IT OUT
   D. AT 311115H, 2/4 VIC YD 136691 SWEEP TEAM FOUND TWO ANTI TANK MINES DESTROYED BOTH.
5. PLANS:
   A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
   A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA
   641 WIA (MEDEVAC)
   255 WIA (MINOR)
   B. ENEMY: 732 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
   60 DETAINEES TOTAL
   5 POW
   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
   2 DETAINEES
   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
   C. IWC: 57
   CSWC: 16

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 311115Z JAN 68

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TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
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CTG 79.4

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SITREP NR 364 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 311200H-312000H JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
A. E/2/4 YD 135645
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. CMD GRP A/C/F/2/4 WERE HELIFTED TO YD 057539
B. ALL OTHER UNITS IMPROVED POS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
B. 311305H 2/1 A-4 RECV'D SIX RDS 82mm RR INSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D FIRE WITH 81mm MORTARS ON ZU YD 113720 THIRTY RDS, 104717 30 RDS, 113717 20 RDS AND WITH 4.2" MORTARS AND 105 HE ARTY ON EN YD 113717 70 RDS.
A. 302012H 3/3 YD 165760 AMBUSH PATROL SPRUNG ON 25 NVA (REF PARA 3A OF SITREP NR 361) SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED ONE NVA KIA(CONF) AND ONE AK-47 CAPTURED, NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS, AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF MISCELLANEOUS GEAR WHICH INDICATED THAT AMBUSHED UNIT WAS A RESUPPLY UNIT. (FOR DETAILED LISTING OF GEAR SEE 3/3 SPOT REPORT DTG 302012H)
C. 311625H 3/3 A-3 RECV'D 20 RDS OF 60mm MORTARS OUTSIDE PERIMETER RET'D FIRE WITH 60&81mm MORTARS ON ZU YD 154727. REACTION TIME WAS ONE MINUTE.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LRP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA
641 MIA (MEDEVAC)
255 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 733 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
60 DETAINEES TOTAL
5 POW
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2 DETAINEES
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 58
OSWC: 16

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE.

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SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 365 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 311800H-312400H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. PROVIDED ONE PLT (-) WITH TWO QUAD 50'S AS REINF FOR CAM LO DIST. HQS, ONE PLAT IN AND AROUND CAP-3 AS REINF AND ONE SQUAD TO CAP-1 AS REINF.
B. ALL UNITS PROVIDED LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO.
C. C-8, D-12, I-3, J-14, AA-6, W-1, CC-6, EE-2
D. CHOP F/G/WPT 2/4 TO OPCON 4TH MARINES 311830H JAN 68.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. REFER SITREP 361 PARA 3A AND SITREP 364 PARA 4A. IN CONJUNCTION WITH 3/3 AMBUSH OF 30 JUN 68 ADD FOLLOWING GEAR FOUND: ONE NVA CARTRIDGE BELT, WITH BLOOD ON BUCKLE, ONE TIN 7.62 AMMO WITH CASE, ONE KIT TOOL, TWO CHI COM GRENADES, AND SEVEN 10 ROUED CLIPS OF 7.62 WITH CASE.
B. 311820H 3/3 YD 190735 PATROL FOUND TWO CHI COMS GRENADES AND ONE CAMOUFLAGED NET IN VIC OF ABOVE COORD. BLEW IN PLACE.
C. 311837H 3/3 YD 204727 FOUND ONE HEADSET, XXXX WILL FORWARD TO S-2.
5. PLANS:
A. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REINFORCEMENTS MENTIONED IN 2A AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
B. C-5, D-12, I-2, J-14, AA-6, W-1, CC-6, EE-1.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	100	KIA
	641	WIA (MEDEVAC)
	255	WIA (MINOR)
B. ENEMY:	733	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
	60	DETAINEES TOTAL
	5	POW
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	2	VC RETURNEES
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 58
CSWC: 16

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THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT
CTG 79.5

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1. NINTH MARINESINTSUM NR 60, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 3118COR - 0118COR JAN 69

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

4 INCIDENTS:

a. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. PM 311152H to 311512H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 151741) SPOTTED AND ENGAGED 4 TO 5 NVA AT (YD 153743), CALLED MORT MSN, AS EVER INCREASING NUMBERS OF NVA APPEARED TO FRONT AND RIGHT FRONT OF POS. ENEMY RET FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, 60MM MORT FIRE. AO ADJUSTED MORT MSN OR ENEMY MORT POS IN ROME CRATER, FRIENDLY S/A, AW FIRE CAUGHT ENEMY IN OPEN AS THEY WERE FIXING AT AO AND GUNSHIPS. AL CALLED IN ARTY AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN RESULTING IN 27 NVA KIA (CONF), 3 NVA KIA (PROB), 1 AK-47 RIFLE, DOCUMENTS, 1 PONCHO, 1 GAS MASK, 2 AK-47 MAGS WITH AMMO, 1 BOTTLE OF INK, 1 PACK.

2. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 311400H, 1/4 ENTRP AT (YD 127674) FOUND 2 NVA SNEAKERS CONTAINING SHELETON OF FAST.

(b), AT 011030H, 1/4 PTL AT (YD 145644) SPOTTED EST 30 PERSONNEL AT (YD 142645) APPARENTLY WHEN HERRING CATTLE TOWARDS C-2 WHEN PTL APPROACHED THE PERSONNEL THEY TURNED AND MOVED IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. CHECKED IMMEDIATE AREA, NEG RESULTS.

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B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 13.3 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 30 AND 31 DEC 67. AT (XD 145739) AO OBS APPROX 50 NVA DRESSED IN OD UNIFS WITH BLUE JACKETS AND SOME HELMETS. THESE WERE MOVED NORTH ALONG A TRAIL TO FRESHLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A TUNNEL ENTRANCE. THERE IS 2 HVY USED TRAILS COMING IN THIS AOR TO THESE BUNKERS. AO OBS 20 NVA AND 82MM MORT AT (XD 154743) 100M FR FRIENDLY TROOPS, CALLED GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 NVA KIA (PROB). AT (XD 147730) AO OBS 2 HVY USED TRAILS COMING IN THIS AOR, ACCOUNTED FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 36/4

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/1

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTR/LOST

(a) WPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA A.1.(a)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)

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(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA SEE A.1.(a)

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		INFO						

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 011800M JAN 67:

1. ENEMY KIA 377/553

2. DETAINED 56

PW(NVA)/	PW(VC)/	RTNEE(NVA)/	RTNEE(VC)/	CIV DEF/	INN CIV
2	1	0	1	1	41

3. WPNS CAPTURED 51: 37/14

[illegible]

5. - 14. NSG

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) AT 011400M, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 168725) FOUND 4 BUNKERS AND 1 AP MINE. MINE WAS SET AND TIED TO A TREE. MINE AND BUNKERS WERE APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD.,

(b) AT 011615M, 3/4 PTL TOOK INTO CUSTODY ONE VCS AT (YD 181738) SUSPECT WAS BROUGHT TO DONG HA AND RELEASED AS INN OCENT CIVILIANS.

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		INFO				XXXXXX		

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THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
[redacted]
1ST AS TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT
[redacted]

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 61, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 011400H - 021800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

10 INCIDENTS: 5 EN INITIATED; 1 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING;

3 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

MINING IN THE 9TH MAR'S AO HAS INCREASED OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS.

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. [redacted] BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 020915H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 184735) FOUND 3 CHICOM MINES HANGING ON A TREE BY WIRES. MINES WERE HANGING APPROX 3 FT OFF GROUND. FND MINES TO BE CP.

(b) AT 021150H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 190743) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 HUTS 10X15 FT, CONSTRUCTED OF STRAW AND WOOD, ALSO 1 BUNKER 4X12X6 FT CONSTRUCTED OF METAL, CONCRETE AND LOGS. ALL SHOW SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(c) AT 021205H, 3/4 KIAS REC 7 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 190739).

(d) AT 021300H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 186736) FOUND 8 CHICOMS 82MM MORT RDS. FND TO BE CP.

2. [redacted] BATTALION [redacted] MARINES

(a) AT 020750H, 2/9 [redacted] AT (YD 134636) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 WOODEN BOX TYPE MINES WHICH COULD NOT BE DETECTED. THEY WERE FOUND BY FRESH DIRT. ENGRS ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE MINES BUT COULD FEEL A SPRING TENSION. EST WEIGHT TO BE 30 TO 40 LBS.

3. [redacted] BATTALION FIFTH MARINES

(a) AT 012130H, 2/1 KIAS AT (YD 114702) REC 4 RDS OF 60MM MORTS,

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GRENS AND MG FIRE FM [redacted] (YD 113[illegible]), (YD 121609), (YD 117693). FIRED S/A AND ARTY, ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ENEMY EST TO BE 1 MORT SQD, 1 MG SQD, 1 RIFLE SQD.

(b) AT 012245H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 117703) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 124706).

(c) AT 000230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116706) OBS A TRUCK AT (YD 114732). FIRED TOT, AT 020615 A. UNK RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 020030H, [redacted] 1/4 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 133675), (YD 132626), (YD 135628) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 NOX TYPE MINE AT EACH OF THE ABOVE COORDS. MINES HAD PRESSURE TYPE FIRING DEVICES, 1 MINE HAD WHAT APPEARED TO BE A 40MM ROB UNDER IT. EST NVA PLACING MINES APPARENTLY CAME THROUGH DRAW WEST OF ROAD.

B. AIR ACTIVITY - NEG

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C. OTHER

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1. [redacted]

(a) AT 0[redacted], PTL 303 [redacted] (YD 1[redacted]) EXCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 2 NVA. [redacted] EXCHANGED S/A, AW WITH 5 MORE NVA. ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, PACKS, RIFLES AND CARTRIDGE BELTS. RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 AK-47 RIFLES CAPTURED, 1 PACK, MISCELLANEOUS GEAR AND DOCUMENTS.

(b) AT 022215H, PTL 303 AT (YD 1054[illegible]) EXCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 12 NVA MOVING TOWARD PTL. ENEMY [redacted] WEARING CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES, BUSH HATS AND CARRYING PACKS WITH RIFLES. PTL FIRED M-79 ENEMY FOLLOWED SUIT. RESULTED IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 4/C

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 2/0 SEE PARA C.1.(a)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)(4), C.1.(a)

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		INFO						

(a) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(b)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 021800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 381/[illegible]

2. DETAINEES 55

PW(NVA)/PW(VC)/RTNEE(NVA)/RTNEE(VC)/CIV DEF/INN CIV
2 1 0 1 1 50

3. MPHS CAPTURED 53; 39/14

5. NEW ORDNANCES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.2.(a), A.4.(a)

6. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 15TH CIT RPTS 1 PLT OF THE VC GIO LINH DIST FORCE, UNDER THE CMD OF THAI DAIHT, WHO WAS BORN AT DONG-BAI (M) (YD 240628), CAM PHONG (V), CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P), MOVED INTO CAM PHONG (V), FROM GIO LINH (D), ON 29 DEC 67. THIS PLT IS TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL GUERILLAS. THEIR MSN IS TO ASSASSINATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THEY ARE BUILDING BUNKERS AROUND KY TRUC MOUNTAIN (YD [illegible]), CAM PHONG (V), CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P).

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THIS PLT IS ARMED WITH THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS: 1 60MM MORT, 2 B-40'S, 1 MG, 3 AW, AND MISC SMALL ARMS.

(RATED F-3) 9/H

(b) 15TH CIT RPTS ON 20 DEC 67, 2 NVA MN'S (N/I) MOVED FM NORTH VIETNAM, INTO SVN, AND ARE NOW SCATTERED THROUGHOUT CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P). NGUYEN TAN TUAN IS THE COMMANDER OF THE 2 MN'S. 1 OF THE 2 NVA MN'S IS COMMANDED BY HUI QUANG ANH, AND IS LOCATED AT PAO VINH (H) (YD 145532), CAM HONG (V), CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P), AND QUAT XA (H) (YD 096594), CAM HUNG (V), CAM LO (D), QUANG TRI (P). HOANG VAN NAU IS THE COMMANDER OF THE REMAINING NVA MN. 1 COMPANY, OF THIS MN, IS COMMANDED BY NGUYEN NINH. THE MEN OF THIS COMPANY HAVE DISPERSED INTO SMALL GROUPS, AND ARE LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING HAMLETS: DINH XA (H) (YD 181595), TRUONG XA (H) (YD 198598), DICH QIANG (H) (YD 178601), TAN LONG (H) (YD 185605), CAM VU (H) (YD 180615), CAM LO HA (H) (YD 210619).

(c) 15TH CIT RPTS ANOTHER COMPANY, OF THE SAME MN, IS COMMANDED BY THAN VAN CAM. THIS COMPANY HAS DISPERSED INTO SMALL GROUPS AND STAYS AT THE FOLLOWING HAMLETS: DAI HO (H) (YD 245629), DONG LAI (H) (YD 244 629), TRUC LINH (H) (YD 244651).

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THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
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SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT

PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 62, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 021800H - 031800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

16 INCIDENTS: 6 EM INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 2 SNIPER/HARASSING

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT IN 9TH MAR'S AO. THERE WAS ONE SIGHTING OF 15 TO 20 NVA VIC OF (ID 150731).

A.. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 021645H, DEBRIEF OF 3/4 PTL DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING INFO ABOUT AREA BETWEEN TAN LICH AT (YD 180732) AND TAN RICH AT (YD 159744). TRAIL NETWORKS ARE WELL TRAVELED AND USED DURING THE LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS. (b) RAILROAD TRAIL FM (YD 197734) TO (YD 193 750) IS WELL USED. (c) TRAIL NETWORK FM (YD 167758) TO (YD 153734) SEEMS TO BE A MAIN INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO THIS AREA.

(b) AT 021957H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 170735) REC 2 INCOMING GRENS BE ONE LOC.

(c) AT 031330H, 3/4 PTL SPOTTED 15 TO 20 NVA AT (YD 150731) NVA WERE 250 TO 300M AWAY FM PTL. FIRED ARTY MSN, NVA SCATTERED AND RAN IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION. PTL CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 4 BUNKERS 3X5X4 FT HVY COVERING WITH LOGS AND DIRT. BUNKERS WERE MARKED FOR FUTURE DEST.

(d) AT 031220H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 164737) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 TUNNELS WITH THE DIMENSION OF 5 FT IN DIAMETER, 10 FT DEEP WITH SIDE TUNNELS LEADING BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH.

(e) AT 031500H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 171721) REC 7 RDS OF EST 85MM ARTY FM 5790 MILLS AT (YD 170820).

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2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 031610H, 3/3 KLMS AT (YD 173721) REC 7 RDS OF EST 85MM ARTY FM 6000 MILS RM EST LOC AT (YD 170720). RDS LANDED OUTSIDE WIRE.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 031156H, 2/1 KLMS AT (YD 114702) REC 20 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 127728), (YD 111710), (YD 121710), (YD 105708), (YD 104715).

(b) AT 031255H, 2/1 KLMS REC 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 105715), (YD 125725), (YD 091701), (YD 114713).

(c) AT 031430H, 2/1 KLMS AT (YD 117703) REC 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 121707).

(4) FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 022030H, 1/4 KLMS AT (YD 133642) OBS 7 NVA MOVING EAST IN MBSH ALONG MSR SOUTH OF POS AT (YD 145640). FIRED MORT MSN, UNACKNOWLEDGED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT NSG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 11.5 HRS OF VR FLOWN SEVER OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 2 JAN 68. AT (YD 092746) AO OBS A LARGE BUNKER

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COMPLEX WITH A WELL USED NETWORK OF TRAILS. AT (ID 143731) NO OBS NEW MORT PITS AND PARTICULARLY BUILT BUNKERS AND SITED 2 NVA IN MORT PIT. AT (ID 226794) NO OBS TREES BEING CHOPPED. AT (ID 156768) NO OBS ROCKET POS WIRED TOWARD A-3 WITH NO ACTIVITY IN SIGHT.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 0

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WEAPONS: 0/0 NEG

(b) EQUIPMENT: NEG

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR IN MENTUCKY AS OF 031800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 381

2. DETAINEES 55

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(c) [illegible] 53: 39/14

5. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 15TH CIT RPTS RATED (P- 6) THE NVA 90TH REGT, WHICH IS THE NEWLY FORMED 312TH NVA DIV, BEGAIN MOVING FOUTH, FROM QUANG BINH (P), NORTH VIETNAM, ON 10 DEC 67. ON ITS WAY SOUTH, THE 90TH REGT PASSED THROUGH BAN TAT (H) (YD 084754), THUNG LUONG (D), QUANG TRI (P), WHICH IS ALONG THE BEN HAI RIVER. FROM BAN TAT, THEY TURNED WEST, INTO LAOS, TO AVOID THE MARINES ALONG HIGHWAY 19, AND THE SANH. THEN THEY RESUMED THEIR SOUTHWARD COURSE. THE 90TH REGT ENTERED SVN SOUTH OF THE SANH, AND TOOK A NORTH-EASTWARD COURSE TO MA LONG (H) (YD 158403), MA LONG (D), QUANG TRI (P). FROM MALONG (H), THEY CONTINUED THEIR NORTH-EASTWARD COURSE, CROSSED CHANG STREAMS, AND TRAVELED ALONG "MIEN TAY", WHICH THE VC CALL "THE ROAD TO THE WEST", AND WHICH TRAVELS WESTWARD FROM QUANG TRI CITY. FOUR (4) ELEPHANTS WERE USED TO CARRY THE HEAVY WEAPONS, AND AMMUNITION. THESE ELEPHANTS HAVE MADE SIX (6) TRIPS TO, AND FROM, NORTH VIETNAM, SINCE 10 DEC 67. THE 90TH REGT IS IN DIVIDED INTO THREE (3) BN'S, AND IS COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF NEW SOLDIERS. A ONE-THOUSAND (1,000) MEN INFILTRATED INTO SVN WITH THE 90TH REGT,

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PERSONAL INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INCSUM NR 63, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 031800H - 041800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

11 INCIDENTS; 6 AR INITIATED; 5 SMALL ARMS; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 031812H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 170730) REC 8 TO 10 RDS OF 60MM MORT [illegible] (YD 149749), (YD 143743), (YD 147738), (YD 149732), (YD 151727), (YD 152738).

(b) AT 040010H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 170730) OBS MOVEMENT AT (YD 165731). MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE 1 MAN MOVING TOWARD LINES EAST TO WEST, FIRED M-79 AND OBS MAN FLEEING TO DEFILADE AREA.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 032145H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 124692) OBS 3 INCOMING RDS DETERMINED TO BE POSS 60MM OR M-79 FM UNK LOC.

(b) AT 032290H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 117703) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 127707). FIRED MSM, RESULTS UNK.

(c) AT 040142H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 101701).

(d) AT 040935H, 2/1 ELMS REC 30 RDS OF 60MM MORT, AND 5 RDS OF 82MM MORT, RET FIRE AT (YD 117717), (YD 116710), (YD 099710), (YD 127710), (YD 105715), (YD 113[illegible]), (YD 121710).

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(e) AT 041030H, 2/1 ELMS REC 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE, RET FIRE AT (YD 119720), (YD 067675), (YD 114722), (YD 106710), (YD 1045714), (YD 104720).

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 041115H, 1/4 PEL AT (YD 115676) FOUND 2 BUNKERS 5½X2½X3, 1 60MM MORT POS, 1 MPG MG, 3 60MM MORT RDS WITH INCREMENTS, 1 BANDOLEER, 10 CLIPS OF AK-47 AMMO, 1 CART BELT, 1 CANTEEN, 1 PICK, 10 C-RATIONS MEALS, 1 CHICOM GRNS. BUNKERS MARKED ON MAPS FOR DESTRUCTION AT A LATER DATE. ALL OTHER GEAR FWD TO BN CP.

(b) AT 041250H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 125675) REC 3 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE IN APPROX (YD 115685).

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 23.7 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 3 JAN 68. AT (YD 143733), AO OBS 2 NVA IN GREEN UNIFS, 4 NEW MORT PITS, 1 LARGE BUNKER BEING RECOVERED, FIRED (INEFFECTIVE) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 BUNKER DAMAGED, 2 MORT PITS DAMAGED. AT (YD 087764) AO OBS LARGE PILE OF SUPPLIES, OVER 100 BOXES, ALSO SEVERAL

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OTHERS WERE LYING AT BUNKER ENTRANCES, TRAILS WERE FRESH LEADING TO BUNKERS. CALLED ARTY AND TPQ'S, DEST 3 BUNKERS AND 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AT (YD 172750) AO OBS 3 NVA IN KHAKI, FULL 782 GEAR, AND WEAPONS CROUCHED BY BOMB CRATER. AT (YD 165745) AO OBS 3 NVA IN KHAKI WITH WEAPONS STANDING IN A TRENCH. AT (YD 163745) AO OBS 2 NVA IN KHAKI WITH WEAPONS STANDING IN A TRENCH, AT (YD 125722) AO OBS 6 NVA IN GREEN UNIFS IN TRENCH, 2 [illegible] BUNKERS.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 0.1015H, RECON TEAM 6-1 STARTED MOVING OUT WHEN HIT A BOOBY TRAP AT (YD 153658).

(b) AT 0.1450H, RECON TEAM 2-1 AT (YD 262523) SIGHTED 12 ENEMY MOVING TOWARD PTL. TOOK UDER FIRE, BROKE CONTACT. PTL CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 1 PISTOL, 1 M-26 GREN, 3 KNIFES, 1 CHICOM GREN, WALLET WITH 5500 P'S IN IT, 2 PONCHOS, AND RICE, DOCUMENTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

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1. ENEMY KIA 5

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) ARMS: 5/0 SEE PARA C.1.(b)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA C.1.(b), A.3.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA C.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR CPX KENTUCKY AS OF 041600H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 342

2. DETAINEES 55

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2	1	53	1	1	52

3. ARMS CAPTURED 56: 42/14

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA C.1.(a)

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SIX-HUNDRED (600) OF THESE MEN ARE PRESENTLY ALONG "MIAH TAY" BETWEEN (YD 231464), AND (YD 190458). THE REMAINING FOUR-HUNDRED (400) MEN WENT FURTHER SOUTH, INTO THUA THIEN (P). THE COMMANDER OF THE 90TH REGT, NGUYEN VU, IS PRESENTLY LIVING AT KHAN BINH (2) (H) (YD 312505), TRIEU THUONG (V), TRIEU PHONG (D), QUANG TRI (P). THE LOCAL GUERILLAS OF TRIEU DO (V), AND TRIEU GIANG (V), TRIEU PHONG (D), QUANG TRI (P), AND THE GUERILLAS OF HAI LANG (D), QUANG TRI (P), ARE TO SUPPLY FOOD FOR THE 90TH REGT. MAMAKS RATES (F-6)

9. - 15. REG

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1. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] AT 041346, 3/A [redacted] AT (YD 171233) REC SEVERAL RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FR THE SW (YD 170739).

(b) AT 04[redacted] 3/A [redacted] AT (YD 177232) ONE 1 MIA AGROSS RICE PADDY. OPENED FIRE [redacted] NO RESULTS.

(c) AT 051[redacted] 3/A [redacted] AT (YD [redacted]) RECOVERED AND MOVE 5 PERSONS ROLLS AND PW [redacted] ALSO ROUND 2 MIA BODIES FAMILY DECOMPOSED. 2 [redacted] COOKING UTENSILS. PWS ALL GEAR TO BE DP.

2. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] AT 04[redacted], 3/3 [redacted] AT [redacted] (YD 202728) FOUND ONE TYPE CAMBODIAN [redacted] 1 DAY OLD. PWS TO BE DP.

3. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] AT 04[redacted], 2/1 [redacted] AT (YD 1[redacted]) REC 3 RDS OF [redacted] FIRE, NOT [redacted] AT (YD 109709), (YD 110730), (YD 093731), (YD 095725).

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(b) AT 050945H, 2/1 ELMS REC 32 MDS OF 82MM MORT AND 5 RDS OF 85mm ANTI FIRE, NOT FIRE AT (YD 124712), (YD 079723), (YD 112722), (YD 124722), (YD 044776), (YD 064877), (YD 070768), (YD 125755), (YD 074782), (YD 102732), (YD 127774).

4. FIRST SATELLITE REPORTS RECEIVED

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041545H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 100650) OBS 3 ENEMY IN OPEN AT (YD 107665) CARRYING MAT APPEARED TO BE WPNS. FIRED ANTI, 1 NVA POSS HIT.

(b) AT 042230H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 133646) OBS 1 NVA WITH MOR AT (YD 117653). CALLED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

(c) AT 042330H, 1/4 ELMS OBS 1 NVA WEARING COOLIE HAT MOVING NORTH INTO CLUMP OF BUSHES AT (YD 127656). FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

(d) AT 042345H, 1/4 ELMS OBS 2 NVA MOVING EAST, 1 CARRYING SATCHEL LIKE OBJECT AND 1 CARRYING WPN. FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

(e) AT 050020H TO 050050H, 1/4 ELMS REC 2 RDS OF S/A, 1 RD FM UNK LOC, and 1 RD FM APPROX 4600 mILLS.

(f) AT 050300H, 1/4 ELMS REC 1 RD OF S/A FM (YD 145649). FIRED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(g) AT 050830H, 1/4 KLMS AT (YD 137470) OBS 4-5 M/I [illegible] CROSSING [illegible] CREEK AT (YD 135665) MOVING NW. FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 20.1 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER MASTER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 4 JAN 68. AT (YD 087774) AO OBS 3 [illegible] BUS ALONG TRAIL, ALSO OBS A TUNNEL ENTRANCE 20M TO THE NW,. OBS NO ACTIVITY. AT (YD 084774) AO OBS NVA IN SMALL CANOYING BOATS (2M FT) TO SOUTH. FIRED (ISTHMUS K) ACCOUNTING FOR 6 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 123730) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS AND TRAILS. AT (YD 123746) AO OBS APPROX 12 NVA MOVING E ON EW TRAIL, CALLED ARTY NO EFFECT, NVA MOVED INTO BUNKER, RAN A/S (FORMAL 112) NO EFFECT. AO OBS FRESH TRAILS NW OF GIO LINH, ALSO EXTENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK. AT (YD 194812) AO OBS BUNKER COMPLEX. AT (YD 253896) AO OBS 2 DUG IN BUNKERS WITH 6 ANTENNAS, POSS C.P. AT (YD 173975). AO OBS 5 NVA IN BUNKER AND TREELINE, FIRED (ISTHMUS "A") ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELETED ENTRY. AT 040737H, RECON TEAM 10B AT (YD 095614) [illegible] PATROL ENGAGED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE. [illegible] PATROL DISENGAGED BREAK CONTACT AND [illegible] OPENED FIRE & INCREASED FIRE [illegible] [illegible]

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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 14

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WEAPONS: 0/0 MAG

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(c), A.2.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

051800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 393 4

2. DETAINEES 55

PW(NVA)/PW(VC)/RETURNEE(NVA)/RETURNEE(VC)/CIV DET/DET CIV

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3. WPNS CAPTURED 53: 39/14

5. - 15. NAG

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1. [redacted]

(a) [redacted] AT 051515H, 3/4 PER DEP AT (ID 168738) REC 4 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(b) AT 060430H, 3/4 HEARD ONE MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINES. EST 4-5 ENEMY. FIRED S/A AND M-79. SAW OBJECT FALL IN FRONT OF LINES. CHECKED OUT LINES AND REC S/A FIRE. NEG FIRE RESULTS UNK.

(c) AT 060820H, 3/A HEARD REC 4 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (ID 172743), (ID 180739). FIRED S/A AND ARTY H&I, WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 061000H, 3/A SWEEP AT (ID 145720) FOUND 4 OLD BUNKER WITH TOP LOGS OF 51560 FT WITH 10-12 INCH OVERHEAD OF LOGS AND DIRT. BUNKERS HAD CONNECTING TRENCHES. PLOTTED ON MAPS FOR AIRSTRIKE DATE OF DESTRUCTION.

