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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Ninth Marine Division (-) (Rein) 1-29Feb68 Col R. B. SMITH

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company	1-29Feb68	1stLt E. W. HENDERSON
2ndBn, 1st Marines	1-29Feb68	LtCol B. R. DUNCAN
3rdBn, 3rd Marines	1-29Feb68	LtCol J. W. MARSH
1stBn, 4th Marines	1-29Feb68	LtCol E. A. DEPTULA
3rdBn, 4th Marines	18-29Feb68	LtCol L. R. BENDELL
2ndBn, 9th Marines	1-17Feb68	LtCol W. H. CRYAN
2. 1-29 February 1968: Dong Ha, RVN		
3. Executive Officer	1-29Feb68	LtCol R. C. NEEDHAM
S-1	1-29Feb68	1stLt D. J. MOSSEY
S-2	1-29Feb68	Maj P. J. KIESELBACH
S-3	1-29Feb68	LtCol J. C. STUDDT
S-4	1-29Feb68	Maj C. TYE
S-5	1-29Feb68	Capt G. L. BARLOW
Chaplain	1-29Feb68	Cmdr J. V. BORECZKY

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## PART II

S-1 CHRONOLOGY

## 1. Personnel

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

	USMC	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Battle (KIA)	0	0
Battle (WIA)	1	5
Non-battle	0	2

b. Rotation during February.

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
4	13	0	1

c. Replacements received during February 1968

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
1	26	0	1

2. Informational Services. Headquarters Company had three Corporals meritoriously promoted to Sergeant and one Lance Corporal to Corporal. The Purple Heart Award was presented to one Marine from the Sniper Platoon, and three Marines were awarded the Gold Star in lieu of Second Purple Heart.

3. Special Services. Personnel of Headquarters, 9th Marines received the following: 2 electric corn poppers, 1 bag of charcoal and 250 stationery, writing kits (Air Mail).

4. Discipline.

a. No unusual problems.

b. Courts-Martial

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
GCM	0	0
SPCM	0	1
SCM	0	0

c. Regimental Commander's Office Hours-2

d. Company Commander's Office Hours-8

## 5. Morale, P.X., Postal Affairs and R&amp;R.

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

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

c. Postal Affairs. Postal service within the 9th Marine Regiment was good. It was noted that the mail service between Danang and Dong Ha was unsatisfactory, due to operational commitments.

d. R&R. Headquarters, 9th Marines was allocated the following quotas for R&R during the month of February 1968. All the quotas allocated were utilized.

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

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

6. Administration. This Command is presently short 3 0141's. The Manning Level indicates we rate 9. At present we have 6; however, of the 6, two are scheduled for rotation the first of May. The Manning Level indicates we rate three 3516's and seven 3531's. We have only 1 and 6 respectively.

7. Chaplain.

Protestant Services  
19 Sunday  
52 Weekday

Catholic Masses  
19 Sunday  
47 Weekday

S-2 CHRONOLOGY1. 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 HUU 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 LINE 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 4km 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

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the BO DIEN River constitutes the only natural pass, and is generally followed by highway #9.

c. Population. The AO includes a population of approximately 75,000 people concentrated around the major population centers of CAM 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 DAT 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 February was characterized with mostly cloudy skies with rain and a very definite drop in temperatures. The average high temperature for the month was 66° while the low was 60°. Relative humidity averaged 88% and a total of 1.23 inches of rainfall was recorded for the month.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### a. Operation KENTUCKY

(1) Operation KENTUCKY continued throughout the month of February. The first part of the month was characterized by 4 significant events compared to the second half in which contact was light but continuous. The following is a summary of significant events in 9th Marines AO from 01 February - 29 February 1968:

At 020700H, 2/9 elements at (YD 124595) observed 3 NVA on river bed and 12 moving along stream bed. Engaged enemy which resulted in 10 NVA KIA (Conf), 1 carbine and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 020215H, CAC Headquarters at (YD 129579) received approximately 100 - 150 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. This was followed up by a ground attack utilizing RPG's, FR's and small arms fire. The attack mainly came from 3 sides, the south, west and north-east. Artillery was called in to box in CAC Headquarters. Of the 3 rows of wire surrounding the headquarters, only 2 were breached. The NVA had dug positions about 1 ft in

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depth beyond the outer wire perimeter. The enemy was forced to withdraw. 2/9 sent out 2 platoons as reaction and swept to the north trapping enemy trying to cross the river. A reaction force in DONG HA was sent out. DONG HA's reaction team organized to the south and to the north. Contact was broken accounting for 111 NVA KIA (Conf), 23 PW's, 17 crew served weapons and 45 individual weapons.

At 021230H, 2/9 elements at (YD 117599) moved to assist 1/4 who was in contact with NVA in bunkers using S/A and one .50 caliber MG. 2/9 deployed tanks which knocked out the .50 caliber position and fired on running NVA. Results of action revealed 14 NVA KIA (Conf), 6 NVA PW's, 4 AK-47 rifles and 3 82mm mortar tubes.

At 071240H, 3/3 elements at (YD 203719) received automatic weapons fire and grenades from vicinity of (YD 203721). 3/3 moved back and called in air strikes and artillery missions. Swept area and found 139 NVA KIA (Conf), 15 individual weapons, 4 crew served weapons and miscellaneous gear and documents.

Totals for Operation KENTUCKY as of 29 February were 1,111 NVA KIA (Conf), 146 individual weapons and 47 crew served weapons. Total detainees were 106 consisting of 37 NVA PW's, 3 VC PW's, 2 NVA returnees, 1 VC returnee, 10 civil defendants and 53 innocent civilians.

3. VC/NVA TACTICS. Remain generally the same. During the first half of the month, enemy interdiction of road sweep teams was prevalent. The enemy continued their constant mortar/artillery/rocket fire on U. S. outposts with a definite increase towards the second half of the month.

#### 4. VC/NVA COB

a. During the month of February, the major elements of the 324B NVA Division changed its area of operations, from the eastern TZ area to the coastal area south of the CUA VIET River and north of HUE

##### (1) 324B Division

Strength: 10,000  
 Weapons: Unknown  
 Commander: Gen TRAN DO  
 Location: E. TZ (Possibly absorbed into HZ front Hqs.)

##### (2) 803d Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 1,265  
 Weapons: 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 75mm RR, AANG, HMG, LMG  
 Commander: Major VO THINH  
 Location: South of CUA VIET River, along coastal area.

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(3) 812th Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 1,050  
 Weapons: 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 75mm RR, AAMG, HMG, LMG  
 Commander: Lt Col NGUYEN MINH HO  
 Location: East of QUANG TRI City

(4) 90th Regiment, 324B Division

Strength: 1,840  
 Weapons: 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 57mm RR, 75mm RR, AAMG,  
 HMG, LMG  
 Commander: THIEP  
 Location: East, south-east of QUANG TRI City

(5) 320th Division

Strength: 10,000  
 Weapons: Unknown  
 Commander: Maj Gen TRAN QUI HAI  
 Location: DMZ Area

(6) 48th Regiment, 320th Division

Strength: 2,315  
 Weapons: 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 82mm RR, B-41, HMG, LMG  
 Commander: Unknown  
 Location: N. of Trace and in LEATHERNECK SQUARE

(7) 52d Regiment, 320th Division

Strength: 2,420  
 Weapons: Unknown  
 Commander: Unknown  
 Location: DMZ Area

(8) 64th Regiment, 320th Division

Strength: 2,235  
 Weapons: 82mm mort, 60mm mort, 120mm mort, 82mm RR, B-41,  
 AAMG, HMG, LMG  
 Commander: Sr. Capt VUONG  
 Location: DMZ Area

(9) 54th Regiment (Arty), 320th Regiment

Strength: 1,020  
 Weapons: Unknown  
 Commander: Unknown  
 Location: E. DMZ

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Commander: Unknown  
 Location: DMZ Area

(10) 270th Regiment (341st Div?) DMZ Front Hqts.

Strength: 1,020  
 Weapons: 82mm mort, 60mm mort, B-40, FMG, IMG, AANG  
 Commander: Lt. Col NGUYEN GIA DIEM  
 Location: East DMZ Area

(11) 27th Independent Battalion

Strength: 415  
 Weapons: 60mm mort, 120mm mort, B-40, IMG  
 Commander: Sr Capt HOA  
 Location: CAM LO Area

(12) K-400 Company, LF

Strength: 135  
 Weapons: 3-60mm mort, 3 B-40's, 8 RPD's, 1 LMG  
 Commander: Lt KIEM  
 Location: GIO LINH, BAN XAN Area

(13) CAM LO (LF) Company

Strength: 60  
 Weapons: Unknown  
 Commander: NGHIA (?)  
 Location: Vic CAM LO

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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 security of LOC's. Operation Kentucky, in its fourth month, continued throughout the month.

2. OPERATION KENTUCKY. Activity during the month consisted of security, ambush, combat and reconnaissance patrols. These patrols were used to interdict infiltration routes and harboring sites leading to or within the 9th Marines AO. Sparrow Hawk and convoy security were provided from additional alert and defence forces, respectively.

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

b. During the month of February there were five significant engagements in the 9th Marines AO, as follows:

(1) On 2 February Cam Lo District Headquarters was attacked with mortars, and followed by a ground attack from three directions. Due to the tenacity, determination, and courage of the defending force, coupled with heavy supporting fires, the enemy was forced to withdraw. The relief forces were timely and exploited the battle-field, precluding enemy reorganization and counter-attack.

(2) On 5 February, D/1/4 Road Sweep proceeding north on Route 1 received heavy S/A, A/W, RPG and mortar fire. A reaction force was sent from the 9th Marines which relieved the road sweep.

(3) On 7 February K/3/3 was engaged at close range by NVA with S/A, A/W, MG's, and grenades. Companies Lima and Mike, I/3 were dispatched to reinforce. Contact was maintained throughout the day and into the night. The following morning tank/infantry coordinated attack broke the enemy resistance.

(4) On 16 February, I/3/3 was engaged with heavy fire by an estimated 30 NVA while attempting to engage another force of 20 NVA. Artillery and HU-1E gunships were brought to bear on the fleeing enemy as I/3/3 assaulted the enemy bunker positions. Company M was deployed and, after three hours, the enemy was expelled from their bunkers.

(5) On 24 February a Killer-Team from D/1/4 sprung an ambush on an estimated company of NVA. Six NVA were killed and, when the team withdrew artillery missions and Fixed-Wing A/S were fired into the area.

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3. Operations conducted by the 9th Marines were devoted to the maintenance and construction of the anti-infiltration barrier. The reconstruction of bunkers, defensive wire, and mine-fields in the Cam Lo District Headquarters was carried out in order to replace those destroyed in the 2 February attack. This Regiment's mission resulted in the employment of all available supporting arms, including limited saturation bombings by B-52's, naval-gunfire, varied calibers of artillery, and a wide assortment of ground combat weapons, equipment and surveillance devices.

a. The results of operation ENBUCKY during the month of February were:

- (1) USMC MIA 58
- (2) USMC MIA (MDEHVAC) 144
- (3) USMC MIA (MIAOR) 85
- (4) Enemy casualties-See S-2 Chronology

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FIRE SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Artillery

a. General during the month of February, direct support artillery fires were provided to 9th Marines by the 2d Bn, 12th Marines (Rein). The following batteries provided the above direct support under the operational control of 2d Bn, 12th Marines D/2/12 (1-29 Feb); E/2/12 (1-29 Feb); F/2/12 (1-29 Feb); Mortar battery, 2/12 (1-2 Feb). The 107mm mortar battery was airlifted from the A-3 position to Camp Carroll and chopped OPCON to 1st Bn, 12th Marines on 2 Feb.

b. Significant Events. The infantry battalions OPCON to 9th Marines conducted daily patrols and sweep operations, always supported by on call and for preparation artillery fires. In other areas an active counter mortar program was carried on in the A-4 AO, augmented by H&I fires, aggressive attack of targets of opportunity and rapid response to target locations reported by radar, sound and flash target acquisition agencies.

c. Types of Missions Fired

Observed	1609
Unobserved	1877
H&I	2646

d. Number of Rounds Fired

105mm	36,146
155mm	4,758
107mm	4,592
Total	<u>45,496</u>

e. Significant Surveillances

121	KIA
70	WIA
48	Secondary explosions
11	Bunkers destroyed
2	Rocket launchers destroyed
1	Recoilless Rifle destroyed

f. Naval Gunfire Support. Although naval gunfire was not available to 9th Marines in a direct support role, the naval gunfire missions in support of adjacent units were of definite benefit to the 9th Marines.

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AIR SUPPORT CHRONOLOGY1. Helicopter Support

a. The month of February was dominated primarily by low cloud layers and poor visibility limiting helo support for the 9th Marines to emergency requirements at Khe Sanh reduced the availability of helo support to this command. Third Bn, Fourth Marines was re-OPCON'd to the 9th Marines and transported by truck and SLE helo's to the C-3 position.

b. Total resupply for February was 681,214 pounds.

c. Medevac missions evacuated 140 personnel.

2. Fixed Wing Support

a. Fixed Wing aircraft were utilized to a very limited extent in the 9th Marines area of operation, conducting close air support, deep air support, TPQ-10, aerial reconnaissance, photography, ECM, flare drop, TAC (A), artillery spotting, and helicopter support operations.

b. Due to inclement weather and poor visibility Fixed Wing were only able to conduct 35 close air support sorties.

c. There were 437 TPQ-10 missions flown in support of the 9th Marines, delivering (195,250) pounds of ordnance.

d. Tactical Air Observers flew 196 sorties compiling 396.6 hours direct support. The majority of flights assigned to the Khe Sanh area.

e. There were 12 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 4 airstrikes within their assigned areas of operations. The majority of them being controlled in the 4th (Com Thien) area.

c. The shortage of BB 451 power packs, AN/PRC-41 radios, and M19-87 jeeps, still present a problem for the Battalions still with minimal action being taken.

4. Bomb Damage Assessment

a. KBA (c) - 66 KBA (p) - 35

- [REDACTED]
- b. Bunkers destroyed - 6 Damaged - 7
  - c. Military structures destroyed - 11 Damaged - 4
  - d. Crew served weapons destroyed - 7 50 caliber, 5 arty pieces, damaged 1 RET LME, 1 127 A/A.
  - e. Fighting holes destroyed - 10 trench line destroyed - 75 meters
  - f. Secondary explosions - 70

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S-4 CHRONOLOGY1. Supply and Distribution

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

b. Supply point distribution was in effect.

2. Transportation

a. Surface transportation utilized Route 1 between Dong Ha and Gio Linh, Route 9 between Dong Ha and Cam Lo, Route 561 between Cam Lo and Con Thien, and on a very limited scale, Route 566 between Route 1 (vic YD 213727) and SPPBA-3. Major traffic flow was conducted between unit rear areas and tactical positions along Route 561. Due to enemy interdiction of all roads early in the month, all vehicles moved in convoys of not less than four vehicles. Organic transportation supported unit needs within capability. Vehicles for tactical and non-tactical troop movements, resupply, and "Household" commitments were provided by Company "E", Fifth Motor Transport Battalion. In all cases the number of vehicles available from the ORGOM Company were insufficient and augmentation had to be obtained through Third Marine Division (SGI-35).

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 emergency and routine conditions. OH-53 aircraft from MAG-16 were used for routine resupply. All helicopter resupply was maintained through the Dong Ha LSA and was restricted to SPPB 3-3.

c. Pioneer Support. Company "C", Third Engineer Battalion provided direct combat support. The support provided has been limited to road sweeps and basic pioneer work due to the low personnel strength of the unit. Eleventh Engineer Battalion provided direct combat support and combat service support for Project 972, "DYWIDAG-ROPER", activities during the period. This unit also provided support for the reconstruction of fortifications at Cam Lo District Headquarters. General maintenance support for

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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 further evacuation when required.

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MEDICAL CHRONOLOGY1. 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 on all Regimental personnel is being made by this facility. A dental unit is available at Sub Unit #2, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), for use by all personnel in this area. Patient referrals are being seen by Dr. Andrews at Company D, 3rd Medical Battalion.

2. New Developments

- a. None.

3. Problem Areas:

- a. None.

4. Patient Statistical Data:

- a. Breakdown of patient statistical data: Number of patients seen- 175 Referrals: 42 Admissions: 6 Dental: 11
- b. The majority of treatment was for common colds, sore throat, and minor infections.
- c. Emergency treatment was administered for one concussion and 2 cases of syncope (fainting).

Inoculations and Prophylactic Medicines Administered:

- a. During the month of February, 200 immunizations and inoculations were given.
- b. A total of 950 Chloroquine-Primaquine Phosphate tablets were administered as prophylactic against malaria.

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S-5 CHRONOLOGY1. Civil Affairs.

a. Due to enemy activity during the month of February, Civil Affairs was held to a minimum. Not only were the outlying areas unsafe to work in but units normally conducting Civil Affairs were greatly restricted due to their tactical situation.

b. During the month, plans were made for the evacuation and relocation of approximately 6,000 civilians in CAM LO and 3,000 civilians in GIO LINH. The areas being evacuated in both cases are to be made "free fire zones." The support and security of these refugees is to be provided by CORDS, USAID and District Headquarters.

c. MedCaps were conducted by 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 3d Shore Party Battalion and MGB #5. A total of 812 persons were treated during the month.

2. Psychological Warfare.

a. Five Kit Carson Scouts are presently employed by 9th Marine Regiment. Two Scouts went on Tet leave to HUE and have yet to report back to their unit. They are presumed KIA. Two Scouts were fired because of unsatisfactory work.

b. HE Team #2 and HB Team #5, working in support of 9th Marine Regiment, completed a total of 73 hours of ground broadcasting.

c. Leaflets dropped in support of 9th Marine Regiment totaled 700,000.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. General. Comm/Elect support for Operation Kentucky continued through February. Technical assistance and equipment repair for Project 972 was provided to OPCON battalions

2. Communications. Normal operations continued throughout the month. Outgoing messages were prepared on spirit process duplicating mats and distribution was effected to the OPCON battalions rears. Messages processed during the month totaled 1370. Minimize was in effect from 1-20 February.

3. Wire. Overhead wiring of the regimental CP continued using 35 foot aluminum poles.

4. Radio.

a. Two Bravo Command groups were provided FRC-25 radios during the period. New procedures were established to provide one radio net operator on a twenty four hour stand by for a command group/reaction force as required.

b. New VHF frequencies were assigned 15000MHz and changed at that time. Some interference was experienced but further frequency changes with the Division GEO alleviated this problem.

5. Radio Relay. An AN/TRC-27 terminal was established at the A-2 position with the Division Radio Relay platoon handling the Dong Ha terminal.

6. Personnel and Equipment.

a. Three personnel of MOS 2831 were joined this month, bringing our total on hand to seven.

b. Personnel shortages for MOS 2861 remained the same (ML-2 OH-O)

c. One RC-292 was destroyed by enemy artillery on 26 February.

d. Equipment shortages are primarily mobile high frequency radios and batteries BB-451. Two BB-451's were loaned to the 26th marines.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Feb 68- At 1500H, chopped OPCON E/2/4 to 4th Marines, (Sit Rep 368).

At 011540H, 2/1 received 192 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar and 152mm artillery resulting in 5 USMC KIA (MADEVAC) and 1 USMC (MIFOR). Returned fire with 81mm mortars and counter battery fires. (Sit Rep 369)

2 Feb 68- At 0215H, Cam Lo District Headquarters received 100-150 rounds of 82mm mortars followed by a ground attack from three directions, South, West, and North East, utilizing RPG's, Recoilless Rifles and S/A's. The initial volley of RPG rounds penetrated the COC bunker killing the Senior Advisor and destroying all but one radio. Captain R.L. McMAKEN, USA assumed command of the headquarters compound and immediately commenced adjusting artillery that was provided by the 1st Bn, 40th Field Artillery, USA. Fire was subsequently provided by 4.2" mortar from C-3 and (155mm) arty from Dong Ha Combat Base. The two M-55 quad-50 caliber MG's were hit and destroyed by RPG's or recoilless rifles within the first 20 minutes. Contact remained furious until 0615H, when it was limited to scattered S/A fire. The extreme accuracy of artillery forced the enemy to withdraw. At 0630H, the reaction force composed of two platoons and a Sqd of M-42's (40mm cannon) from 2/9 arrived Cam Lo District Headquarters. From that position the reaction unit swept to the north of battle scene but south of the Song Cam Lo River. This succeeded in trapping some of the enemy trying to escape across the river. At 0730H, a reaction force from Dong Ha Combat Base consisting of 3 tanks, a sqd M-42 (40mm cannon), 2 sqds M-55 (quad 50 caliber MG), and approximately 100 troops arrived at District Headquarters and assumed defenses around the perimeter to the south and north. The quick, aggressive, follow-up action accounted for the collection of large numbers of POW's and prevented the enemy from regrouping. Cumulative losses were as follows: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USA KIA, 18 USMC/USA (MADEVAC), 81 NVA KIA, 22 Detainees, 42 IVC, 13 OSWC. (See Sit Rep 370, 371, 372) At 1800H, 2/1 at Con Thien received 206 rounds of mixed caliber artillery and mortars. Returned fire with mortars and counter-battery fires. Two enemy guns were reported destroyed. (See Sit Rep 373)

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- 4 Feb 68- At 1200H, 9th Marines assumed OPCON of Co "B", 9th MT Bn. (Sit Rep 444)
- 5 Feb 68 At 0745H, D/1/4 road sweep came under heavy S/A, A/W, RPG, and mortar fire. A relief force mounted out from 9th Marines with a squad of M-42 (Dual 40mm cannon) and 1 tank. An additional relief force mounted out from 3/4 rear at 0950H and moved into a position 200 meters north of the Dong Ha Bridge and effected relief of the road sweep. At 1100H, HU-1B Gun-Ships were on station. Casualties sustained in action were 1 USMC KIA 35 USMC/ USA WIA (Sit Rep 383, 384)
- 7 Feb 68 At 1240H, the 3rd platoon of K/3/3 was engaged by NVA at close range, using S/A, A/W wps, MG's, and large numbers of hand grenades. The 2nd platoon, K/3/3 was sent to reinforce the 3rd platoon and also came under attack. Hand-to-hand fighting resulted for about 5 minutes. The 1st platoon, K/3/3 moved to assist the 3rd platoon in a withdrawal. The 1st and 3rd platoon withdrew to secure an LZ in order to evacuate their casualties. Lima Co, 3/3 was deployed to a blocking point in order to seal off enemy withdrawal routes. As the enemy attempted to withdraw, they were engaged at close range. At 2015H, L/3/3 returned to the A-3 position while K and M Companies established a perimeter and dug in. Heavy night defensive fires were delivered around the perimeter throughout the night. At first light on the morning of the 8th, K/3/3 with a heavy section of tanks in support attacked the enemy. By 0830H, the enemy resistance was broken. Results of action were 30 USMC KIA, 30 USMC WIA (REDEVAC) 5 USMC WIA (MINOR), 113 NVA KIA by infantry, 26 NVA KIA by air/art. (Sit Rep 392, 393, 395, 399)
- 7 Feb 68 At 0824H, D/1/4 road sweep received S/A and 60mm mortar fire. The platoon moved on the enemy flank and forced the NVA to break contact resulting in 1 NVA KIA. (Sit Rep 399) At 1410H, G/2/9 came under A/W fire and returned fire with mortar and artillery missions. Tanks were dispatched to screen the company's withdrawal. The engagement resulted in 2 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA. (Sit Rep 400)
- 11 Feb 68 At 1540H, 1/4 received 52 rounds of 85mm, 130mm, and 152mm arty. Fired artillery counter battery fires. Sustained 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (REDEVAC) and 4 USMC WIA (MINOR). (Sit Rep 408, 409)

ENCLOSURE (1)

- 22 Feb 68 - At 1600H, 2/1 received 80 rounds of 152mm artillery and 10 rounds of 82mm mortar. Sustained 2 USMC WIA (Medevac). Returned fire with artillery and 81mm mortars on suspected enemy positions (Sit Reps 453).
- 24 Feb 68 - At 1015E, D/1/4 Killer Team observed an NVA/VC company. The team set up a hasty ambush and sprung it resulting in 6 NVA KIA. Search of area revealed numerous blood pools. The team withdrew and artillery missions and fixed-wing were called in, (Sit Rep 459, 460, 461).
- At 2000E, K/3/3 sprung an ambush on an unknown sized enemy force resulting in 6 NVA KIA's. (Sit Reps 461, 462, 463).
- 25 Feb 68 - At 1300, 9th Marines assumed OPCON of L/3/4 and chopped OPCON of E/2/4 to 4th Marines. (Sit Rep 464).
- 26 Feb 68 - At 1200E the 9th Marines assumed responsibility for A-2 position from 12th Marines and assumed OPCON of C/1/4 located at A-2. (Sit Rep 479).
- 29 Feb 68 - From 0630H to 1715H, 3/4 swept through the CAN VU area, in conjunction with forces of the 2d ARVN. A total of 33 rounds of 100mm artillery were received during the operation in which only the ARVN made a contact. Units were back in positions by 1715H. Total results: 1 USMC KIA (MRC), 1 USMC WIA (Medevac), 34 NVA KIA credited to 2d ARVN; 1 POW, 105 detainees, and individual weapons captured (Sit Rep 480, 481).

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16 Feb 68 - At 0800H, elements of I/3/3 spotted 20 NVA. As company "I" deployed to engage the observed enemy, they were heavily engaged by another force of approximately 30 NVA in well camouflaged bunkers. When assaulted, the enemy that was not emplaced in bunkers withdrew. Artillery, HU-1E Gun-Ships and fixed wing aircraft were employed against the enemy. Company "M" deployed north of company "I" to prevent encirclement. After 3 hours, the enemy was pushed back from the bunkers. Dislodging of enemy from bunkers is attributed primarily to effective use of M-79 fired GS. Casualties sustained in action were 4 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA (Medevac), 4 USMC WIA (Minor). The enemy suffered 14 NVA KIA by infantry and 10 NVA KIA by fixed wing aircraft. (Sit Reps 427, 428, 430, 432).

At 1415H, E/2/4 at CAM LO District Headquarters received 25-35 rounds of 122mm rockets. Between 1430H and 1600H, E/2/4 received 26 rounds mixed 122mm rockets and 82mm mortar fire. Returned fire with artillery, tanks, M-42's (Dual 40mm Cannons), at suspect enemy positions. At 1645H 12 more 122mm rockets were fired into CAM LO District Headquarters, counter-battery fires were again conducted. Sustained 1 USMC WIA (Medevac) and 1 USMC WIA (Minor) from the incoming (Sit Rep 428).

17 Feb 68 - At 1000H, the 9th Marines assumed OPCOM of Command Group Alpha and I/3/4 from the 4th Marines and chopped OPCOM F/2/9 effective 1430H to 4th Marines (Sit Rep 432).

16 Feb 68 - At 1100H, the 9th Marines assumed OPCOM of M/3/4 from the 4th Marines and chopped OPCOM of Bravo command group and G/2/9 at 1130H to 4th Marines. (Sit Rep 436).

21 Feb 68 - From 1342H to 1615H, 2/1 received a total of 55 rounds of 152mm artillery and 20 rounds of 82mm mortars. General support artillery was fired along with a fixed wing airstrike. Sustained 1 USMC WIA (Medevac) and 1 USMC WIA (Minor), (Sit Rep 448, 449).

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

- √ TAB A SITREPS, #366 - 481, 31 Jan-29 Feb 68, Opn KENTUCKY
- √ TAB B INTSUMS, #91-119, 31 Jan-29 Feb 68, Opn KENTUCKY
- √ TAB C AO OVERLAY
- √ TAB D - OPERATION PLAN 3-68 (Anti-Infiltration/Interdiction Plan),  
9 Feb 1968

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DRAFTER: R.

ST WASH 1STLT

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J.C. SMITH

*W/ST WASH 1STLT*

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 312300Z

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MR DIV  
 INFO: 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, U A  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
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CCN: 268

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 SITREP BR 366 FOR OPN KENTUCKY BR 312400Z JAN-010600H FEB 68.

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: NONE
  5. PLANS:
    - A. ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.
    - B. E/2/4 WILL BE HELILIFTED TO YD 057539
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRNEMY: 100 KIA
    - 641 WIA (NDDIVAC)
    - 255 WIA (NFOR)
  - B. FRNEMY: 733 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
    - 60 DFT TOTAL
    - 5 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 2 VC RETURNES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - C. INC: 58
  - CS C: 16

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SECTION: S-3

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DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS 1/LT

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST B, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SITREP BR 367 FOR OPW KENTUCKY BR 010600H-011200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
  2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
    - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. GILLION 2/1 YD 113718 OP-2 OBS 4 NVA WITH A BR FIRED 51 RDS ARTY AND 70 RDS 81MM WITH NEK RESULTS.
  5. PLANS:
    - A. MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
    - A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA
      - 641 MIA (REDEVAC)
      - 255 MIA (MINOR)
    - B. ENEMY: 733 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
      - 60 DFT TOTAL
      - 5 POW
      - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
      - 2 VC RETURNES
      - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
    - C. MFC: 58
    - CSWC: 16
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SECTION: S-7

DATE: 7 FEB 68

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
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 FIRST MARINES  
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 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SITREP NR 368 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 011200Z-011800Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
  - A. 5/2/4 YD 061549
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. 5/2/4 WAS HELICOPTER LIFTED TO YD 061549; CHOPPED  
 OPCON 5/2/4 TO 4TH MARINES
  - B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS  
 WHICH CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY. 010915H 3/3 YD 190736 5/3/3 FOUND  
 AN UNK ELECTRICAL DEVICE AND IT WAS FORWARDED TO  
 9TH MAR S-2.
  - B. 011400H 2/1 YD 105718 OBS 3 BUNKERS AND CALLED  
 AN AIR STRIKE RESULTING IN 2 BUNKERS DESTROYED, ONE  
 BUNKER DAMAGED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND ESTABLISH  
 AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA  
 641 MIA (NEDEVAC)  
 255 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 734 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 60 DET TOTAL  
 5 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - C. INC: 58  
CSVC: 16
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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DIAPYR: 1st Marine Division

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FROM: FIFTH MARINES  
 TO: 1st, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 FIFTH MARINES  
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. PLANS AND OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
  - A. C-7, D-12, I-2, J-11, AA-6, BB-1, W-1, CC-6, EE-2
  3. KEY CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 011525Z 2/1 VIC YD 128673 REC'D 1 RD OF 81MM MORTAR FR HD YD 122671 RESULTING IN 11 USMC MIA (10 DEYAC) AND 1 USMC MIA (HEAVY), REC'D MORTAR FIRE.
    - B. AT 011650Z 2/1 VIC YD 134615 REC'D 4 RDS OF 105 CAL 200 METERS SW OF PERIMETER FR NW DIRECTION, CHR PICKED UP TWO POSITIONS AT HD 082652 AND 093659, REC'D COMPUTER MTRY.
    - C. AT 011820Z 3/3 VIC YD 166716 ROUND 2- 60MM RDS AND 5 PGZS
    - D. AT 012300Z 2/1 VIC YD 123698 OBS MOVEMENT W/PPS-5 VIC YD 112702 FIRED FIRE FOR MOVEMENT CEAS'D.
    - E. AT 011510Z 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 192 RDS OF MIXED 60, 82 AND 152MM ARTY FR HD'S 113710, 134723 AND 114722 RESULTING IN 5 USMC MIA (4 DEYAC) AND 1 USMC MIA (HEAVY). REC'D FIRE ON PERIMETER OF ALL KEY TARGETS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POS POSITIONS AND CORRECT AMBUSHES AND CONTINUE TO MAKE LP'S.
  - A. C-2, D-12, I-2, J-11, AA-5, B-1, CC-6, EE-1
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. UNIT DATA: 100 MIA
    - 657 MIA (DEYAC)
    - 260 MIA (HEAVY)
  - B. TOTAL: 34 MIA (CONT) VC MIA (CONT) 2
    - 60 DET TOTAL
    - 5 POW
    - 32 FUGITIVE CIVILIANS
    - 2 VC RETIREES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFREDA T

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LT R.D. Stewart  
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020030Z JAN 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: C, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: 8 COND BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
COMMAND TASK GROUP 79.4  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 370 FOR OP KENTUCKY FROM 012000H-020600H ~~XXXX~~ FEB 68  
UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

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

B. RELIEF FORCES FOR CAN LO DISTRICT HQ WERE DESPATCHED FROM C-3 (82 INFANTRY PLTS AND TANK PLT WITH ENGINEERS) AND DONG HA CO (-) WITH THREE TANKS, TWO DUSTERS AND TWO QUAD 50'S. ONE COMPANY FROM C-2 WAS MOVED TO CAN LO AS FURTHER REACTION FORCE.