2. [redacted]

(a) AT 051850H, 3/3 SQUAD AT (ID 192720) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS, 4 FIGHTING HOLES. EST 1-2 MOS OLD, NOT OCCUPIED LAST 2-3 DAYS. ALSO FOUND 1 NVA E-TOOL, 1 NVA PACK. TURNED TO BN CP.

3. [redacted]

(a) AT 060140H, 2/9 SQUAD AT (ID 152606) HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR

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THEIR 1 FRAG AND ILLUM GREN. MOVEMENT CEASED, AREA CHECKED WITH NEG RESULTS.

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4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 060055H, 2/1 PLTS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 119684).

(b) AT 061030H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 129686) FOUND 26 MORT POS WITH 5 AIMING STAKES PER POS. ALSO FOUND 2 TUNNELS, 1 NVA SHELTER HALF. FIRST TUNNEL TO SMALL TO ENTER, SECOND TUNNEL ENTRANCE 1 METER SQUARE, ENT NEAR 4 FT DOWN, TURNED RIGHT AFT 4 FT ENDED. WHILE SEARCHING AREA FOUND TRAILS THAT APPEARED T O BE RECENTLY USED. PLOTTED 3 MORT POS, DIRECTION OF 1ST IS 1000 MILS, 2ND WAS 4700 MILS, 3 RD WAS 0600 MILS. THICK YELLOW SMOKE INTO 1ST TUNNEL DID NOT FIND EXIT, 2ND TUNNEL LOOKED LIKE BOMB SHELTER. SHELTER HALF FOUND TO BE CP.

((c) AT 061152H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 130689) FOUND FRESH TANGLEFOOT PEGS 10-15 MINUTES OLD, AND SIX UNFIRED 90MM SHELLS STRIPPED OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 060005H, 1/4 PLTS AT (YD 127670) OBS MOVEMENT AT (YD 135670) FIRED MORT MSN AND ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.

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(a) A TOTAL OF 24.2 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BYSONG HA AO'S ON 5 JAN 68. IN VIC OF (YD 1272) AO OBS AREA WAS COVERED WITH BUNKERS, TRENCHES, CAVES AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES. TRAILS IN AREA INDICATE RECENT USE. A/C REC 100 RDS OF 30 CAL FIRE FM (YD 125725) RAN A/S (FORMAL 109), (FORMAL 110) AT (YD 143723), (YD 125726) ACCOUNTING FOR 130 m OF TRENCH LINES DEST, 4 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 1 TUNNEL CAVED IN. AT (YD 158742) AO SPOTTED 5 NVA IN KHAKI'S, FIRED ARTY (ISSUES K) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 124718) AO OBS 6 NVA INGREENS, FIRED ARTY (ISSUES K) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). RAN A/S (HELHORN 513) RESULTING IN 30M OF TRENCHLINE DEST, RAN A/S (RECRATE 176) AT (YD 124718) ON 6 NVA IN TRENCHLINE ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 BUNKER DEST. AT (YD 153738) AO OBS 2 NVA IN GREENS HIDING UNDER HEAVY BRUSH, RAN A/S (HELHORN 531) ACCOUNTING FOR 5 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 2 BUNKERS DEST, 4 FIGHTING HOLES UNCOVERED.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 11

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

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B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 061800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA[illegible] 404

2. DETAINEES 55

PW(NVA)/PW(VC)/RTHEE(NVA)/RTHEE(VC)/CIV DEF/INR CIV
2 1 0 1 1 50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 53: [illegible]/14

5. - 7. NNG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 15TH CIT (RATED B-6) RPTS THE NVA HAVE RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED THREE ARTILLERY POS NORTH OF THE DMZ. TIEN AN (YD 166775), DUC DUC (YD 133779), AND DUC DUC (YD 125774). EACH POS HP CONSISTS OF TWO ARTILLERY PIECES AND AN AA SQD IN SUPPORT. TIEN AN (YD 166775) AND DUC DUC (YD 133779) WERE HIT ON A RECENT B-52 STRIKE BUT SUFFERED LIGHT DAMAGES. ([illegible] 3)

(b) 15TH CIT (RATED C-6) RPTS ONE VC PLT, COMMANDED BY NGUYEN KY, WAS LOC AT DAU DINH (H) (YD 095605) AND DU LY (H) (YD 11[illegible]). THE MSN OF THIS PLT WAS TO COLLECT RICE AN TAM MY (H) (YD 105[illegible]) AND QUANT YA (H) (YD [illegible]), CAM HUNG (V), CAM LO (H) COMMENCING THE NIGHT OF 3 JAN 68 AND CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF A WEEK. THIS RICE IS TO THE FOOD SUPPLY FOR A VC HOSIPTAL 2

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PHUOC TAN NORTHWEST OF CAI THAT (E) (ID 099461) CAN NUNG (T),(XRX CAN LO (D). THE HOSPITAL'S APPROX LOC IS (YB 062628). THE HOSPITAL IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN 32 WOUNDED VC IN THE BATTLES OF HAI LANG AND AT THAI. THEY WERE TRANSPORTED UP THE COAST FROM HAI LANG (D) NO GIO LINH (D) AND THEN TO THIS HOSPITAL. THE SECURITY ELEMENT FOR THIS HOSPITAL IS ONE VC MAIN FORCES PLT, STRENGTH UNK.

9. - 14. NRO

15. LATE DETAILS.

(a) IN REFERENCE OF SPOT REPORT 2D1212H PARA 1.A.(6) 9TH MAB'S INTSUM NR 19 AND 1 BDA RIA (CONF). TO Con Battalion T Tm. NOT [illegible] IN FORCES

(b) AT 2041COH, RECON TEAM AT (ID 090863) REC [illegible] AW FIRE FM UNK SIZE ENEMY UNIT. 4 NVA WERE KIA'S WITH NO COUNT AND ANOTHER WIA OR P. J.'S. ENEMY WERE ARMED WITH AK-47'S AND AK-50'S. 1 NVA KIA (CONF). BY FIRE

(c) AT 061442H, 2/1 ELMS AT (ID 114702) REC 6 RDS OF 107MM HE, 20 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 12 RDS OF 120M M MORT FIRE FM (ID 092725), (ID 115235), (ID 104719), (ID 087727), (ID 095696), (ID 097704), (ID 106719), (ID 123724), (ID 136722), (ID 114728), (ID 078740), (ID 090715).

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THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
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SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT

PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 66, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 061800H - 071800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

10 INCIDENTS: 4 EN INITIATED; 2 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 061810H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 170742) REC 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 173744).

(b) AT 071342H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 170742) REC SEVERAL RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM EST 7-10 NVA. SENT OUT PTL AND LINKED UP WITH PTL ARTY MSN BEING CALLED IN. RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061610H, IN REFERENCE TO SFT RPT 051820H, 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 65 THE FOLLOWING GEAR WAS FOUND IN BUNKER. 1 LETTER, WRITTEN IN VIETNAMESE, 1 UNTIE PATCH, 1 PACK CAMOUFLAGED DEVICE. FWD TO BN CP.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115687) DOZER HIT AN AT MINE OR SIMILIAR DEVICE CONTAINING EXPLOSIVE EQUIVALANT TO APPROX 10 TO 15 LBS OF C-4.

(b) AT 061900H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 5 TO 7 RDS OF 82mm MORT FIRE, RET FIRE AT (YD 095694), (YD 133693), (YD 149695), (YD 119726).

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(c) AT 062105H, 2/1 ELMS OBS MOVEMENT APPROX 85M SW OF LINES AT (YD 114686). SPOTTED INDIVIDUAL RUNNING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, CALLED 60MM MORT ASN CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 062130H, 2/1 ELMS REC 5 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 125709).

(e) AT 062355H, 2/1 ELMS OBS MAN APPROX 100M FM LINES THROUGHT STARLIGHT SCOPE. FIRED M-79, CHECKED AREA NEG RESULTS.

(f) AT 070001H, 2/1 ELMS HEARD SUSPECTED MORT FIRE AT (YD 135690) DID NOT OBS IMPACT, FIRED MORT ASN, UNK RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 26.3 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 6 JAN 68. AT (YD 122717) AO OBS 12 NVA CARRYING 2 BODIES FM A PREVIOUS ACTION, NVA MOVED INTO BUNKERS, FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). CON THIEN TOOK INCOMING MORT FIRE SUSPECTED THIS IS GUN POS AT (YD 086682), BUT NOT CONFIRMED DUE TO FRIENDLY ARTY. AT (YD 122717) AO RAN A/S ON BUNKER COMPLEX AND NVA TROOPS WHO RAN NORTH, ACCOUNTING FOR 60M TRENCH DEST, 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 143728) AO OBS OLD TRENCH HAS 4 RECENTLY REMOVERED BUNKERS, AND FRESH TRAILS. AT (YD 141728)

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AO OBS WATERPOINT HAS RECENT USE. AO OBS AREA NORTH OF A-3 HAS NEW HVY BUNKERS, AND HVY TRAIL USE IN VIC GP (XD 1775). AT (XD 2567668) AO HAS 4/C2 ARTY MSN (ISLEWOOD "A") ON NVA IN BUNKER, ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

B. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 5

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WEAPONS: 0/0 NVA

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.2.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN DEWEY CANYON AS OF 071800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 409

2. DETAINEES 55

PW(NVA)/PW(VC)/RVNAF(NVA)/RVNAF(VC)/CIV DET/INF CIV
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(c) [illegible] CONTINUED 53: 39/14

5. [illegible] OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) See PARA 4.3.(a)

6. - 13. NEG

14. OTHER

(a) 3/4 PTL REPORT ON 6 JAN 68. AREA TO THE WEST OF A-3 AND NORTH-SOUTH OF THE TRACE CONSISTS OF HEAVY WOODED AREAS OCCASSIONAL OPEN AREAS AND A LOW WET RICE PADDIES PRIMARLY VEGITATION IS SECONDARY GROWTH WITH CANOPY'S IN SOME AREAS 15 TO 20 FT IN HEIGHT EXTENSIVE BOMBING ALONG THE PATROL ROUTE APPROXIMATELY ALONG RIDGE LINES HAS CREATED OPEN AREAS 25 TO 75M WITH THE LOW WET RICE PADDIES ARE BETWEEN 25 TO 150M WIDE OF THE ROLLING HILLS OBSERVATION IS GOOD TO THE LOW AREAS RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 800M PER HR WHILE CONDUCTING THE PTL. 3/4 FOUND A OP AND BUNKER COMPLEX AT (ID 145720). THERE WERE 4 bunkers CONNECTED BY TRENCHES. THE THE DEMENTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1, 7X3X5 FT, 2 5X3X4 FT WIDE, 1 5X5 SQ X4 FT DEEP, 4 7X5 WIDE X4 DEEP. ALL BUNKERS WERE OVERHEADED BY LOGS AND DIRT 1-2 THICK, OBS FR THAT POS IT WAS EXCELLENT IN 360°, particularly of the A-3 AND CONTINUE POS. THE POS HA VE

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NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY HOWEVER, CAPTURED MUNITIONS AND SCATTERED CHICOM C-RATIONS CAMS INDICATED THAT IT HAD POSS JUST BEEN USED.

TO OBS AND MORT CON THIEN THE FOLLOWING EN MUNITION AND EQUIPMENT WERE FOUND DEST ON LOC. 1 AK-47 MAG, 1 BELT 7.62 LONG COMPLETE, 1 SOVIET GAS MASK, 5 EMPTY 82MM FUSE BOXES, 1 82MM MORT FUSE, 3 82MM MORT RDS, A CANISTER FOR UNK MUNITIONS IS BEING FWD AT (YD 144719), FOUND 2 TYPES OF EN [illegible] PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS ALSO FOUND A 3D TYPE OF LEAFLET AT (YD 152703). LEAFLETS ARE BEING FORWARD TO EN CP.

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) ENF INTSUM NR 66, GPN KENTUCKY PARA 15 (e), SUSPECTED EN FIRE WAS CONFIRMED AS 120MM MORT BY EOD.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 67, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 071800H - 081800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

6 INCIDENTS: 1 EN INITIATED; 1 Company SIZE CONTACT;

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) FM 071416H TO 072325H, 3/4 KLMS ENGAGED EST NVA CO AT (YD 170742). NVA UTILIZED MANY SNIPERS. NVA TOOK PTL UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, AW. ARMY HAD FRESH DUG SNIPER HOLES AND HOLES INSIDE OF DEAD BOMB CRATER ACROSS UNITS FRONT. PTL RET FIRE AND CALLED ARTY MSN, ACCOUNTING FOR 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 28 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) AT 081416H, 3/4 KLMS AT (YD 177742) OBS 12 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 175747). RETD NVA WITHIN 20M IN ROSS AMBUSH FIRST SITE. CALLED ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071300H, 3/3 KLMS AT (YD 197720), DISCOVERED AND DEST 40 M-16 MINES, 16 FIRING DEVICES FOR M-16 MINES, 3 - 81MM ILLUM MOS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071600H, 2/1 KLMS AT (YD 114702) PICKED UP MEN WALKING SW, AT PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 107694). FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

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4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 081130H, 1/4 KLMS AT (YD 118675) PTL DISCOVERED AND DEST, 1 WITH THE SIZE OF 15X15 FT WITH OPENING FACING N AND S, 1 WITH THE SIZE OF 4X5X5 FT WITH OPENING FACING EAST.

(b) AT 081230H, 1/4 KLMS AT (YD 105647) FOUND ROUND/PIT SIZE BUNKER COMPLEX, ALSO 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 6 RDS OF 60MM MORT, AIMING STAKES, OLD NVA CAMPS, SEVERAL SETS OF FRESH FOOTPRINTS. AREA AND GEAR DEST.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 22.6 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 6 AND 7 JAN 68. AT (YD 115744) AO OBS 5 NVA CARRYING OBJECT, POSS MORT, TROOPS WERE MOVING TO EAST ALONG TRAIL, HAN A/S (HELBORN 505) AND (LOVEBUG 504) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 3 BUNKERS DEST. AT (YD 121657) AO OBS NVA WHO WERE IN PURSUIT OF AMCON TEAM FM THE SOUTH, HAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 BUNKER DEST.

C. OTHER

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(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061720H, ROOM TEAM 2G2 AT (YD 110632) ONE COMPANY OF NVA MOVING EAST TO WEST. THEY WERE COMPLETELY CAMOUFLAGED, EQUIPMENT, PACKS, RIFLES. WERE TAKEN TO SURROUND PTL. PTL MOVED OUT OF AREA AND WAS AMBUSHED BY 2ND GROUP OF UNK SIZE. CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS AND AO. RESULTS UNK.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 9 44

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) ARMS: 0/0 MRG

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA 4.A.(b)

(c) PACKETTES: SEE PARA 4.A.(a), #1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 061800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA AMI 440 453

2. DETAINEES 55

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3. RPNS CAPTURED 53: 39/14

5. - 14. NMG

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15. LATE ENTRIES.

(a) AT 061320H, RECON TEAM 2C2 OBS 10 NVA IN TREELINE AT (YD 100646) WEARING KHAKI'S PACKS, RIFLES AND CART BELTS. PTL CALLED ARTY MSN. PTL DIDN'T CHECK AREA BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT MORE EN IN AREA. POINT MAN OBS ARTY MSN ON TARGET, ACCOUNTING FOR 15 NVA KIA (CONF), AND 13 NVA KIA (CONF) TO CUMULATIVE TOTALS, 2 PREVIOUS COUNTED BY AO'S.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 68, OPERATION KENTUCKY

2. 081800H - 091800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

7 INCIDENTS.

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT IN 9TH MAR'S AO

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 091130H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 145729) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 BUNKERS PREVIOUSLY RPTD IN SPT RPT 061000H 9TH MAR'S IPTSUM NR 65 PARA A.1.(d). BUNKERS SIZES WERE 4X4X5 FT WITH 2 FT OVERHEAD OF LOGS AND DIRT.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 082025H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 2 INDIVIDUALS WALKING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AT (YD 117686). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED, CHECKED AREA, NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 082035H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 3 SEPARATE ENEMY MOVEMENTS ON PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 122709). CALLED AR FIRE, MOVEMENT IMMEDIATELY CEASED. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

3. DELAYED ENTRY. AT 081700H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 126666) OBS 1 SNIPER 400M WEST OF FER AT (YD 124665). SNIPER MOVED INTO TREELINE. FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 11.0 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P)

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DONG HA AO'S ON 8 JAN 68. AT (YD 175747) AO OBS 4 NVA MANNING A AW POS.

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BAR SWIMMERS ACCOUNTING FOR 1 RVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 147762) ONE A RVA IN A TRENCHLINE. FIRED ANTI MAN, RESULTING IN 2 RVA KIA (CONF), 2 BOUNDING, 4CM OF TRENCH DUG. IN VIC OF (YD 1774) AO ONE 10 RVA DUGOUT IN BRUSH IN LINE A MAIN-WEST TRENCHLINE, RAF A/S (LOUDMOUTH 583) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 RVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 104756) AO ONE 5 RVA IN OPEN, FIRED ANTI ACCOUNTING FOR 3 RVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 130756) AO ONE RVA IN DUGOUT, FIRED ANTI MAN, ACCOUNTING FOR 2 RVA KIA (CONF).

6. [redacted]

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 0810102, RECON TEAM 383 AT (YD 156641) ONE 2 VC SUSPECTS MOVING BACK INTO BASE OF FIRE AT (YD 160640). FIRE ONE RD REQUIRED.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 0811302, RECON TEAM 383 AT (YD 153643) FT FOUND 6-10 BUILDINGS WITH FOOD AND AROUND THEM. NO GUERRILLAS OR POTENTIAL SIGN SPACED 10M APART, WITH THEM SIZED OF 5X5X3 FT, 4-6 MONTHS OLD. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS CAPTURE

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A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 10

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 0/0 NONE

(b) EQUIPMENT: NONE

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

091800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 463

2. DETAINEES 55

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RETNEE(NVA)	RETNEE(VC)	CIV DEP	INN CIV
2	1	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 53: 39/14

5. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 1STH CIT RPTDS (RAFED C-3) ONE MAIN FORCE CO, OF THE 270TH BN, 95TH REGT, COMMANDED BY HOANG MANH, COMBINED FORCES WITH A COMPANY OF LOCAL

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GUERRILLAS, WHICH IS COMMANDED BY MR THAI DUNH. THEY WEAR NO DISTINGUISHABLE UNIFORM, AND THEIR STRENGTH IS APPROX 120 MEN. THEY OPERATE IN THE AREA AROUND BAI BO (E) (YB 254629), AND MOVE TO (E) (YB 265692), CAM DUONG (V), CHE BO (E), QUANG TRI (P). THEY COLLECT A RICE TAX, WHICH THEY USE TO FEED THEMSELVES. (PW MAKES CONF ADMINN OPN MEMB OF 27TH INDP BN)

(b) 15TH CAV RPTS (RATED C-3) ON 2 FEB 68, TWO SURRICAL NVA MD'S INFILTRATED INTO THE DMZ. ONE MD IS LOC AT VINH MOC (E) (YD 245709), CAM PHO (E) (YD 236764), AND ONE MD (E) (YD 250799), VINH MAI (V), VINH KHOA (E), QUANG TRI (P). THE OTHER NVA MD IS LOC AT MAI OU (E) (YD 246776), AND CAM HOA (E) (YD 004753), VINH HOA (V), KHONG LOONG (E), QUANG TRI (P). EACH MD IS ARMED WITH THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS: 3-82MM MORTS, 3 AA GUNS, WHICH ARE MOUNTED ON WHEELS, WITH AN AIMING SIGHTS, MISC HOSTILE INDIVIDUALS WPNS. THESE TWO MD'S WILL MEDIC THE TROOPS EACH, 325TH DIV. THEIR MISSION IS TO MAKE THE RECONNAISSANCE PHASE OF THE DMZ.

(c) 15TH CAV RPTS (RATED B-3) AT THE PRESENT TIME, A LARGE NUMBER OF VC GUERRILLAS FROM THUAN AN (V), THUAN PHUOC (E), QUANG TRI (P), AND THUAN PHUOC (V), MAI LINH (E), QUANG TRI (P), HAVE CONGREGATED WITH A LOCAL A MED

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COMPANY, WHICH IS COMMANDED BY PHAN VU, AND IS LOC AT DA DONG (H) (YD 107 465), THIEU THUONG (V), MAI LINH (D), QUANG TRI (P). THEY HAVE MADE SIXTY SHEETS OF BAMBOO (THEY ARE STILL MAKING THEM) 1 METER BY .80 METERS. THEY PLAN TO DIG HOLES, HIDE IN THE HOLES, AND PLACE THE BAMBOO SHEETS OVER THE HOLES, SO THEY WON'T BE DISCOVERED, AND AMBUSH ANY MARINE PTLS NEAR HIEN SIEU (H) (YD 313504), AN DON (H) (YD 526514), AND LINH PHONG (H) (YD 302498), ALL OF WHICH ARE INVIT IN THIEU THUONG (V), MAI LINH (D), QUANG TRI (P). THEY STATED THAT IN THE "MED-CAP" CAMPAIGN, THE AMERICANS WERE NEGLECTFUL IN THEIR DEFENSE, AND PREVENTION, OF SUCH AN AMBUSH.

9. - 15. MLG

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FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
[illegible]
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
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THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT

PERSONAL INFO. DO NOT [illegible]

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 69, OPN [illegible]

2. 091800H - 101800H, JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

[illegible] INCIDENTS: 1 [illegible] INITIATED; 1 SNIPER/[illegible] 10

ENEMY ACTIVITY STILL [illegible] IN 9TH MAR'S AO WITH 1 INCIDENT.

Enemy Initiated

A. [illegible]

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 101[illegible]N, 3/4 [illegible] FM (YD 182737) TO (YD 177737) DISCOVERED AND DEBT 2 BUNKERS [illegible] FT WITH 2½ FT THICK OVERHEAD CONSTRUCTED OF DIRT AND BAMBOO. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(b) AT 101407N, 3/4 ELMS RSC 7 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 166738).

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 090245N, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 206727) [illegible] FOUND 10 FRESHLY DUG FIRETING HOLES WHICH HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED. HOLES WERE LOC ON SIDE OF ROAD WHICH PROVIDED EXCELLENT OBS FIELD OF FIRE ON ROUTE 566. 9 HOLES WHICH HAD NO OVERHEAD WERE [illegible] FT IN DIMENSION AND OTHER WAS L SHAPED AND PARTIALLY COMPLETED. HOLES EST TO 12-24 HOURS OLD.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 090900N, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 205721) FOUND 6 CRATES OF 60MM CANASTERS AND [illegible]. ALL [illegible] AND CANASTERS WERE EMPTY.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 091330N, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 182722) AS ENGR. ON SECURITY ON ENGRS. ENGRS DISCOVERED 5 MINES IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN OLD FRENCH MINE FIELD. MINES WERE IMPLACED IN 3 EAST-WEST LINES, ABOUT 10 PACES APART AND STAGGERED ABOUT 30 PACES BETWEEN LINES. SOME OF THE MINES [illegible] TOO DEEP FOR MINE DETECTOR. MINES ARE 9 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND

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6 ENGRS [redacted]. ENTIRE TOP OF RIDGE ARE [redacted] 2 ENGRS THICK. TNT CHARGE IN ANT HOLES AND 4 INCH TUBES, AND IN CONCEALED AREAS NEW MINE MARKED 3A-5-6A ON SIDES. 3 MINES WILL REMAIN, 2 DESTROYED BEYOND USE.

(4) REMAINING MINES. AT 091520H, 3/3 ELMS AT PER DEF FOUND 6 STRANDS OF TRIPLE A: ROW CUT AND 1 TRIP FLARE REMAINED.

(5) AT 100610H, 3/3 ELMS AT (XD 207714) FOUND 1 BOUNCING/MORTAR PIT SURROUNDED BY A FIRECRACKER HOLE. ALSO AT (XD 173715) FOUND 1 BOUNCE MORTAR PATH. AT (XD 199714) FOUND APPROX 35 FIRECRACKER HOLES AND 2-60MM MORT PITS. PTL [redacted] ON BY ENEMY TO THEIR SOUTH. AT (XD 207717) FOUND 1 MORE BOUNCE 1 MORT PIT AND NUMEROUS FIRECRACKER HOLES. DESTROYED ALL FACILITIES.

3. SECOND BATTALION ZONE MARINE

(a) AT 092000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (XD 119704) CON MOVEMENT WITH PTL-5 AT (XD 127712). [redacted] CALLED MORT MSN AND MOVEMENT CEASED.

(b) AT 090850H, 2/1 ELMS CON MOVEMENT WITH PTL-4 AT (XD 139707). CALLED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED. [redacted] BLDGS SEE.

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(c) AT 092225H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 118705) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 AT (YD 122711). CALLED NORT [illegible], MOVEMENT CEASED.

(d) AT 092315H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 3 NVA WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE MOVING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. FIRED M-79 AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(e) AT 100805H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 118705) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 AT (YD 117712) CALLED [illegible], MOVEMENT CEASED.

)f) AT 101115H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114688) SEARCHED AREA WHERE ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS PREVIOUSLY RPTD, FOUND DRAG MARKS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENEMY. AT 091300H, 1/4 PTL VIC OF (YD 120607) FOUND 2 BUNKERS 6X4X4 FT FACING NORTH, WITH WIRE ATTACHED LEADING TO GROUND, THREW 1 GREN INTO BUNKER RESULTING IN SECONDARY EXPLOSION. PTL FOUND 2 CART BELTS, 1 GAS MASK, 2 M-79 RDS, 1 RPG RD, 1 45 .CAL HOLSTER, 6 E-TOOLS, CLAYMORE CORD, FIRST AID KITS, 1 NVA HELMET AND MESC 782 GEAR. FWD TO BE OP.

(b) DELAYED ENEMY. AT 091315H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 131673) WHILE ON SECURITY [illegible] FOR ENGRS, OBS ENEMY ON TRAIL DRESSED IN UNK TYPE OF CLOTHING. FIRED S/A AND ENEMY RAN INTO BRUSH, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

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(c) AT 100830R, 1/4 ELMS AT (ID 133681) FOUND NVA MORT POS CONSISTING OF 9 HOLES WITH GUN POS AND WOODEN AIMING STAKES, RPTD FOR FUTURE M & I'S.

(d) AT 100845R, 1/4 ELMS AT (ID 133681) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 EMPTY BUNKER 5X[illegible] FT.

(e) AT 100035R, 1/4 ELMS DISCOVERED AND DEST 3 BUNKERS, SET UP TO COVER 360°. BUNKERS [illegible] AVERAGED 5X5X5 FT. 1 BUNKER CONTAINED 20 M-16 RDS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF [illegible] MRS OF VR EX FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 9 JAN 68. AT (ID 236763) AO OBS BUNKER COMPLEX, FIRED ARTY (ISHERWOOD A1) AND (ISHERWOOD A2) ACCOUNTING FOR 4 NVA KIA (CONF). IN VIC OF (ID 1372) AO OBS MANY WELL USED TRAILS RUNNING N & S. IN VIC OF (ID 1675) AO OBS SEVERAL LARGE BUNKER AND TUNNEL COMPLEXES, ALSO MANY RECENTLY USED TRAILS.

C. OTHER

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(a) AT 101120H, RECON TEAM 2-1 AT (ID 164665) TEAM MOVING S WHEN BOAR BAN OR S 3 NVA IN A HARBOR SITE. TEAM MADE SEMI-CIRCLE AROUND NVA, FIXED S/A RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 NVA PW, 3 AK-47 RIFLES, 2 KNIVES, 2 CART BELTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 6

2. DETAINEES 1/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 3/0 SEE PARA C.1.(a)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA II A.2.(b)(e), A.4.(a), C.1.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.2.(e), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 101800H JAN 66:

1. ENEMY KIA 4[illegible]

2. DETAINEES 96

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INH CIV
3	1	0	1	1	50

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		INFO						

3. WPBS CAPTURED 56: 42/14

5. - 15. MEG

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(5) IN REFERENCE TO [illegible] INTSUM [illegible] DECLTE INVARIA (CONF) (PREVIOUSLY COUNTED IN [illegible] TOTAL [illegible] ACTION.