3. MILITARY CONTACTS:

720 ON 2/1 AT 020120H VIC YD 133626 A BUSH SPOTTED THREE NVA, VEGATED WITH M-16, M-79, AND GRENADES. RESULT OF ACTION UNK. ~~ONE NVA KIA CONF AND ONE POW, TWO PROBABLY (AK-50) AND ONE PAIR BIKINIERS CAPTURED.~~

B. 2/1 AT APPROX 0600 SPOTTED SWIMMERS ATTEMPTING TO REACH CAN LO BRIDGE. ONE NVA KIA CONF AND ONE POW.

C. 2/1 R ACTION FORCE RECEIVED S/A VIKI WHEN PASSING THROUGH THON TAM VILLAGE IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF CAN LO BRIDGE. FORCE CONTINUED MOVEMENT TO RELIEF OF DISTRICT HQ.

D. AT 020200H CAN LO DISTRICT HQ REPORTED THAT HQ AND CAP-1 WERE UNDER HEAVY GROUND AND MORTAR ATTACK. LATER REQUESTING REINFORCEMENTS AND EMERGENCY RESERVE OF AMMO. 9TH MARINES HAD ONE SQUAD IN CAP-1 AND PLT (-) REINFORCMENT WITH TWO QUAD 50'S IN DISTRICT HQS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 1/1 AT 012105H VIC YD 133678, LP OBS MOVEMENT AT EN YD 133667. FIRED TEN RDS M-16 AND SIX RDS M79, FIVE RDS MORTAR 60mm. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LITE.

B. 2/1 AT 012355H VIC YD 118704. LP REC'D FOUR RDS 82mm MORTARS R T'D TO CP AND FIRED 30 RDS 81mm ON EN YD 095686 WITH ~~UNK~~ UNK RESULTS.

C. 3/4 AT 020320H VIC YD 135644 REC'D THREE RDS UNK CAL ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER, CALLED FRTY MSN ON EN YD 152684, UNK R SULES

D. 2/1 AT 020330H VIC YD 121701. REC'D FOUR RDS 82mm RR, RPT'D 82mm MSN ON EN YD (20 RDS) ON YD 113718, (20 RDS) ON YD 100704 (20 RDS) ON YD 099695, (4 RDS) 4.2" ON YD 114711, (8 RDS) 4.2" ON YD 113718 & (36 RDS) 155mm ARTY ON YD 124770.

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## 5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITIONS AND WILL CONDUCT PATROL.

B. RESERVE FORCES WILL MOVE TO AID OF DIST VC.

## 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. PAI ONLY: 100 KIA  
 657 MIA (MID-VAC)  
 260 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENHNS: 737 ~~735~~ MVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 62 ~~60~~ DETAINEES TOTAL  
 5 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS  
 2 DETAINEES UNCLASSIFIED

C. INC: 59  
CSVC: 16

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DRAFTER: R.A. TEMARE 1STLT  
 RELEASED BY: J.C. SMITH 1LT

SECTION: S-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY *020600Z Feb 68*

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CA, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD 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 371 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 020600H-021200H FEB 68

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

A. AT 020200H CAN LO DIST HQ AT YD 129509 BEGAN TAKING SMALL ARMS AND MORTARS AND CAP-1 YD 123593 BEGAN RECEIVING SMALL ARMS AND SATCHEL CHARGES. A FLARE SHIP WAS RECH STED AND WAS ON STATION AT 020215H. A RELIEF FORCE OF TWO PLATOONS, ONE TANK PLATOON, AND AN ENGINE TEAM WAS DESPATCHED FROM C-3 BY 2/9 AT 020500H. ONE COMPANY WAS DESPATCHED FROM C-2 AS A SECONDARY RELIEF FORCE. A THIRD REACTION FORCE, CONSISTING OF TWO PLATOONS, THREE TANKS, TWO TWIN 40'S, AND TWO QUAD 50'S, WAS DESPATCHED FROM DONG HA. 2/9'S REACTION FORCE REC'D SMALL ARMS IN VILLE AT YD 146600 BUT CONTINUED. NVA BEGAN TO BREAK CONTACT ABOUT 020500H. 2/9 REACTION FORCE REACHED DIST HQ AND BEGAN SWEEPING NORTH. AT 020615H 2/9 BEGAN TO RECEIVE SMALL ARMS AT YD 136596. 1/9 REACTION FORCE BEGAN TO SWEEP WEST ALONG CAN LO RIVER FROM C-3. DONG HA REACTION FORCE ARRIVED AT DIST HQ AND REPORTED THAT ATTACKING FORCES SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES.

MEDEVACS WERE EFFECTED STARTING AT 020715H. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT FRIENDLIES SUFFERED SEVEN KILLED AND EIGHTEEN WOUNDED (MEDEVAC) AND EVA LOST IN EXCESS OF FIFTY KILLED, AND FIFTY INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED, AND TWENTY POW (THESE CASUALTIES ARE INCOMPLETE AND ARE NOT REFLECTED IN CUMULATIVE LOSSES.)

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 020600H 2/9 C-3A OBSERVED TWO PEOPLE SWIMMING TOWARD BRIDGE. THREW FIFTY LBS. CHARGE OF TNT INTO WATER AND FIRED SMALL ARMS. REC'D ONE ROUND SMALL ARMS AND ONE GRENADE. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND TWO NVA KIA, THREE SATCHEL CHARGES, AND ONE DETAINEE (POW)

B. 020700H 2/9 YD 124595 F/2/9 SWEEPING NORTH FROM DIST HQ SPOTTED FIFTEEN NVA AT BN YD 120596. CONTACT RESULTED IN FOUR USMC KIA (MINOR) AND EIGHT NVA KIA, TWO DETAINEES (POW), ONE CARTRIDGE AND ONE AMMO WEB CAPTURED.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE5. PLANS:

A. F/2/9, AND A/1/4 WILL CONTINUE SWEEPING

B. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: 100 KIA

657 KIA (MEDEVAC)

264 KIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 739 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2

62 DETAINEES TOTAL

5 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

5 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 60

CSMC: 18

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*STEWART [unclear]*  
 RELEASED BY: *R. C. [unclear]*  
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021715Z

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH AVIATION ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 FIFTH MARINES  
 SECTION ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP UR 372 FOR OVN KENTUCKY FROM 021200H-021800H FEB 68

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

A. A/1/4 AND D/1/4 COMPLETED SECTORS OF AREA OF CAN LO DIST HQ.  
 B. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.  
 C. AT APPROXIMATELY 02015H, GAO HQ VIC YD 129579 STARTED  
 HOSTILE INCOMING 82MM MORTARS (INITIAL VOLLEY WAS APPROXIMATELY  
 100-150 RDS). THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK UTILIZING RPG,  
 RR, AND S/A. THE INITIAL RPG ROUNDSCHEM NOTED THE MAIN GAO GOC  
 AREA KILLING THE SUB-SECTOR ADVISOR (MAJOR PAYNE), TWO ARMY  
 PERSONNEL AND WOUNDING TWO OTHER ARMY PERSONNEL, AND DESTROYING  
 ALL RADIOS EXCEPT ONE. CAPT P.L. [unclear] USA ASSUMED COMMAND OF  
 THE COMPOUND AND STARTED ADJUSTING ARTILLERY TO ON THE POSITION  
 IN. THE 1/4C THEN PROVIDED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT. A CALL BY COM  
 MACHEN AT APPROX 0220 NOTIFIED QUANG TRI THAT THEY WERE UNDER  
 HEAVY GROUND ATTACK AND THAT A SPOOKY WAS NEEDED. THE ATTACK  
 SEEMED TO COME FROM THREE DIRECTIONS - MAINLY FROM THE SOUTH,  
 WEST, AND NORTH EAST. THE SPOOKY ARRIVED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY  
 IN GOOD TIME BUT COULD NOT GET ORIENTATED TO THE POSITION UNTIL  
 ABOUT 020430. IN THE INTERIM PERIOD ARTY ILLUM WAS ADJUSTED FROM  
 CAN LO (4.2) AND DONG HA (155). THERE WERE APPROX THREE ROWS OF  
 WIRE AROUND THE COMPOUND AND IN TWO AREAS THERE WERE FRENCH PERSONNEL  
 WHO MADE IT TO THE THIRD ROW OF WIRE, BUT WERE CUT DOWN BEFORE THEY  
 COULD PENETRATE THE BURNED THAT SURROUNDS THE COMPOUND. 25 NVA BODIES  
 WERE COUNTED AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER AND APPROX 15 BODIES AT THE  
 NORTH EAST CORNER. ALSO OF INTEREST WAS THE FACT THAT THE NVA HAD  
 DUC PHONE POSITIONS ABOUT ONE FOOT IN DEPTH AT THE NORTH EAST  
 SALIENT. THE TWO QUAD 50'S PRESENT AT THE COMPOUND WERE HIT BY  
 RPG OR RR WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF THE FIRST INCOMING. VISUAL CONTACT  
 WAS FURIOUS UNTIL APPROX 020615 AT WHICH TIME THE COMBAT WAS  
 LIMITED TO SCATTERED SMALL ARMS FIRE. DUE TO THE FURIOUS  
 FIGHTING AT THE COMPOUND AND THE POOR ACCURACY OF THE FRIENDLY

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ARTILLERY UNIT WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW. A REACTION FORCE COMPOSED OF TWO PLATOONS AND TWO BATTERIES FROM 2/9 WAS DISPATCHED TO AND THE C-3 HQ AND ARRIVED AT APPROX 020630H. THE REACTION UNIT THEN SET UP TO THE NORTH OF THE HQ POSITION, BUT SOUTH OF THE SONG CAN 10 RIVER. THIS SUCCEEDED IN ACTUALLY TRAPPING SOME OF THE ENEMY AS THEY WERE MAKING THEIR ESCAPE ACROSS THE RIVER. CAPT KNIGHT IN CHARGE OF THE 2/9 REACTION FORCE OBTAINED EIGHT CONTINUED AND TWO PRISONERS FROM THIS SEPARATE ACTION. A REACTION FORCE FROM DONG HA CONSISTING OF 3 TANKS, TWO BATTERIES, TWO QUAD 50'S, AND APPROX 100 TROOPS LEFT DONG HA AT 020600H AND ARRIVED IN THE CAS HQ AT APPROX 020730H. UPON LEAVING THE COMPOUND IT WAS LEARNED THAT A BULK OF THE ENEMY FORCE WITHDREW TO THE SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST. THE REACTION FORCE FROM DONG HA WAS QUICKLY ORGANIZED AROUND THE PERIMETER TO THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH. THE QUICK AGGRESSIVE, FOLLOW-UP ACTION ACCOUNTED FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF POW'S AND PREVENTED THE ENEMY FROM REORGANIZING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. A LIST OF CIRCULATIVE LOSSES AS OF 021500H INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USA KIA, 246 NVA KIA CONTINUED, 33 DETAINEES (22 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), 24 AND 25 I/C, 23 CSVC AND 78 USMC/USAL/MEDEVAC.

### 3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 020925H 2/9 YD 118600 A/L/A MADE CONTACT WITH HQ IN BATTERY. (REFER PARA 3 OF SITREP #271) TANKS OVERRAN BATTERIES. CONTACTS RESULTED IN TWO USMC KIA, THREE USMC KIA (1 MEDEVAC) AND TWO NVA KIA. (THE CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). FURTHER SMOKE TROOP PHASE 82mm MORTAR BATT, ONE 60mm M79, 50 CALIBER MG, SIX DETAINEES (6 POW), 12 NVA KIA AND THREE I/C (3 AK-47) (THE CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)

### 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 020700H 2/9 YD 151602 F/2/9 HQ CONTACT WITH 15 NVA (REFER PARA 3 B OF SITREP #271) AND TWO USMC KIA (ONE MEDEVAC), TWO NVA KIA, ONE DETAINEE (POW) AND ONE I/C (AK-47) TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TOTALS. (THE CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)

B. 021200H 2/1 YD 129636 ROAD SMOKE FOUND ONE NVA KIA AND ONE CSVC (ONE RPG-7) (THE CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)

C. 021216H 2/1 A-L REC'D 24 RDS MIXED 82mm AND 60mm MORTARS AND NINE RDS 152 ART INSIDE PERIMETER. REC'D FIRE WITH 81mm MORTARS ON EN YD 119724 (40 RDS) WITH 4.2" MORTARS ON EN YD 123723 (20 RDS), 132722 (18 RDS) AND WITH 105 ARTY ON EN YD 121709 (40 RDS) REACTION TIME WAS PROMINENT

D. 021250H 2/9 C-3 REC'D SEVEN RDS 82mm MORTARS ON SIDE PERIMETER. UNABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT LOCATION.

E. 021300H 2/9 YD 151601 F/2/9 SOD WAS PILED DOWN BY NVA IN BATTERIES WITH MG'S AND MORTARS. REC'D FIRE WITH MORTAR BATT AND ENVELOPED. NVA FLED. CONTACT RESULTED IN ONE USMC KIA (1 MEDEVAC)

F. 021400H 2/1 A-L OP REC'D TWO RDS SNIPER FIRE. REC'D FIRE WITH 60mm MORTARS ON EN YD 144701.

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G. 021121H 2/9 1-4 RECD 72 RDS 152mm ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER. AT 021145 RECD 34 RDS MIXED 130mm & 152mm ARTY. RECD WITH WITH 81mm MORTARS ON TD YD 129729 (20 RDS) 204704 (20 RDS) 174. 2" MORTARS ON TD YD 195704 (16 RDS) 17/155mm ARTY ON TD YD 097754 (64 RDS) 17/8" ARTY ON TD YD 079785 (3 RDS) AND WITH 105mm ARTY ON TD YD 137741 (84 RDS)

H. 021130H 2/9 0-3 RECD NIGHT RDS MIX CAL ARTY OUTSIDE PERIMETER FROM 5700 METERS. UNABLE TO DETERMINE TD POSITION.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LPM AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. <u>PARADELT</u>	105 KIA	
	685 667 MIA (INDEFINITE)	
	265 MIA (KNOWN)	
B. <u>UNDEFIN</u>	845 855 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2	
	93 62 DETAINEES TOTAL	
	38 5 POW	AND 18 UNDEFINITE
	52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	36 <del>DETAINEES</del>	
	2 VC RETURNED	
	1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS	

C. TUG: 60706  
CSUG: 8838

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DRAFTER: W.A. STEWART 1ST LT  
RELEASED BY: J. M. STEWART 1ST COL  
SECTION: 8-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

Ø 2 1830Z FEB 68

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

CCN: #15

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LITREP BR 373 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 021800H-022400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES

B. C-7 D-13 J-12 W-1 AA-4 CC-4 EE-1

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 021800H, 2/1, A-4 OP SPOTTED 20-30 NVA WITH TRACKED VEHICLE AT EN YD 097750, FIRED 64 RDS 155mm ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS. Ø. 021800H, 2/1

A-4 REC'D 206 RDS MIXED CALIBER ARTY, REC'D FIRE WITH 81mm MORTARS

ON EN YD 113718 (63 RDS) 111711 (63 RDS), 120714 (63 RDS), 121714

(66 RDS) AND WITH ARTY ON EN YD 140795 (44 RDS), 071772 (44 RDS),

183817 (45 RDS) TWO GUNS DESTROYED. REACTION TIME, ONE MINUTE.

C. 022200H, 3/3, A-3 DETECTED MOVEMENT AT EN YD 195721 WITH AN/PPS-5 RADAR,

CALLED ARTY FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS. Ø. 022230H, 2/9, YD 152601 LP HEARD

MOVEMENT AND SAW 10-15 FIGURES MOVING TOWARD THEIR POSITION. LP WITH-

NEW AND CALLED 60 mm MORTAR FIRE. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. 021255H 1/4 C-2 REC'D 53 RDS MIXED 85mm & 157mm ARTY OUTSIDE PERIMETER,

CALLED TPQ ON EN YD 052683 Ø. 021500H 1/4 C-2 REC'D 60 RDS 130mm ARTY

INSIDE PERIMETER, REC'D FIRE WITH TPQ ON EN YD 053683.

5. PLANS:

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

B. C-7 D-13 J-12 W-1 AA-4 CC-4 EE-1

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA

685 MIA (MED/VAC)

265 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY:

845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2

93 DETAINEES TOTAL

38 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 106

CSFC: 36

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SECTION: 9-3

DRAFTER: J.C. FORESTY MAJOR

RELEASED BY: J.C. FORESTY LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: OP, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
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  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (C)

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SECREF BR 374 FOR OPS KENTUCKY BR 022400H-030600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AFBUSSES AND RAISED LP'S IN AO.
  3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NO E
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 030045H 2/9 VIC YD 146602 OBS 8 NVA CAR KING WOUNDED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, ILLUMINATED AREA WITH SEARCHLIGHT, FIRED M-79 AND S/A--PATROL CHECK D AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
    - B. AT 030100H 2/1 VIC YD 117703 OBS LIGHTS AT YD 135795, RAISED TPQ.
    - C. AT 030323H 2/1 VIC YD 117702 OBS LIGHTS AT YD 128786 AND 100790, FIRED ARTY AND RAISED TPQ RESULTING IN 2 SECONDARIES.
    - D. AT 030330H 2/1 VIC YD 118703 RECD HARDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE FROM YD 117722 RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA (MINOR), 11 YD 118703 (20 RDS) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEPS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. PRIMARY: 105 KIA  
685 MIA (IN DEVAC)  
266 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. SECONDARY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
93 DFT TOTAL  
38 POW  
52 I VICTIM CIVILIANS  
2 VC RETURNES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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C. INC: 106  
CSMC: 36

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DRAFTED: *du Boston* F. G. SORRELLS MAJOR USMCRELEASED BY: *du Boston* F. G. SORRELLS MAJOR USMCSECTION: 5-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

030430Z FEB 68

FROM: NINE MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 375 FOR OP KENTUCKY FROM 030600H-031200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SCRAMPS IN AO
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. DISTRICT HQ CAM LO AT 030830H VIC YD 125593 WHILE ON A PATROL IN A VILLAGE -- VILLAGE CHIEF TURNED OVER ONE NVA CHU HOI -- PROCESSING CHU HOI THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS. ONE NVA POW.
  - B. AT 030930H, 2/1, VIC YD 114701 RECD ONE RD OF 82 PR FIR. RETURNED BLIND FIRE ON SUSPECTED ENEMY TOTS 101703, 100705, AND 113718 WITH 10K ROUNDS
  - C. AT 030900H SIERRA SUTTLIMENT 2, VIC YD 224630 FOUND ONE RUSSIAN T-44 LINE AND ALSO RECD THREE RDS OF SNIPERS FIR, DESTROYED PER MISSION AND CONTINUED MISSION.
  - D. AT 030925H, 3/3, VIC YD 187739 FOUND FOUR OVERHEAD BUNKERS AND ONE ANTI-TANK MINE, BUNKERS AND MINE DESTROYED.
  - E. REFER SIT REP 370 PARA 3 A: ADD ONE ADDITIONAL NVA MIA (CONF)
  - F. AT 031050H, 2/1, VIC YD 152698 FOUND TWO BUNKERS -- DESTROYED BY BUNKERS.
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSIT. AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SCRAMPS IN AO
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
 685 MIA (REDEVIC)  
 265 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 846 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 93 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. INC: 106  
 CSWC: 36

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RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDDT LCOL

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OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY @ 31015 Z FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FORMY FOURTH A TY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SETREQ TR 376 FOR OIC KENTUCKY TR 031200H-031800H FEB68

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND OPS WHILE CONTINUING TO DEFEND AND IMPROVE POSITIONS.
  - 3. PRIMARY CONTACTS: NONE
  - 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. LATE MORN, 031050Z 271 YD 152698 BOUND 2 BUNKERS 3rd BN 1st and 2nd BVA GARRIS. DESTROYED BUNKER WITH C-4.
    - B. LATE MORN, 031100Z 1/4 YD 115535 HEARD VICTIMATISE VOICES AT ABOUT 60 YDS, CALLED ARTY UNIT ON SUSPECTED IN POSITION WITH GOOD TOP COVERAGE.
  - 5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING ACCUMENTS AND DP'S.
  - 6. CORRELATIVE LOSSES:
    - A. PREVIOUS: 115 KIA
    - 645 KIA (IN DEVA C)
    - 286 KIA (MINOR)
    - B. MORN: 816 TWA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF); 2
    - 44 DEFAUNTS TOTAL
    - 59 POW
    - 32 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 2 VC RETURNETS
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 106  
OSVC: 38

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 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 NR377 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 031800H-032400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED POS AND CONDUCTED LP'S AND AMBUSHES.
3. FRENY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. 031450H 3/3 A-3 REC'D 57 RDS MIXED 85MM AND 105MM ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER AND 12 RDS 60MM MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER. RET'D FIRE W/81MM MSN ON EN YD 167746 (18 RDS) AND G/S ARTY ON EN YD 1479 (116 RDS). REACTION TIME FOR MORTARS WAS 90 SEC AND FOR ARTY WAS 4 MIN. ENCOMING RESULTED IN 3 USMC WIA (MINOR).
  - B. 031500H 3/3 AT A-3 OBS 10-12 NVA AT EN YD 160727 RUNNING W. FIRED 81MM MORTARS W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE.
  - C. 031530H 2/9 YD 151602 REACTION FORCE SWEEP VILLAGE, PEOPLE OF VILLE WERT DIGGING TRENCHES, BUILDING BUNKERS AND DIGGING FIGHTING HOLES.
  - D. 031700H 1/4 C-2 B OBS 2 NVA AT EN YD 146665 RUNNING TO EAST, FIRED 81MM MORTAR AND SAW 1 NVA FALL.
  - E. 031830H 3/3 AT A-3 OBS 2 NVA AT EN YD 163744, CALLED ARTY MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE.
  - F. 031850H 1/4 C-2 B OBS 1 NVA AT EN YD 134667, FIRED 81MM MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE AND 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

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G. 032000H 1/4 C-2 B AN/PPS-6 RADAR AND AN/MSS-3 SEARCHLIGHT SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT FN YD 125674. FIRED 81MM MSN, 90MM TANK, AND ARTY MSNS. WILL CHECK OUT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

H. 032020H 2/1 A-4 OBS LIGHTS OF SUSPECTED FN CONVOY AT FN YD 107757. FIRED ARTY AND OBS 2 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND RAN TPQ AND OBS 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

I. 032210H H/2/4 YD 129590 SPOTTED MOVEMENT AT FN YD 129591. FIRED M-79 AND 60MM MORTARS AND HEARD MOANS. CONTINUING TO OBSERVE AREA.

J. SUBTRACT 1 NVA KIA AND 1 POW. DOUBLE COUNTED (REF PARA 3B OF SITREP NR 370 AND PARA 3A OF SITREP NR 371) CORRECTED TOTALS REFLECTED THIS SITREP.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONDUCT EP'S AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
                   685 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
                   266 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
                   93 DET TOTAL  
                   38 ~~39~~ POW  
                   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
                   2 VC RETURNEES  
                   1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 106  
    CSWC: 38

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DRAWN BY: 1STLT J. C. GIBBS JR

RELEASED BY: LTCOL. STUDD

SECTION: 8-2

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

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FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CC, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: TENTH 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 378 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 032400H-040600H NOV 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING SEARCHES AND
  - B. C-5, D-12, J-11, W-1, AA-4, CC-4, EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND AND IMPROVE POSIT WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OPS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
 685 MIA (MDF/VAC)  
 266 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 845 NVN KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 94 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DETAINEES
  - C. INC: 106  
 CSVC: 38

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**CONFIDENTIAL**DRAFTER: H.C. BORNHART MAJORRELEASED BY: J.L. STOUT LTCOLSECTION: S-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 040500Z Feb-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, NINTH MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 379 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 040600H-041200H FEB 68

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

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO  
 B. ALL UNITS COMPLYING WITH REQUIREMENTS SET-FORTH FOR TASK FORCE ROBBIE  
 C. RT 9 FROM DONG HA TO CAN LO SECURED BY EXTENSIVE PATROLS AND  
 OUTPOSTS IN PREPARATION FOR SCHEDULED 75 TRUCK CONVOY TO CARROLL.  
 D. 2/9 (B) SENT TANK INFANTRY BLOCKING FORCE TO VIC YD 160610  
 TO LOWER NORTH SIDE OF CAN LO RIVER WHILE DISTRICT RE FORCE SWEEP INSPECTED  
 VC VILLE TO SOUTH. CAPTURED TWO 18-19 YEARS OLD DETAINEES MOVING ACROSS  
 RIVER.

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

A. AT 040930H, 2/1, VIC YD 114701 OBSERVED 25 NVA RUNNING WEST IN  
 THE GRASS. FIRED 80mm MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED, SEARCHING AREA.  
 B. AT 041105H, 2/9B, VIC YD 125622, ARK A PATROL FOUND A LARGE  
 ANTI TANK MINE --BLEW MINE IN PLACE.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS, AM USHS,  
 AND SWEEPS IN AO  
 B. CONTINUE TO SUPPORT REQ. OF TASK FORCE ROBBIE

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
 685 MIA (REDEVAC)  
 266 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 94 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 2 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 106  
CSWC: 38

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**CONFIDENTIAL**SECTION: 3-3DRAFTER: E.M. BOSTON MAJRELEASED BY: J.C. SAUNDERSCONFIDENTIALOP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 041200 2 FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 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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SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 380 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 041200H-041800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND SWEEPS IN AO.
  - B. CONTINUED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR TASK FORCE ROBBIE.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 041130H 1/4 VIC YD 128673 OBS 1 NVA VIC YD 136675, FIRED 81MM MSN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
  - B. AT 041130H 2/9 VIC YD 145615 WHILE CHECKING OUTER WIRE-- FOUND CUT IN 2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS--WIRE REPAIRED.
  - C. AT 041200H 2/9 VIC YD 140613 REC'D 5 RDS 81MM ARTY FR EN YD 042658, FIRED ARTY MSN--REACTION TIME OF 5 MINUTES.
  - D. AT 041200H 1/4 OP, VIC YD 136633 OBS 1 RKT RD IMPACTING 200 METERS TO THEIR SOUTH. RD ORIGINATED VIC YD 058647, FIRED 105MM MSN IN RETURN.
  - E. AT 041230H 3/3 VIC YD 162739 OBS 5 NVA VIC YD 167752, ARTY MSN FIRED WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE.
  - F. AT 041234H 2/9 VIC YD 163610 REC'D 4 SNIPER RDS VIC YD 164612, FIRED 81MM MSN AND 30 CAL FR TANKS, SNIPER FIRE CEASED.
  - G. AT 041245H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 2 INCOMING RR RDS (CAL UNK) FR EN YD 111717, FIRED 81MM MSN (56 RDS) AND 105MM MSN (32 RDS) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
  - H. AT 041310H 3/3 VIC YD 157727 A BOOBY TRAP WAS TRIPPED RESULTING IN 4 KIA (MEDEVAC) AND 1 SCOUT DOG MEDEVAC.
  - I. AT 041325H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 7 RDS OF INCOMING LIGHT ARMY (CAL UNK) FR EN YD 069778, FIRED ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

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- W. BETWEEN 041400H AND 041500H 2/9 VIC YD ( ) REC'D 39 RDS OF ROCKETS (SUSPECTED 122MM) FR EN YD 060603 AND 063801 RESULTING IN 5 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), RET'D FIRE WITH ARMY MISSION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
- K. AT 041430H H/2/4 VIC YD 124592 PATROL FOUND 2 EN HELMETS, ONE CONTAINED REMAINS OF BRAINS, ALSO FOUND ONE CHICOM LL PHONE.
- L. AT 041445H 2/9 PATROL VIC YD 163605 OBS 5 NVA VIC YD 175624, FIRED S/A AND TANK RDS WITH UNK RESULTS.
- M. AT 041529H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 2 RDS OF INCOMING HEAVY ARTILLERY FR EN YD 069778, FIRED ARTY MSN (26 RDS) ON SUSPECTED ARTY POSITION.
- N. AT 041530H 3/3 VIC YD 167724 FOUND 3 DH-10 MINES RIGGED FOR COMMAND DETONATION, MINES DISARMED AND TURNED INTO 3/3 S-2.
- O. (LATE ENTRY) AT 041400H 1/4 VIC YD 128673 DETECTED MOVEMENT VIC YD 145669, FIRED 81MM MSN W/UNK RESULTS.
- P. (LATE ENTRY) AT 041500H 3/3 PATROL VIC YD 152717 FOUND AN ASSORTMENT OF EN ORDNANCE--SEE SPOT REPORT FOR DETAILED LIST OF ORDNANCE--ENGRS DESTROYED IN PLACE.
5. ~~23~~ PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
- A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
     694 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
     266 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
     96 DET TOZAL  
     39 POW  
     52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
     2 DET  
     2 VC RETURNEES  
     1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
- C. IWC: 106  
     OSVC: 38
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE
- GP-4  
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 RELEASED BY: J.C. [Signature] LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 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 381 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 041800H-042400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
  - A. C-5, AA-4, W-1, CC-1, EE-4.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. 1/4 AT 041320H TO 041332H VIC YD C-2 REC'D A TOTAL OF 77 RDS MIXED ARTY AND ROCKETS BELIEVED TO BE 130MM AND 152MM, FIRED COUNTER BATTERY FIRES ON EN YD'S 078692, 032715 AND 067762. REACTION TIME OF 3 MINUTES. SUSTAINED 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
  - B. 2/1 AT 041800H VIC YD 114701 OP-2 SPOTTED 7 VEHICLES AT EN YD 093751, FIRED 155MM MSN (35 RDS), OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
  - C. 2/1 AT 042014H VIC YD 122699 SPOTTED EN MOVEMENT W/AR/PBS-5 RADAR AT YD 128702, FIRED 30 RDS HE 60MM MORTAR W/UNK RESULTS.
  - D. 1/4 AT 042205H VIC C-2 BRIDGE AND YD 130660 AMBUSH AND OP REC'D SEVERAL S/A RDS FROM SOUTH, RET'D FIRE, RELOCATING AMBUSH. WILL CHECK OUT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
  - A. C-5, D-12, J-11, AA-4, CC-4.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA
    - 695 WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 266 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
    - 96 DET TOTAL
    - 39 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - C. IWC: 106
  - CSWC: 38

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CB, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, NORTH FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 Tenth MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NO. 32 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 042400H-050600Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS DEFENDED FOR AND CONDUCTED FOR AND AMBUSHES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. (TIME) (TIME) 0830H 174 YD 223633 RT 2 RD SWEEP OBS 8 RDS MORTARS IMPACTING AHEAD OF SWEEP TEAM. FIRED TWIN 40'S ON SUBJECT EN POSITIONS.
  - B. 0830H 174 C-2 B SPOTTED 2 EN AT YD 125671. FIRED 60MM SWEEP DOWN AND 60MM MSN WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE. WELL COORDINATED AT FIRST LIGHT.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT BATTLES.
6. COMBATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. ENEMY:
    - 105 KIA
    - 695 MIA (MDEDEVAC)
    - 266 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. US:
    - 345 MIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
    - 95 DET TOTAL
    - 37 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 2 DETAINEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, NINTH MOUNTAIN ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 NINTH MARINES

SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (A)

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SITREP NR. 383 FOR OPN KENTUCKY

FR 050600H-051200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND LP'S.3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 050745H D/1/4 RD SWEEP AT YD 236616 CAME UNDER INCREASINGLY HEAVY S/A AND AW, RPG AND MORTAR FIRE. AT 050920H A RELIEF FORCE WAS MOUNTED UP FROM 5TH MARINES WITH ADDITIONAL DUSTERS AND 1 TANK. THE TANK COULD NOT GET ACROSS THE CANAL BECAUSE OF LACK OF SURFACE CRAFT, AN ADDITIONAL RELIEF FORCE WAS MOUNTED UP FROM 3/4 MAR ELEMENTS AT 050940H. AT 050950H 5TH MARINES RELIEFFORCE RELIEVED THE RD SWEEP. THE 3/4 RELIEF FORCE MOVED TO A POSITION 200 METERS NORTH OF THE DONG HA BRIDGE AND WAS AN ADDITIONAL RESERVE. AT 051000H THE 5TH MAR RELIEF FORCE MOVED UP ON THE DUSTERS AND CAME UNDER A/W AND S/A FIRE AND MORTARS. AT 051100H MORTAR GUN SHELLS WERE ON STANBY, BOTH DUSTERS WERE RECOVERED BUT THE 6X6 (USA) WAS LEFT. ALL CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED AND ALL UNITS WERE CROSSING THE DONG HA BRIDGE AT 051215H.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 050825H 2/1 YD 114701, EN COORDS 100703, 096707, 092717, 104708, REC'D 3 RDS OF RR FIRE, RET'D FIRE WITH 81MM MORTARS ON EN COORDS.

B. 050900H H/2/4 VIC YD 124577 SEARCHED VILLE AT ABOVE COORDS. 3 SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE NORTH END OF VILLE AS APPARENT SIGNAL. FOUND VILLAGERS PEACEFUL. THE BLOCKING FORCE ESTABLISHED NORTHWEST OF VILLE. OBS NO ONE LEAVING THE VILLAGE.