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		INFO				XXXXXX		

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TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES → Third [illegible] Fourth Marines
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT

PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 70, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 101800H - 111800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

14 INCIDENTS: 3 INITIATED; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 1 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER HARASSING

ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED IN 9TH MAR'S AO DURING THIS PERIOD. CONT THIEN REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT WHICH WAS FIRST INCOMING IN 4 DAYS.

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 110845H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 182749) DISCOVERED AND DEST 5 BUNKERS 4X4X3 FT WITH 2 FT OVERHEAD CONSTRUCTED OF LOGS. ALSO FOUND 2 AST 75MM or 85MM RR RDS WITH CANNISTERS AND 2 NVA GAS MASKS WITH 6 CHICOM CANS AND 1 COVER MARKING ON BELT. ALL BUNKERS DEST, AND ALL OTHER GEAR RTD TO BN CP.

(b) AT 111040H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 175754) MADE CONTACT WITH 6-10 NVA WELL ENTRENCHED AND EMPLOYED SNIPING, S/A, AW FIRE, ALSO FOUR 2 CHICOM BOOBY TRAPS. MET FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, AND MORT MSN, MOVED UP TO CHECK AREA AND FOUND 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 1 CHICOM CLAYMORE TYPE MINE. CONTACT BROKEN, CALLED ARTY MSN, ON ENTRENCHED ENEMY ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 111105H, PTL DISCOVERED AND DEST LARGE COMPLEX OF LIVING AND FIGHTING BUNKERS AT (YD 176750). BUNKERS HAD MANY SIGNS OF RECENT USE. LOOKED LIKE ENEMY DEPARTED HASTILY. ALSO FOUND 1 BUNKER AND A MAIN BDY OF RICE, 1 RPG-2, 3 RPG RDS, 1 CARBINE, 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 1 MG, 1 SNIPER RIFLE. ALL MDNS RTD TO BN CP.

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2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 101300H, 3/3 ELMS WITH ENGRS DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AT MINE, NOD INDENTIFIED MINES PREVIOUSLY FOUND AS SOVIET TYPE TM 41 AT (YD 177[illegible])

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 100550H, 2/9 AMBUSH AT (YD 122627) HEARD DIGGING SOUNDS NEAR ROAD. FIRED M-79 AND MORT ILLUM, NO RESULTS. UNK

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 101915H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) PICKED UP ENEMY BY RADAR AT (YD 125695). PPS

(b) AT 102695H, 2/1 ELMS REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(d) AT 102200H, 2/1 ELMS DETECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT BY RADAR AT (YD 127697). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(d) AT 102330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 127697) WHILE SETTING IN, PTL MADE CONTACT WITH EST ENEMY SQD, CONTACT WAS BROKEN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(e) AT 111215H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 144708) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 3X3X3 FT COVER WITH DIRT AND LOGS.

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5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 111017M, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 123668) DISCOVERED A NO DEST RKT RD OF UNK ORIGIN STUCK IN TREE. RD WAS APPROX 1 FT IN LENGTH, 1½ INCH IN DIAMETER AND HAD A CONE SHAPED TAIL. A DRAWING OF RKT FWD TO BN CP. DESCRIPTION OF RKT APPEARS TO BE RPG-2.

(b) AT 111048M, 1/4 ELEMS AT (YD 124668) OBS 1 NVA 500M NW OF POS AT (YD 119675). NVA WORE BLACK PONCHO WITH LIGHT COLLORED HELMET. NO WPN OBS. FIRED M-79 AND S/A AS NVA FLED INTO BUSH. CALLED ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL 21.1 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 10 JAN 68. AT (YD 067764) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS ALONG TRAIL, SOME COMPLETED OTHERS PARTICALLY. IN (YD 075742) AND (YD 075739) AO OBS 10 MEN IN CRATERS AND HOLES. THIS CROSSING POINT HVY USED. AT (YD 071740) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS. AT (YD 063737) AO OBS HEAVILY FORTIFIED AREA. AT (YD 084744) AO OBS 25-30 NOIES OF SUPPLIES BROWN AND GREEN SPREAD OUT ALONG TRAIL. FIRED ARTY DEST APPROX 15 AND DAMAGING THE REPAIRS.

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IN VIC OF (YD 1974), (YD 1975) AO ONS 4-6 WERE MOVING NORTH ALONG WESTSIDE OF NR, TWO WERE CARRYING 2 BODIES. AT (YD 100753) AO ONS ANY NUMBER COMPLEX, BUNKERS THERE HAD APPEARED TO BE REMOVED. The Head

E. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 101340H, RECON TEAM 3-1 AT (YD 103649) FIRED ARTY AT BUNKER COMPLEX AT (YD 090654). OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(b) DELA VHD ENTRY. AT 101700H, RECON TEAM 3-1 AT (YD 101659) ONS 4 BUNKERS AT (YD 098667) BUNKS FT NOT OVER TWO DAYS OLD. BUNKERS LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE NOT COMPLETED.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 6/2 SEE PARA A.1.(b)

(b) EQUIPMENT: see para A.1.(a)

(c) FACILITIES SEE PARA A.1.(a),A.4.(a),A.1.(a)

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4. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

111800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 472

2. DETAINEES 56

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RETURN(NVA)	RETURN(VC)	CIV DET	TOT CIV
1	1	0	1	1	50

3. ARMS CAPTURED 64: 48/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.2.(a)

6. - 14. NIL

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15. LATE ENTRIES.

(a) AT 101620H, A RECON PTL IN VIC OF (XD 101614) ENCOUNTERED 2 NVA/VC ON TRAIL. ENEMY APPEARED TO BE CARRYING A RKT LAUNCHER DEVICE SIMILAR TO A 3.5 RKT LAUNCHER AND 1 AK-47 RIFLE. RECON TOOK THE EN UNDER FIRE ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SHRED

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 71, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 111800H - 121800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

15 INCIDENTS: [illegible] 5 MR INITIATED; 2 MORT/ARTY; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP;

1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 120925H, 2/9 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 132652) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 M-26 GRUP WIRE CRASS ROPE WRAPPED AROUND IT. ALSO AT (YD 130667) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 81MM MORT RND.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111315H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 117707) DISCOVERED ENEMY BREAK IN OBSTACLE FOR GIVING ACCESS TO MINE AREA, ALSO DISCOVERED AND DEST 7 BOOBYTRAPS, 1 BOOBY TRAP HAD BE BOOT WITH RANT OF FOOT IN IT.

(b) AT 111945H, 2/1 MEMS AT (YD 120696) OBS MOVEMENT WITH AN/PPS-5 RADAR AT (YD 126697). [redacted] FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(c) AT 112120H, 2/1 MEMS AT (YD 124697) OBS BN MOVEMENT AT (YD 126 697) FIRED M-79 AND PULLED BACK INTO LINES, AND FIRED MORT MSN, NOT FO POS AND NO former MOVEMENT OBS.

(d) AT 112350H, 2/1 MEMS AT (YD 114702) REC 7 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 134723).

(e) AT 120010H, 2/1 MEMS OBS 1 ENEMY AT (YD 120698(, FIRED MORT MSN AND OBS ENEMY RUNNING AWAY IN PER.

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(f) AT 120850H, 2/1 ELMS SPOTTED 1 ENEMY IN TRENCHLINE AT (YD 134724) FIRED MAN OF ARTY, NEG RESULTS.

(g) AT 121230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 126600) REC 5 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 126690) RET FIRE WITH N/A, NEG RESULTS.

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED BETTY. AT 111350H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 131678) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BOUNCING BETTY TYPE MINE SITTING ABOUT 1 INCH ABOVE THE GROUND. MINE LOOKED SEVERAL WKS OLD. ALSO FOUND ANOTHER MINE APPROX 10 FT AWAY ALREADY DETACHATED.

(b) DELAYED BETTY. AT 111730H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 136644) OBS X 3 NVA MOVING IN NW DIRECTION AT (YD 160665). CALLED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.

(c) AT 121030H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 120677) DISCOVERED AND DEST 6 FIGHTING HOLES OVER LOOKING TRAIL, ONE OF THESE WAS FILLED WITH DIRT, AND CONTAINED A SKELETON WHICH APPEARED TO 2 TO 3 MONTHS OLD. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

D. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 25.3 HRS OF VR FLWCN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P)

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BY DONG HA AO'S ON 11 JAN 68. AT (YD 175756) AO OBS 2 NVA IN KHAKI UNIFS SITTING IN BUNKER ENTRANCE, FIRED ARTY, DAMAGING 11 BUNKERS. AT (YD 17637579) AO OBS APPROX 15 NVA DRESSED IN KHAKI'S ENGAGING 3/4 PTL, FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 176755)AO OBS 5 NVA IN TRENCHLINE, RAN A/S (BLADE 174) RESULTING IN 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 2 BUNKERS DEST, 40M OF TRENCH DEST. AT (YD 063647) AO OBS APPROX 20 NVA DRESSED IN GREENS AND HVY CAMOUFLAGED ON A TRAIL RUNNING NW TO SE. [illegible] RAN X 2 FLIGHTS OF GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTING FOR 7 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 176758) AO OBS APPROX 20 NVA IN TRENCHES AND BUNKERS IN GROUPS OF 2-4, FIRED ARTY ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 107753) AO OBS APPROX 15-20 NVA MOVING WEST IN TRENCH, RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 7 NVA KIA (CONF).

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111300H, RECOND TEAM 103 AT (YD 099608) FOUND 1 CAN 10X12X15 INCHES CONTAINING 1 BUNDLE OF DOCS MENTIONING HANOI, CIVILIAN CLOTHING, MED SUPPLIES.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111130H, RECON TEAM 103 AT (YD 1016[illegible]) DISMOUNTED AND DIST 1 BUNKER [illegible] TO ACCOMPANY 8 MEN, A [illegible], 1 10 [illegible] WATER BASIN.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111740H, RECON TEAM 4-2 [illegible] 1 HVA MOVING SOUTH [illegible] UTILITIES AT (YD 145 58). [illegible] SAW [illegible] AND RAN SOUTH.

4. ENEM PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEM LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. [illegible] 18

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WEPS: 0/0 NEC

(b) EQUIPMENT: [illegible] SEE PARA C.1.(a)(b)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.2.(a), A.3.(c), B.1.(a), C.1.(b)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN [illegible] OF 121800H JAN 68:

1. [illegible] 489

2. DETAINEES 56

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IN([illegible]VA)/[illegible](VC)/[illegible](NVA)/[illegible](VC)/CIV DET/INV CIV
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3. [illegible] CAPTURED 64; 48/16

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5. NEW CONTACTS AND BARRIERS

(R) REF: [illegible] A.1.(a), A.3.(c)

6. - [illegible]

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 72, OPN KENTUCKY

2. 121800H - 131800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

15 INCIDENTS; 6 EN INITIATED; 4 SNIPER/HARASSING; 1 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

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(YD 168738). NET FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79, RESULTS UNK.

(c) AT 131240H, SNIPER WORKING WITH 3/3 OBS 3 NVA AT (YD 164736). FIRED S/A AND 1 NVA FELL, 1 NVA KIA (CONF). TEAM FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 130330H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 143606) OBS 3 UNK PERSONS MOVING SOUTH AT (YD 145604). FIRED M-79 AND NET FIRE, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 121900H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 126704) OBS ENEMY IN FRONT OF LINES. CALLED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(b) AT 122115H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 125697) DETECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 RADAR, SUSPECTED NVA MORT POS. FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(c) AT 130730H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 1 NVA AT (YD 177728) FIRED S/A AND M-79, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 130725H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 123674) FOUND US JUNGLE SHIRT WITH BLOOD STAINS, ALSO FOUND BATTLE DRESSING USED AND UNUSED.

(e) AT 130940H, 2/1 ELMS REC'D RD OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 125690)

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RD CAME FM SW AT APPROX 100M. RD BELIEVED TO CARBINE.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 121400H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 119669) FOUND 2 OLD VIETNAMESE DOCS IN A SMOKE TYPE STRUCTURE BEHIND A DEST HUT. FWD TO BN S-2.

(b) AT 122045H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 130633) HEARD MOVEMENT TO DIRECT FRONT AT (YD 131634). USED STARLIGHT SCOPE AND OBS 3 NVA MOVING INTO BUSHES. FIRED MORT MSN, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 130145H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 128673) REC 8 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM AZIMUTH OF 5300 MILLS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 7.9 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN CHANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 12 JAN 68. AT (YD 167719) AO RAN 2 A/S (COMBAT 27) ON BUNKER COMPLEX AND TRENCHLINE ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). SHOULD BE 2

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2

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2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

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3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(c), A.5.(a)

(c) FA ILITIES: SEE PARA NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 131800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 494

2. DETAINEES 56

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEP	INN CIV
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3. WPNS CAPTURED 64: 48/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.1.(b)

6. - 15. NEG

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15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) IN REFERENCE TO SPT RPT 111040H, PARA A.1.(b) 9th MAR'S INTSUM NR 70 AND 2 NVA KIA (CONF) TO CUMULATIVE TOTALS.

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131345H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YB 147724) OBS 6 NVA MOVING W TO E AT (YB 137737). CALLED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131440H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YB 147724) REC 7 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY FM (YB 173750).

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131415H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 147724) DISCOVERED AND DEST 5 BUNKER 8X8X3 FT, IN 1 BUNKER FOUND 6-82MM MORT RDS WHICH WERE BURNED, 2 SHOT GUN SHELLS, 1 GAS MASK. GAS MASK FWD TO BN CP.

(d) AT 141145H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 146693) FOUND 5 FIGHTING [redacted] TYPE BUNKERS CAMAOFLAGED WITH 6 INCHES OF LOGS FOR OVERHEAD. MARKED FOR FUTURE DEST. ALSO FOUND DUD BOMB [redacted].

(e) AT 141400H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YB 121695) OBS 10-13 NVA IN OPEN MOVING TOWARD FRIENDLY POS. 2 NVA UNDER [redacted] OBSERVATION BY SNIPER BUILDING BUNKERS. CALLED ARTY MSN, AND SNIPER FIRED. SNIPER CREDITED WITH 1 NVA KIA (CONF). 1 AK-47 RIFLE CAPTURED.

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3. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131600H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YB 193733) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS, 4X6X6 FT, 12X2X4 FT. CONSTUCTED OF HVY BEAMS, ENGR STAKES WITH 3 FT OF DIRT ON TOP. BELIEVED TO BE SEVERAL MONTHS OLD.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. BM 131630H TO 131800H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 165735) REC APPROX 30 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 155735), (YB 158742).

(c) AT 132340H, 3/3 AMBUSH AT (YD 170725) OBS 2 PERSONNEL 50-75M IN FRONT OF POS MOVING TOWARD AMBUSH. FIRED S/A AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 140730H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 170725) FOUND FOOT PRINTS THAT INDICATED PEOPLE HAD WALKED ABREAST [redacted] OF EACH OTHER, TRACKS WERE COMING FM THE WEST.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131443H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 13 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 22 RDS OF 85MM ARTY FIRE, RET FIRE AT (YD 110712), (YD 126715), (YB 112718), (YD 130698), (YD 100713), (YD 108719), (YB 132725), (YD 135745), (YB 118729), (YB 12377278), (YD 133712), (YB 132732), (YD 107723), (YD 135724), (YD 086753), (YD 134738), (YD 127740, (YD 133720),

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(YD 172758), (YD 071753), (YD 135775).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131730H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 122699) OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 RADAR AT (YD 128697), (YD 129699). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(c) AT 131915H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) WHILE FIRING ON SUSPECTED EN ARTY POS OBS 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(d) AT 132100H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 122699) OBS MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF PER AT (YD 124702). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 132145H, 2/1 ELMS OBS MOVEMENT WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE, SUSPECTED ENEMY. FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(f) AT 140115H, 2/1 AMBUSH AT (YD 114702) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 RADAR AT (YD 129698). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(g) AT 140150H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION AS RESULT OF ARTY MSN AT (YD 117732).

(h) AT 141115H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 104685) FOUND 2 DECOMPOSED ENEMY BODIES. CHECKED FOR IDENTIFICATION, NEG RESULTS. 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

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4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 132300H, 1/4 KLMS OBS 2 TRIP FLARES GOING OFF ON OUTER PER AT (YD 128672). FIRED M-79 AND THREW 2 GRENS, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 20.6 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 12 JAN 68. AO RAN A/S AT (YD 165768) ON NVA ASSEMBLY AREA RESULTING IN 5 BUNKERS DEST, 100M OF TRENCH DEST. AT (YD 108742) AO OBS BUNKERED AREA, RAN A/S (BLACK 502) DEST 2 BUNKERS. ← ADD 1

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 141045 H, RECON TEAM 262 OBS 20 NVA/VC CARRYING AK-47'S AND POSS 50'S. THEY WERE WEARING CART BELTS, PACKS AND CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES. PLT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE, RESULTSING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF). PLT INDICATED NVA WERE WELL EQUIPED AND HAD NUMEROUS AUTO-MATIC WPNS. PLT SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MG WHICH WAS LOADED FROM TOP (MAGAZINE).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

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A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA # 5

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA A.1.(e)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE [redacted] PARA A.1.(c)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(c), A.3.(a), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

141800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 499

2. DETAINEES 56

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEP	INN CIV
3	1	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 65; 49/16

5. - 15. NEG

SHOULD HAVE 50

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	151430Z	ACTION			[redacted]	XXXXXX		
		INFO				XXXXXX		

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TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AM TRAC BN
15TH CIT
7TH ITT
MCB 5

PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 74, 0TH KENTUCKY

2. 141800H - 151800H JAN 68

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

17 INCIDENTS: 4 BY INITIATED; 3 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) [redacted]. AP 1613358, 3/4 KIL SUMMARY, [redacted] BUNKER COMPLEX FOUND AT (XD 163703) APPARENTLY USED AS NIGHT BASE CAMP OR FEEDING STATION FOR 60 SIZE NVA UNIT. CAMP LOC IN DARK THICKET APPROX 10-14 FT HIGH, WHERE COOKING FACILITIES. CAMP CONSISTED OF SIX (6) BUNKERS DUG INTO THE GROUND. TWO (2) OF WHICH HAD UNDERGROUND CHIMNEYS AND WOOD BURNING STOVES. THERE WERE 31 LIVING BUNKERS CONSTRUCTED AROUND THE BUNKERS. AVERAGE SIZE FOR THE BUNKERS WERE 4X4X5 FT WITH 2-3 FT OVERHEAD WITH STRAW THICK MATTING, ALSO SEVERAL NW AND SW TRAILS LED INTO THE AREA. TRAILS WERE MARKED WITH [redacted] PIECES OF STRAW TO POINT TO THE CAMP. THE CAMP ACCESS TO THE TRAILS HAD SOME GROUND LEVEL CRAWL STRAW-IN UNDERGROUND WHICH LINED WITH VINES BOMBS 50-75% OUTSIDE OF COOKING AREA FOR EAST ACCESS AT NIGHT LOC IN COOKING AREA [redacted] WAS A 60 FT TREE WITH AN OP APPROX 40 FT ABOVE GROUND, WITH A GOOD USE OF [redacted] APPROACHING AREAS. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO [redacted] AREA. [redacted] FOUND 50-70 LBS OF RICE, MISC POTS AND PANS, CLOTHING, ROOS, AND 6 NVA TYPE B-TOOLS.

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(b) AT 151150H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 136745) DISCOVERED AND DEST 5 OLD BUNKERS 8x8x3 FT WITH 13 FT OVERHEAD OF LOGS AND DIRT. BUNKERS WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED. ALSO FOUND AND DEST 3-82MM MORT RDS, 6060MM MORT RDS, 1 CHICOM CLAYMORE MINE.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 150800H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 166735) REC 12 RDS OF [redacted] 82MM MORT FM (YD 158745) AT AZIMUTH OF 500 MILLS. CALLED ARTY WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE, UNK RESULTS. TAIL FINS OF MORTAR WERE FOUND.

(b) AT 150820H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 176739) OBS 2 NVA, ENGAGED WITH SNIPER AND OBS 1 NVA FALL. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(c) AT 150845H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 175737) REC SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 167738). FIRED M-79 AND SNIPER FIRE CEASED.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 150755H, 2/9 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 132625) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 105MM DUD.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141435H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116707) FOUND SMADALS [illegible] APPROX 20M FM WIRE. EST 2-3 PEOPLE. EST PRINTS TO BE ABOUT 2 DAYS OLD.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141445H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) FOUND LOOSE BOARDS LAPPED OVER BARBED WIRE FENCE TO [redacted] MADE GOOD TRAIL. REMOVED BOARDS AND MINED FENCE.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141500H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 108704) DISCOVERED AND EST 18 FRENCH RDS IN FILE APPEARED TO BE BLOCK BEFORE, BUT NO MVMT.

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141510H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 113698) FOUND TRAILS LEADING INTO HIGH GRASS, CHECKED AREA AND FOUND HOLE 3X2X3 FT WITH GOOD OBS OF OP 1. AREA HAD SANDAL PRINTS 1 OR 2 DAYS OLD.

(e) AT 142015H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 119704) HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF THEM AT (YD 123705). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(f) AT 142000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) HEARD EXPLOSION IN MINEFIELD AT (YD 115705) CHECKED AREA WITH SEARLIGHT SCOPE AND OBS 4-5 ENEMY. SENT OUT PTL WITH NEG RESULTS.

(g) AT 142045H, 2/1 ELMS REC 8 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(h) AT 142330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 126692) HEARD MOVEMENT AND DOGS BARKING AT (YD 127695). SQD LEADER BELIEVES ENEMY ARE USING DOGS.

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(1) AT 150130H TO 150230H, 2/1 RLMS AT (YD 114702) HEARD WHISTLING AND A GREAT DEAL OF NOISE, SOUNDED LIKE A LARGE ENEMY ARMY. THEN ENEMY FIRED S/A AND 82MM MORT, 4 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 57MM RR FIRE, 20 GRENS FM (YD 111706). NOT MORT MSN, GRENS WHEN RDS EXPLODE.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 150945H, 1/4 SWEPT AT (YD 115670) FOUND 2 U SHAPED TRENCHES APPROX 60X4X3 FT. BOTH TRNS FACING SOUTH. 1 OF THE TRENCHES CONTAINED 4 BODIES. BODIES HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF EVERYTHING EXCEPT THEIR TENNIS SHOES. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FM ARTY. 4 NVA KIA (CONF).

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 39.2 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 13 AND 14 JAN 68. AT (YD 10057747) SITED METAL MARKS BE DING TO THIS FORMATION, ALSO 3 CLUMPS OF DEAD CAMOUFLAGED, SITED 2 PEOPLE SOM SOUTH, HEARD 2 ROUNDS OF HVY CAL FIRE. AT (YD 150735) AO OBS 7-10 BUNKERS WITH SMALL LIVING TYPE, CAMOUFLAGED LOW SCRUB AREA, EXCELLENT TRAIL. AT (YD 140730) AO OBS WATER POINT, RUC W/ USE OF TRAIL. AT (YD 130730) SEE

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AO OBS BUNKER AREA, APPARENTLY LIVING AREA WITH EXCELLENT TRAILS. AT (YD 135752) AO OBS STREAM CROSSING USED RECENTLY. AT (YD 166748) AO OBS 4 NVA DRESSED IN KHAKI AND HIDING NEAR SOME BUSHES. IN VIC OF (YD 1575) AO CHECKED AREA FOR ENY POS, NEG FINDINGS, HOWEVER DID REC FLAK IN THIS AREA, POSS 12.7MM OR 37MM. AO VIC'D NORTH NORTHEAST OF CON THIEN, SPOTTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 2 ENY BUNKERS AT (YD 145752).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 5

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 0/0

(b) EQUIPMENT: nog

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(b), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 151800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 504

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2. ~~DETAINEES~~ 56

PW(NVA)/PW(VC)/RETNEE(NVA)/RTNEE(VC)/CIV DET/IRR CIV
3 1 0 1 1 50

3. ~~WPNS CAPTURED~~ 65: 49/16

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES
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PRIORITY/PRIORITY 161130Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
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1ST AM TRAC BN
95TH CIT
7TH ITT
MCB 5

PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 75, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 151800H - 161800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
13 INCIDENTS; 7 EN INITIATED; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 161220H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 163695) DISCOVERED AND DEST 105 RDS OF 82MM MORT AMMO. IT APPEARED TO BE FOR CO OR EN SIZE UNIT.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151500H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 105724) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 HOMEMADE AP MINES BURIED 3 INCHES UNDER ROAD APPROX 20M APART.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151430H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116705) FOUND HOLE IN WIRE 6 FT WIDE, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CUT LAST NIGHT. HAD WELL DEFINED PATH LEADING THROUGH WIRE INTO MINE FIELD. REPAIRED WIRE AND PLOTTED MORT MSN IN GENERAL AREA.
(b) AT 151835H, 2/1 ELMS WITH SNIPERS AT (YD 121701) OBS EN AT (YD 125705), FIRED S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(c) AT 152050H, 2/1 AMBUSH AT (YD 129685) OBS THRCUGH A STARLIGHT SCOPE 7 ENEMY MOVING NORTH. AMBUSH SET UP AND WAITED FOR ENEMY TO MOVE CLOSER. AT THIS TIME 2 ENEMY BROKE OFF COLUMN AND MOVED IN A WEST DIRECTION. THE REMAINING 5 CONTINUED IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION OUT OF SIGHT.

(d) AT 160105H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 122700) HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF [illegible] PER AT (YD 123701). FIRED M-79 AND MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 161145H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 094705).

(f) AT 161230H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 3 ENEMY IN FRONT OF PER AT (YD 131711). FIRED MORT MSN, NEG RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 151815H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 126664) OBS 1 NVA WEARING DARK GREEN UTILITIES HEADING SW INTO UNDERGROWTH AT (YD 127661). WPN WAS NOT OBS. NVA DISAPPEARED INTO UNDERGROWTH. FIRED MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 152230H, 1/4 AMBUSH AT (YD 164586) OBS AND FIRED AT 3 ENEMY WHO APPEARED TO BE ON PTL AT (YD 162584). ENEMY RET 3 RDS OF S/A. FIRED S/A MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 152250H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 128669) OBS 4 NVA THRCUGH STARLIGHT SCOPE HEADING IN SW DIRECTION AT (YD 124674). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 160145H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 164507) OBS EST 15-20 NVA WALKING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION CARRYING 2 MORT TUBES. WAITED FOR ENEMY TO COME IN RANGE OF AMBUSH. NEG RESULTS, ENEMY KEPT WALKING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 40.8 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 15 JAN 68. AT (YD 093772) AO OBS 5 NVA ALONG TRAIL ALSO 3 BUNKERS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A TUNNEL ENTRANCE. AO FELT THAT MORE BUNKERS ARE LOC ON NORTHERN SIDE OF TRAIL. AT (YD 081748) AO OBS TRAIL AND RIVER CROSSING APPEARED WELL USED, ALSO BUNKERS ALONG TRAIL, BUILT APPROX 3 DAYS AGO STILL IN TACT. AT (YD 037716) AO OBS 3 NEW BUNKERS WITH FRESH CAMOUFLAGE. AT (YD 004668) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS AND 2 NVA SITTING CLOSE ON TRAIL WHICH LEADS TO ANOTHER COMPLEX AT (YD 009668) ABOUT THE SAME SIZE. AT (YD 052748) AO RAN A/S (COMBAT 30) ON NEW BUNKER COMPLEX, 2 BUNKERS DEST. IN VIC OF (YD 0366) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS AND POS IN THIS AREA. AT (YD 123719) AO RAN A/S (POSTSCRIPT 597) ON 5 NVA IN TREELINE, ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 091777) AO OBS WELLS WHICH SHOWS RECENT SIGNS OF ACTIVITY, POSS STORAGE AREA.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 1
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA B.1.(a).

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 161800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 505
2. DETAINEES 56

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RETHER(NVA)	RETHER(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	1	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 65; 49/16

5. - 15. NEG

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RELEASER R. J. KIESELBACH

PRIORITY/PRIORITY 171[illegible]5 JAN 68

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TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
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INFO: ADC THIRD MARINE DIVISION
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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 76, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 161800H - 171800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
8 INCIDENTS; 3 EN INITIATED; 1 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

INCOMING AT CON THIEN REMAINS LIGHT, AS WELL AS ACTIVITY IN 9TH MAR'S AO.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DEALYED ENTRY. AT 161800H, 3/4 PTL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY STATES THE TERRAIN ALONG THE PTL ROUTE CONSIST OF ROLLING HILLS AND OPEN GRASSY AREA BROKEN BY LOW WET RICE PADDIES AND PERIODICAL PATCHES OF HVY BRUSH. VEGATATION CONSIST OF SECONDARY SHRUB AND BAMBOO THICKETS WITH 15-20 FT CANOPY. HVY WOODED AREA SURROUNDED DEST VILLE AT (YD 155702). OBS IS GOOD FROM THE HIGH GROUND AND FROM HVY WOODED MOUNDS WHICH DOT THE FLAT GRASSY AREAS. A GOOD TRAIL EXISTS AT (YD 157702), AND RUNS NORTH AND SOUTH. THE RATE OF MOVEMENT IS 800M PER HOUR. HIGH TREES IN THAT AREA MAKE GOOD OP'S AS WITH NOTE TO BE THE CASE AT (YD 166692). LZ'S ARE PLENTFUL ALONG THE PTL ROUTE. A PROB ENEMY CP AND LIVING AREA WAS LOC AT (YD 168690), 21 LIVING BUNKERS WERE DISCOVERED AS WELL AS 4 82MM MORT PITS. THE BUNKERS WERE "L" SHAPED AND WERE 6 FT LONG AND 4 FT WIDE. ENTRANCE WAS FOUND TO BE 4X4 FT WITH 2 STEPS DOWN. THE FLOOR WAS COVERED WITH STRAW MATTING. THE BUNKER HAD TWO FT OF OVERHEAD LOG COVER AND WERE FURTHER COVERED BY A TENT SHAPED SHIELD. 1 BUNKER WAS USED FOR COOKING AND CONTAINING A 15 FT LONG TUNNEL WHICH WAS 1 FT SQUARE USED TO CARRY THE SMOKE AND FILTER IT AWAY FROM THE AREA. THE 4 MORT PITS WERE 5 FT IN DIAMETER, 4 FT DEEP AND HAD AN AMMO BUNKER 4X4 FT INSIDE. THE COMBINED PITS CONTAINED 183 RDS OF 82MM MORTS.

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15 CANS OF FUZES, WITH 6 FUSES PER CAN. AND 30 CANS CONTAINING POWDER CHARGES WHICH RESEMBLED SHOT GUN SHELLS. IT IS EST THE POS WAS 9-12 MONTHS OLD. IT WAS ALSO NOTICED THAT U[redacted]C-RATION CANS WERE FOUND IN AL[redacted]T ALL OF THE BUNKERS AND NUMBER ABOUT 100. OTHER GEAR FOUND INCLUDED WERE PLAYING CARDS, CHINESE CHECKERS AND US MADE INSECT REPELLENT. THE AREA WAS COVERED WITH A TEK CANOPY HOWEVER, OPENINGS WERE CUT FOR MORTS TO BE FIRED IN THE DIRECTION OF A-3. MOUNDS OF CHICKEN FEATHERS AND RECENTLY COOKED RICE (5-7 DAYS OLD) WERE ALSO FOUND IN THE BUNKERED AREA.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161630H, 3/3 ELMS OBS 6 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 189 740). FIRED ARTY AND MORT MSN, WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 170945H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 195729) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BOOBY TRAPPED GRENS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 162320H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) HEARD MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT AT (YD 128698). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(b) AT 170700H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 109693) REC 1 RD OF CARBINE FIRE FM 300 TO 400M TO SE AT (YD 102694). RET FIRE WITH M-79 AND MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 171050H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE, AND 1 RD OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 107708), (YD 115736).

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 42.7 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 15 AND 16 JAN 68. AT APPROX VIC OF (YD 155778) AO REC A HVY VOLUME OF S/A FIRE. AT (YD 183778) AO OBS SEVERAL HUTS STANDING WITH TRAILS LEADING TO THEM, ALSO SMALL GARDENS PLANTED AROUND HUTS. AT (YD 081748) AO RAN A/S (MOTION 175) ON BUNKERS ALONG TRAIL, ACCOUNTING FOR 5 BUNKERS DEST. AT (YD 008678) AO OBS 3 NVA WEARING GREEN UNIFS WITH GREEN BUSHES ON THEIR BACK, WHO MOVED INTO BUSHES WHERE BUNKERS AND HOLES WERE. RAN A/S (POSTSCRIPT 116) RESULTING IN 2 BUNKERS DEST. AT (YD 138737) AO OBS 12 NVA WALKING DOWN A TRAIL. AT (YD 152746) AO RAN A/S (DECORATE 177) ON NEW BUNKER COMPLEX, ACCOUNTING FOR 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 7 BUNKERS DEST. AT (YD 036665) AO OBS APPROX 50 NVA WHO APPEARED TO BE IN SOME KIND OF ASSEMBLY AREA. AT (YD 162747) AO OBS 4 NVA ON TRAIL WITH 5 NEW BUNKERS, RAN A/S (COMBAT 29) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 BUNKERS DEST.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 1
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 171800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 506
2. DETAINEES 56

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	1	0	1	1	50

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3. WPNS CAPTURED 65; 49/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
(a) SEE PARA A.2.(b)

6. - 14. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES
(a) AT 171430H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 146698(DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 4X6X3 FT AND 3 FT OVERHEAD MADE OF LOGS AND MUD, BAMBOO. NO [redacted] SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(b) AT 171400H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 13 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 122698).

(c) AT 171345H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 143700) FOUND 1 60MM MORT RDS WITH 4 INCRIMENTS, ALSO FOUND 3 60MM RDS U.S. TYPE. FWD RDS TO BN CP.

(d) AT 171300H, 1/4 SQD SECURITY FOR ENGRS OBS 2 EN IN HVY BRUSH APPROX 50M TO EAST OF PER AT (YD 132668) FIRED S/A, M-79. WHILE CHECKING AREA OBS 2 MORE EN MOVING THRU THICK BRUSH IN EASTERLY DIRECTION, FIRED S/A AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(e) AT 171300H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 104705) REC 55 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 105698), RET FIRE WITH MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 171345H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 7 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 114722), (YD 115729).

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FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
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SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
1ST AMTRAC BN
15TH CHP
7TH ITT
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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 77, 07H KENTUCKY
2. 171600H - 181800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
19 INCIDENTS: 6 EN INITIATED; 5 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING; 1 CO (REIN) SIZE CONTACT
ENEMY ACTIVITY IN 9TH MAR'S AO INCREASED WITH 3/4 MAKING CONTACT WITH EST NVA CO

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 172050H, 3/4 PER DEF OBS ENEMY AT (YD 147712) THROUGH STARLIGHT SCOPE. FIRED S/A, M-26 GRENS, M-79 AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 180945H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 144725) MADE CONTACT WITH EST PLT REC APPROX 20 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY, S/A, AW FIRE FM THE [illegible]

(c) AT 181120H, 3/4 PLT AT (YD 145723) MADE HVY CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE EN UNIT, PLT REC 50 CAL FIRE FM RIGHT FLANK.

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(d) AT 181234H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 145724) REC HVY VOLUME OF APPROX 20-30 RDS OF UNK TYPE INCOMING FM APPROX 0340 HILLS.

(e) AT 181252H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 145724) AFTER BREAKING CONTACT REC APPROX 2 RDS OF UNK TYPE INCOMING FM UNK LOC.

2. THIRD BATTALION FIFTH MARINES

(a) AT 180930H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 193714) CAPTURED 1 NVA P/W, 3 NVA KIA (CONF), 3 AK-47 RIFLES, 1 AS RESULT OF PREP FIRE, 2 AS A RESULT OF S/A F4 RC.

(b) AT 181045H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 163739) OBS APPROX 15 NVA MOVING IN NE DIRECTION. ENGAGED WITH MFG RESULTS.

(c) AT 181140H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 161740) OBS 4 NVA IN OPEN AND ENGAGING WITH MG FIRE. ELMS BROKE CONTACT AND FOUND EXTENSIVE TUNNELS AND BUNKERS AT (YD 163738).

(d) AT 181225H, SNIPER WITH 3/3 OBS 1 NVA AT (YD 160746) SNIPER FIRED AND RESULTING IN 1 NVAKIA (CONF).

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DISALVED ENTRY. AT 171724H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 7 ENEMY AT (YD 135724). FIRED MORT MSN, ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVAKIA (CONF).

(b) AT 172110H, 2/1 ELMS FIRED ON SUSPECTED A RTY POS AT (YD 09005 75080). (YD 123728) RESULTING IN 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(c) AT 172330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 125678) REC 6 RDS OF S/A AND 3 GRENS FM (YD 127695), (YD 131698). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(d) AT 172345H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(e) AT 172355H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(f) AT 181300H, 2/1 PTL AT (YD 126686) DISCOVERED AND DEST 3 90MM TANK RDS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 172015H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 126667) OBS MOVEMENT AT (YD 125669), (YD 125673). MOVEMENT RETD TO THEIR NORTH AND LEFT OF THEIR POS, MOVEMENT WAS OBS BY PFS-6, NOD, SID. FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(b) AT 181100H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 135676) DISCOVERED AND DEST 3 UNCOVERED FIGHTING HOLES ALONG WELL USED TRAIL. FRESH BAREFOOT PRINTS IN BOTTOM OF HOLES INDICATE RECENT USE BY ABOUT 3 NVA.

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B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 22.4 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (T) BY DONG PA AO'S ON 17 JAN 68. AT (YD 163749) AO RAN A/S ON BUNKER COMPLEX, ACCOUNTING FOR 8 BUNKERS DEST, 50M OF ENTRENCHLINES DAMAGED.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 180900H, RECON TEAM 3-2 AT (YD 094630) EXCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 4 PVA MOVING SE TO NW AT (YD 090638). PVA HAD CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS, PACKS AND RIFLES. RESULTS OF THE ACTION WERE 1 PVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 6

2. DETAINEES 1/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 3/0 SEE PARA A.2.(a)

(b) EQUIPMENT: NEG

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.4.(b), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 181800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 512

2. DETAINEES 57

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RPNEE(NVA)	RPNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INH CIV
4	1	0	1	1	50

3. VPIS CAPTURED 68; 52/16

5. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) CAP LO DIST ADVISOR RPTS (RAPID C-6) THAT 1 ENEMY CO EQUIPT WITH 1 60MM MORT AND 1 81MM MORT LOC AT (YD 180615) COULD BE HEADED TOWARD YOUR POS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

9. - 14. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) AT 181030H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 2 [redacted]MY AT (YD 121711). FIRED MORT MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 181700H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS MOVEMENT AND MUZZLE OF A S/A WPN. FIRED MORT MSN ON (YD 105708) RESULTING IN 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 78, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 181800H - 191800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
17 INCIDENTS, 1 EN INITIATED; 1 MORE/ARTY

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT FOR THIS PERIOD. RESULTS OF 3/4 ACTION ON THE 18TH WAS 162 NVA KIA (CONF).

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. SUMMARY OF 3/4 ACTION. FM 180730H TO 181730H, M CO (-) 3/4 MOV'D INTO RIGHT AND LEFT FLANK BLOCKING POS AT 0730H. L CO SPOTTED 5 NVA AT (YD 148726) AT 0845H MOVING ACROSS FRONT. L CO FOUND AND DEST 1-155MM DUD AT (YD 145722) AND A CHICOM CHEN IN THE SAME VIC. L CO MADE CONTACT WITH AN EST REINF PLT AT (YD 143726). AT 0945H L CO DEPLOYED ALL UNITS ON LINE TO GAIN FIRE SUPERIORITY. ENEMY FIRE INCREASED WITH INTENSITY. RIGHT BLOCKING UNIT DIRECTED TO MOVE UP ON L CO RIGHT FLANK. M CO WAS ORDERED TO MOVE TO RIGHT BLOCKING POS BN PER DISPOSING ALL OF M AND L CO NORTH OF TRACS. AROUND 1015H APPROX 67 RDS OF EST 100MM ARTY REC ON M CO WEST BLOCKING POS AND BN CP. L CO AO REC 50 CAL MG FIRE FM RIGHT FLANK. L AND M CO D'LIVERING ACCURATE FIRE ON NVA ACROSS NORTH AND NE FRONT. L AND M CO TOOK 60MM MORT AND RPG FIRE AND OVER RAN AT LEAST 5 MORT POS AND SEVERAL MG AND FIGHTING HOLES, MANY WERE FIRING FM BOMB CRATERS. CONTACT INCREASED TO AT LEAST 4 REINF CO WITH EN MORT, RPG'S AND ARTY AW. L AND M CO REC ABOUT 60-75 60MM MORT RDS DURING ENTIRE ENGAGEMENT AND ABOUT 5-10 RPG RDS. DEST 60MM MORT TUBE, DID NOT ATTEMPT

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TO RECOVER WPNS OR EQUIPMENT DUE TO REQUIREMENT TO EVACUATE FRIENDLY CAS, EXPOSURE TO CONTINUED FIRE AND NORTHERN DEPLOYMENT OF UNITS. BELIEVE COMBINATION OF GROUND ACTION PLUS AIR AND ARTY SUPPORT SEVERLY HURT ENEMY. RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 162 NVA KIA (CONF), 116 CREDITED TO GROUND TROOPS AND 46 KIA BY GUNSHIPS AND AIR.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 180740H TO 181730H, AFTER ACTION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY OF 3/4 ACTION. 1. TERRAIN, THE TERRAIN IN AND AROUND CONTACT IS OF ROLLING HILLS, BROKEN BY HEDGE ROWS AND OPEN AREAS WITH TALL GRASS. NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS AND ARTY SHELL HOLES PREDOMINANT IN THE AREA, AND OFFER GOOD PROTECTION FROM DIRECT AND INDIRECT FIRE WEAPONS. MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE TERRAIN AS NEEDED BY THE ENEMY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS, BOTH LIVING AND FIGHTING HOLES AND AN ELABORATE TRENCH LINE SYSTEM WITHIN THE HEDGE ROWS THAT CONNECT. BOTH LIVING AND FIGHTING TYPE BUNKERS, BECAUSE OF TOPOGRAPHY MOVEMENT IS GENERALLY UNRESTRICTED, OBSERVATION FROM HIGH POINTS IS GOOD, BUT OBS IS LIMITED ON THE PLATEAUSSY AREAS BECAUSE OF THE NUMEROUS HEDGE ROWS. 2. ENEMY, PROBABLE SIZE OF THE ENEMY IS CONTACT IS EST TO BE AT LEAST ONE REINF CO WITH A HVY WPNS UNIT ATTACHED ELEMENTS INCLUDE MANY AK-47'S, LT AND HVY MG, 60MM AND 82MM MORTS, AND RPG RKTS. ENEMY ARTY SUPPORT WAS ACCURATELY ADJUSTED BY FO'S ATTACHED TO ENEMY UNITS FM 3/4'S BLOCKING POS LOC AT (YD 125740). THE DIRECTION OF ARTY FIRE WAS COMING FM HILLS OF 0125. FM THE REPORT OF THE GEN TO IMPACT WAS APPROX 5 SECONDS. DURING EARLY PHASES OF THE CONTACT THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BE DISORGANIZED, MANY RAN IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION. THE ENEMY UNITS WERE PREDOMINATELY BLACK PJ'S. 3. EFFICIENT POINTS FROM APPEARANCE OF THE ENEMY KIA'S THE BODY SIZE AND FACIAL APPEARANCE DIFFERED GREATLY FM THAT OF THE VIETNAMESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOTED TO BE 6 FT TALL IN SOME CASES, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE ENEMY GROUND UNITS AND ARTY SUPPORTING BATTERY APPEARED TO BE GOOD BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY RAPID ADJUSTMENT OF ARTY FIRE.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 181130H, 3/3 ELMS OBS 6-10 NVA MOVING IN A NE DIRECTION. ENGAGING EN WITH S/A, EN RET FIRE AND COMMENCED WITHDRAWAL. ENGAGING EN DURING WITHDRAWAL WITH M-79, S/A, MG'S. AT 1200H 3/3 FWD ELMS FOUND 1 DIRECTIONAL MINE RIGGED FOR COMMAND OR TRIP DETONATION, TRENCHLINE WITH ADJACENT FIGHTING HOLES 1 TO 3 DAYS OLD, DID ENOUGH TO ACCOMODATE A SQD. NUMEROUS FOOTPRINTS AND DRAG MARKS INDICATED EARLY WITHDRAWAL. AT 1220H SEPTER GIGHTED 3 NVA AT (YD 160744), FIRED AND OBS 1 NVA FALL. 3/3 S/A KEPT 3 TO 4 NVA PINNED DOWN BEHIND BROWN HILL ARTY COULD BE ADJUSTED ON FOS. ARTY ACHIEVED DIRECT HIT. HVY BUNKERS ORIENTED TO THE SE. RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 6 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 181045H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 162736) FOUND BUNKER COMPLEX WITH TRENCHES CONNECTED 5X5X4 FT APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD, DENSE UNDERGROWTH. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND THE FOLLOWING GEAR: 1-82MM MORT RD, 2-60MM MORT RDS, 4 CANS OF MORT FUSES.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 181400H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 191724) DISCOVERED AND DEST M-26 GRENS WHICH WERE BOOBY TRAPPED WITH A STICK FOR PRESSURE PACKED DETONATION.

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(d) IN REF TO SPT RPT 180130H PARA A.2.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 77, CHANGE 5 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 NVA PW TO READ 1 VC PW, 2 VC KIA (CONF). ALSO FOUND 3 AK-47 RIFLES (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) 5 AK-47 MAGS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 BAG SALT, 1 CAMOUFLAGE DEVICE, 1 CART BELT, 2 PONCHOS, 2 HAG POUCHES, 2 CAMEREN COVERS, 2 FLASHLIGHTS, 5 BATTLE DRESSINGS, ASSORT DOCS AND MISC GEAR IN PLASTIC BAG.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 184905H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 125698) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 126696). FIRED POW FSN, UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 182000H, 2/1 ELMS OBS MOVEMENT AT (YD 134698), (YD 132699), (YD 134696) WITH PPS-6 RADAR. FIRED POW FSN, UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 182205H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 129705) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-6 RADAR AT (YD 129721), (YD 129715). FIRED POW FSN, UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 182220H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 125698) FIRED M-79 ON SUSPECTED EN MOVEMENT AT (YD 124693). MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 190045H, 2/1 AMBUSH AT (YD 124688) OBS 2 EN STANDING ON EN ROAD. FIRED S/A, M-79, EN RET 25-30 RD S/A. UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 190105H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116687) HEARD MOVEMENT 25M S SE, 15 MINUTES LATER REC 2 GRENS, RET FIRE WITH 3 M-26 GRENS, UNK RESULTS.

(g) AT 190230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 4 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FR (YD 095697).

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) FM 182215H TO 182246H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 126688) OBS TRIP FLARE BEING SET OFF. TANK CHECKED AREA WITH INFRARED AND OBS 2 EN MOVING INTO TREELINE AT (YD 125672). AT 2246H PPS-6 RADAR PICKED UP MOVEMENT AT (YD 125677). FIRED TANK AND MORT FSN, NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 190940H TO 191040H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 136674) WHILE MOVING ALONG TRAIL IN THICK TERRAIN, PTL HEARD MOVEMENT APPROX 75M TO WEST. AT SAME TIME REC APPROX 20 RDS OF S/A, PULLED BACK AND CALLED MORT FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 20.0 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 17 AND 18 JAN 68. AT (YD 080749) AO RAN A/S, 7 BUNKERS DEST. AT (YD 075645) AO RAN A/S ON APPROX 20 FRESHLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS, ACCOUNTING FOR 6 NVA KIA (CONF). APPROX 500M TO EAST OF (YD 075645) AO SIGHTED 3 NVA WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE 120MM TUBE.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED REPT. FURTHER DEBRIEF OF RECON PTL 202 INDICATES 14 NVA KIA (CONF), 8 BY USMC GUNSHIPS AND 6 BY RECON PTL. ONLY 2 NVA KIA WERE PREVIOUSLY COUNTED. ADD 12 NVA KIA (CONF) TO OPERATION KENTUCKY TOTALS.

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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 185
2. DETAINEES 0/1/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT: A.2.c.(4)
   (c) FACILITIES: B.1.c.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 191800H JAN 68: 691 ~~697~~ 692 691

1. ENEMY KIA 697 →
2. DETAINEES 57

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTREE(NVA)	RTREE(VC)	CIV DET	ITH CIV
2	2	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 68: 52/16

5. - 15. NEG 69 53

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 79, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 191800H - 201800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
16 INCIDENTS; 4 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT IN 9TH MAR'S AO. RECON WEST OF C-2 CONTINUES TO REPORT ENEMY CONTACTS.

A. GROUND FORCES

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1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 201010H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 137713) FOUND US GEAR AND AMMO, 1/2 CASE TRIP FLARES, 2 CASES 3.5 INCH RDS, 1-106MM CANNISTER RD AND MISC EQUIPMENT INCLUDES FLAK JACKETS AND PACKS. ALL GEAR EXD AND AMMO DEST.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191315H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 162723) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2-4 MAN BUNKERS, NOT RECENTLY USED.

(b) AT 201010H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 204715) DISCOVERED PLT SIZE POS WITH MORT PITS AND TUNNELS. APPREHENDED 1 VIETNAMESE MALE WITH PRC-25 BATTERY AND 1 VIETNAMESE FEMALE. HAD NO ID CARDS WHEN CHECKED VILLE. 2 DETAINEES. S-2 9TH MAR'S TURNED DETAINEES OVER TO 7TH ITT, UNCLASSIFED AT THIS TIME.

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3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 191430H TO 191455H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 117711). ALSO OBS AND SPOTTED MUZZLE FLASHES FIRED MORT MSN, NEG RESULTS.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191700H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 119704) FIRED MORT MSN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY AT (YD 123713). NEG RESULTS.

(c) FM 192000H TO 192135H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116698), (YD 128690) DETECTED 15 ENEMY IN OPEN WITH PPS-5 AT (YD 108700). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 192230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 123690) SPOTTED MOVEMENT APPROX 5M SOUTH OF POS. FIRED S/A, M-79 AND THREW GRENS, WHILE PULLING BACK REC UNDETERMINED AMT OF S/A FIRE FM (YD 123687).

(e) AT 192355H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115698) DETECTED 6 ENEMY AT (YD 110692). FIRED MG WITH NEG RESULTS.

(f) AT 200020H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 9 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(g) AT 200120H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 14 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 16 RDS OF 82MM MORT INSIDE PER. RET FIRE AT (YD 12857179), (YD 12107160), (YD 10437260), (YD 117725), (YD 125720), (YD 116721), (YD 122711), (YD 127713).

(h) AT 200200H, 2/1 ELMS SPOTTED EN MOVEMENT OUTSIDE PER THROUGHT STARLIGHT SCOPE. FIRED MORT MSN, WITH UNK RESULTS.

(i) AT 201245H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE, RET FIRE AT (YD 124718), (YD 116720), (YD 1518073690).

(j) AT 201503H, 2/1 ELMS REC 6 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 4 RDS OF EST UNK CAL RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 120718).

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191300H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 114646). DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 10 FT LONG WITH 18 INCH OVERHEAD OF LOGS AND DIRT. ALSO DEST 2 MORE BUNKERS 5X5X3 FT WELL CAMOUFLAGED, FOUND 1 E-TOOL, 1 PICK, 50 FT ELECTRIC WIRE, MISC DOCS, ALSO FOUND NVA C-RATIONS WITH FOOD IN CANS ON TOP OF BUNKERS, FOUND 1 GRAVE BELIEVED TO BE VERY OLD. FWD ALL GEAR. DOCUMENTS FWD TO DTC 3D MAR DIV.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 200920H, RECON TEAM 4-2 AT (YD 105634) ENCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 5-7 NVA WEARING CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES AND CARRYING AK-47'S AT (YD 105637). CALLED GUNSHIPS WHICH REC GROUND FIRE.

(b) AT 201030H, RECON TEAM 4-2 PTL MOVING FM VIC OF CONTACT AT 200920H, SPOTTED MOVEMENT OF APPROX CO SIZE UNIT TO THE SOUTH, WEST, AND NORTH OF PTL. ALSO AN UNK SIZE UNIT THE EAST. MOVEMENT APPROACHED PTL TO WITHIN 50-100M. CALLED ARTY AND FIXED WING. RESULTS UNK.

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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPNS: 0/0

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.4.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.2.(a), A.4.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 201800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 691

2. DETAINEES 59 (2 UNCLASSIFIED)

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 68: 52/16

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15. LATE ENTRIES 314

(a) AT 201523H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 147713) REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 147716

(b) IN REFERENCE TO SPT REPT ON AO'S PARA B.1.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 68 DELETE 6 NVA KIA (CONF), NOT IN 9TH MAR'S AREA.

(c) AT 200715H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 107703) FOUND 18 FRESHLY DUG ENEMY 1 MAN HOLES, 2 TO 3 DAYS OLD, ARRANGED IN OVAL ORIENT TOWARD A-4.

(d) AT 200830H, 2/1 FOUND 1 Z-10 MINE AT (YD 101697). MINE APPEARED TO BE BOOBY TRAPPED. DISARMED AND FWD TO BN CP.

(e) AT 200850H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 105702) DISCOVERED AND DEST 3 HUTS WITH TIN ROOFS AND TRENCHLINE.

(f) AT 201016H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 4 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 114718), (YD 116714).

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FIRST MARINES
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 80, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 201800H - 211800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
13 INCIDENTS: 4 EN INITIATED; 3 SNIPER/HARASSING; 1 MORT/ARTY

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS THE SAME IN 9TH MAR'S AO.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 211045H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 148718) FOUND 1 NVA PACK BLANKET ROLL AND COMM WIRE. FWD GEAR TO BN CP.

(b) AT 211400H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 146708) REC SHORT BURST OF MG FIRE EST 50 CAL. FM DIRECTION OF A-4. A-4 DENIED FIRING, OUTPOST ALLERTED.

(c) AT 211515H, 3/4 ELMS OBS 5 ENEMY NORTH OF TRACE AT (YD 136715). ENEMY CLIMBING TREE APPARENTLY SETTING UP FO. CALLED SNIPERS, MORTS, ARTY. PTL SENT OUT TO CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 210830H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 190732) FOUND 3 VC FLAGS, 1 AT MINE, 2 CHICOM GRENS (1 USED AS BOOBY TRAP WITH TRIP WIRE), 1 82MM MORT RD, 1 BAMBOO CAMOUFLAGED DEVICE, SEVERAL HAND-WRITTEN PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS (CHICOM), AT MINE AND 82MM MORT, AND SAMPLE OF PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS TO BE RCVD TO BN CP.

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3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 210140H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 149602) PTL OBS MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF THEIR POS AT (YD 149609). FIRED S/A, SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 210515H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF SNIPER FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(b) AT 210942H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 125695) OBS 2 ENEMY AT (YD 126696) WEARING HELMETS AND UNIFS. FIRED M-79 AND S/A, ENEMY TOOK TRAIL TO NORTH NORTH EAST.

(c) AT 211215H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 104702) REC 1 RD OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 110700).

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) FM 202055H TO 202130H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135646) REC 12 RDS OF UNK CAL AND TYPE INCOMING FM APPROX 2800 MILLS. RDS IMPACTED OUTSIDE PER 200M SOUTH EAST.

(b) AT 210245H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 156580) AMBUSHED 8-9 NVA, RESULING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF), CAPTURED 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 NVA 7.62 SUB MG, 3 CHICOM GRENS, 2 BAGS RICE, 2 CART BELTS, 1 WALLET WITH PERSONNEL PAPERS.

(c) AT 210300H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 134645) OBS MOVEMENT, USED STAR-LIGHT SCOPE AND NOD TO VARIFY MOVEMENTS, OBS 2 MEN. FIRED 50 CAL, CHECKED AREA AGAIN WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE AND NOD, OBS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT.