C. 051000H I/3/3 YD 188743 FOUND 1 AT MINE AND 1 CLAYMORE MINE AND DESTROYED THEM IN PLACE.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SWEEPS AND PATROLS IN AO.**CONFIDENTIAL**

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 105 KIA  
 695 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 266 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 845 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 95 DET TOTAL  
 57 POW  
 52 innocent CIVILIANS  
 3 DET  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 106  
 GSWC: 38  
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DRAFTER: J.C. CHAMBERS 1/LT

RELEASED BY: J.C. CHAMBERS LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 384 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 051200Z-051800Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS IMPROVED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CARRYING  
 OUT PATROLS AND LP'S.  
 B. REG STAFF CONTROL OF CAN LO DIST HQ HAS CEASED AND THE  
 COMMAND OFFICER OF H/24 IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE THERE.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. REF SIT REP 383 PARA 3A, THE TRUCK LEFT IN THE KILLING  
 ZONE CAME FROM 8/4TH USA ARTY. AT 051630H A "RE" COMPANY OCCUPIED  
 THE AMBUSH SIT WITH NO RESISTANCE AND 8/4TH SENT VEHICLES  
 OUT TO RETRIEVE THE TRUCK. THE RESULTING CASUALTIES FROM THE  
 FIRE FIGHT WERE AS FOLLOWS: 1 USMC KIA, 11 USMC/USA WIA (NEDEVAC)

AND 21 USMC/USA (VIA MINOR).  
 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 051030H TO 051210H 2/1 YD 099679 PATROL FOUND AND  
 DESTROYED THE FOLLOWING:

175 RDS 82MM MORTAR  
 25 FUZES AND BOOSTERS  
 3 MORTAR PITS  
 1 BROKEN 82MM MORTAR BASE PLATE  
 2 HELMETS  
 8 CHICOM GRENADES  
 75 RDS AK-47 AMMO  
 2 CARTRIDGE BELTS  
 1 AK-44 (POOR CONDITION)  
 20 FIGHTING/LIVING BUNKERS

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DRAFTER: RUSTOP 17.508

RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (2)

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 SITREP NR 385 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 051800H-052400H FEB68

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. C-8, D-13, J-14, AA-5, W-1, CC-2, EE-1

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:  
 A. AT 052000H 174 VIC YD 157584, POINT ELEMENT OF  
 AMBUSH REC'D 15 RDS A/W FIRE WHILE MOVING INTO  
 POSITION. RET'D FIRE W/S/A, 60MM AND ARTY, SUSTAINED  
 1 USMC KIA, AND 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).  
 B. AT 052010H 279 VIC YD 156611, AMBUSH OBS MOVEMENT  
 AROUND POSITION, TWO FIGURES APPEARED, FIRED S/A  
 SWEEP THRU AREA, FOUND 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AMBUSH REC'D  
 AW FIRE, PULLED BACK AND FIRED 81MM MSN. SUSTAINED  
 1 USMC WIA (MINOR).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
 A. AT 051705H 274 YD 129590 REC'D 2 RDS OF UNK CAL  
 ARTY FROM UNK LOCATION, SUSTAINED NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.  
 B. AT 052030H F/2/1 VIC YD 123698, RADAR PICKED UP  
 MOVEMENT AT EN YD 130698, FIRED 45 RDS 60MM MSN.  
 MOVEMENT CEASED, UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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

A. C-6, D-13, J-14, AA-7, W-1, CC-5, EE-1

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA  
 707 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 291 WIA (MINOR)  
 B. ENEMY: 852 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA CONF  
 95 DET TOTAL 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 37 POW 3 DET  
 2 VC RET 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 107  
 CSWC: 38

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CO, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: FIFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD 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 MR 386 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 052400H-060600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LPS IN A  
 B. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. T 060001H G 2/S VIC 153609 AMBUSH SAW TWO FIGURES VIC YD 153610,  
 FIR D SMALL ARMS AND 81mm MSN - WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

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

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA  
 107 MIA (MDFVAC)  
 291 MIA (MINOR)  
 B. ENEMY: 852 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 95 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 3 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 107  
 CSUC: 38

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DRAFTER: A. W. REARDY, MAJOR

RELEASED BY: G. B. SMITH COL

SECTION: S-3

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FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES

SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES

SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES

THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES

FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USMC

FIRST MARINES

THIRD MARINES

FOURTH MARINES

SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES

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SITREP NR 387 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 060600Z-062200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES AND OPs.

B. MAINTAINED SECURITY OF MSR AND CONDUCTED ROAD SWEEPS RT 2 AND 9.

3. TUNNY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 060800H 3/3 VIC YD 188738 EXPLODED ONE MINE IMPACTED IN OUTLINE AREA AND THIRTEEN MINS IMPACTED AT SAME TIME IN THE DRZ. MINE FRAGMENTS RECOVERED AND BEING FORWARDED. GREATER THAN APPROX THREE FEET DEEP.

B. AT 060820H 3/1/4 VIC YD 129673 REC'D APPROX EIGHT RDS OF 75mm ARTILLERY FROM YD 066702; IMPACTED 300-500 METERS TO NORTH WEST OF PERIMETER. AT THE SAME TIME REC'D TWELVE RDS 82mm FROM 1800 HILLS; IMPACTED 200-400 METERS EAST OF PERIMETER. RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT YD 066702 WITH REACTION TIME OF TWO MINUTES. ALSO FIRED COUNTER-MORTAR FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

C. AT 060830H K/3/3 PATROL VIC YD 377116 FOUND TWO BAGS CONTAINING MEDICAL GEAR ASSORTED PAPERS, AND UNIFORMS, ALL FORWARDED TO S-2.

D. AT 060945 H 2/3/3 PATROL VIC YD 185740 FOUND ONE 155mm RD WHICH WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

E. AT 060945H 2/2/1 PATROL VIC YD 128679 FOUND ONE 105mm RD. ENGR BLOWN BLW IN PLACE.

F. AT 060930H 2/3/3 PATROL VIC YD 188740 FOUND A MINE RIGGED FOR SURPRISE FIRING ABOUT ONE MONTH OLD. MINE WAS DISABLED AND TURNED INTO S-2.

G. AT 061045H 2/2/2 PATROL VIC YD 103378 FOUND THREE MINE 175mm DUDS RDS. ENGR BLOWN IN PLACE.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS. CONDUCTING PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

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5. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA  
 707 MIA (INDIVIDUAL)  
 291 MIA (ENR)
- B. ENEMY: 852 MIA KIA (CONF) VS KIA (CONF) 2  
 95 DETAINED TOGETHER  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 3 DETAINÉES  
 2 VS REMAINS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IFC: 107  
OSMO: 38

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 1STLT J. C. STUDE COL  
 FOR *7 March 68*  
 RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDE COL

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061610Z FEB 68

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

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 SITREP NR 389 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 061800H-062400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
  - B. C-8; D-12; J-13; AA-10; CC-5; EE-1
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: AT 062115H G/2/9 AT YD 134609 OBSERVED THREE ENEMY AT YD 132609 AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE WITH M-60 AND M-16 RESULTING IN THREE NVA (CONF) AND TWO WEAPONS CAPTURED. THE AMBUSH RE-LOCATED ITS POSITIONS
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY 061600H 2/1 YD 114701 SPOTTED TWO NVA AT YD 100696 AND FIRED 18 RDS 4.2" MORTARS WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - B. LATE ENTRY 071725H 3/3 YD 171699 OBSERVED SIX NVA AND CALLED AN ARTY BSL WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - C. 061930H 2/1 YD 114701 DETECTED MOVEMENT WITH AN/RPS-5 AT YD 126709 AND FIRED 30 RDS 60mm WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - D. 062110H B/1/4 YD 134607 OBSERVED A MINE DETONATE AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TREE FIELD. ILLUMINATION REVEALED THREE NVA RUNNING FROM OUTER WOODS TOWARD TREE LINE. FIRED M-79 AND TEN RDS 60mm; WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND PRESENT POSITIONS AND CONTINUE AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA  
 707 MIA (M'DEVAC)  
 291 MIA (M'NOR)

B. ENEMY: 855 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 95 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 3 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 109  
 CSWC: 38

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DRAFTER: W. BOSTON MAJOR

RELEASED BY: J. C. STOUT LT COL

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FROM: TWELFTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES

SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 390 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 070143H-070600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO WITH EMPHASIS TO THE TRAILS LEADING INTO THE CAM LO AND DIST HQS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. 070115H 2/1 YD 116688 REC'D 1 RD LIGHT ARTY FR UNKNOWN DIRECTION.
  - B. 070143H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM INSIDE PERIMETER RT 10 RDS 81MM EACH ON GRIDS YD 136714 AND YD 093680.
5. PLANS:
  - A. CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO WITH EMPHASES ON RD SWEEP SECURITY AND AVENUES OF APPROACH TO CAM LO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA
    - 707 VIA (MEDVAC)
    - 291 VIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY:
    - 855 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
    - 95 DET TOTAL
    - 37 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 3 DET
    - 2 VC RETURNERS
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - C. IWC: 109
  - CSWC: 38

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SECTION: S43

DRAFTER: W. C. SORENSEN MAJOR

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 SITREP NR 391 FOR OMA KENTUCKY NR 070600Z-071200Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:  
 A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

B. RD SWEEP OF RT 9 (COMPLETED AT 071030Z)

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (DELAYED ENTRY) AT 070510Z 2/1 VIC YD 114701 (P-2 OBS A CONVOY VIC YD 183781, CALLED 6/8 MSF W/UNK RESULTS.

B. AT 070725H 1/4 OE, VIC YD 135634 WHILE MOVING INTO POSITION OBS 2 NVA VIC YD 135631, FIRED S/A, WILL CHECK AREA WITH ROAD SWEEP.

C. AT 070955H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 6 RDS OF LIGHT ARTY (CAL UNK), REP'D FIRE WITH ARMY MSN ON SUSPECTED EN POSITION, OBS 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS (VIC YD 066725).

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO HAN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

A. 3/3 AN 8 FEB 68 WILL CONDUCT A RECON IN FORCE MSN TO YD 175750.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 108 MIA

707 MIA (MFDEVA C)

291 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 655 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2

35 DEF TOTAL

27 POW

58 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

1 DOW

2 VC RETURNERS

1 GIAMI DEFERDANT

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E. AM 071430Z 2/1 VIC YD 092582 FOUND 3 BUCKETS  
 4x5x3 FT WITH CONNECTING TRENCH S---DESTROYED WITH G-4.

5. PLATS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND  
 CONDUCT MIBS AND ESTABLISH LPS IN AC.

A. 3/3 WILL CONTINUE WITHDRAWAL TO BT CP.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 108 KIA  
 707 MIA (8 DEVAC)  
 291 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 856 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 96 DEF TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 EVACUATED CIVILIANS  
 4 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 209  
 CS/C: 38

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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STRIP NR 393 FOR OPR KENTUCKY PR 071800H-071900H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES AND LPM IN AO.
  - B. C-8, D-14, J-12, AA-7, CC-5, DD-1
  3. ENTRY CONTACT:
    - A. FOLLOW UP TO STR REP 392 PARA 2A, AT 071240H-071900H K/3/3 RECD AN FBK AND COMCOM PR N VD 203719. "L" CO AND "A" CO DEPARTED IN RELIEF OF K/3/3. K AND H CO'S ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER AT VD 205723 AND CONSOLIDATED. AT 072015H CO "L" ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING FORCE AT VD 197716. BARE SLP IN OPERATION. RESULTS OF ACTION ~~AS~~ AS AC KNOWN AT PRESENT ARE 3 USMC KIA, 17 USMC MIA (17 DNEAC), 30 NVA KIA (CONF) AND 10 VC CAPTURED.
    - B. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
      - A. AT 070155H 271 VIC VD 14701 RECD 3 RDS LOSING ARTY IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION; TWO RDS LADDED INSIDE PERIMETER AND 1 RD LADDED OUTSIDE PERIMETER.
      - B. AT 071830H 1/4 VIC VD 137625 REPORTED 1 GRB FOUNDED 1 NVA MIA (CONF); APPEARED TO BE 2 YEARS OLD AND TO HAVE BEEN DRAGGED BY A ROPE TIED AROUND HIS WAIST FROM ORIGINAL PLACE OF DEATH, BURIED BODY.
      - C. AT 072015H 2/9 VIC VD 139612 RECD 2 RDS STRIPED FIRE FR SOUTH SIDE OF PERIMETER, FIRED 6 RDS 2-79 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
      - D. AT 072105H 2/9 RECDSE VIC VD 139625 REPORTED APPROX 30 NVA TO LAST; FIRED 814 RDS 2/9'S 900' SW OF BATT AREA TO BE CHECKED BY FIRST LIGHT.

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 SETREP HQ 394 FOR CIN KENTUCKY FROM 072430H-030600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:  
 A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES

A. LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. 080015 271 TD 124701 OBS LIGHTS OF AN APPROXIMATE 10 TRUCKS CONVOY VIC YD 085795 AND SAW TWO HQ'S ON TARGET.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S IN AO.

B. K/M/3/3 WILL SEARCH OUT AREA OF ENGAGEMENT ON 07 FEB.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 112 KIA  
 724 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 291 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 887 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 96 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 4 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. TWC: 219

CSVC: 38

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 SITREP NR 395 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 080600Z-081200Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. AT 080720H CO'S K AND M 3/3 VIG YD, JUMPED OFF TO SLEEP AT  
 THE AREA OF YESTERDAYS CONTACT. SOME S/A FIRE WAS BEING EXCHANGED  
 AT 080845H, AND ~~ROCKETS, SMALL ARMS FIRE, AND MORTARS~~ CONTACT  
 CONTACT WAS COMPLETELY BROKEN AT 0900H. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE  
 28 USMC KIA AND 30 USMC WIA MEDEVAC FOR ACTION (TOTALS THIS SIT REP  
 CORRECTED). EN CONF ESTIMATED OVER 100 CONF; PRESENTLY BEING COURTED  
 (WILL REFLECT COVER WHEN REC'D).

B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND  
 AMBUSHES, AND ESTABLISHED OPS.

C. CONTINUED SECURITY ALONG RT. 561 AND RT. 9.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: SEE SUMMARY OF OPERATION.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 080910H 2/1 VIG YD 111701 REC'D 3 RDS 82mm MORTAR INSIDE  
 PERIMETER FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION.

B. (LATE ENTRY) 1/3/3 VIG YD 191715 REPORTED FINDING FOL GEAR  
 WHILE SWEEPING AREA OF YESTERDAYS CONTACT. ONE DPD LMG, ONE DPM LMG,  
 TWO AK-47, 4 TYPE 56 CARBINES, DMM 7.62mm BOLT ACTION CARBINE, 2 7.62mm  
 BOLT ACTION SNIPER REFL (WPNS REPORTED SIT REP 391), 2 DPD MG AMMO  
 DRUMS, 1 BOX AMMO, 7 CHEL COM GRENADES, 1 DR-10 AP MINE, 2 AK-47  
 MAGAZINES POUCHES, 4 LEATHER AMMO POUCHES, 3 GRENADE POUCHES, 2 SRS  
 BAYONETS, 2 CANTEENS, 1 GAS MASK, 2 HAMMOCKS, 4 LEATHER BELTS, 3  
 WEB BELTS, NVA MONEY, PERSONNEL CORRESPONDENCE, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS,  
 AND 2 SOFT COVERS.

C. AT 081020H 2/1 PATROL VIG YD 122695 FOUND A LIVING BUNKER  
 WITH COOKING POT. BLEW IN PLACE.

D. AT 081047H 2/1 VIG YD 111701 REC'D 3 RDS 82mm MORTARS FIRED  
 16 RDS HE 4.2" AT YD 112716, 6 RDS HE 4.2" AT YD 111717, AND 10  
 HE RDS. 82mm AT YD 111718, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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7. PLANS:
- A. UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH OPS AND AMBUSHES.
  - B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF MSR.
8. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
- A. FRIENDLY: 138 KIA  
737 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
291 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 887 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
96 DETAINEES TOTAL  
37 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
4 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. IWC: 119  
CSWC: 38

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 SITREP NR 396 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 081200H-081300H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES, AND ESTABLISHED OP'S.
  - B. 3/3 UNITS INVOLVED IN CONTACT YESTERDAY RETURNED TO A-3.
  - C. UNITS MAINTAINED SECURITY OF RT 9 AND RT 561.
  - D. COMPLETE SUMMARY OF 3/3 CONTACT ON 7 FEB 68 WILL FOLLOW, TO INCLUDE FINAL CASUALTY COUNT.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 081230H 1/4 VIC YD 134645 OBS 4 NVA MOVING SE VIC YD 160665, FIRED 40 RLS 81MM MORTAR AND ARTY MSN WITH GOOD COVERAGE AND UNK RESULTS.
  - B. AT 081245H F/2/L PATROL FOUND 3 M-24 MINES IN VIETNAMESE CAP 20 METERS FR OUTER WIRE VIC YD 120704. THERE WERE NO BREAKS IN WIRE, MINES WERE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND WERE PROBABLY REMOVED FROM B-4 MINE FIELD. WIRE CHECK OF 7 FEB FOUND NO MINES OR EVIDENCE OF EN ACTIVITY.
  - C. AT 081515H E/2/L FOUND TUNNEL 50' DEEP WHICH BROKE OFF TO A ROOM LARGE ENOUGH FOR 3 PEOPLE, DESTROYED IN PLACE.
5. PLANS: UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 136 KIA  
 737 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 291 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 887 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 96 DEF TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 4 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 119  
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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGEGP-4  
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SITREP NR 397 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 081800H-082400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

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

A. C-8, D-12, J-10, AA-6, CC-3, EE-1

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 081935H 279 VIC YD 113608 OP TOWER SPOTTED EST NVA CO HEADING NORTH, FIRED 81MM, ARTY, TWIN 40'S, AND TPQ W/EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. UNKNOWN RESULTS.