(d) AT 210500H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 127667) FIRED ON SUSPECTED RKT SITE IN VIC OF (YD 0865), ACCOUNTING FOR 2 LARGE SECONDARY AND 1 SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 15.1 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 20 JAN 68. AT (YD 075645) AO RAN A/S ON BUNKER COMPLEX ACCOUNTING FOR 10 BUNKERS DEST. ALSO SPOTTED 1 BUNKER THAT WAS ABOUT 12X12 FT, THIS BUNKER APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SOME KIND OF SUPPLY BUNKER. EACH NEW BOMB CRATER HAD A NEW TRAIL AROUND IT, SPOTTED 4 NVA ABOUT 400 METERS TO THE SE AT (YD 066633). AO FIRED ARTY MSN (ISSMUS "F") NEG RESULTS.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) IN REFERENCE TO SPT RPT ON RECON TEA M 4-2 PARA C.1.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 79, ADD 3 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 5
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 2/0 [illegible]
   (b) EQUIPMENT: [illegible]
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA B.1.(a)

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211800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 696
2. DETAINEES 59 (2 UNCLASSIFIED)

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 70: 54/16

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14. OTHER

(a) INFORMATION GAINED FM INTERVIEW AND WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF MARINES OF 3/4 CONCERNING THE ENEMY INCOUNTERED IN A CONTACT IN VIC OF (YD 143724) ON 18 JAN 68 IS AS FOLLOWS: (A) UNIFORMS: INDICATION POINTS TO A FORCE BETTER THAT 200 NVA'S. OF THOSE SIGHTED, APPROX 60% WORE BLACK PJ'S AND 40% WORE KHAKI UNIFS. 3 OF THE ENEMY WITH KHAKI TROUSERS, 21 WORE FLAK JACKETS WHICH WERE LIGHT BROWN IN COLOR. FOURTY-SIX SEEN IN LIGHT BROWN OR LIGHT BLUE PITH HELMETS. FOUR WERE WEARING USMC TYPE COVERS AND THE MAJORITY HAD NO COVERS. APPROX 50% OF THOSE SIGHTED WERE EXTENSIVELY CAMOUFLAGED WITH ELEPHANT GRASS WHICH WERE HELD TO ARMS AND LEGS BY ROPE AND/OR BLACK TUBE LIKE APPARATUS. AT LEAST 15 ENEMY APPEARED TO HAVE NO WEAPONS. (B) ENEMY DISCRIPTION: MARINES RPTD APPROX 20 ENEMY TO BE BETWEEN 5FT 8INCHES AND 6 FT TALL, AND WEIGHING 145 TO 180 LBS. SEVERAL ENEMY KIA WERE NOTED TO HAVE HIGH CHEEK BONES, LARGE NOSES AND TEETH, AND [redacted] MORE MUSCULAR FRAMES THAN THE NORMAL NVA (LESS SKANTED) SET-BACK EYES WERE ALSO NOTED.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 81, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 211800H - 221800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
19 INCIDENTS; 10 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 4 SNIPER/HARASSING; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 1 CO SIZE CONTACT

ENEMY MOVEMENT AROUND 9TH MAR'S POS CONTINUES. INCOMING INCREASED WITH 3/4 REC A TOTAL OF 336 RDS OF MORT, ARTY, A/1/4'S AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 CONTINUE TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT WITH 2 KIA CONFS DURING THE NIGHT.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 211855H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 147707) REC 250 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 80 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY, 6 RDS OF DIRECT TYPE FIRE UNK CAL FM UNK LOCS.

(b) AT 212020H, 3/4 ELMS REC SEVERAL RDS S/A FM (YD 144 708). RET FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, RESULTS UNK.

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(f) AT 221230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115709) PTL ENGAGED AND EST COMPANY OF NVA. NVA INITIATED FIRE FIGHT WITH COMP AND DETONATED TNT TYPE CHARGES, S/A AND MG FIRE. PTL RET FIRE. EN TRIED TO SURROUND LEAD ELMS OF PTL. PTL COUNTERED MOVE AND ENEMY STARTED TO PULL BACK, AS PTL'S LEAD ELMS WITHDREW. PTL DEST 3 ENEMY BUNKERS, AND 1 ENEMY 60MM MORT TEAM, PTL CONTINUED FIRE WITH ARTY AND AIR. RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 3 NVA KIA (CONF).

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 211020H, 1/4 ELMS AMBUSH AT (YD 164586) SPRUNG AMBUSH KILLING 2 NVA AT (YD 165587). CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 2 NVA KIA (CONF), CHICOM GRENS, AMMO.

(b) AT 221205H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 137646) OBS 6 NVA [redacted]ING ALONG THE EDGE OF TREELINE. ALL CARRYING WPNS, 2 AK-47'S AND 4 RIFLES OF UNK CAL. CALLED ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.

C. OTHER

(a) FM 210855H - 210920H, 9TH MAR'S ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 167588) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 RUSSIAN T-41 AT MINE, AFTER FAILURE TO REMOVE WITH GRAPPLING HOOKS.

(b) AT 212230H, CAC-5 REC WORD THAT UNK NR OF VC KILLED 1 CIVILIAN AT (YD 095530). THE I.D. OF CIVILIAN UNK.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 5
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA A.5.(a)
   (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.4.(c)
   (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 221800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 701
2. DETAINEES 59 (2 UNCLASSIFIED)

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	50

3. WPNS CAPTURED 71: 55/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
(a) SEE PARA C.(a)

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2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 220745H, 3/3 ELMS OBS 10 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 163 700). FIRED MORT MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 221439H, 3/3 ELMS MADE CONTACT WITH APPROX 15-18 NVA, NVA BROKE CONTACT AND MOVING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION.

(c) AT 221440H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 166740) REC 8 TO 10 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM UNK LOC.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 212125H, 2/9 ELMS A T (YD 147603) OBS LIGHT MOVE NEAR NORTH SIDE OF PER, AND SOUTH SIDE REC 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE. THREW M-26 GRENS AT LIGHT, LIGHT WENT OUT, UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 220155H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145613) OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT AT (YD 144610). FIRED S/A AND THREW HAND ILLUMS, NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 220350H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145613) OBS 5 PEOPLE MOVING SOUTH, FIRED MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) 212104H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 119704) SPOTTED MOVEMENT WITH PPS-6 RADAR ON SUSPECTED EN AT (YD 121709). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(b) AT 220106H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 12 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE INSIDE PER. RET FIRE AT (YD 122719), (YD 13427 014), (YD 105724), (YD 114724).

(c) AT 220355H, 2/1 AMBUSH AT (YD 119688) HEARD AND SPOTTED5 ENEMY CROSSING EAST-WEST ROAD 150M SE AT (YD 124688). SET UP AMBUSH AND FIRED LAAW, S/A, M-79, CHECKED AREA AND FOUND DRAG MARKS, BLOOD STAINS, WET BLOOD ON JACKET, JACKET FWD TO EN CP.

(d) AT 220841H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115710) REC HVY S/A, AW FIRE FM (YD 115715), AND UNK NR OF MORTS FM (YD 114724).

(e) FM 221005H TO 221210H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 100 RDS OF MIXED 82MM MORT, 130MM ARTY, 152MM ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 132694), (YD 115718), (YD 115720), (YD 113718), (YD 114712), (YD 125718), (YD 110714), (YD 110720), (YD 117715), (YD 113718), (YD 122712), (YD 135724), (YD 102722), (YD 122 715), (YD 129718), (YD 128720), (YD 119720), (YD 121711), (YD 116712), (YD 112720), (YD 112708), (YD 110720), (YD 115720), (YD 1159070940), (YD 125714), (YD 12707115).

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8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 4TH MAR'S RPTD FM CAC UNIT THAT 2 PTL'S MOVING IN DUE NORTH DIRECTION SPOTTED IN VIC OF (YD 113538), ALSO 3 MEN IN VIC OF (YD 108545), AND SET UP POSS OP. PTL'S CARRIED 20 CARBINES; 6 AW; 20 DEMO KITS; 1 RKT, INFO CAME FM CIVILIAN. THE 2 PTL'S CAME FM "THON SON NAM" AREA. RATED (B-2).

(b) CAM LO DIST ADVISOR, NATIONAL POLICE RPTD 1 VC CO AT (YD 099555), MISSION TO INFILTRATE CAM LO REFUGEE VILLAGE, SENIOR ADVISOR REQUESTED ARTY IN AREA. RATED (B-2).

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14. OTHER

(a) 2/9 CHIEU HOI REPORT OF 21 JAN. AT 2200H ON 20 JAN AT (YD 167607) 1 VC PLT HELD PROPAGANDA MEETINGS. REPORTED THAT VILLAGERS STATED 6 VC WERE KILLED IN AMBUSH LAST NIGHT [redacted] VIC. REFERENCE SPOT REPORT A.5.(b) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 80. ALSO STATED THAT VC WILL TRY TO SWIM DOWN RIVER FM WEST TO TRY AND BELOW C-3 BRIDGE. THAT NEAR CAM VU THERE ARE 2 CO'S OF NVA AND THEY PLAN TO MOVE TO VILLE VIC OF (YD 156609) (POSS IN THAT AREA NOW) THEY ARE TO MORTAR AND USE RPG'S ON C-3. THEY BELIEVE THAT MARINES WILL NOT FIRE INTO THE VILL. VC WENT INTO VILLE OF AN MY AND KIDNAPPED CIVILIAN. CIVILIAN ESCAPED AND CHIEU HOI WILL TRY TO INTERROGATE.

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) REFERENCE SPOT REPORT 221005 TO 221210H PARA A.4.(e) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 81, PRELIMINARY READOUT OF FRAG REC FM INCOMING INDICATE POSS USE OF 107 FIELD GUN. FRAGS ARE BEING FWD TO CMEC SAIGON.

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 82, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 221800H - 231800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
17 INCIDENTS; 7 EN INITIATED; 4 SNIPER/HARASSING; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 1 MORT/ARTY

ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT IN 9TH MAR'S AO WITH CONTINUED MOVEMENT AROUND POSITIONS.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221715H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 149 689) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 CHICOM GREN. GREN WAS FOUND INSIDE A BUNKER AND WAS BOOBY TRAPPED.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221439H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 191 721) OBS 5 PERSONNEL IN WHITE PJ'S MOVING TOWARD MSR WHEN PERSONNEL SIGHTED ELMS, THEY HIT THE DECK THEN RAN INTO TREELINE, ELMS OBS 10-15 NVA MOVING IN SAME TREELINE. ENGAGED WITH S/A, MG, M-79, ORGANIZED 2 PLT'S TO SWEEP TREELINE AT (YD 195 721). CALLED FOR AO SUPPORT, AO COULDN'T IDENTIFY MOVEMENT, ENGAGED ENEMY AGAIN WITH S/A, FOUND 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) IN GRAY PJ'S, SEARCHED BODY AND FOUND 1PRC-25 BATTERY, AO OBS 1 NVA 700M SOUTH OF ACTION AND AO ALSO OBS NEW BUNKER AT (YD 195716) AND CALLED A/S WITH NEG RESULTS.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221705H, 3/3 ELMS [redacted] 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM ([redacted]35700).

(c) AT 231124H, 3/3 ELMS OBS SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT (YD 152735) AS A RESULT OF ARTY FIRE.

(d) AT 231415H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 165741) REC 8-12 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM 2 SNIPERS AT (YD 169741).

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 231010H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115705) FOUND GERMAN TAPE DEST BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A BANGALORE TORPEDO. TORPEDO LEFT CRATER 8 FT LONG, 2 FT WIDE, 2 FT DEEP. ALSO FOUND 7 PIECES OF DET CORD AND 2 FUSES.

(b) AT 231030H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 136676) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 2X3X5 FT, 1½ FT OVERHEAD COVERING OF DIRT AND LOGS, FACING EAST. NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(c) AT 231100H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115694) FOUND GERMAN TAPE CUT BY WIRE CUTTERS OR SOME OTHER MEANS, APRON WIRE WAS DEST BY A BANGALORE TORPEDO. ALSO FOUND BLASTING CAPS, 2½ LB BLOCKS OF TNT AND TIME FUSE.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 221800H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 134645) REPORTS THAT A TRUCK GOING NORTH ON MSR REPORTED TO SOUTH GATE. TRUCK REC 5 RDS OF UNK CAL RR FIRE FM (YD 124635). FIRED MORT AND ARTY MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 221815H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 128672) REC SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 134668).

(c) AT 222045H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 178588) RPTS CAC-3 REC 10-20 RDS OF S/A AND 1 CHICOM GREN APPROX 200M NORTH OF COMPOUND.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 48.6 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 28 JAN 68. AT (YD 129731) AO OBS FRESH BUNKER COMPLEX, ALSO REC AW, S/A FIRE, RAN A/S (HELL-BORNE 517) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 BUNKER DEST. AT (YD 133730) AO REC AW FIRE.

C. OTHER

(a) AT 221445H, RECON TEAM 2C2 AT (YD 212552) OBS 2 MEN BELIEVED TO BE SECURITY VCMS. ENEMY WORE CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES, HELMETS, 1 AK-47. PTL CALLED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 221545H, RECON TEAM 2-1 AT (YD 143598) PTL OBS 3 NVA JOINED BY ABOUT 50 MORE NVA MOVING NORTH INTO TREELINE AT (YD 146540), WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, MIXED PJ'S, KHAKI'S, PACKS, CART BELTS WITH WPNS. PTL CALLED ARTY, AND COULD HEAR MUCH SCREAMING, AO COULD NOT SEE AN MOVEMENT.

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(c) AT 22[illegible], RECON TEAM 2-2 AT (YD [illegible]) OBS 4 POINT ELMS OF UNK SIZE MOVING NE ON TRAIL TOWARD TEAM POS. ENEMY WAS 45M [illegible] REAR OF TEAM. ENEMY WORE GR[illegible]ILITIES, AK-47'S, SKS'S. SCOUT DOGS ALERTED, ENGAGED ENEMY WITH S/A RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(d) AT 222000H, RECON TEAM 2-2 AT (YD 116657) OBS 4 NVA TO CROSSING POINT AND DOWN TRAIL 45M TO REAR OF TEAM. THEY WERE EARING BLACK PJ'S AND CARRYING RIFLES. ENGAGING WITH S/A, RESULTS UNK.

(e) AT 231135H, MCB-5 ENGRS AT (YD 223632) DETONATED A MINE ON SHOULDER OF THE ROAD.

(f) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221400H, AT (YD 097592) PF UNIT FM CAM LO DIST MADE CONTACT WITH UNK NR OF VC. ADVANCED THROUGHT AREA, NEG RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FROM 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT: neg
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.3.(b), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 231800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 704
2. DETAINEES 59

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	58

3. WPNS CAPTURED 71: 55/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
   (a) SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.4.(a), C.(a)

6. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION
   (a) AT 231900H, CIVILIAN AT D-5 RP'S 1 NVA BN STOPPED TO SET UP BASE CAMP AT (YD 129500). UNIT HAD NUMEROUS MG'S, AW, RPTS, 60MM, 82MM MORTS. UNIT WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, WITH GOLD SCARFS AROUND THEIR NECKS. NO RATING GIVEN. FIRED ARTY ON POS, NEG RESULTS.

9. - 15. NEG

15. LATE ENTRY: Ref 9th MAIL ENTSUM #78. Detainees picked up by 3/3 classified as innocent civilians.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 83, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 231800H - 241800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
17 INCIDENTS; 5 EN INITIATED; 5 MORT/ARTY

INCOMING AT CON THIEN CONTINUES WITH AN INCREASE. ACTIVITY IN 9TH MAR'S AO REMAINS THE SAME.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 231700H, 3/4 PTL AT (YD 147707) CHECKED AREA WHERE EN HAD DEPARTED 22 JAN. FOUND 3 CANS OF 82MM INCREMENTS, 2 FUSES, 3 RDS OF 82MM MORT. GEAR FND TO EN CP. AO OBS EN CO AT (YD 132726).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 231730H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 147707) OBS FIGURE IN BLACK MOVE INTO OPEN AREA THEN BACK INTO BRUSH. FIRED MORT AND ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(a) AT 232015H, 3/4 AMBUSH HEARD VOICES AT (YD 150690) CALLED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 251727H, 3/3 AT (YD 173719) REC 23 RDS OF 82MM MORT INSIDE PER FM 3400 MILLS, SPOTTED MORT POS AT (YD 17?708). RET FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 232045H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 186721) OBS APPROX 3 TO 5 NVA WITH BUSHES AND BRANCHES TIED TO BACK AND LEGS. WITH HELD FIRE UNTIL NVA MOVED WITHIN 50M THEN OPENED FIRE WITH M-79, S/A. ELMS OBS 1 NVA FALL, HEARD SEVERAL VOICES AND SAW ANOTHER NVA FAIL BACK. ELMS REINF OBS APPROX 15 NVA RETURN TO AREA WHERE PREV ENGAGED. ENGAGED NVA WITH HVY S/A, M-79, OBS 1 NVA FALL AND HEARD SHOUTING AND SCREAMING. PPS-5 CONF MUCH ENEMY MOVEMENT. ELMS WITHDREW AND CALLED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 240000H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 195784) FOUND BLOODY BANDAGE AND NVA HAT. BLOOD APPEARED APPROX 3 DAYS OLD.

(d) AT 240125H, 3/3 ENGRS AT (YD 197708) DISCOVERED AND DEST REINF BUNKER 4X6X5 FT WITH 4 FT OF DIRT ON TOP.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 232000H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 148610) ENCOUNTERED 3 FIGURES TO THEIR FRONT. TOOK UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, SAW 1 FIGURE DROP AND OBS HIM BEING DRAGGED AWAY. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 232140H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145606) HEARD MOVEMENT TO NORTH-EAST. FIRED S/A, MOVEMENT CONTINUED EAST. PPS-6 PICKED UP FIGURES RUNNING EAST, FOLIAGE PREVENTED OBS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 232000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 41 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 20 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 10 RDS OF ESM 152MM ARTY.

(b) AT 232045H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114705) OBS 5 ENEMY MOVING IN FRONT OF GERMAN TAPE THRU MINE FIELD. FIRED MORT MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 232300H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 30 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 20 RDS OF 60MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 11227085), (YD 11027129), (YD 15307214), (YD 09917233), ALSO OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT OUTSIDE PER.

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(c) AT 240215H, 2/1 ELMS REC 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT INSIDE PER. NET MINE AT (YD 126714).

(d) AT 241125H, 2/1 ELMS FOUND BREAK IN WIRE CUT BY ENEMY ED. APPROX 14 FT IN LENGTH. NO DAMAGE TO MINE FIELD.

(f) AT 232156H, 2/1 ELMS REC 3 RDS OF 60MM MORT INSIDE, PER FM (YD 095696).

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(c) AT 232145H, 1/4 ELMS OBS 2 VC MOVING NORTH AT (YD 159582). OPENED FIRE, OBS 1 FALL, THEY CONTINUED NORTH. SEARCHED IMMEDIATE AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 240730H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 159582) FOUND BLOOD TRAIL LEADING NORTH. TRAIL WAS LOST APPROX 70M FM CONTACT SITE. NEG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 44.0 HRS OF TR FLOWN OF QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 23 JAN 68, AT (YD 132729) AO OBS APPROX 30 NVA DRESSED IN KHAKI'S ALONG TRAIL. RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 7 NVA KIA (CONF), 8 BUNKERS DEST, 40M OF TRENCHLINE DEST. AO CHECKED AREA NORTH NORTHWEST, AND NORTHEAST OF CON THIEN, SPOTTED A NEW TRAIL, HVY USED, RUNNING FM THE BEN HAI RIVER SOUTH ALONG THE VIC OF (YD 082718) AND TRAIL SPURS AROUND THE VIC OF (YD 085716). AO AL59 OBS A MORT POS, AND 3 NVA IN TRENCH AT (YD 145720) RAN A/S (KINGHECK 521.522) ACCOUNTING FOR 5 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 MORT POS DEST.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 12

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) UPS: 0/0

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.2.(3), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 241000H JAN 68

1. ENEMY KIA 716

2. DETAINEES 59

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RVNAF(NVA)	RVNAF(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	52

3. WPNS CAPTURED 71: 55/16

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15. LATE [redacted]ES

(a) AT 241400H 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 165708) FOUND AN AREA 10M BY 5CM THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED OF MINES AND WAS APPARENTLY USED AS A CONCEALED POS IN BEHIND OBSTACLE, MAINTAINED OBS OF AREA.

(b) AT 241500H, 3/3 ENIS AT (YD 173738) REC 10-12 RDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE F.I (YD 167739).

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 84, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 241800H - 251800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
17 INCIDENTS: 13 EN INITIATED; 8 MORT/ARTY; 5 SNIPER/HARASSING

SPORADIC INCOMING CONTINUES AT CON THIEN CONSISTING OF MORTS AND RR.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 242140H, 3/4 ELMS OBS MOVEMENT 10-15M TO FRONT OF POS, MOVEMENT CONTINUED. ELMS OBS 5-6 EN ON 3 SIDES OF THEM. WAITED UNTIL EN WAS CLOSE, THEN OPENED FIRE. SWEPT CONTACT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEG RESULTS.

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2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 241530H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 173 738) REC 10-12 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FR (YD 167739).

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(b) AT 250545H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 170731) REC 9 RDS OF EST 85MM RR FIRE FM (YD 179751). 6 WERE DUDS.

(c) AT 251255H, 3/3 SNIPER AT (YD 162736) OBS 1 PERSON IN DARK CLOTHING AND CARRYING A WPN AT (YD 166737). SNIPER FIRED AND OBS MAN FALL. UNK RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 242310H, 2/9 ELMS DETECTED ENEMY RUNNING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION AT (YD 122614). FIRED MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 242315H, 2/9 ELMS REC 1 INCOMING GREN FM (YD 142612).

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 241740H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 4 RDS OF 107MM FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 103703), (YD 099699).

(b) AT 242245H, 2/1 ELMS REC 3 RDS OF 60MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 113712), (YD 115715).

(c) AT 250107H, 2/1 ELMS REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 135715), (YD 135718).

(d) AT 251023H, 2/1 ELMS REC 2 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 103703), (YD 109704), (YD 102701), (YD 103703).

(e) AT 250500H, 2/1 ELMS REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

(f) AT 251105H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 105685) DISCOVERED AND DEST ENEMY TRENCHLINE, 1 MG POS, 2 BUNKERS, ONE IN GOOD CONDITION.

(g) AT 251150H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 6 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 107702).

(h) AT 251610H, 2/1 ELMS REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT OUTSIDE PER. RET FIRE AT (YD 129718), (YD 135715), (YD 120721).

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 241430H, A TRUCK FM 2/12 WAS AMBUSHED AT (YD 133645) 1/4 SEPT OUT PLT AND FOUND NO ENEMY BUT 2 USMC KIA AND 1 WIA WHO SAID HE SEEN 4 PERSONNEL WITH CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS WALKING ALONG SIDE OF ROAD WHEN THE AMBUSH OCCURRED. THE PERSONNEL WERE NOT WEARING FLAK JACKETS. THE TRUCK WAS APPARENTLY STRUCK BY AN RPG AND BURNED.

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(b) AT 251345H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 136644) RPTD APPROX 20 RDS OF 82MM MORT FM (YD 105645). RDS IMPACTING 300M WEST OF PER.

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 241010H, CONVOY TO DONG HA AT (YD 163586) REC 4-5 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM SOUTH SIDE OF ROAD.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 0
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
   (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.4.(f)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 251800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 796
2. DETAINEES 59

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEP	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	52

3. WPNS CAPTURED 71: 55/16

5. - 11. NEG

12. CONCLUSIONS

(a) CONTINUED MINING AND INCIDENTS OF S/A AND RPG'S ALONG ROUTE 9 AND 561 INDICATE THE NVA WILL CONTINUE TO INTERDICT MOVEMENT ALONG THESE ROUTES.

13. - 15. NEG

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RELEASER [illegible]

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 85, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 251800H - 261800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
15 INCIDENTS: 5 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

CON THIEN CONTINUES TO REC LIGHT BUT SPORADIC INCOMING. SWEEPS AND PATROLS CONTINUE TO FIND BUNKERS AND SIGNS OF ENEMY MOVEMENT.

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) AT 261045H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 187733) DISCOVERED AND DEST BUNKER COMPLEX AND TUNNELS. ALSO FOUND 1 75MM RR CANNISTER AND 1 DH-10 MINE. DEST CANNISTER AND FWD MINE TO BN CP.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 251640H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 133615) TWO 6X6 trucks and a JEEP WERE AMBUSHED BY AN EST 10 NVA. DRIVER SAID NVA RAN TO ROAD TO FIRE. SENT OUT REACTION AND FIRED ARTY MSN. REACTION SWEPT AREA AND FOUND 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 WITH GREN LAUNCHER, FIRST AID KIT, PACK, 2 CHICOM GRENS, AK-47 MAGS, MESSAGE BOOKS, AND PERSONAL PAPERS. (SEE PARA 14)

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(b) AT 252315H, 2/9 ELMS OBS 3 NVA MOVING NORTH AT (YD 154612). FIRED ILLUM, S/A WITH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 260100H, 2/9 ELMS NORTHEAST OF C-3 BRIDGE OBS 10 NVA MOVING NORTH. FIRED S/A, M-79. SWEPT AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. SUSPECTED ENEMY STILL IN AREA.

(d) AT 261230H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 140602) DISCOVERED HUT CONTAINING 80 SANDBAGS OF RICE, AND VC DETAINEE. NOTIFIED THE DIST CHIEF WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVED CHECK OUT. RELEASED DETAINEE AND FOUND RICE WAS AUTHORIZED.

(e) AT 261145H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 187742) FOUND A SET OF TIRE TRACKS 15 INCHES WIDE AND 4 FT APART, RUNNING NORTHWEST. TRAIL APPEARED WELL USED, ABOUT 2 WKS OLD.

3. SECOND BATTALEON FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 251730H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 5 ENEMY IN OPEN AT (YD 098706) ENEMY HAD PACKS. FIRED MORT MSN UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 252030H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115687) OBS 4 ENEMY MOVING SOUTH AT (YD 114686), FIRED S/A, M-79 CHECKED AREA, NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 261000H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 134697) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS WITH REINF COVERS OF LOGS AND LEAVES. BUNKERS WERE 7 FT LONG, 5 FT WIDE, 4 FT HIGH.

(d) AT 261005H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 57MM RR, 1 RD OF 82MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT, ALSO SNIPER FIRE. RET FIRE UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 261140H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 145691) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 8X4X3 FT, AT (YD 142694) DEST 1 BUNKER 4X4X3 FT, AND AT (YD 142693) DEST 105MM RD RIGGED AS MINE WITH 1½ LBS OF C-4 AS BOOSTER.

(f) AT 261440H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF 82MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 123712), (YD 114722).

(g) AT 261430H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116704) FOUND BREAK IN WIRE AROUND PER, 3 FT WIDE WITH A WELL WORN PATH INTO MINEFIELD. ALSO FOUND 1 SET HVY DUTY WIRE CUTTERS 18 INCHES LONG, 1 E-TOOL, 3 PR OF SNEAKERS, [redacted] ALSO 1X1 FT CRAWL THRU. FWD GEAR TO BN CP.

(h) AT 261610H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 82MM RR FIRE INSIDE PER. RET FIRE AT (YD 103703).