B. AT 082000H 2/1 VIC YD A-4 OP-2 SPOTTED EN CONVOY AT EN YD 098816, SPOTTED 24 LIGHTS, CALLED FOR GENERAL SUPPORT OF 175MM ARTY, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

C. AT 082045H G/2/1 VIC A-4 HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINES AT EN YD 112705, THREW 1 M-26 GRENADE, CHECKED AREA W/STAR-LIGHT SCOPE.

D. AT 082110H G/2/2 YD 114701 HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF BUNKER AND OBS 1 TRIP FLARE GO OFF IN VIC YD 112705 AND THREW 4 M-26, AREA WAS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

E. AT 082145H 2/9 AT C-3 OBS 15 NVA THROUGH NOD AT YD 127619 AN 81MM MSN AND DUSTERS WERE FIRED ALSO ARTY WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE, WILL CHECK AREA AT 1ST LITE.

F. AT 082150H 2/2 VIC YD 114701 OBS LIGHTS AT YD 104710 AND YD 099691. 4.2" AND 81MM MSN WERE FIRED, LIGHTS WENT OUT.

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G. AT 082230H 2/9 AT C-3 OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN THROUGH NOD FIRED 81MM DUSTERS AND TANKS WITH EXCELLENT TOT COVERAGE WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

A. C-8, D-12, I-1, J-12, AA-10, CC-4.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 136 KIA  
737 MIA (MEDEVAC)  
291 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 887 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
96 DEF TOTAL  
37 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
4 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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SITREP NR 398 FOR ONE COMPANY FR 082200Z 070600H FEB68

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINING POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED LPS IN AO.
  - 3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  - 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 082230Z 27 FEB 68, VTC YD 144614 OBS 2 MIA IN LINE OPEN VTC YD 129617 W/RED 8MM, M16, TANKS, AND MORTARS.
  - 5. PLANS:
    - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SLEEPS IN AO.
- 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 136 KIA
    - 737 MIA (UNDETF, C)
    - 291 MIA (UNDETF)
  - B. ENEMY: 867 EVA KIA (CONF) 10 KIA (CONF) 2
    - 98 CAP TOTAS
    - 37 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 4 DETAINERS
    - 2 VC RETURNERS
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
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SITREP NR 399 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 090600H-091200H FEB68

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGES
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS, SWEEPS AND OP'S.
  - 3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
    - A. AT 090820H D/1/4 RD SWEEP AT YD 168588 REC'D S/A AND 60MM OR RPG FR VIC YD 165583, THE CO OF D/1/4 WITH A PLT (-) MOVED ON THE ENEMY FLANK AND FORCED THE NVA TO BREAK CONTACT. RESULTING IN CASUALTIES WERE 1 NVA KIA (CONF) AND 1 AK-47 CAPTURED.
  - 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. LATE ENTRY- 3/3'S FINAL REPORT:

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AT 071240H 3/3 VIC YD 211723, FMK-3 MOVING EAST AT YD 209170.9 WAS ENGAGED BY NVA FR DISTANCE LESS THAN 50 METERS, NVA FIRED S/A AND AW WPNS MG'S THEN CHICOMS. SURPRISE WAS IN FAVOR OF ENEMY. 9 USMC KIA AND 7 WIA'S DURING THE INITIAL ENGAGEMENT BY FMK-3. THE PLT CMDR WAS INITIALLY HIT AND CONFUSION SET IN. FM K-6 DETERMINED FMK-3 REQUIRED REINF AND COMMITTED FM K-2 FROM YD 205726, FM K-2 WITH FM K-6 MOVED SOUTH TO YD 201723 AT WHICH TIME, A HIDDEN MG, S/A AND CHICOMS WERE USED, THE NVA ATTEMPTED TO ASSAULT THROUGH FM K-2, FIGHTING WAS CLOSE IN HAND TO HAND FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES, FM K-2 WAS KIA ALONG WITH BOTH PLATOON ~~CHIEFS~~ RADIO OPERATORS. FM K-2 HAD TOTAL OF 18 KIA(S) AND 10 WIA IN INITIAL ENGAGEMENT. FM K-1 FROM YD 205725 MOVED TO ASSIST FM K-3 TO WITHDRAW WITH CASUALTIES. KIA'S COULD NOT BE W/DRAWN AND FM K-3 AND FM K-1 WITHDREW TO SECURE LZ AT YD 198720, WHEN MEDEVAC

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HILCS WERE COMPLETED BOTH PLT'S MOVED TO ASSIST FM K-2. DURING THIS TIME FM L DEPLOYED FROM A-3 IN A BLOCKING POINT TO SEAL OFF EN WITHDRAWAL TO THE SOUTHWEST OF YD 194715. FM-L M/G IN AND EST A DEFENSIVE POSITION, EN WERE WITHDRAWING IN DIRECTION OF PHU THO VILLAGE AT YD 175700. EN WAS ENGAGED AT SHORT RANGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ACCOUNTING FOR 32 NVA KIA (CONF). FM-6 DEPLOYED FM-M AND FM-3 TO ASSIST FM-K TO RETRIEVE CASUALTIES AND BREAK CONTACT. FM-K WAS STILL IN CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL OF FM-M. FM-M ESTABLISHED A FFR (METER 150 METERS SOUTHWEST OF POINT OF CONTACT WHILE FM-K MADE A FINAL UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO WITHDRAW CASUALTIES. FM-L WAS RET'D TO A-3 POSIT AT 072015H FM-K WAS W/DRAWN TO THE INTER PERIMETER AND DUG IN POSITIONS. HEAVY BFD FIRES WERE DELIVERED AROUND THE PERIFETER THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, AND AT FIRST LIGHT A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS REPORTED FROM A-2 TO FM-3 IN A COORDINATED INFANTRY ATTACK WITH FM-K. THE ENEMY RESISTANCE WAS BROKEN AT 080800H. CASUALTIES WERE W/DRAWN FROM THE VILLAGE AT YD 211722 HELD IS DEVACED AT SUCH TIME, AND THE BATTLE AREA WAS POLICED. FM-K W/DREW AND FM-M WAS DEPLOYED TO YD 202713 TO RETRIEVE 9 KIA'S REMAINING AT THAT POSITION. TANKS WERE UTILIZED TO RETURN 27 KIA'S TO A-2. THE ENEMY WAS APPARENTLY DEPLOYED TO HIT THE INFANTRY SECURITY ON REACTION FORCE DEPLOYED TO REACT AGAINST A SECONDARY ATTACK UNDER THE MSR. THE ENEMY UNIT WAS WELL EQUIPPED, BUT ONLY 2 PACES WERE FOUND. THE ENEMY FORCE LEFT IN CONTACT AT YD 201723 WAS APPARENTLY A UNIT LEFT IN PLACE TO COVER W/DRAWAL OF A LARGER UNIT. 4 NVA WERE FOUND IN HILLS WHO DETONATED CHICOMS AGAINST THEIR BODIES AS OPPOSED TO W/DRAWING. WOUNDED PERSONNEL WHO COULD NOT BE W/DRAWN AT YD 201723 REPORTED EN WERE RETRIEVING 15 TO 20 BOMBS UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS. ALSO REPORTED PREP FIRS FIRED PRIOR TO THE MORNING ATTACK ACCOUNTED FOR SEVERAL NVA KIA, ENOS ALSO REPORTED TO BE ACCURATE AND EFFECTIVE. FURTHER REPORTED ENEMY MACHINE GUNNER CALLED FOR CORPSMAN DURING INITIAL ENGAGEMENT, WHEN CORPSMAN CAME, HE WAS KILLED. ENEMY ON INITIAL AMBUSH PLACED CHICOMS IN TRAIL AND WERE COMMAND DETONATED WITH STRINGS, MAJORITY OF USMC CASUALTIES WERE A RESULT OF CHICOM GRENADES, ENEMY APPARENTLY OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF PHU THO, ONLY ONE SMALL BAG OF RICE WAS FOUND ON BODIES. 5 RADIO MTH WERE KIA OR WIA (USMC TYPE) RESULTS OF ACTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: 30 USMC KIA, 30 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), 5 USMC WIA (MINOR), 1 NVA KIA (CONF) BY INFANTRY AND 26 NVA KIA (CONF) BY AIR/ARTY. WEPS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED ARE AS FOLLOWS: 3 GSW (LMG/56 TYPE), 1 LMG/56 TYPE, 4 AK-47'S, 11/56 TYPE CARBINES, 1 BOLT ACTION 7.62 CARBINE, 1 SNIPER RIFLE 7.62, 3 AMMO DRUMS, 2 RPG'S W/FUZES, 9 CHICOM, 1 DE-10 AT MINE, 10 BANANA CLIPS, 2 CHICOM POUCHES, 2 WALLET, 1 DIARY, 10 CASSETTES, 6 E-TOOLS, 3 POUCHES, 4 ZANMOGS, 4 BELTS, 3 WEB BELTS,

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3 PAIR SANDLES, 2 SOFT COVERS, 2 SKS BAYONETS, VN MONEY,  
PERSONNEL CORRESPONDANCE, 4 LEATHER AMMO POUCHES,  
1 GAS MASK, 2 PACKS, 3 CARTRIDGE BELTS, MISC 782 GEAR.

B. 090622H 2/1 AT 114701 OBS LIGHTS MOVING AT YD 118719  
AND ~~FIRED~~ FIRED 4.2 MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

C. 090840H 2/1 AT 112705 WHILE LOADING A TRASH TRUCK  
REC'D 6 RDS S/A FIRE FR VIC YD 105704 AND COUNTERED  
FIRE WITH 60MM MORTARS WITH UNK RESULTS.

D. 091020H 2/9 "B" AT YD 155587 POINT 1 AT MINE  
AT ABOVE COORDS AND DESTROYED IN PLACE.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN  
AND DEFEND POSITIONS AND CONTINUED PATROLS AND OP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 138 KIA  
737 MIA (DEDEVAC)  
296 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 997 MIA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
98 DET TOTAL  
37 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
4 DEP  
2 VC REFORCES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 128  
CSWC: 44

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OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 091100 2 FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST 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 100 FOR OPN KENBUCKY FR 091200Z.091800Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OPS.
  3. BENEVOLENT CONTACTS:
    - A. AT 091100Z 2/9 VIC YD 157611 CAMP UNDER A/W FIRE FR HOUSES ALONG THE RIVER, CALLED BINH AND ARTY BWS'S AND TANKS WERE DISPATCHED TO SCREEN WITHDRAWAL. ENGAGEMENT RESULTED IN 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (MEDICAL)
    4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
      - A. AT 090500Z CAP-1 AT YD 121588 SWEEP THE AREA OF LAST NITE AMBUSH, UNCOVERED 1 HUMAN SKULL AND POOLS OF BLOOD. BLOOD TRAIL LED TO HOUSE WHERE 2 MEN WERE FOUND W/BLOOD ON THEIR CLOTHES, THE SUSPECTS WERE TURNED INTO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 2 DETAINEEES.
      - B. AT 091000Z 2/9 YD 152587 FOUND 4 HOME MADE MINES AND 1 RUSSIAN METALIC AT MINE, DESTROYED IN PLACE.
      - C. 091100Z 2/9 AT VIC YD 132626 RD SWEEP FOUND BLOOD AND PARTS OF BODY IN AREA OF BINH MSW FROM LAST NITE. 1 EVA KIA (C MF).
      - D. CORRECTION SIT REP NR 399 PARA 3A D/1A FOUND 2 CMD DETONATED MINES AT YD 172588; plus 1 CMD DETONATED AND 2 PRESSURE DETONATED MINES AT YD 162587. ALL WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE. ADD 1 USMC WIA (MEDICAL)
      - E. CORRECTION SIT REP NR 399 PARA 3A D/1A FOUND 2 SRS.

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5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S  
AND DEFEND POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 139 KIA  
741 MIA (MEDFVAC)  
296 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 998 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
98 DET TOTAL  
37 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
6 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNETS  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 126  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT. NO CHANGE

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 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 THI (S)

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 SITREP NR 401 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 091800H-092400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN AO.
  - B. C-8, D-15, I-1, J-11, AA-9, W-1, CC-3.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY. AT 091015H 1-1 RFCOM TM ENGAGED EST 10-12 NVA MIXED S/A AND AW, RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 1 NVA KIA (CONF) AND 1 IWC (AK-47 RIFLE).
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 092100H 2/1 VIC YD 118704 RADAR SPOTTED EN MOVEMENT OF APPROX 1-2 PERSONS, AT EN YD 122716. FIRED 5 RDS 81MM MORTAR WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
  - B. AT 092125H 2/1 AT A-4 OP-2 SPOTTED LIGHTS OF SUSPECTED EN CONVOY AT EN YD 07778627, FIRED 7 RDS 175MM ARTY AND CALLED TPQ, OBS 1 LARGE FIRE BALL AFTER TPQ WAS DROPPED.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LP'S AND AMBUSHES IN AO.
  - B. C-4, D-15, I-1, J-11, AA-10, W-1, CC-2, EE-3
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 139 KIA
    - 741 WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 296 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 999 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2
    - 98 DET TOTAL
    - 37 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILLIANS
    - 6 DETAINEES
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C: IWC: 127  
 CSWC: 44

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DRAFTER: A. J. BERNARDIS, MSGR

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FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES

SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES

SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES

THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES

SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES

FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA

FIRST MARINES

THIRD MARINES

FOURTH MARINES

SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 402 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 100001H-100600H FEB 682. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES,  
AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE5. PLANS:A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND  
ESTABLISH OP'S, AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES.

B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF LOC'S AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: 139 KIA

741 WIA (MED/VAC)

296 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 999 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2

98 DETAINEES TOTAL

37 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

6 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 127

CSWC: 14

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
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 STARTED AT 1003 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 100600Z-101200Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES AND RECAPTURED OP'S.
  - B. CONTINUED RESUPPLY ALONG LOC'S.
  - C. MAINTAINED SECURITY OF LOC'S CONDUCTING REINFORCED SWEEPS ON ROUTES 7, 9, AND 56.
  - D. 2/9 (B) PROVIDED COVER FORCE ON NORTH SIDE OF CAM LO RIVER WHILE DISTRICT PF COMPANY SWEEP SOUTH OF RIVER VIC ON 1649.
  - E. 3/8 CONDUCTED 2-COMPANY SWEEP IN AREA BETWEEN A-3 AND A-2, INCLUDING SITE OF 8-9 FEB BATTLE.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. APPROX 500 VC VTC RD 193723 FOUND ONE DEAD NVA (CONF), DEAD ABOUT ONE WEEK.

B. LOCATED 2/1 AT VC 114701 SECOND BNC RDS OF BR IN PERIMETER MINE FIELD. RET'D FIRE WITH 82mm, 102mm AND 155 ARTILLERY. BR WAS DESTROYED BY 155 ROUND AND WAS OBSERVED BEING BLOWN INTO THE AIR.

5. PLANS:

- A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS.
- B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF LOC'S AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT RESUPPLY.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 209 KIA  
 518 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 296 WIA (MENDR)  
 B. ENEMY: 1800 NVA KIA (CONF); VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 98 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 12 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 6 DETAINEES  
 2 VC REMAINING  
 1 CIVIL DEPENDANT

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- 1. UNITS/COMPONENTS:
  - 1.1 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
  - 1.2 2ND CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
  - 1.3 3RD CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
  - 1.4 4TH CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
  - 1.5 5TH CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
  - 1.6 6TH CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
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  - 1.100 100TH CO, 1ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES
- 2. SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 STREET NR 401 FOR DEN KENTUCKY FROM 101200-101800Z FEB 63

3. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

4. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

B. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

C. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

1. AT 101200Z, 173, VIC RD 198712 FOUND FOUR DE-10 MINES RIGGED FOR COMBAT DEPOSITION, SIX MVA PAGES, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, AND BURNING HOLES. MINES BLOWN IN PLACE; GEAR BEING FORWARDED.

2. AT 101400Z, 3 L.L. VIC YD 228702 A TRUCK HIT A MINE (APPARENTLY PLASTIC) RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO THE TRUCK TIRE. A MINE WAS ALSO FOUND JUST PRIOR TO THE TRUCK HITTING THE MINE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. MINE WAS DESTROYED.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH IOP'S IN AO

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 139 MIA
  - 711 MIA (INDEVAL)
  - 296 MIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1000 MVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3
  - 96 DETAINEES TOTAL
  - 37 POW
  - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
  - 6 DETAINEES
  - 2 VC REPRISALS
  - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 127

CSWC: NA

1. Scout Snipers - no change

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DRAFT *A. Fernandez*  
 A. FERNANDEZ MAJOR  
 RELEASED *A. Fernandez*  
 J.C. STUDD LTJGCL  
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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)

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 SITREP NR 405 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 101800H-102400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES, AND ESTABLISHED LPS. C-4, D-11, I-1, J-12, AA-17, CC-1, W-1 & EE-3

B. SWEEP OF AREA OF CONTACT ON 7 FEB 68 BY 3/3 REVEALED A HASTY PREPARED POSITION FOR 250-300 NVA EXTENDING FROM YD 202718 TO YD 211722 IN DEPTH. THIRTY HOLES WERE USED 2 TO 5 HOURS PRECEDING DISCOVERY AT YD 198716. APPROX 40 GRAVES WERE FOUND THROUGHOUT AREA REVEALING NVA KILLED WITHIN LAST 2 TO 3 DAYS. VC WITH E-TOOL IN HAND NEAR FRESHLY DUG GRAVES WAS KILLED BY PREP FIRES, HAD M-16 RDS ON PERSON, AND M-16 NEARBY. (1 VC KIA CONF REFLECTED THIS SIT REP). ANOTHER NVA KIA WAS FOUND IN BUSHES BELIEVED KILLED BY S/A IN AMBUSH OF 30 JAN 68. (1 NVA KIA CONF REFLECTED THIS SIT REP). FOUND EXPENDED NVA RADIO BATTERIES, DUG-IN MORTAR POSIT, STAGING AREAS, AND WITHDRAWAL ROUTES ORIENTED TO SOUTH. TWENTY HOLES WITH GEAR COLLECTED BY NVA WERE FOUND AT YD 208717. FRESH BLOOD SPOTS ON GROUND AND BANDAGES INDICATE PREP FIRES PRIOR TO SWEEP INFLICTED CASUALTIES. BELIEVED VILLAGERS VIC YD 211711 TREATED WOUNDED NVA. NVA PACKS WITH RICE AND FRESH LAUNDRY WERE FOUND. ALSO FOUND WERE ONE RPG-2 WITH PROPELLANT, FIVE AK-47 MAGAZINES, TWO COVERS ARVN STYLE, ONE CHINESE TYPE COVER, THREE PITH HELMETS, 46 CHI COM, 19 E-TOOLS (NVA), SEVEN BLOODED BANDAGES, SIX NEW BANDAGES, ELEVEN NVA PACK WITH PERSONAL GEAR, FOUR BLOODY HAMMOCKS, ONE AK-47 MAGAZINE POUCH, FOUR CHICOM AMMO BELTS 11 NVA CANTEEN, 5 M-26 GRENADES, 3 M-17 GAS MASKS, THREE M-79 CS RDS., 25M-79 RDS. NUMEROUS NEW NVA BOOTS, 134 7.62 CARBINES RDS (NVA), 10M-16 MAG EMPTY, SIX CANS NVA C-RATIONS, 55 LBS OF RICE, TWO PAIR SANDALS, SIX Z-10 GRENADES, TWO LBS TOBACCO, TWELVE SETS SKEEVIES, ONE CIVILIAN SHIRT, 2 RICE BOWLS, EIGHT CAMOUFLAGE DEVICES, AK-47 CLEANING GEAR, EIGHT PONCHOS, THREE MOSQUITO NETS, THREE NVA BELTS, ONE HELMET GAS MASKS, 120 AK-47 RDS, ONE RPG CLEANING ROD, ONE RUSSIAN WATCH, ONE DIARY AND DOCUMENTS, SHIRTS, FOUR GRAY, THREE BROWN, TWO GREEN, TWO KHAKI, TROUSERS THREE GRAY, THREE BROWN, THREE GREEN.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE**CONFIDENTIAL**

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AX AT 100925H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D  
THREE RDS 82mm RR. TWO RDS HIT IN FRONT OF RADAR UNIT  
AND ONE HIT COMPANY G BUNKER. EN LOCATION UNK.

B. AT 102200H 2/1 VIC YD 114707 REPORTED COMPANY G LP  
REC'D ONE RD 82mm MORTAR FROM UNK LOCATION.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITION, CONDUCT AMBUSH,  
PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH LP'S. C-6, D-11, I-1, J-11, AA-10, W-1:

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	139	KIA	
	741	WIA (MEDEVAC)	
	296	WIA (MINOR)	
B. ENEMY:	1001	NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF)	4
	98	DETAINERS TOTAL	
	37	PCW	
	52	INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	6	DETAINES	
	2	VC RETURNEES	
	1	CIVIL DEFENDANTS	

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CSWC: 44

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DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS 1/LT

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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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 (P)

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 SITREP NR 406 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 102400H-120600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND LP'S WHILE CONTINUING TO DEFEND POSITIONS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - B. LOC'S WILL BE SWEPT AND SECURED.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 139 KIA
    - 741 WIA (MF DEVAC)
    - 296 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1001 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 4
    - 98 DET TOTAL
    - 37 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 6 DETAINEES
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - C. IWC: 131
  - CSWC: 44

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SECTION: S-3

DRAFTER: *J.M. Chamberlain*  
A4 FERNANDEZ MAJOR

RELEASED BY: *J.M. Chamberlain*  
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FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
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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 407 FOR OIN KENTUCKY FR 110600H-111200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED OP'S IN AO.
  3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 110820H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 2 RDS 82MM RR FIRE INSIDE PERIMETER, RET'D FIRE ON SUSPECTED EN YD 113718 W/11 RDS 81MM MORTAR, 22 RDS 4.2" MORTAR, SUSTAINED 1 USMC KIA.
    - B. AT 110920H F/2/1 AT YD 115695 FOUND OUTER WIRE CUT BY WIRE CUTTERS AND TRIP FLARE SET OFF IN FRONT OF TANK POSITION, REPAIRED WIRE.
    - C. CORRECT SIT REP NR 405, PARA 2B TO INCLUDE ONE SKS CARBINE ONE RPG-2, 1 AK-47, 1 SNIPER RIFLE/W SCOPE, TOTALS REFLECTED THIS SITREP ARE CORRECT.
    5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS CONDUCT PATROLS AND ESTABLISH OP'S IN AO.
      - A. MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.
  6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
    - A. FRIENDLY: 140 KIA
      - 741 WIA (MEDEVAC)
      - 296 WIA (MINOR)
    - B. ENEMY: 1001 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 4
      - 98 DET TOTAL 6 DETAINEES
      - 37 POW 2 VC RETURNEES
      - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
    - C. IWC: 131
    - CSWC: 44

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SECTION: S-3  
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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 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 408 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 111200H@111800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A.	I/4 (-)	I FLT, A CO AND B CO	YD 133645
		2 FLT, A CO AND C CO	YD 128672
B.	2/1	E, F, G, CO	YD 116702
		H CO	YD 118692
C.	2/9 (-)	I SQD, G CO AND F CO	YD 141614
		G CO (-)	YD 141614
D.	3/3	I AND K CO	YD 176721
		L AND M CO	YD 171730
E.	H/2/4		YD 128590
F.	D/1/4		YD 181588

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS,  
 AND ESTABLISHED OPS.  
 B. CONTINUED SECURITY OF AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.  
 3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE  
 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
 A. REGIMENTAL CO, 9TH MARINES RETURNED FROM R&R AT 111300H.  
 B. AT 111000H L/3/3 FOUND FRESH TRACKED VEHICLE TRACKS  
 RUNNING SOUTH TO NORTH, 14" WIDE AND 3 1/2 TO 4 FT FROM TRACK  
 TO TRACK, ALSO FOUND 1 NVA CLAYMORE SET FOR SURPRISE DETONATION.  
 C. AT 111300H H/2/4 PATROLS SPOTTED 6 NVA AT YD 134555  
 USMC SNIPER FIRED 18 RDS AND CALLED FOR ARTY MSN OF  
 11 RDS VT AND 3 RDS HE, RESULTS 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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D. AT 111546H 2/1 REC'D 2 RDS RR INSIDE PERIMETER FR YD 135717, NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED. FIRED 1 RD HE ON YD 134725, 5 RDS HE 81MM AT YD 123724, AND 35 RDS HE 4.2" AT YD 135717.

E. AT 111445H H/2/4 AT YD 128590 REC'D 5 RDS SUSPECTED 82MM MORTAR FR AZIMUTH OF 5850 MILS, CALLED FOR ARTY MSW AT YD 114602 WHICH RESULTED IN FIRE AND 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, SUSTAINED 3 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 2 USMC WIA (MINOR) FR H/2/4 AND 3 ADDITIONAL MEDEVAC FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

G. AT 111540 TO 111552H 1/4 REC'D 52 RDS EST 85, 120 and 152 MM ARTY FR AZIMUTH OF 5500 MILS, RETURNED CTR BTRY PIRES W/14 MIN REACTION TIME, SUSTAINED 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 4 USMC WIA (MINOR)

H. AT 111730H 2/1 REPORTED AS SIGHTED OLD BUNKER COMPLEX APPEARS TO HAVE NEW ADDITIONAL BUNKERS IN GRID SQUARE 1171.

## 5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

## 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 110 KIA

746 WIA (MEDEVAC)

302 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1003 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 4

98 DET TOTAL

37 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

6 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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F. (LATE ENTRY) AT 1109H 1/4 AT C-2 REC'D 11 RDS OF  
EST 105MM ARTY FR AZIMUTH OF 4700 MILS IMPACTED ON  
SOUTHEAST OF THE PERIMETER, FIRED COUNTER BATTERY 105MM  
MISSION IN YD 078639.

G. (LATE ENTRY) AT 111745H AO WORKING WITH 2/1 SPOTTED  
1 ENEMY IN A NEW TRENCH LINE AT YD 128722.

H. (LATE ENTRY) AT 111748H 3/3 REC'D 2 RDS OF UNKNOWN  
CAL ARTILLERY OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER FROM A DIRECTION OF  
5800 MILS AND A RANGE OF 7000 METERS, FIRED COUNTER BATTERY  
WITH GENERAL SUPPORT ARTILLERY.

I. AT 112110H 2/1 AT YD 121704 AN LP DETECTED DEFINATE  
MOVEMENT AT YD 121705 AND FIRED 3 RDS M-79 AND RETRACTED  
LP 40 METERS AWAY FR ORIGINAL POSITION.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE  
MAINTAINING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 101 KIA  
 753 WIA (MDE VAC)  
 309 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1003 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 4  
 98 DET TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 6 DETAINEES  
 12 VC RETURNES DEFEND  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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G. (LATE ENTRY) AT 111745H AO WORKING WITH 2/1 SPOTTED  
 1 ENEMY IN A NEW TRENCH LINE AT YD 128722.  
 H. (LATE ENTRY) AT 111748H 3/3 REC'D 2 RDS OF UNKNOWN  
 CAL ARTILLERY OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER FROM A DIRECTION OF  
 5800 MILS AND A RANGE OF 7000 METERS, FIRED COUNTER BATTERY  
 WITH GENERAL SUPPORT ARTILLERY.

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DRAFTER: M. A. SORENSEN, MAJ  
 RELEASED BY: S. G. STODT, LTJGOL  
 SECTION: S-3

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112230Z FEB 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  
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SITREP NR 420 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 112400H-120600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: CHANGED NONE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND MANNED LPS.

B. C-6, D-6, I-1, J-4, AA-10, W-1, CC-4

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE5. PLANS:

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

B. C-5, D-16, J-14, AA-8, CC-3

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA

753 WIA (MEDEVAC)

309 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1003 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 4

98 DETAINEES TOTAL

37 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

6 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

6. IWC: 131CSWC: 44GP-4  
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120545Z FEB 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

SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES

FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA

FIRST MARINES

FOURTH MARINES

THIRD MARINES

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SITREP NR 411 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 120600H-121200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMPUSHES AND OP'S.

B. SWEEP AND SECURED LOC'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. CORRECTION: SIT RFP 406 PARA 6B PICKED UP ONE VC KIA (CONF) WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION: DELEAT ONE VC KIA (CONF)

B. AT 120900H 2/1 YD 113701 WHILE WORKING IN G CO AREA REC'D CONTINUOUS SNIPER FIRE FROM YD 112705. RET'D FIRE WITH 3.5" WP, 60mm HE, 81mm HE, WITH UNK RESULTS.

C. AT 121010H 3/3 YD 173721 REC'D 13 RDS ESTIMATED 85mm ARTY IMPACTING AT YD 179722, YD 179711, AND YD 178723 RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA (MINOR)? CRATER ANALYSIS REVEALS A DIRECTION OF 5800 YDS AND A RANGE OF 12,000 METERS; PUZE BEING FORWARDED TO S-2

D. AT 121150H D/1/4 AT YD 218700 ROAD SWEEP FOUND ONE AT MINE AND ENGINEERS BLEW IN PLACE.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND POSITION AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA

753 WIA (MEDEVAC)

311 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1003 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3

98 DETAINEES TOTAL

37 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

6 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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121100Z FEB 68

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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  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES

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SITREP NR 412 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 121200H-121800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND LP'S

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY 111335H 1/4 YD 113718 OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN AND CALLED 105mm MSN RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA (CONF)

B. 121226H 3/3 YD 175723 REC'D 18 RDS ESTIMATED 105mm FIRED COUNTER BATTERY WITH GENERAL SUPPORT ON A DIRECTION OF 5800 MILS, 8,000 METERS.

C. 121245H AN AO WORKING WITHIN 2/1 OBSERVED A BUNKER IN THE YD 1071 GS BELIEVED TO HAVE AN ENEMY SNIPER IN IT. A 60mm MORTAR MSN WAS FIRED AND SNIPER FIRE CEASED.

D. 121300H 2/1 YD 114701, OP 1 OBS ACTIVE ARTY AT YD 134795 AND ADJUSTED A 8" MSN OF 23 RDS RESULTING IN ONE LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND 4 SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

E. 121325 D/1/4 AT YD 214724 FOUND ONE AT MINE IN ROAD BLEW IN PLACE.

F. 121330H 2/1 AT YD 114701 OBS AN EN ARTY POSITION AND CALLED A 175mm MSN ON YD 16747778

G. 121500H 3/3 REC'D 35 RDS OF 60mm MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED ARTY AND 81mm ON AZ1600MILS AND RANGE 2000

H. 121550H TO 121610H 1/4 AT (-2 REC'D SEVEN RDS OF LIGHT ARTY FROM DIRECTION OF 5000 MILS. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY WITH 105mm ON COORDINATES YD 061664

I. 121605H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D ONE ROUND OF UNK CAL ROCKET. RET'D FIRE ON LIKELY TARGETS.

5. PLANS: ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S WHILE MAINTAINING AND DEFENDING POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA

755 WIA (MEDEVAC)

312 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1004 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3

98 DETAINEES TOTAL

37 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

6 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NR EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	2	YD175722	NEG.
2/9	3	3	YD114614	NEG.
1/4	4	2	YD175584	NEG.
2/4	2	2	YD128589	NEG.