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4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 251525H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 132645), REC 3 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE 200M OUTSDIE PER. RET FIRE AT (YD 115635).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES
A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD
1. ENEMY KIA 4
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
(a) WPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA A.2.(a)
(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.2.(a), A.3.(c)
(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.3.(c)(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 261800H JAN 68:
1. ENEMY KIA 720
2. DETAINEES 59

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RVNEE(NVA)	RVNEE(VC)	CIV DEP	INN CIV
3	2	0	1	1	52

3. WPNS CAPTURED 72; 56/16

5. - 13. NEG

14. OTHER
(a) INFO/CONCLUSION FM AMBUSH ON 251630H AT (YD 13626) APPROX 10 NVA MOVED UP ONE OF A NUMBER OF DRAWS FM THE WEST OF THE MSR BETWEEN C-2 AND C-3 AND NORTH OF THE ROAD TO HILL 46. THE TRAIL NETWORK IN THE DRAWS IS GOOD AND SMALL STREAMS PROVIDE GOOD WALKING. THE TERRAIN IS GENTLY ROLLING WITH BRUSH CHEST HIGH AND VERY THICK. THE ENEMY PROBABLY FOLLOWED THE TRAIL WHICH RUNS DUE EAST FM HUI TOT MON TO THE AMBUSH SITE. THIS TRAIL IS SHOWN ON THE MAPS, AND EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THAT IT HAS GOOD TRAFFICABILITY. THE ENEMY APPARENTLY WAITED ON THE REVERSE SHOULDER OF THE SMALL PIECE OF HIGH GROUND WEST OF THE MSR AT (YD 132626) UNTIL THE TRUCKS CAME ALONG. ONCE THE TRUCKS DROVE INTO THE KILLING ZONE THE ENEMY WALKED INTO THE OPEN AND BEGAN FIRING RIFLE GRENADES. THE NVA WERE WEARING STEEL HELMETS WITH COMM WIRE STRAPPED OVER IN A NET MANNER. SMALL BRANCHES WERE TIED TO HIS SHIRT AND TROUSERS WITH SMALL TIE-TIES. THERE WAS A MARKED LACK OF S/A IN THE AMBUSH. THE NVA RELAXED MANNERY ON THE RIFLE GRENS. ONE THE MARINES ON THE VEHICLES BEGAN TO RET FIRE, THE NVA TURNED AND RAN INTO THE DRAW FM WHICH THEY HAD CAME. THE BODY WAS CLEAN AND WELL FED. GEAR WAS DRY AND CLEAN. THE WEAPON WAS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. THERE WAS NO PACK. BASE CAMP WAS PROBABLY NEARBY. NVA WORE CLEAN SOCKS AND SKIVVIS, GOOD TENNIS SHOE TYPE BOOTS. NO FOOD IN EVIDENCE. NO CLEANING GEAR IN EVIDENCE. CLEAN CLOTHES.

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15. LATE ENGAGEMENTS

(a) AT 261508H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 170735), REC 8 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 165738). RET FIRE WITH LAAW AND S/A, AND SAW NVA FALL, 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) AT 261410H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 189742) DISCOVERED AND DEST 10 BUNKERS WITH CONNECTING TRENCHES AND TUNNELS. BUNKERS WERE 4X5 FT AND CONTAINED 2 SKELETON IN NVA UNIFS APPROX 3-4 WKS OLD. 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES
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PRIORITY/PRIORITY 271302

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
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INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 86, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 261800H - 271800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
16 INCIDENTS: 7 EN INITIATED; 3 MORT/ARTY; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 2 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 261730H, 3/3 EIMS AT (YD 170 733) REC 6-8 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 167738). RET FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 270100H, 3/3 EIMS AT (YD 176716) HEARD MINE DETONATE, SUSPECTED MINE DETONATED BY ANIMAL.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 261500H, 2/9 PTL AT (YD 140601) DISCOVERED BLOODY BANDAGE IN AREA OF BAMBOO THICKET COVERED WITH BLOOD.

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(b) AT 252000H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 150603) OBS FIGURE OUTSIDE PER [redacted]TECTIVE WIRE. THREW M-26 GR[redacted]TH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 270815H, 2/9 MINE SWEEP AT (YD 132620) RPTD IT HAD BEEN AMBUSHED, HAD SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS NEAR DUSTERS. RET FIRE TO THE WEST, NO ENEMY SIGHTED.

(d) AT 271425H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145610) 1 NVA TURNED HIMSELF IN TO FRIENDLY POS AT TRAFFIC POINT ON MSR. 1 CHIEU HOI. CHIEU HOI HAD ON NEW UNIFORM AND HELMET, ALSO HAD PASSES IN HIS POSSESSION. S-2 CMT NVA KILLED BY 2/9 AMBUSH AT (YD 123 625) ALSO HAD TWO CHIEU HOI PASSES IN HIS POSSESSION.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 261645H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114 702) RAN A/S ON RR POS AT (YD 103703), OBS 5 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 1 RR DEST, OBS FLYING PARTS IN AIR.

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(B) AT 261855H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 131711), (YD 113717), (YD 127718), (YD 105711).

(c) AT 270035H, 2/1 ELMS REC APPROX 150 RDS OF AW FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 111706), (YD 103703), (YD 115711), (YD 11227085).

(d) AT 270355H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 117695) REC 1 M-26 GREN FM WEST.

(e) AT 270830H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 9 ENEMY IN OPEN WITH NVA PACKS AT (YD 10407015). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 271110H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 1 ENEMY IN OPEN AT (YD 098706). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 262230H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 159586) SQD AMBUSH REC 6-8 RDS OF 60MM MORT AND SEVERAL RDS OF S/A FM APPROX (YD 158581). WITH THE USE OF STARLIGHT SCOPE OBS 7-8 PERSONS IN SAME AREA. FIRED MG, M-79, S/A, SNIPER OBS 3 NVA FALL. AMBUSH CALLED ARTY, AND ILLUM. SEARCHED AREA IN MORNING AND FOUND 1 BANANA CLIP, 10 RDS OF AK-47 AMMO, AND 1 RECENTLY OPENED NVA BANDAGE. ALSO FOUND SEVERAL BLOOD TRAILS APPARENTLY LEADING INTO VILLAGE. AT 271000H SEARCHED VILLAGE, UNCOVERED SEVERAL BLOODY RAGS AND A PENICILLIN BOTTLE. NATIONAL POLICE RPTD INFORMER STATED APPROX 20 CASUALTIES WERE REMOVED FM VILLAGE LAST NIGHT. AMBUSH MADE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WITH POINT ON NVA COMPANY OR BN.

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(b) AT 270040H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 128667) HEARD MOVEMENT, TWO TRIP FLARES WENT OFF AND ELMS REC 4 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 125666). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS

(c) AT 271215H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 141651) FOUND 500 LB BOMB. BOMB APPEARED TO BE BOOBY TRAPPED. MARKED FOR FURTHER DESTRUCTION.

(d) FM 271227H TO 271310H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135665) REC 5 RDS OF POSS 105MM ARTY FM (YD 093691).

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B. AIR ACTY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 55.2 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER DUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 25 AND 26 JAN 68. AO OBS 5 NVA MONTH OF A-3 IN TRENCHES AND BUNKERS, ALSO OBS ALL KINDS OF CONSTRUCTION, ALL ALONG NORTH EDGE OF ROAD IN THE VIC OF (YD 1674), (YD 1573), (YD 1473). RAN A/S (DECRAT'E 183) ACCOUNTING FOR 2 AW POS DEST, 4 BUNKERS DEST, 10 FIGHTING HOLES UNCOVERED AND DAMAGED. AT (YD 114721) AO RAN A/S (HELLBORNE 530) ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 3 BUNKERS DEST, 20M TRENCHLINE DEST. AT (YD 245788) AO RAN A/S (FORMAL 112) ACCOUNTING FOR 4 BUNKERS DEST.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 1
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/1/0/1
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT:
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA No 1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN MONTUCKY AS OF 271800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 721
2. DETAINEES 69

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RPRTR(NVA)	RPRTR(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 72: 56/16

5. - 14. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) IN REFERENCE TO SPOT REPORT PARA A.2.(d) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 85, DETAINEE WAS RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIAN.

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 87, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 271800H - 281800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
13 INCIDENTS: 3 EN INITIATED; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 1 MORT/ARTY

ACTIVITY IN 9TH MAR'S AO HAS DECREASED IN PAST 48 HRS. AND CONSISTS MAINLY OF NIGHT MOVEMENT AROUND PERIMETERS.

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 271200H, 3/3 PTL FOUND 1 FUSING MINE M-605, AND 1 FUSING WRENCH M-25. FWD TO BN CP.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 272212H, 3/3 ELMS RPTD MOVEMENT AT (YD 172736). HELD FIRE UNTIL 1 NVA COULD BE OBS, OPEN FIRE WITH S/A, OBS 3 NVA WITHDRAW TO (YD 175738). AT 2215H ELMS HEARD MOVEMENT 75M TO THEIR WEST. OBS 1 NVA MOVE TO (YD 176734). FIRED MORT, RR, S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.

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2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 270815H, 2/9 ROAD SWEEP WAS AMBUSHED BY APPROX 5 NVA TO WEST NSR AT (YD 153623) NVA USING 2 RPG RDS, 4 60MM MORT RDS AND ABOUT 16 RDS OF S/A FIRE. NVA CONCEALED IN HVY BRUSH IN RAVINE ALLOWING FLANK SECURITY TO PASS NEARBY AND THEN OPEN FIRE. REACTION FORCE SENT OUT, FIRED S/A AND TWIN 40'S WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 272230H, 2/9 NDPS OBS 3 ENEMY WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE MOVING IN TREELINE AT (YD 138640). FIRED S/A, MOVEMENT CEASED.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 271730H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 129688) DETECTED MOVEMENT AT (YD 134680). FIRED TANK WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 280345H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 134677) OBS SMALL MOVEMENT 50M TO THEIR FRONT. CONTINUED TO OBS.

(c) AT 280834H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 138693) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AT MINE.

(d) AT 280930H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 141692) LEAD TANK DETONATED A MINE OF UNK SIZE. ENGRS HAD SWEPT THE ROAD PRIOR TO THE TANK STRIKING THE MINE. MINE MUST HAVE BEEN OF PLASTIC TYPE.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
(a) AT 271940H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 111702) HEARD OBJECT HIT TO HIS FRONT, POINT MAN HIT THE DECK, EXPLOSION FOLLOWED BELIEVED TO BE GREN. POINT MAN OBS 1 OR 2 MEN RUNNING. FIRED S/A, M-79 WITH UNK RESULTS.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 272225H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 136644) REC 4 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM APPROX W-SW OF C-2.

(b) AT 281030H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 124649) DISCOVERED AND DEST 3 BUNKERS 4X4X3 FT WITH 1 FT OF DIRT AND LOGS ON TOP. SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(c) AT 281045H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 132633) OBS UNK NR OF NVA WITH SLUNG RIFLES WALKING ALONG TREELINE, HEADING SOUTH APPROX 200M SE OF C-2 BRIDGE. ROAD SWEEP TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. SENT OUT REACTION FORCE AND SWEPT AREA WHERE NVA WERE LAST OBS, NEG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY
1. AO'S
(a) A TOTAL OF 47.0 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 26 AND 27 JAN 68. AT (YD 140742) AO OBS 12 NVA IN DARK GREEN UNIFS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD MARKET, FIRED ARTY (ISTHMUS "K") ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF). RAN A/S (MELLBORNE 518) ACCOUNTING FOR 4 NVA KIA (CONF). AO OBS HVY BUNKERED AREA AND WELL USED TRAILS IN VIC OF (YD 1775). VR'D AREA OF (YD 086748), (YD 085750) FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF TRUCKS BEING USED IN THAT AREA. AREA SHOWED SIGNS OF MODERATE FOOT

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TRAFFIC ALONG ROAD CROSSING BEN HAI RIVER AT (YD 080749). ALSO TRAILS GOING SOUTH ALONG STREAM.

4. ENEMY PERSONNELA AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 6
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
   (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.5.(b), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY OF OF 281800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 727
2. DETAINEES 61

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 72: 56/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS
   (a) SEE PARA A.3.(c), A.3.(d)

6. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION
   (a) AT 281935H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 140614) CAC RPTD 2 ENEMY COMPANIES AT (YD 104602). WERE RPTD BY VILLAGE OFFICALS AND PF'S.

9. - 11. NEG

12. CONCLUSIONS
   (1) CONTINUS ENEMY MOVEMENT AROUND DEFENSIVE POS INDICATES THE ENEMY IS EXTENSIVELY RECONNING OUR PERIMETERS.
   (2) ENEMY INACTIVITY DURING THE PAST 24 HRS MAY INDICATE HE IS PREPARING FOR MAJOR EFFORT PRIOR TO OR DURING COMING TET HOLIDAY.

13. NEG

14. OTHER
   (a) CONTACTS MADE BY 3/4 IN VIC OF (YD 0757) HAVE INDICATED THE MOVE OF A NEW UNIT INTO THE AREA ADJACENT TO 9TH MAR'S AO. INDICATIONS FROM DOCS AND GEAR CAPTURED BY 3/4 IS THAT THIS UNIT IS OF THE 64TH REGT 320TH NVA DIV, UNIT IS WELL EQUIPED WITH NEW GEAR AND NEW ARMAMENT. THIS UNIT APPEARS TO BE MADE UP OF RECENT DRAFTERS (WITHIN PAST 4 MONTHS) INTO THE NVA ARMY. CHIEN HOI WHO TURNED INTO 2/9 WAS FROM THIS REGT AND STATED THEY CROSSED THE BEN HAI APPROX 10 DAYS AGO.

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PERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 8[illegible], OPN KENTUCKY
2. 281800H - 291800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
12 INCIDENTS: 1 EN [illegible]; 1 MORT/ARTY

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) AT 290930H, 3/3 ELMS OBS 4 NVA AT (YD 175 753). FIRED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
(a) AT 282145H, 2/9 [illegible] AT (YD 140603) OBS MOVEMENT AND FIRED S/A, CLAYMORE, ENEMY RET RVY S/A FIRE AND [illegible] GRN, OBS 7 N/A [illegible]. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND DRG MARKS, [illegible] WITH [illegible] AT [illegible], [illegible] WITH [illegible], [illegible] PINEAPPLE [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

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(b) AT 282200H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145615) OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT TO FRONT AT (YD 152615), (YD 136612). FIRED ILLUM WITH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 282320H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145615) REC 1 RD OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 290230H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 146686) OBS 2 TO 4 ENEMY TO THE FRONT OF THEIR POS ABOUT 75M. THE ENEMY APPEARED TO BE SEARCHING AREA. FIRED S/A AND GREN, 2 ENEMY WERE OBS TO DROP. CHECKED AREA AND FOUND DRAG MARKS AND LARGE POOLS OF BLOOD, ALSO FRESH FOOT PRINTS.

(b) AT 291135H, 2/4 SWEEP AT (YD 141703) DISCOVERED AND DEST HOLE APPROX 1 FT IN DIAMETER ANGLING INTO DECK AT 45 DEGREES. APPEARED TO BE VENTILATION HOLE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) FM 290015 TO 290423H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS ENEMY TRUCK CONVOY AT (YD 068377716) FIRED ARTY AND RAN TPQ'S, OBS SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ENEMY FIRED 4-5 SAMS AT AIRCRAFT FM (YD 08327419). RAN A/S RESULTING IN ADDITIONAL 8 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, INCLUDING 1 LARGE MUSHROOM TYPE EXPLOSION, AND 1 FIRE.

(b) AT 291210H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 106634) DISCOVERED AND DEST L SHAPED AMMO BUNKERS APPROX 6 FT DEEP.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 291020H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 124634) OBS 1 NVA WITH WPN; CALLED MORT MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 42.1 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 28 JAN 68. AT (YD 142732) AO OBS L SHAPED REF POS. AT (YD 083634) AO OBS FRESHLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKER, RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 4 NVA KIA (CONF), 6 BUNKERS DEST, 30M OF TRENCHLINE DEST. AT (YD 135634) AO OBS POSS NVA ON HILL 52.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 271245H, RECON TEAM 3C1 AT (YD 204545) PTL OBD 2 VC MOVING NORTH WEARING BLACK PJ'S, COOLIE HATS WITH RIFLES. VC BELIEVED TO BE PART OF A SCREENING FORCE.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 280945H, RECON TEAM 3C1 AT (YD 207556) OBS 6-7 SUSPECTED NVA/VC MOVING NE AT (YD 196 560), NVA/VC MOVING AT FAST PACE. FOUR WORE WHITE PJ'S, 2-3 WORE GREEN.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 4
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
   (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.3.(b), A.4.(b), B.1.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 291800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 731
2. DETAINEES 61

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	[illegible]
3	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 72: 56/16

5. - 14. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) AT 291325H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) CALLED A/S ON [illegible] AT (YD 121711) BUNKER DEST, OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(b) AT 291330H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 2 ENEMY IN OPEN AT (YD 11[illegible] 714). FIRED TANK, TANK OBS ENEMY CRAWLING BEHIND ROCKPILE. CALLED IN A/S.

(c) AT 291345H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 105686) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 HOLE 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER, BELIEVED TO BE AIR VENT FOR TUNNEL.

(d).. AT 291350H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 1 ENEMY IN CLEAR AFTER A/S ON ENEMY AREA AT (YD 119713). FIRED MORT MSN OBS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT.

(e) AT 291700H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) RAN A/S AT (YD 103708) OBS 3 BUNKERS DEST.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 89, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 291800H - 301800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
13 INCIDENTS; 7 EN INITIATED; 2 MORT/ART; 2 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 290830H TO 291500H, 3/3 SWEEP (YD 187742) DISCOVERED AND DEST BUNKER COMPLEXES IN HEDGEROWS. 1 BUNKER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT (YD 183748). DISCOVERED 1 NVA BODY APPROX 3 WKS OLD. 1 NVA KIA (CONF). FOUND IN BUNKERS 1 CHICOM GREN, 3 FRAG GRENS WITH FRICTION TYPE IGNITORS, 1 PRIMER FOR 82MM MORT, 2 PRS OF UNIF TROUSERS, POUCHES AND BOXES FOR CARRYING AMMO AND GEAR, SEVERAL NVA TENNIS SHOES AND A CARRYING CASE FOR 57MM RR.

(b) AT 300150H, 3/3 ELMS REC 2 RDS INCOMING UNK CAL FM ESE (YD 168726).

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 291745H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 142 598) REC 2 SNIPER RDS FM NORTH SIDE OF ROAD.

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3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) AT 291805H, 2/9 ELMS OBS APPROX 10 NVA AT (YD 136694). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 291350H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 1 ENEMY IN OPEN AFTER A/S AT (YD 119713). FIRED MORT MSN, NO FURTHER MOVEMENT OBS.

(b) DELA YED ENTRY. AT 291410H, 2/1 ELMS REC SNIPER FIRE FM ESE 50 CAL POS AT (YD 117722), AO OBS 8 BUNKERS 6X10 FT AND FRESH TRAILS AT (YD 120724). CALLED A/S RESULTING IN 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(c) AT 291905H, 2/1 ELMS OBS LIGHTS AT AZIMUTH OF 5800 MILLS. SUSPECTED CONVOY. CALLED ARTY AND A/S WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 292150H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 121693) OBS MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 RADAR AT (YD 130696). SUSPECTED 5 ENEMY. FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 292230H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 123701) OBS 1 ENEMY MOVING IN FRONT OF POS. FIRED S/A AND M-79 WITH NEG RESULTS.

(f) AT 292335H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702), (YD 115704) REC 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT FM UNK LOC.

(g) AT 300415H, 2/1 ELMS REC 1 INCOMING GREN FM (YD 114699). GREN LANDED 15M FM THEIR POS. RET FIRE WITH M-79, RESULTS UNK.

(h) AT 301330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 113697) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER APPROX 5X2X3 FT, RECENTLY USED. ALSO FOUND FRESH POOP PRINTS NEARBY.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 291700H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135635) OBS 1 NVA MOVING SOUTH ACROSS RICE PADDY 800M SE OF THEIR POS AT (YD 140635). FIRED MORT MSN, WITH UNK RESULTS.

C. OTHER
(a) AT 301530H, CAC-3 RPTD ABOUT 400 NVA WEARING KHAKI'S WITH S/A AND POSS MORTS STATIONERY IN VILLAGE AT (YD 1860), (YD 1959).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES
A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD
1. ENEMY KIA 1

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2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
   (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.4.(k)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 301800H JAN 68:
1. ENEMY KIA 752
2. DETAINEES 69

FW(NVA)	FW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
5	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 72, 96/16

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INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
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SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 90, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 301800H - 311800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
16 INCIDENTS: 4 EN INITIATED; 2 HOST/ARVN; 2 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 302012H, 3/3 AMBUSH AT (YD 183719) OBS APPROX 25 NVA MOVING NE TO SW, NVA MOVED E OF AMBUSH THEN STOPPED, CHANGED DIRECTION TO THE NW, APPROX 15 NVA WERE IN THE KILLING ZONE AT DISTANCE OF 5-25M. SPRUNG AMBUSH WITH S/A, MG, M-79. AMBUSH WITHDREW, EN RET FIRE WITH S/A ONLY AND WAS OBS WITHDRAWING TO N-NE. NVA CARRIED PACKS AND RAIN HATS, CLAIMED SEVERAL ENEMY KILL DURING INITIAL BURST , BUT NO CONFS WERE OBS. CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 RIFLE WITH MAG AND 600 RDS, 1 M-2 CARBINE RIFLE WITH MAG, 7 CHICOM GRENS, 1 AP MINE (DM-10), 1 GAS MASK, 1 AK-47 BAYONET, 1 KNIFE, 1 BELT, 1 AK-47 CART BELT, 3 NVA PACKS, 2 E-TOOLS, 300 LBS OF RICE, 4 FLASHLIGHTS, 25 WALKING STICKS, 3 COOKING POTS, 15 EATING BOWLS, 1 PR SANDLES, SMALL AMOUNT OF OTHER EATING UTENSILS AND FOOD, 2 LBS OF TOBACCO, 5 PONCHOS, 5 HELMETS, 15 SETS OF CLOTHING, 2 INSECT NETS, 10 CANVAS BAGS, DOCUMENTS, UNOPENED LETTERS, NOTE BOOKS, PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, BILLFOLDS, CALENDAR. ALL GEAR FWD TO BN CP.

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(b) AT 311625H, 3/3 ELMS REC 20 RDS EST 60MM MORT FIRE FM AZIMUTH OF 5200 MILLS 1500M RANGE.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 302220H, 2/9 AMBUSH AT (YD 130620) SPRUNG AMBUSH ON 4 NVA AND OBS 16 NVA TO REAR AT (YD 130630). CALLED MORT MSN ACCOUNTING FOR 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 AK-50 RIFLE, 1 HELMET, 1 GAS MASK, 4 CHICOM GRENS, 1 M-26 GREN, 1 MED KIT, 4 AK-47 MAGS, DOCS AND PERSONNEL EFFECTS, PONCHO. ALL GEAR FWD TO BN CP.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 301000H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 158 692) FOUND FRESHLY DUG BUNKERS AND TUNNELS, 6 BUNKERS 8 FT WIDE AND REINF. SHOW SIGNS OF USE APPROX 1 WK OLD. ALSO FOUND MORPHINE SURETTES (USED), 1 PR NVA BOOTS, BINOCULAR CASE, 1 PR TENNIS SHOES, 2 81MM RDS.

(b) AT 311115H, 2/4 SWEEP TEAM AT (YD 136691) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 AT MINES.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 301415H, 2/1 PTL AT (YD 132688) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 5X2½X2 FT.

(b) AT 310800H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 110706) FOUND GERMAN BARB TAPE CRUSHED TO GROUND ALLOWING EASY FOOT PASSAGE. ENEMY HAD BEEN INSIDE WIRE BARRIER AND HAD PLACED ENGR TAPE TO MAKE S SAFE PATH. SMALL TRENCH BELOW WIRE INDICATED ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO BLOW WIRE WITH BANGALORE TYPE MINE. ENGRS OBS THE SCENE AND FELT THE MINE FIELD IS IN TACT. ALSO FOUND BLOODY BANDAGES.

(c) AT 310955H, 2/1 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 128678) REC 12 RDS OF S/A FIRE FM (YD 126678).

(d) AT 311108H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 161697) FOUND TUNNEL, CHECKING TUNNEL.

(e) AT 311000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 160734) OBS 1 NVA AND SMALL BOY WITH EST 70 LBS OF RICE AT (YD 159724). SNIPER FIRED WITH NEG RESULTS.

(f) AT 311100H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 195713) DISCOVERED AND DEST BAMBOO BOOBY TRAPS, 2 BOOBY TRAPPED CHICOM GRENS, 1-82MM MORT RD, 1-155MM ARTY RD.

(g) AT 311340H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 6 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 113720), (YD 104717), (YD 113717). ALSO AT (YD 113720) ELMS OBS 10 NVA IN OPEN WITH WPNS AND 1 RR.

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5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 302005H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 137646) REC 4 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM SE DIRECTION AT (YD 140641).

(b) AT 302105H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 133666) OBS 1 NVA THROUGH STARLIGHT SCOPE MOVING PARALLEL TO LINES APPROX 200M FR WIR. FIRED M-79 AND MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

3. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 20.2 HRS OF VR FLOWN OVER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 29 AND 30 JAN 68. IN VIC OF (YD 0874) AO OBS RECENT TRAIL ACTIVITY, RIVER CROSSING TOWARDS (YD 1372) AND (YD 1171), FURTHER TRAILS COMING DOWN TO (YD 1070). AT (YD 110713) AO OBS NEW BUNKERS AND STRUCTURES.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 4/0 SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.2.(a)
   (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.2.(a)
   (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.4.(a),

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 311800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 735
2. DETAINEES 61

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RETREE(NVA)	RETREE(VC)	CIV DEF	IRR CIV
3	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 76: 60/16

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.3.(b)

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8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) AT 311445H, 2/9 S-2 RPT INTELLIGENCE RPT FM C&C HDQ THAT APPROX 200 NVA AT (YD 100600). (UNRATED) S-2 9TH MARINES RATES F-3 ON 30 JAN ADD REC HVY HEADOUTS IN THAT VIC.

(b) AT 301830H, 2/9 RPTD C&C-3 THAT ENEMY LOC AT (YD 195610), (YD 182605), (YD 185595). REFERENCE SPT RPT OTHER, PARA C.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 89. S-2 9TH MAR'S RATES F-3.

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 91, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 311800H - 011800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
7 INCIDENTS:

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
(a) AT 311820H, 3/3 PTL AT (YD 190135) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 CHICOM GREN, AND ALSO FOUND 1 CAMOUFLAGED NET.

(b) AT 311830H, IN REFERENCE TO 3/3 AMBUSH OF 30 JAN PARA A.1.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 90 THE FOLLOWING GEAR WAS CAPTURED: 1 NVA CART BELT WITH BLOOD ON BUCKLE, 1 TIN 7.62 AMMO WITH CASE, 1 E-TOOL, 2 CHICOM GRENS WITH CASE, 7 10 RD CLIPS OF 7.62 AMMO WITH CASE. GRENS DEST, ALL OTHER GEAR FWD TO BN CP. (ADDITIONAL TO PREVIOUS RPT).

(c) AT 311837H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 204727) FOUND 1 HEADSET, FWD TO BN S-2.

(d) AT 010915H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 190736) FOUND UNK ELECTRONIC DEVICE. DEVICE TO BE FWD TO BEGT S-2.

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2. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 311115H, 2/4 ROAD SWEEP TEAM AT (YD 136691) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 AT MINES.

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3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 011110H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 4 NVA IN OPEN CARRYING RR AT (YD 115718). FIRED MORT AND ARTY MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 312150H, RECON TEAM 2A1 AT (YD 108643) RPTD TO BE SURROUNDED BY APPROX 25 NVA, TEAM REC 2 GRENS. FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 0
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
   (a) WPNS: 0/0
   (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(b)(c)(d)
   (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 011800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 735
2. DETAINEES 61

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	RTNEE(NVA)	RTNEE(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
3	2	1	1	1	53

3. WPNS CAPTURED 76; 60/16

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14. OTHER

(a) ID CARD TAKEN FM KIA OF 2/9 AMBUSH (REF INTSUM NR 90 PARA A.2.(a) HAD UNIT IDENTIFICATION AS 3D BN 48TH REGT 320TH DIV. 9TH OOB CMT 48TH REGT IS SUBORDINATE TO 320TH DIV AND 3D BN IS A SUBORDINATE BN TO 48TH REGT. ON 30 JAN APD (PEOPLE SNIFFER) HAD HVY READINGS IN THE AREA WEST OF C-2 AND C-3, WHICH INDICATED POSS LARGE SIZE UNIT IN THAT AREA.

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Operation Plan 1-68 (Reinforcement of Anti-Infiltration Sites)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014
(b) 3d MarDiv COI

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

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____Bn, ____Marines

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex A (Intelligence).

(2) See Current INTSUMS for summary recent enemy activity.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3rd Marine Division conducts anti-infiltration operations in northern QUANG TRI Province to include organizations and occupation of a strong point/obstacle system to the south of the DMZ.

(2) 1st ARVN Division conducts anti-infiltration operations east (right flank) of 9th Marines AO.

(3) 1st MAW provides air support.

(4) Artillery

(a) 2d Bn, 12th Marines, direct support 9th Marines (Reinf).

(b) 12th Marines, general support 3d Marine Division.

(5) "A" Company, 3d Tank Bn, direct support

(6) "C" Company (-), 3d Anti-Tank Bn, direct support.

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(7) "C" Company, 3d Engr Bn, direct support, 9th Marines (Reinf).

c. Assumptions

(1) That, in the event of enemy attack against any of the anti-infiltration system positions held by 9th Marines elements, one of four conditions will prevail at any given time:

(a) Condition I. Anti-infiltration system position under threat of imminent ground attack but not yet engaged.

(b) Condition II. Position is under ground attack but has not been penetrated or penetrated beyond capability of local forces to repel.

(c) Condition III. Position has been penetrated beyond capability of local forces to restore perimeter.

(d) Condition IV. Position has been overrun and all resistance by defenders terminated.

(2) That a reserve battalion from either Regimental or Division assets will be available for reinforcement of anti-infiltration system site which comes under attack.

(3) That the reserve battaion will be available for deployment in 9th Marines AO within 8 hours of request.

2. MISSION. 9th Marines provide for reinforcement of any assigned anti-infiltration system position.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(1) Operations are envisioned in response to attacks on any of six major defensive sites and under the four different conditions set forth in paragraph 2C (Assumptions).

(2) For the relief of each site, the operations overlay depicts the most probable assembly area, axis of advance, and key objectives for the reinforcing elements. As shown on the overlay, the reinforcing mission can best be accomplished by seizing critical terrain in the vicinity of the defensive site; in other cases direct entry into the site is anticipated.

(3) Maximum artillery and air support will be utilized for security of the reinforcing battalion's movement as well as in defense of the site under attack. See Annex C (Supporting Arms

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(4) Movement of the reinforcing battalion will be by the most practical means and route. The Operations Overlay is based on reinforcement by a reserve battalion from DONG HA or south of DONG HA. It is conceivable that an uncommitted battalion could be operating somewhere in the 9th Marines' AO, in which case a different assembly area and axis of advance would be selected. Mode of transportation will depend on truck or helicopter availability and weather. Landing Zones are listed in Annex C (Supporting Arms Annex).

(5) Specific circumstances peculiar to each site are as follows:

(a) Reinforcing Site A-4

1. Occupy assembly area Blue to southeast of C-2, accessible by helo or trucks. Follow axis of advance to east of Rt 561 and towards A-4. Depending on direction and extent of enemy threat, occupy objectives A and/or B. Obj A commands main avenue of approach from the east. Obj B, which is normally defended by a reinforced company from the A-4 Battalion, dominates the approaches to A-4 from the south and southwest.

2. Under conditions I and II, objectives A and B would offer the most logical positions from which to block or relieve an enemy attack. Under conditions III and IV, occupation of Obj B would be requisite to entry into the A-4 defensive position.

(b) Reinforcing C-2 and/or the C-2 Bridge

1. Occupy assembly area Red; can be reached by helicopter or truck. This position is in defilade; any position further north is subject to observation from north and west.

2. Follow Axis of Advance Red. Both C-2 and C-2 Bridge sites are flanked by dense vegetation to the east and west, preventing rapid maneuver of large units. Reinforcing under all four conditions would require movement up to the trace of Rt 561. Lateral limited objective attacks might be required to secure flanks of the movement. Occupation of the actual sites would be required in both cases to reinforce these positions.

(c) Reinforcing CAM LO and/or the CAM LO Bridge

1. If approach march is made by vehicle, occupy Assembly Area Brown. Follow Axis of Advance Brown to

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objectives G, F, and E. River is normally fordable to west of bridge except in monsoon season.

2. If approach is made by helo, use LZ's HAWK and/or EAGLE. If bridge has been destroyed and river is not fordable helicopters or boats are essential to reinforce north of the CAM LO River.

3. Occupation of the actual positions at C-3 or C-3A would be required to reinforce these positions.

(d) Reinforcing A-3

1. Occupy Assembly Area Green by truck or helo. Follow Axis of Advance Green and secure Obj X. If attack is also coming from the south or southwest, occupation of Objective Y might also be required.

2. Occupation of one or both of these Objectives would be requisite to reinforcing under all four conditions.

b. _____Bn,_____Marines

(1) Prepare plans to support the concept of operations.

(2) Be prepared to deploy Command Group and four companies on two hours notice by helicopter or rough rider as directed.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This plan effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

(2) Supporting Plans will be sufficiently detailed to enable prompt execution by Frag Order.

(3) Take maximum precautions against enemy artillery, rockets and mortars; dig deep field fortifications, keep troops dispersed, call immediate counter-battery fire, and employ aerial observer whenever possible.

(4) Take every precaution to deny enemy opportunity to isolate units.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative Order 1-68.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Reference (b).

b. Report command post location.

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ANNEXES

✓A - Intelligence
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ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) to Operation Plan 1-68 (Reinforcement of anti-infiltration Sites)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I, 5442 IV

(b) RegtO P3800.1

(c) RegtO 3820.1

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. See current INTSUMS.

b. Special Intelligence studies as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATINN WITHIN 10 KILOMETERS OF DYEMARKER SITES.

a. Determine location, identity and strength of all VC/NVA units and infiltration groups.

b. Determine location of potential enemy ambush sites/choke points located astride friendly routes of approach and others which could threaten friendly operations in area; ascertain bypass potential.

c. Determine condition of potential friendly approach routes and feasibility of movement of friendly reaction forces into the area over these routes.

d. Determine location of potential helicopter landing zones/ drop zones and type of anti-helicopter obstacles in HLZ, if any.

e. Determine weather and climatological pattern at each site, with emphasis on effects of weather on helicopter operations and aerial surveillance missions.

f. Determine location of potential enemy avenues of approach and withdrawal routes to and from each site. Emphasis on enemy reinforcement capabilities along axis of principal road (s) into sites.

g. Determine location and size of enemy ground and AA weapons

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emplacements in vicinity of each site. Particular emphasis on suspected AA weapons.

h. Determine location, type and extent of enemy field fortifications in vicinity of each site.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Orders to subordinate units

(1) Conduct necessary reconnaissance operations to locate and determine conditions of helicopter landing zones, lines of communication and other data relating to the EEI's.

b. Request to higher, adjacent, and supporting units.

(1) CG, 3rd MarDiv

(a) Provide as requested, aerial photography of the areas of operation.

(b) Provide current and predicted weather data that would adversely affect operations.

(c) Provide current intelligence not available to this command, on a continuing basis.

(d) Provide observation aircraft for visual, aerial reconnaissance and surveillance as requested.

(e) Provide fixed-wing and helicopters support for reconnaissance operations.

(f) Provide reconnaissance teams as requested.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) When beleaguered, the sites will receive first priority of all reconnaissance teams available to this command.

(2) All units will report as obtained:

(a) Information concerning significant enemy movement and activity which could threaten any site in the area of operation.

(b) Conditions of land lines of communications which could be utilized as approach routes for friendly forces.

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4. Measures for handling captives, captured documents and captured material.

a. Captives, detainees, and CHIEU HOI's, See Ref (b).

b. Captured material, documents and war trophies, See Ref (b).

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. See Ref (b).

6. REPORTS. See Ref (b) and (c).

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Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Plan 1-68.

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex A (Intelligence Annex) and Current Intsums

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 2d Bn (X) (Rein) provide direct support artillery fires to 9th Marines as necessary (See Appendix 1 (Artillery Target List) to this annex).

(2) 1st MAW is requested to provide close air, medevac and resupply aircraft as necessary. (See Appendix 2 (Air target list) to this annex).

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. 9th Marines provide for reinforcement of any assigned anti-infiltration system position.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. See 9th Marines Op Plan 1-68.

b. Artillery Support. Artillery fires will be available in an oncall status throughout the area of operation as indicated in Appendix 1 (Artillery Target List) to this annex. Attention is invited to the availability of smoke on selected enemy observation posts. Counter Mortar Radar installations are requested to prepare to carry out active surveillance over suspect mortar positions which could bear on units maneuvering to reinforce A-3, A-4, C-2 and C-3 and on mortar locations which could bear on the base actually under attack. 12th Marine Regiment is requested to be prepared to deliver on call fires on selected enemy artillery positions which could bear on 9th Marines AO. (See Appendix 1 (Artillery Target List) to this annex). Priority of fires will be given to the unit occupying the position under attack.

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c. Air Support. First Marine Air Wing requested to:

(1) Conduct close/direct support operations in support of ground forces consisting mainly of SP/PB's and COB/FOB's.

(2) Conduct air operations as required to destroy/impede/interdict infiltrating enemy forces and to protect friendly installations and lines of communication. During the monsoon season be prepared to utilize TPQ-10 capabilities to a maximum.

(3) Conduct fixed wing and rotary wing supply/resupply air operations as required to establish and maintain SP/FOB/COB's. Be prepared to conduct aerial delivery operations when required.

(4) Be prepared to helo lift a reaction force to augment or counterattack any position within the area of operations.

(5) Conduct visual aerial reconnaissance to locate enemy positions, supporting weapons sites and infiltration attempts. Utilize maximum on-station time by minimizing enroute time.

(6) Provide for medical evacuation of casualties.

(7) Provide night illumination as required.

(8) Provide tactical air controller (airborne) and command and control facilities to support air/ground operations as required.

(9) Coordinate fixed and rotary wing operations within area of operations.

(10) Maintain close liaison with other supporting fires.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Units requesting smoke "on-calls" must be prepared to adjust the height of burst, to achieve satisfactory functioning of the round.

(2) All requests for artillery fires should be directed to 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

(3) Clearance for all missions by maneuvering reinforcing fires must be obtained from 9th Marines FSCC.

(4) If VT fuse is not desired, for those grids scheduled for its use, the requesting unit should so state.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See 9th Marines SOP for Administration and Logistics.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS. See 9th Marines SOP for Communications/Electronics.

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APPENDIXES:

1.- Artillery Target List
2 - Preplanned Air Targets
3 - Air Target Overlay

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1. On Call Grids.

Tgt No	Grid	Ammunition
BY 0201	10956250	HC
0202	10706258	HC
0203	10106282	HC
0204	106642	HC
0205	101643	HC
0206	144637	HE (VT) +WP
0207	15956505	" " "
0208	141656	" " "
0209	137673	" " "
0210	120664	" " "
0211	119671	HE (Q+D)
0212	11556750	" "
0213	113682	" "
0214	11856815	" "
0215	09866920	HE (VT) + WP
0216	092696	" " "
0217	093703	" " "
0218	13406902	HE (Q) + WP
0219	138696	" " "
0220	142698	" " "
0221	156701	" (D) "
0222	168700	" " "
0223	169714	HE (D) + WP
0224	151719	" " "
0225	138721	" " "
0226	141725	" " "
0227	138729	" " "
0228	191720	" " "
0229	190725	" " "
0230	193729	" " "
0231	18857415	" " "

Method of Fire: Battery 3 rds on each grid.

2. Counter Battery Target List

Tagget No	Grid
HW 17848	116752
HW 17851	134777
HW 17844	100788
HW 17858	123785
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Appendix 2 (Preplanned Air Targets) to Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 1-68.

1. CAM LO (C-3) and (C-2).

a. Elevation is 12 meters

b. The following is data on preplanned air targets which may be designated for TPQ-10 controlled air strikes under conditions of reduced visibility.

(1) Targets 1 thru 10 to be hit within 2 hours after contact is broken.

(2) Targets 11 thru 15 to be hit within 2 hours after contact is broken.

(3) Targets 16 thru 20 to be hit within 2 to 4 hours after contact is broken.

Target No.	Target Coordinates	Tgt Ele. (Meters)	Tgt Discript.
1	YD 100645	50	Ave/appr/egress
2	YD 103643	40	Rkt/Mortar posit
3	YD 107647	65	" " "
4	YD 107660	55	Ave appr/egress
5	YD 110640	60	Rkt/Mortar posit
6	YD 116633	20	Ave appr/egress
7	YD 125637	45	" " "
8	YD 125647	65	" " "
9	YD 126653	50	" " "
10	YD 109664	45	" " "
11	YD 099659	65	Trp Assy Area
12	YD 091653	60	Rkt Posit
13	YD 086633	75	Ave appr/egress
14	YD 070645	95	" " "
15	YD 092662	60	Trp Assy Area
16	YD 094665	85	Harboring Site-Bunkers
17	YD 073633	110	Rkt/Mortar Posit
18	YD 099659	65	Trp Assy Area
19	YD 058657	80	Ave appr/egress
20	YD 072668	70	Trp Assy Area

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2. Zone II, CON THIEN A-4 and C-2 Bridge

Target No	Tgt Coords	Tgt Elev.(Meters)	Tgt Description
1	YD 098704	75	Ave/appr/egress
2	090694	80	" " "
3	101685	105	" " "
4	100714	55	Recoilless Rifle Posit
5	090690	70	Mortar Position
6	083690	100	F. O. Position
7	063726	30	F. O. Rocket Position
8	139694	75	Observation Post
9	110675	65	Ave appr/egress
10	084697	50	River Crossings
11	117726	40	Mortar Position
12	092723	35	Artillery Position
13	091728	50	River Crossing
14	125739	40	Trp Assy Area
15	109770	25	Ave appr/egress
16	074741	05	River Crossing Staging Areas
17	130736	30	Ave/appr/egress
18	117758	05	C.P. Area/Bunkers
19	128743	05	" " "
20	131789	15	Communications Bunk Cplx

3. Zone III; A-3

1	YD 185739	20	Ave appr/egress
2	167749	16	" " "
3	170714	31	Observation Post
4	160712	15	Mortar/Bunkers
5	153727	30	" " "
6	152745	10	River Crossing
7	144734	45	Mortar Position
8	137724	65	" "
9	154735	35	Trp Assy Area
10	154741	15	Artillery Position
11	155756	02	Ave appr/egress
12	133746	20	" " "
13	165740	20	" " "
14	140764	15	" " "
15	152755	10	Harboring Site and Bunkers
16	160765	02	Ave appr/egress
17	139779	05	Storage Area
18	138782	10	Fortified Village
19	164756	25	Trp assy Area
20	172758	15	" " "

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4. Zone IV. GIO LINH (A-2)

Target No	Tgt Coords	Tgt Elev. (Meters)	Tgt Description
1	YD 192781	01	River Crossing/Storage Area
2	195775	02	Ave appr/egress
3	188808	10	River Crossing
4	198808	02	Artillery Position
5	179767	03	Artillery Position
6	217762	15	Ave appr/egress
7	227759	05	" " "
8	184763	03	" " "
9	155796	04	Artillery Position
10	212826	06	" " "
11	238799	01	" " "
12	223777	05	River Crossing
13	239801	01	" "
14	203800	02	" "
15	206794	04	Trp Assy Area
16	151825	01	C. P. Area
17	249810	10	" "
18	204808	06	River Crossing
19	195789	04	Trp Assy Area
20	195865	70	Artillery Position

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Annex D (Helicopter Landing Zone) to Operation Plan 1-68

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1. Vicinity of CAM LO (C-3)

Zone	Coordinates	Size (Ft)	Shape	Description
Pri.	YD 143613	200'x150'	Rectangle	Cultivated Area
Alt	YD 140613	50' Dia	Circular	Prepared Area
Alt	YD 128602	200'x175'	Rectangle	Cultivated Area
Alt	YD 167614	100'x100'	Square	Cultivated Area

2. Vicinity of C-2

Pri	YD 135645	150'x150'	Square	Prepared Area

3. Vicinity of C-2 Bridge

Pri	YD 132672	100'x100'	Square	Prepared Area

4. Vicinity of CON THIEN (A-4)

Pri	YD 118698	48'x50'	Rectangle	Prepared Area
Alt	YD 115702	210' Dia	Circular	Prepared Area

5. Vicinity of A-3

Pri	YD 174723	60'x40'	Rectangle	Prepared Area
Alt	YD 175721	50'x40'	Rectangle	Prepared Area

6. Vicinity of GIO LINH (A-2)

Pri	YD 214740	50'x50'	Square	Prepared Area
Alt	YD 215741	100'x100'	Square	Prepared Area

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Note: (a) All zones should be approached from the south for best concealment.

(b) The MSR from CAM LO to CON THIEN and Rt 1 from DONG HA to GIO LINH make excellent landing zones.

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1 - Helicopter Zones

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2d Bn, 9th Marines	5
1st Bn, 4th Marines	5
3d Bn, 4th Marines	5
2nd Bn, 26th Marines	5
Co A, 3d Tank Bn	2
Co C, 3d AT Bn	2
Co C, 3d Engr Bn	2
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Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I, and 6442 IV.
(b) 3rd MarDiv Op Order 2-67 (Sparrow Hawk)
(c) 3rd MarDiv Op Order 416-66 (Rough Rider)
(d) 9th Marine Op Plan 1-68 (Reinforcement of Anti-Infiltration Sites)
(e) 9th Marine Regt O 3000.2_ (SOP for Operations and Training)
(f) 9th Marine Regt Admin Order 1-68

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. - - Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3rd Marine Division

(a) In coordination with 1st ARVN Division, establishes an area defense to include organization, construction, and occupation of a strong point/obstacle system, strong point/patrol bases, and forward operating bases.

(b) In coordination with 1st ARVN Division, conducts anti-infiltration operations in northern QUANG TRI Province to include support of strong point/patrol bases, forward operating bases, and battalion combat operating bases.

(c) Within limitations of enemy activity, weather, and on-site material availability, extends combat operating bases westward along Route 9. See Appendix 1 to Annex D (Operation Overlay).

(d) Provides reinforcements on an interim basis to 1st ARVN Division as required to assist in employment of sensor/surveillance equipment until appropriate skill is developed within ARVN units.

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(e) Conducts training to achieve and maintain required skill level of personnel in installation and use of devices and equipment associated with the surveillance component of the anti-infiltration system.

(2) 1st ARVN conducts anti-infiltration operations on east (right) flank.

(3) Fourth Marines conducts anti-infiltration operations on west (left) flank.

(4) Air Support provided by 1st Marine Air Wing. See Annex C (Fire Support).

(5) Artillery Support. Annex C (Fire Support).

(a) 12th Marines in general support of Division.

(b) 2nd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein), in direct support of 9th Marines.

(6) Co "A", 3rd Tank Bn, direct support 9th Marines.

(7) Co "C"(-), 3rd AT Bn, direct support 9th Marines.

(8) Engineer Support.

(a) 11th Engr Bn in general support III MAF.

(b) Co "C", 3rd Engr Bn, direct support 9th Marines.

2. MISSION

a. Establish and defend anti-infiltration system in area of operations.

b. In coordination with 11th Engr Bn, construct and maintain positions A-3, A-4, C-2, C-3, and LOC's in area of operations.

c. Be prepared to provide internal reinforcement to 1st ARVN Division to assist in employment sensor/surveillance equipment until required skills are developed within ARVN units.

d. Man positions A-4, A-3, C-2, C-3 and such other positions as may be directed.

e. Provide close in security for anti-infiltration system construction effort to include protection from small arms fire, ambushes and local ground attack.

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f. Be prepared to provide sensor training to other units as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation.- - Annex D (Concept of Operation)

b. A-4 Bn.

(1) Defend Strong Point Patrol Base (SPPB) A-4.

(2) Continue construction and improvement of A-4 positions in accordance with approved Dyemarker plans.

(3) Protect LOC (Rt 561) within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines or ambushes. Conduct daily road mine sweeps from A-4 to C-2.

(4) Conduct anti-infiltration operations within AO. Stress extensive patrolling to southwest and east of A-4 and along Rt 561. Ground attacks against the enemy fortified lines north and west of CON THIEN will be initiated only upon direction of Regiment.

(5) Continually conduct preemptive/suppressive counter battery fires and air strikes against known and suspected enemy morter/artillery/rocket positions and FO locations. These preemptive fires will be in addition to immediate counter battery fires conducted against active enemy gun and morter positions and will include maximum use of organic weapons.

c. C-2 Bn.

(1) Defend Forward Operating Base C-2 and C-2 Bridge.

(2) Continue construction and improvement of C-2 and C-2 Bridge positions in accordance with approved Dyemarker Plans.

(3) Protect LOC (Rt 561) within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines or ambushes.

(4) Conduct anti-infiltration operations within assigned AO.

(5) Provide Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force in accordance with reference (b).

(6) Provide Rough Rider Reaction Force in accordance with reference (c).

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d. C-3 Bn.

(1) Defend Forward Operating Base C-3 and C-3 Bridge. It is imperative that the CAM LO Bridge be protected under any circumstances.

(2) Continue construction and improvement of C-3 and C-3 Bridge position in accordance with approved Dyemarker Plans.

(3) Protect LOC (Rt 561), including CAM LO bypass/road, within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines or ambushes. Conduct daily road sweeps from C-3 to C-2 and C-3 to Rt 9.

(4) Be prepared to assist District Headquarters, CAP I, and CAP III if any of these units request assistance to repel ground attacks. Develope contingency plans to provide for ground reinforcement for each of these three units.

(5) Provide one rifle company for DONG HA base defense. This unit will be stationed in DONG HA and will also provide security for daily road sweeps and road construction on Route 1 and 9.

e. A-3 Bn.

(1) Defend Strong Point Patrol Base A-3.

(2) Continue construction and improvement of A-3 position in accordance with approved Dyemarker plans.

(3) Provide security for construction of LOC (Rt 56[illegible]). Prevent enemy interdiction of LOC by mines or ambushes. Conduct daily road sweep from A-3 to Rt 1.

(4) Conduct anti-infiltration operation within assigned AO.

f. Regimental Reserve.

(1) Battalion not committed to Dyemarker Site.

(a) Be prepared to reinforce any threatened Dyemarker position in accordance with reference (d).

(b) Conduct special anti-infiltration operations as directed.

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g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) LOC's within 9th Marines AO must be given maximum protection from interdiction by mines or ambush.

(a) During the night, Rt 561 must be completely covered from CAM LO to CON THIEN by sensor/surveillance equipment, ambushes, and LP's to prevent mining.

(b) During daylight hours Rt 561 must be protected by patrols and outposts to prevent ambushes.

(c) All LOC's must be swept daily for mines, but only the prevention of mining by extensive counter measures will prevent interdiction since the enemy frequently employs non-metallic mines which are difficult to detect.

(2) Patrols should be conducted in accordance with reference (e) (9th Marines SOP for Operations and Training). Particular emphasis should be given to the following:

(a) AO on station whenever possible.

(b) On call artillery fires submitted in advance to 2/12.

(c) All unit leaders warned on pursuit of small groups of NVA, i.e., enemy repeatedly attempts to draw Marine elements into ambush by exposing small groups as bait.

(d) Have reaction force at least twice size of patrol on stand-by.

(3) Enter DMZ only on approval of higher headquarters.

(4) On all operations, mark front lines and/or forward elements with air panels.

(5) Offensive and defensive operations. Refer to reference (c) (9th Marines SOP for Training and Operations).

(6) Make maximum use of supporting arms, including pre-emptive/suppressive fires and air strikes on known and suspect enemy artillery/mortar positions and FO locations.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

   a. Administrative Order 1-68

   b. Annex E (Dyemarker Requirements)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

   a. Annex F.

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ANNEXES:

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√B - Intelligence

√C - Supporting Arms

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Third Bn, Third Marines	LtCol MARSH
First Bn, Fourth Marines	LtCol DEPTULA
Third Bn, Fourth Marines (-)	LtCol BENDELL

H&S Company
India Company, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines
Lima Company, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines
Mike Company, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines

Second Bn, Ninth Marines (-)	Maj. LOSEE

Command Group "B"
Foxtrot Company, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines
Golf Company, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 2-68

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(b) Regt Order P3800.1
(c) Regt Order 3820.1

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. See Current INTSUMS

b. Special Intelligence studies as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION, DEFENSE OF ANTI-INFILTRATION ROUTES

a. Determine location, identity and strength of all VC/NVA units and infiltration groups.

b. Determine if VC/NVA will attack anti-infiltration sites, how, when, where, why and what strength.

c. Determine enemy's frequency and size of movement in area of anti-infiltration sites.

d. Determine enemy's use of avenues of approach and withdrawal routes to and from each site.

e. Determine enemy's capability to employ supporting arms against each site. Determine probable locations, type weapons and extent of employment.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISTION TASKS

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) Conduct necessary reconnaissance operations to determine information relating to the essential elements of information.

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(2) Report as obtained, information answering required essential elements of information.

(3) Maintain a current intelligence estimate and current enemy situation of each position.

B. Requests to higher, adjacent and supporting units.

(1) CG, 3rd Marine Division

(a) Provide as requested, aerial photography of the areas of operation.

(b) Provide current and predicted weather data that would adversely affect operations.

(c) Provide current intelligence not available to this command, on a continuing basis.

(d) Provide observation aircraft for visual, aerial reconnaissance and surveillance as requested.

(e) Provide fixed-wing and helicopter support for reconnaissance operations.

(f) Provide reconnaissance teams as requested.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) When beleaguered, the sites will receive first priority of all reconnaissance teams available to this command.

(2) All units will report, as obtained, information concerning significant enemy movement and activity which could threaten any site in the area of operation.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTIVES, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, AND CAPTURED MATERIAL.

a. Captives, detainees, and Chieu Hoi's, See ref (b).

b. Captured material, documents, and war trophies, See ref (b).

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5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. See Ref (b).

6. REPORTS.

a. Report all information relating to EEI's.

b. Recurring reports IAW references a and b.

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Annex C (Air Support) to Op Plan 2-68

Ref: (a) Maps: 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, sheets 6342 I and 6342 IV.
(b) MCRP 7-1
(c) 9th Mar SOP 1-68
(d) CMC 70.8 Opo. 3220-67 w/ch s 1 and 2.

Time Zone: K

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces See Annex A (Intelligence) to this OpPlan and current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 2d Battalion, Twelfth Marines (Rein) provides direct support artillery fires to 9th Marines.

(2) 1st MAW provides air support to 9th Marines for close air strikes, medevac, and resupply as required.

(3) 3d MarDiv provides periodic direct naval gunfire support as requested for specific short term operations of the 9th Marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION See basic Operation Plan 2-68

3. EXECUTION

A. Concept of Operations. See Annex B (Concept of Operations) to Operation Plan 2-68

B. Artillery Support

(1) General The 2d Bn, 12 Mar, in direct support of the 9th Mar, provides artillery fires from its resources which normally include three 105m howitzer batteries and one 107mm mortar battery. The current concept of employment allows the resident battery at the A-4 position to exercise technical fire direction while tactical fire direction remains under the control of the artillery battalion. All other batteries are controlled for technical and tactical fire direction by the artillery battalion.

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General support and reinforcing fires are provided upon request to 2d Bn, 12th Marines by two 155mm Howitzer batteries, currently under the operational control of that battalion. Additional general support reinforcing fires are available upon request to the battalion FDC from the resources of 12th Marine Regiment.

(2) Fire Planning.

(a) Defensive fire plans. The development of effective defensive fire plans must be given the highest priority by all infantry battalions. Artillery targets must be planned, shot in, and placed in an on-call status. These fires must be integrated with those of organic weapons so as to cover deadspace along the best avenues of approach into the position and key terrain features. The defensive fire plan should also include emergency VT targets within the position itself. Each artillery battery is available to provide one final protective fire. Each gun of the battery should be adjusted individually to the desired location on the target. When four batteries are available, one final protective fire target will be authorized for the A-4 A-3, C-2, and C-2 Bridge positions. When additional batteries become OpCon to 2d Bn, 12th Marines, additional FPF's will be authorized for A-3, A-4, C-2 and C-2 bridge position in that order. These fires (FPF's) must be shot in within 24 hours after occupation of the position. All defensive fire targets, once shot in, must be kept current and responsive by firing check rounds daily on each target. Normally, a total of 6 artillery defensive on calls will suffice for each position. Overlays of the defensive fire plan for each position must be forwarded to this headquarters as soon as possible after initial occupation of the position.

(b) Counter mortar/counter battery plans. In addition to the defensive fire plan, each battalion must develop counter mortar and counter battery plans which integrate organic weapons with artillery to achieve rapid response to enemy incoming on the best known and suspected targets in the general area from which the rounds appear to be

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coming. Forward observers and infantry personnel must be briefed as to the limits of counter mortar/battery sectors and familiarized with the procedures for calling for these fires. As historical data and new inputs from CMR, FO's, patrols, intelligence etc., reveal new and better targets, these targets must be added to the plan and those no longer valid, discarded. The importance of the latter cannot be over stressed.

(c) Daily planning. Artillery Liaison Officers must develop daily plans for the support of friendly activities with on call fires. In addition, they must plan the H & I program and other preplanned fires (TOTs, preparations, etc) in sufficient time to allow for their scheduling and computation.

(d) Planning for multi-unit operations. Battalions anticipating a sweep operation of more than one day's duration, or more than 1500 meters distance from their positions should, after reconnaissance, submit their fire support plan to this headquarters (FSCC) indicating the requirements for fire support beyond organic capabilities. Artillery support approved for the operation will be scheduled and target numbers and other coordinating instructions published for the battalion concerned.

C. Air Support

(1) Air support requests will be submitted in accordance with reference (c).

(2) CAS/DAS. 1st MAW is requested to provide two aircraft every thirty minutes from 0700 to last light and be fragged daily by Division Air Section. Air requests should be submitted by the OpCon battalions, 24 hours prior to desired time on target, to 9th Marines Air Section which in turn will pass requests to Division Air. These aircraft will be available on call with ordnance suitable for neutralization of bunkers, artillery/mortar positions, storage areas, and trenches as designated in the request. Ordnance such as napalm and Snake-Eye retarded bombs for

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close in CAS, delivered at low altitude must be scrambled from the hot pad. This latter ordnance will not be delivered in the DMZ. As much lead time as possible in requesting this type ordnance is important in order to reduce the reaction time.

(3) TPQ. Continuous day and night TPQ's are available on request or for pre-planned targets. Pre-planned targets for night TPQ's submitted by 1700 will be hit that same night, according to their priority assigned. Day TPQ's should be submitted prior to 0600 in order to be hit the same day.

(4) Counter-Battery Fire.

(a) Attack of targets such as rocket/artillery and mortar positions will be requested via normal air request channels, and will receive immediate response by 1st MAW/FAC/TAC(A) controllable daytime direct strike aircraft, or night TPQ strikes on a priority basis. If a target complex so dictates, a GRAND SLAM type air effort can be requested via the same channels, but a 24 hour to 48 hour delay must be expected.

(b) It should be noted that troops in the open, where friendly troop safety can be ensured, can be attacked most successfully with the CBU or Daisy Cutter type bombs with two or three hour delay from the time of request to time of delivery. This ordnance is not included in normal hot pad loads, but for emergency situations, over short periods of time, it can be placed in a hot pad status.

(c) A helo capability on stand-by status IV exists during hours of darkness to move a Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle force. A requirement to lift a larger force or a requirement to have an alert readiness posture to move a larger emergency force will require a specific request. Cite nature of the emergency, length of its duration, and normal Frag Helo request information.

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(d) The possible total reliance on helicopters for resupply during limited periods of extreme weather dictates the need to review internal control procedures to insure that supplies requested are acceptable and landing zones meet criteria and are manned by personnel with operating communications equipment. Every effort must be made to move men and supplies during daylight hours.

(4) Interdiction. 1st MAW will schedule and conduct air interdiction missions.

(5) Resupply. Fixed wing and rotary wing resupply operations will be conducted in accordance with reference (a). Exceptionally large helo movements must be requested a minumum of 24 hours ahead of time for priority missions and 48 hours for routine missions. Consideration should be given to the possible requirement of complete reliance upon helicopters for resupply during periods of inclement weather. All units concerned will effect advance planning to provide for resupply under these conditions.

(6) Observation. One O-1 aircraft will be kept continuously on station during VFR weather and during daylight hours with on station relief, to conduct joint V/R and TACA missions in the 3rd MarDiv Area of Operation. An additional O-1 will also be on station to conduct artillery spot and V/R on assigned areas. These aircraft are available on an on-call basis to the operating units, on a priority assignment basis. Night operations will be limited to emergency situations due to extremely limited resources and the need to maximize daylight availability.

(7) Miscellaneous.

(a) Helo emergency medevac operations will be supported during a 24 hour period by two H-34 helos with supporting UH1E gunships, A night-time standby of four H-34's will be available for all emergency medevac and emergency resupply missions. All missions classified as emergencies must be cleared with the Regimental Commander. Guidance

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for decision on emergency requests will be in accordance with reference (●).

(b) Because of the SAM threat, illumination by fixed wing aircraft is limited to emergency situations in DMZ areas. "Spooky" aircraft can be requested via normal air channels. They operate on station in the DMZ area only when troops are in active contact. At other times they are assigned central orbit points by their controlling headquarters to provide flexibility. All requests for illumination or "Spooky" should be forwarded via normal air request channels.

D. Naval Gunfire Support. Although direct naval gunfire support is not normally available to the 9th Marines, it may be requested and made available for operations of sufficient priority to make its use necessary. Requests for naval gunfire support should be forwarded to this headquarters as much in advance of the planned operation as possible. Missions should be conducted in accordance with references (c) and (g).

E. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Fire support coordination will be in accordance with references (b) and (c).

(2) Fire support coordination between U. S. and ARVN forces will be accomplished through 9th Marines FSCC. When joint operations are being planned and executed, liaison personnel will be exchanged between this headquarters and Headquarters 2d ARVN Regiment.

(3) Tactical air strikes will be closely coordinated between the battalion air and artillery officers as to approach and recovery paths so as to maximize the continuous availability of all supporting arms Maximum use will be made of restrictive fire plans so as to properly control simultaneous air and artillery missions in the same target area.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Admin Order 1-68.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS. See Annex F to Operation Plan 2-68 and current Regimental SOP for Communications/Electronics.

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Annex D (Concept of Operation) to Operation Plan 2-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION

a. Establish and defend anti-infiltration system in area of operations.

b. In coordination with 11th Engr Bn, construct and maintain positions A-3, A-4, C-2, C-3, and LOC's in area of operations.

c. Man positions A-4, A-3, C-2, C-3 and such other positions as may be directed.

d. Be prepared to provide interim reinforcement to 1st ARVN Division to assist in employment sensor/surveillance equipment until required skills are developed within ARVN units.

e. Provide close-in security for anti-infiltration system construction effort to include protection from small arms fire, ambushes, and local ground attack.

f. Be prepared to provide sensor training to other units as directed.

2. CONCEPT

a. The mission establishes a requirement for 9th Marines, in coordination with other III MAF units and the 1st ARVN Division to establish an area defense, conduct anti-infiltration operations and construct and defend the strongpoint/obstacle system towards gaining the greatest practical control over the area bounded to the north by the Ben Hai River, the east by the South China Sea, the south by Route # 9 and the approach to the Ba Long Valley, and the west by the Laotian border.

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b. The strong point/obstacle system consists of four major components:

(1) Linear obstacles

(2) Surveillance

(3) Obstacle support

(4) Combat Operating Base

c. Both the linear obstacles and surveillance component serve the purpose of impeding enemy infiltration, canalizing his movement, early detection of his movement, early detection of his approach and/or infiltration attempts, and providing an auxillary means of target acquisition. A vital part of these components is the series of squad-sized observation posts with the mission of visual and electronic detection of enemy infiltration, permitting rapid response by supporting arms and/or maneuver elements. The strong point/patrol bases and forward operating bases provide defense in depth and a rapid reaction capability in support of the area defense. Active and aggressive patrolling complements the system.

d. Each battalion assigned to a Dyemarker position is responsible for the defense and improvement of that position in accordance with approved Dyemarker plans, and, within assigned AO, the protection of the LOC and the conduct of anti-infiltration operations. See Appendix 1 (Operation Overlay). It is envisaged that each battalion assigned a Dyemarker Site will continue construction and maintenance of positions in accordance with Dyemarker plans; organize defense to include integration of surveillance equipment with defensive fire plans; conduct extensive day and night patrols and ambushes to prevent enemy interdiction of LOC and construction effort by small arms fire, ambushes, and/or mining; and maximum employment of supporting arms to include an aggressive program of preemptive fires and air strikes against suspected enemy positions, particularly suspected artillery/mortar/rocket and FO positions. Special operations will be conducted as required, to counter enemy threat, and to extend the anti-infiltration system, and to further impede enemy infiltration efforts. Additional maneuver battalions will normally be employed for these operations, in coordination with battalions assigned to Dyemarker positions. Normal strength distribution will call for

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one full battalion for each principal [illegible] Dyemarker site, with the exception that C-3 will normally be manned by a three company battalion; the fourth company will be stationed in DONG HA to meet local security requirements for base defense and engineer road security requirements.

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Appendix:

1 - Operation Overlay

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Annex E (Dyemarker Requirements) to Operation Plan 2-68

Ref: (a) 3rd MarDiv Op Order 61-67
(b) 3rd MarDiv Admin Order 61-67
(c) III MAF Admin Order 13-67
(d) III MAF Op Order 13-67

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization. Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

(2) See current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces. 3rd MarDiv Op Order 61-67

2. MISSION. See Basic Op Plan.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Annex D (Concept of Operation).

b. With 11th Engr Bn in general support, construct anti-infiltration barrier positions A-4, A-3, C-2, C-3, and C-3A and LOC's in zone in accordance with directives contained in references (a) and (b).

(1) 9th Marines assumes overall responsibility of construction and defense effort.

(2) 9th Marines selects specific sites for location of any new sites within sector and submits recommendations for approval to CG, 3rd MarDiv.

(3) 9th Marines will be responsible for the construction and implementation of a sensor and obstacle trace in accordance with reference (c).

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(4) Units of the 9th Marines controlling and occupying Dyemarker sites will operate and maintain sensor/surveillance equipment on site. Training cadres will be maintained in accordance with Annex G of reference (d).

(5) Employment of sensor/surveillance system equipment will be in accordance with Annex I of reference (d) and as modified by subsequent directives.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Units occupying Dyemarker sites will maintain a turn-over file to contain, but not limited to, the following items:

(a) Bunker site plan showing bunkers by type (i.e., 8'x12' or 18'x24', etc) and use (e.g. occupied by 1st sqd, 3rd Plt, Co "A", 1st Bn, 2d Marines and 2 Scout/Sniper Teams Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 9th Marines, etc).

(b) Wire Plan

(c) Minefield Plan

(d) Site Plan showing locations of bunkers, fighting positions, trenches, weapons locations (e.g. 105mm Howitzers, Tanks, 106mm RR, M-60 MG's, etc.), sensor/surveillance equipment, OP's (towers and/or bunkers), etc.

(e) Fire support plan showing all caliber Final Protective Fires and Illumination plans.

(f) Counter-Attack Plan.

(2) Required materials for continuous site improvements and requirements for defoliation for observation and fields of fire are not filled from Project 972 sources and will be provided by submission of requests through normal command channels.

(3) Living bunker allocation for on-site units and support/tenant elements will be initially determined by the senior unit commander on position and will be adjusted as circumstances warrant. Final approval for allocation will be obtained from the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administration Order 2-68.

a. Custodial responsibility and requisitioning procedures for Dyemarker material and equipment will be in accordance with 9th Marines' SOP for Operations and Training.

b. Units occupying Dyemarker sites will conduct continuous evaluation and submit recommendations to the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines, for site improvement and additional equipment requirements.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. In accordance with Annex F, Operation Plan 2-68.

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Annex F (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 2-68

Ref: (a) III MAF Operation Order 13-67
(b) 3rd MarDiv Operation Order 61-67
(c) Division O P02000.2F (COI)
(d) Division O P2000.4C (Comm SOP)
(e) Regt O 2000.1I
(f) Maps: Cam Lo and Quang Tri 1:50,000, Sheets 6442 IV and 6342 I.
(g) CG 3rd MarDiv 190805Z Dec 1967

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 2-68

(2) The enemy has the capability to--

(a) Conduct radio interception, imitative deception, and jamming.

(b) Salvage, repair, and use discarded communication equipment, especially dry cell batteries.

(c) Conduct wire-tapping to gain information.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Operation Plan 2-68

(2) All maintenance of Dyemarker communications electronic sensor equipment above organization level will be performed by FLSG Bravo in accordance with reference (b).

(3) Command Post.

(a) 3rd MarDiv CP located at Dong Ha Combat Base.

(b) Headquarters, 9th Marines located at Dong Ha Combat Base.

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(c) Subordinate battalions. (All coor YD):

(1) C-3 Battalion located at coordinates 142613

(2) C-2 Battalion located at coordinates 135646

(3) A-4 Battalion located at coordinates 116700

(4) A-3 Battalion located at coordinates 175720

(5) Maneuver Battalion. See current Frag Order.

2. MISSION. To provide communication and electronic support for operations in the assigned AO and technical assistance in the maintenance of communication-electronic/sensor equipment for Project 972.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Communication Platoon, Headquarters 9th Marines.

(1) Provide technical assistance in the operation and maintenance of surveillance equipment and sensors associated with Operation Plan 2-68.

b. C-3 Battalion. Be prepared to maintain wire cable running from your CP area north to coordinates 133627.

c. C-2 Battalion. Be prepared to maintain wire cable running from coordinates 133627 north to your CP.

d. A-4 Battalion. Be prepared to relay voice radio transmission for maneuver elements north or east of your position to this headquarters.

e. A-3 Battalion. Insure the laying and maintaining of 2 trunks and 1 radio relay COC hot line (channel 4) to any units in your immediate vicinity but outside the battalion CP.

f. Maneuver Battalion (s). Be prepared to establish communications with this headquarters in accordance with this Operation Plan.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Communication-Electronic in accordance with reference (c) and (d).

(2) Install and operate surveillance equipment and sensors associated with Operation Plan 2-68. See references (b) and Annex E.

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(3) Communication Center.

(a) See reference (c).

(b) Authentication in accordance with reference (d).

(c) 3rd MarDiv assumes communication and crypto guard for this headquarters and OpCon battalions with rears at Dong Ha Combat Base. This headquarters is the distribution point with delivery and receipt of all message traffic at the Ninth Marines Communication Center.

(4) Messenger Service.

(a) Make maximum use of messengers forward and rear. Classified teletype traffic will be delivered to rear elements only.

(b) Utilize helicopter messenger service as available. See reference (d).

(5) Radio

(a) See appendix 1.

(b) Tactical call signs in accordance with reference (c).

(c) OpCon units be prepared to act as relay stations in event of radio difficulties with other battalions, companies, etc, in the Ninth Marines AO.

(d) RC-292 antenna will be used for radio communications to this headquarters. Jungle rigs (antenna with bamboo or other natural material for masts) may be used.

(6) Integrated wire-radio relay.

(a) See appendix 2 (wire-radio relay diagram)

(b) Insure proper channelization of radio-relay at forward positions.

(c) Battalions assume OpCon of radio relay team upon occupying position.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See reference (d).

b. Additional and emergency communication requirements will be forwarded to the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (SC-10) with information to this headquarters.

c. Insure strict accountability of 972 equipment in accordance with reference (b).

d. Mark all Dyemarker equipment "972".

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APPENDIXES

1 - Radio Plan
2 - Wire and Radio Relay Diagram

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C-NET CONTROL
X-GUARD
R-AS REQ
D-AS DIR

Organization \ NET TITLE	EM	FREQUENCY DESIGNATOR	FREQUENCY	REG TAC 1	REG TAC 2	(NOTE #1) REG TAC 3	TAR	TACP LOCAL 1	TACP LOCAL 2	SPARE	SPARE	SPARE	SPARE	SPARE
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				M 524	M 210	M 608	M 135	M 582	M 338	M 470	M 482	M 115	M 40	M 286
				56.85	44.75	63.25	43.5	35.2	50.0	61.65	44.05	46.85	42.95	45.35
9th Marines				C	C	C	R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
A-3 Bn				X	D	X	R	D	X					
A-4 Bn				X	X	D	R	D	X					
C-2 Bn				X	X	D	R	D	X					
C-3 Bn				X	X	D	R	D	X					
Maneuver Bn				X	D	X	R	D	X					

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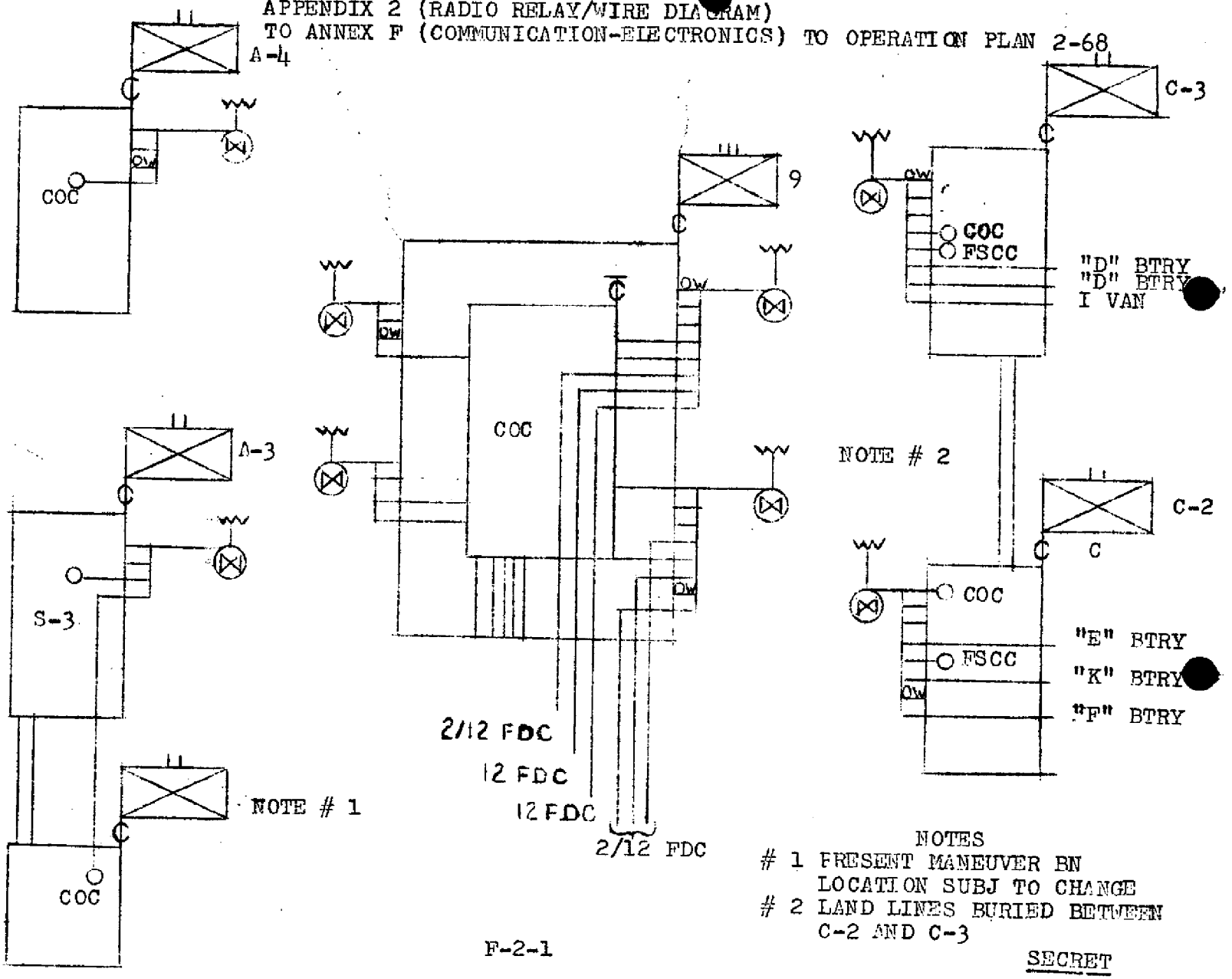

NOTES
1 PRESENT MANEUVER BN LOCATION SUBJ TO CHANGE
2 LAND LINES BURIED BETWEEN C-2 AND C-3

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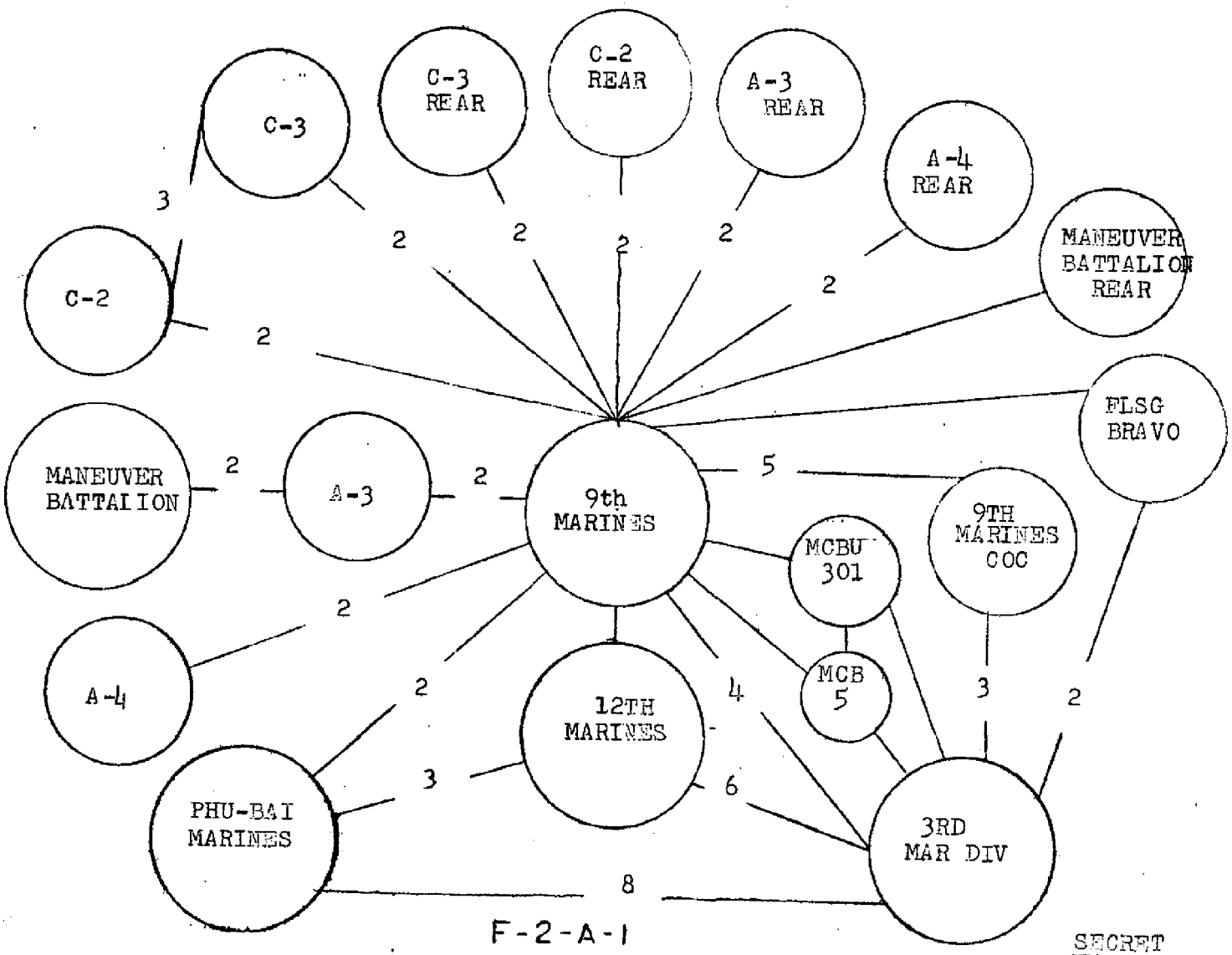

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2d Bn, 12th Marines	5
3rd Marines	5
4th Marines	5
26th Marines	5
2d Bn, 1st Marines	5
2d Bn, 9th Marines	5
1st Bn, 4th Marines	5
3rd Bn, 4th Marines	5
2nd Bn, 26th Marines	5
Co A, 3d Tank Bn	2
Co C, 3d AT Bn	2
Co C, 3d Engr Bn	2
9th MT Bn	2
Co D, 3d Med Bn	2
FLSU-1	2
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TWELFTH ~~[illegible]~~ MARINES
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINES
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SUBJ: COUNTER AMBUSH MEASURES FOR SECURITY OF RT 561

1. TO COUNTER INCREASED ENEMY ATTEMPTS AT INTERDICTION OF RT 561 ADDRESSEES WILL INITIATE THE FOLLOWING COUNTER MEASURES [illegible]:

A. ESTABLISH DAYLIGHT OPS, STRONG POINTS ON KEY TERRAIN BETWEEN CAM LO BRIDGE AND CON THIEN. POSITIONS, TANKS, DUSTERS, AND REACTION FORCES FOR IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF ROAD TRAFFIC AND REACTION TO AMBUSH.

B. INCREASE CLOSE-IN DAY AND NIGHT AMBUSHES ALONG MOST LIKELY ROUTES OF ENEMY INGRESS TO RT #561.

C. REVIEW ALL PATROL ACTIVITIES TOWARDS ACHIEVING SURPRISE THROUGH VARIATION IN TECHNIQUES AND STRESS ON AMBUSHES. FOR EXAMPLE:

(1) USE HUNTER-KILLER TEAMS AND SNIPERS.
(2) MAKE CLANDESTINE INSERTIONS BY USING DARKNESS OR DROP OFFS FROM LARGER UNITS.
(3) USE VARIATIONS. SIMPLY SENDING DAYLIGHT PATROLS MAKING ALONG PRESELECTED ROUTES HAS SELDOM ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. THE ENEMY EXPECTS ONE PATROL AROUND OUR POSITIONS DAILY AND MOVES FREELY ONCE IT HAS PASSED.
(4) USE SCOUT DOG TEAMS.

D. CONDUCT ROAD SECURITY PATROLS WITH DOG TEAMS DAILY. VARY TIMES AND NUMBER OF SUCH PATROLS DAILY.

E. CONDUCT INCREASED H&I FIRES, DAY AND NIGHT, ALONG LIKELY ENEMY ROUTES OF APPROACH TO ROUTE #561.

F. INSURE MAXIMUM USE OF NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES AND SENSOR EQUIPMENT ALONG RT #561.

G. ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN CAM LO AND CON THIEN WILL BE BY CONVOY MEETING THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CRITERIA:

(1) FOUR OR MORE VEHICLES WITH AT LEAST TWO SECURITY PERSONNEL ARMED AND READY TO SUPPRESS THE BODY OF EACH VEHICLE.

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H. RT 561 WILL OPEN FOLLOWING THE ROAD SWEEP IN THE MORNING AND WILL BE CLOSED AT 1700 DAILY.

2. DIRECT LIASION BETWEEN ADDRESSEES IS DIRECTED TO COORDINATE COUNTER-AMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

3. FURTHER WIDENING OF THE TRACK ALONG RT #561 IS BEING REQUESTED.

4. [redacted] UNITS WILL SUBMIT TO THIS HQ. LOCATIONS OF AMBUSHES, OP'S, ETC, BY 1200 FOR THE ENSUING EVENING AND FOLLOWING DAY AND REPORT ANY CHANGES IN POSITIONS AS THEY OCCUR.

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SPOT REPORT

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2. (EN)

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ECHO: (ACTION TAKEN) [illegible]

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2. (MINOR)

HOTEL: (FR MIA)

MIKE: (WPNS CPTRD) 1. IWC

2. CSW

INDIA (KIA CONF) 1. NVA

2. VC

JULLIETT: (KIA PROB)
1. NVA
2. VC

KILO: (PW)

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