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 DRAFTER: M.C. SORENSEN MAJ  
 RELEASED BY: M.C. SORENSEN LTCOL  
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121625Z FEB 68

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

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 SITREP NR 413 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 121800H-122400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING  
 ENEMY AMBUSHES AND LP'S
  - B. C-7, D-14, J-13, AA-9, EE-1,
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 121922H 2/1 AT YD 114701 CONDUCTED FIRE MSN ON  
 YD 103703. OP 1 OBSERVED ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. FIRE  
 MSN EXPENDED 20 RDS OF 4.2" HE
  - B. AT 121950H 3/3 AT A-3 REPORTED RADAR DETECTION OF A  
 TRACKED VEHICLE AT YD 185715 MOVING SOUTH TO EAST. ARTY  
 FIRED WITH UNK RESULTS
  - C. AT 122010H 2/1 AT YD 114701 LP OBS TWO FIGURES MOVING  
 UNDER WIRE AT YD 111706 ALSO HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE FRONT.  
 FIRED 30 RDS OF 60mm HE
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSIT AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES  
 AND CONTINUE TO MAN LP'S
  - B. C-7, D-14, J-13, AA-8, CC-2, EE-2
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA  
 755 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 312 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1004 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
 98 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 6 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. INC: 131  
 CSWC: 44

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RELEASED BY: J.C. STODI LTCOL

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

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 SITREP NR 414 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 130003H-130600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS CONDUCTED AMBUSHES, PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:

- A. UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH OP'S.
- B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF MSR AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY.
- C. SUPERVISE, SUPPORT, AND COORDINATE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENCES AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, QUANG TRI (P)

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA  
 755 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 312 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1004 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
 98 DFT TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 6 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 131  
 CSWC: 44

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SITREP NR 415 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 130600H-131200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

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

B. CONTINUED SECURITY OF LOC(S) AND CONDUCTED RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

C. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT CAM LO DIST HQTRS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 131010H 6/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 168608 REC'D SNIPER FIRE FR EST 5 EN AT YD 169608 HEL'D FIRE W/M-16 M-60 AND 60MM MORTARS. AD ON STATION AND ARTY FIRES BEING CALLED.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 130936H 2/1 REC'D 7 RDS RR FIRE INSIDE PERIMETER, REC'D FIRE W/81MM MORTARS AT YD 100704, 4.2" MORTAR AT YD 113718 AND 099712 AND 105MM ARTY AT YD 113716, INCOMING RESULTED IN 3 USMC KIA (MINOR).

B. AT 131130H 2/9 OBS 3 NVA AT DISTANCE OF 1300 METERS LOCATED AT YD 117624 FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN ~~225~~ WITH UNK RESULTS. AREA OF CONTACT SWEPT AND VILLAGERS WERE INTERROGATED, EN APPARENTLY DEPARTED.5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS CONTINUE MAINTAINING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCTING PATROLS, MANNING OP'S AND PROVIDING SECURITY FOR LOC(S).

B. CONTINUE RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA  
 755 WIA (MDEWAC)  
 315 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1004 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 2  
 98 DET TOTAL  
 37 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 6 DETAINEES  
 2 VC REPATRIATES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
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 SITREP NR 416 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 131200H-131800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS CONTINUED MAINTAINING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCTING PATROLS, MANNING OP'S AND PROVIDING SECURITY FOR LOC'S.
  - B. RESUPPLY WAS CONTINUED ALONG MSR.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. (LATE ENTRY) 131050H 6/2/4 VIC YD 168608 REC'D SNIPER FIRE FR EST 5 EN AT YD 169608, RET'D FIRE W/M-16, M-79, 60MM MORTARS AND M-60. SEARCH OF AREA DISCOVERED 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 IN HOOTCH AND 1 IN FIGHTING HOLE. SEARCH OF VILLAGE IN AREA RESULTED IN 4 DETAINEES.
  3. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 131245H 1/4 OP AT YD 132632 OBS 2 FN MOVING WEST AT YD 122636. FIRED S/A AT FN AND PATROL CHECKED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
    - B. AT 131335H D/1/4 RD SWEEP ELEMENTS FOUND 1 ARVN 6x6 TRUCK AT YD 218698 WHICH HAD STRUCK AN AT-MINE AND WAS BLOCKING THE RD. ONE LOAD OF FILL AND 1 WRECKER WAS REQUESTED FR ENGRS AND RD WAS CLEARED.
    - C. AT 131554H 1/4 RD SWEEP ELEMENTS DISCOVERED 2 AT-MINES AT YD 216720. THE MINE WAS DESTROYED IN PLACE.
    - D. AT 131444H 3/3 REC'D 20 RDS OF 60MM MORTARS FR YD 150733 OF AZIMUTH OF 4800 MILS, ALL RDS LANDED OUTSIDE PERIMETER, FIRED COUNTER MORTAR BSN WITH 31MM MORTARS W/UNK RESULTS.
    - E. AT 131505H 3/3 REC'D 70 RDS OF EST 105MM ARTY FR A AZIMUTH OF 5800 MILS AND DISTANCE OF 11,000 METERS, RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA (REDEVAC), RDS IMPACTED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER, APPARENTLY DIRECTED AT CO RETURNING FR PATROL INTO A-3 POSIT, FN SOP CALLS FOR MAXIMUM USE OF COVER, DISPERSION AND MOVEMENT BY SQUADS WHEN PASSING THROUGH EXPOSED AREAS ON ENTERING AND EXITING POSITION, HENCE, MINIMAL CASUALTIES.

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4. A TOTAL OF 50.0 HRS OF VR WERE FLOWN OVER PASSENGER QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AC'S ON 12 FEB, AT YD 113718 AO OBS 2 NVA IN TRENCH LINE, FIRED ARTY MSN ACCOUNTING OF 1 NVA KIA (CONF)

5. PLANS: 3/3 PLANS 3 COMPANY OPERATION IN DMZ VIC GS 1775 AND 1774.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 141 KIA  
756 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
315 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1007 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
108 DETAINEES TOTAL  
37 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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IWC: 131  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	1	YD 17047103	NEG
		1	YD 18817229	NEG
2/9	4	2	YD 14496152	NEG
		2	YD 14896048	NEG
H/2A	4	1	YD 12785097	NEG
		1	YD 17915868	NEG

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

CCN: 132

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 SITREP NR 417 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 131800-132400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES, AND MANNED LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 132045H M/3/3 AMBUSH PATROLS MOVING INTO POSITION VIC YD 190726 HEARD VOICES AND SAW MOVEMENT OF APPROX 20 EN. A HASTY AMBUSH WAS SET AND SPRUNG FROM AS CLOSE AS 5 BT FR NVA. AREA WAS CHECKED AND 7 NVA KIA (CONF) RESULTED. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT ONE USMC WIA WAS ALSO RESULTED. THE PATROL STARTED RECEIVING FIRE AND IT WAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW TO PERIMETER. THE CASUALTY BECAME 1 USMC KIA. ANOTHER 3/3 ACTIVITY FROM CO "I" VIC YD 183729 ALSO MADE CONTACT SHORTLY AFTER AND CAPTURED ONE NVA POW. (MORE COMPLETE FIGURES AND ACCURATE ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW)
  - B. AT 131600H B/1/4 PATROL FOUND MINE FIELD WIRE CUT, A SET OF NVA SLIPPER TRACKS, AND ONE SET OF BAREFOOT TRACKS LEADING INTO MINEFIELD AT YD 130647. WIRE CANNOT BE OBSERVED FROM AT THAT POSITION.
  - C. AT 131740H 3/3 REC'D 10 RDS EST 105MM ARTY FR UNK LOC. FIRED ARTY COUNTER BATTERY AT SUSPECTED EN LOCATION.
  - D. AT 132225H CAM LO DIST HQTRS VIC YD 130593 REPORTED THAT RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE TO SW WAS HIT BY TPQ, PRESENTLY CONDUCTING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES EVACUATIONS OF 18 WIA (MEDEVAC) AND 4 WIA (MINOR); FINAL REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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5. PLANS: A. UNITS MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT  
AMBUSHES, AND MAN LP'S.

B. AT 140200H 3/3 WILL COMMENCE OPERATION IN DMZ. CO  
3/3 WILL MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION WHETHER TO GO OR NOT  
DEPENDING ON WEATHER FOR EMPLOYMENT OF AIR SUPPORT. *AF*  
DECISION WILL BE MADE AT 140100H.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 142 KIA  
756 WIA (MF DEVA C)  
315 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1014 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
103 DET TOTAL  
38 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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 FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
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 SITREP NR 448 FOR OP KENTUCKY FROM 132400H-140600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED THEIR POSITIONS  
 WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY- 132210H, E/2/A REPORTED THE VILLAGE WAS HIT  
 BY A TPQ. DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ARRANGED FOR THE EVACUATION  
 OF THE WOUNDED: ONE KIA, 23 MEDEVACS, AND SEVEN FOUR ROUNTINES;  
 ALL SEVEN CASUALTIES WERE CIVILIANS

B. LATE ENTRY- 132340H 2/1 AT YD 127689 SPOTTED ONE NVA WITH  
 STARLIGHT SCOPE AND TOOK HIM UNDER FIRE, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ NVA LAST  
 SEEN HEADING NW TOWARD A-4.

C. 140016H 2/1 YD 127689 OBS TWO PERSONS AT YD 127688 AND  
 ENGAGED W/S/A; PERSONS LAST SEEN HEADING SOUTH WEST

5. PLANS:

A. 373'S PLANNED OPERATION FOR 14 FEB HAS BEEN COUNCELED AS OF  
 140100H.

B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS WHILE  
 ESTABLISHING PATROLS AND OP'S.

C. ALL LOG'S WILL BE SWEEP AND SECURED.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 112 KIA  
 756 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 315 WIA (MINOR)  
 B. ENEMY: 1024 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
 103 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 38 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 20 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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 for *M. Chamberlain*  
 RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD LTCOL

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140515Z FEB 67

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES

SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES

THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES

SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES

FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES

FIRST MARINES

THIRD MARINES

FOURTH MARINES - FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA

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SITREP NR419 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 140600H-141200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

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

B. CONTINUED SECURITY AND ROAD SWEEP OF MSR AND CONDUCTED RESEPLY.

C. AT 12045 CO M PATROL HEARD MOVEMENT, VOICES, AND OBS APPROX 20 NVL MOVING NW ON TRAIL AT A DISTANCE OF 150 METERS. I CO PATROL MOVING EAST AT YD 185738 WAS ALERTED TO HOLD IN POSITION AND SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD VOICES TO SOUTH. IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISHED HASTY AMBUSH ALONG TRAIL AT YD 185738 WITH KILLING ZONE TO SOUTH. THE AMBUSH OBS NVA APPROACH IN COLUMN AND WERE ALLOWED TO PASS UNTIL LEAD ELMS PASSED THROUGH. ENGAGED MIDDLE OF COLUMN AT CLOSE RANGE. CLOSEST NVA AT THIS TIME WAS 5 FT AWAY. SEVEN NVA WERE OBS TO FALL ON THE TRAIL IN THE KILLING ZONE. KILLER TEAM FIRED THREE MAG M-16 INTO BODIES ON TRAIL AND BEGAN SEARCH OF BODIES AND CAPTURED ONE CARBINE. SMALL ARMS WAS REC'D ON EAST FLANK OF AMBUSH SECURITY ELEMENTS RET'D FIRE WITH THREE AUTOMATIC RIFLES. ENEMY FIRE CEASED. AMBUSH LEADER HE COMMENCED HIS WITHDRAWAL TO A-3. AND WAS ENGAGED ON WEST FLANK. RET'D FIRE WITH MG, LAAM, M-79, AND S/A. EN FIRE CEASED AND CONTACT BROKE. PATROL RPT'D TO A-3. AT APPROX 2200H I COMPANY PATROL MOVING AT YD 185729, ENCOUNTERED LIGHT CONTACT WITH EN RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF ONE POW. ALSO DURING THIS PERIOD M COMPANY PATROL ENGAGED EN ON THREE OCCASIONS WITH UNK RESULTS. IT IS THOUGHT THAT EN ENGAGED BY M COMPANY AND I COMPANY WERE ELMS OF EN FORCE INITIALLY OBS. A DETAILED SEARCH OF AREA OF CONTACT IS BEING CONDUCTED.

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3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. DLIC15R 3/3 YD 188718 OBS ONE NVA AND SHOT SAM; RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA (CONF) AND HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND 782 GEAR ARE BEING FORWARDED TO 9TH MARINES S-2.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 140840H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D TWO RDS 82mm RR WHICH HIT IN COMPANY C AREA MINE FIELD. FIRED FOUR RDS 106mm RR AT YD XXXX 114714. 9 RDS 81mm MORTARS AT YD 113718, AND 12 RDS 4.2" 113718 WITH UNK RESULTS.

B. AT 141000H 2/9 VIC YD 135622 ~~WHERE~~ ROAD SWEEP FOUND ONE FRENCH 20 POUND ANTI-TANK MINE, AND DESTROYED IN PLACE.

5. PLANS:

A. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MAN OP'S.

B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF MSR AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 142 KIA  
756 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
315 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1015 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
103 DETAINEES TOTAL  
38 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IVC: 142  
CSWC: 44

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 SITREP NR420 FOR OVN KENTUCKY FROM 141200-141800H FEB 68

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

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

B. CONTINUED SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 141215H G/2/1 PATROL SET UP AMBUSH FOR EN SNIPERS WHICH THEY SPOTTED APPROX 50 METERS FROM TREE LINE AT YD 108706. THREE WERE SEEN, ONE OF WHICH WAS FIRING TO THE WEST. PATROL ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE WITH SNIPERS BY CRAWLING TOWARDS THEM BUT WERE SPOTTED. PATROL REC'D 12 RDS 60mm MORTARS. 100 RDS 60mm WHITE PHOSPHOROUS WAS FIRED AS COVER FOR PATROL TO RETURN TO 2/1 CP. ANOTHER 18 RDS LANDED IN POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY PATROL. FIRE WAS MET'D WITH 45 RDS HE 60mm MORTARS AT EN SNIPER POSITION.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. CORRECT SIT REP 419, PARAGRAPH 60 TO READ 132 VICE 142.

B. AT 141205H, 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D 12 TO 13 RDS 60mm MORTARS. FIRED 105mm ARTY MSN OF 60 RDS HE AT YD 136720. ALSO FIRED 49 RDS HE AT YD 10427098 AND OBS ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

C. AT 141425H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D SIX RDS 60mm MORTAR OUTSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED 27 RDS 60mm MORTAR AND 36 RDS 120mm MORTAR AT YD 104709.

D. AT 141602H, 2/9 VIC YD 143614 REC'D 8 RDS MORTARS AND ARTY INSIDE PERIMETER FROM 6000 MILS. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY MSN. RESULTING IN 5 USMC KIA (MINOR)

E. SEARCH OF AREA OF 3/3 AMBUSH REPORTED PARA 2C, SIT REP 419 REVEALED FOLLOWING: CAPTURED 2 AK-47, 4 PACKS, 9 GAS MASKS, 5 HAMMOCKS, 3 PONCHOS, 2 LITTERS, 3 CANTRENS, 1 PR SHORTS, 4 CANTERN COVERS, 4 EATING POTS, TWO KNIFES, THREE BELTS, FIVE JUNGLE KITS, FOUR ROPES, THREE INK PENS, ONE FLASH LITE, TWO M60 MOTOR BOOSTER SHIELDS, NINE CHICOMS, ONE PR SOCKS, TWO LEATHER BELTS, ONE AK-47 BAYONET, FIVE POUNDS RICE, 70 AK-47 RDS, ONE PR HO SANDALS, THREE CHICOM POUCH, TWO WALLETS WITH VERY LITTLE INSIDE, ONE COMPASS, ONE CIGARETTE LIGHTER ONE MUSS GEAR, ONE CORPSMAN BAG WITH WELL STOCKED MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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5. PLENS:  
 A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MIN OP'S
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:  
 A. FRIENDLY: 142 KIA  
     756 WIA (HEDEVAC)  
     320 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1015 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
     103 DETAINEES TOTAL  
     38 POW  
     52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
     10 DETAINEES  
     2 VC RETURNEES  
     1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
- C. INC: 134  
     CSVC: 14
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NR EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	1	YD 170710	NEG
		3	YD 188722	NEG
2/9	4	1	YD 144615	NEG
		2	YD 148604	NEG
H/2/4	2	2	YD 127590	NEG
CAP-3		1	YD 179586	NEG
1/4	2	2	YD 133644	NEG

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141645Z FEB 68

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 TO: CG, THIRD M'R DIV  
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 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
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 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
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 SITREP NR421 FOR OPN KENBUCKY FROM 141500H-142400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

B. C-7, D-16, I-1, J-13, W-1, AA-5, CC-3, RE-2.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 141655H E/2/A AT CAM LO DISTRICT HQ TOOK FOUR RDS 82mm MORTARS FROM AZ 3.30 MILS RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA AND ONE CIVILIAN KIA.

B. AT 141930H 2/1 AT VIC YD 112705 OBS APPARENT ENEMY FORCED SOURCE AT YD 102702 AND TOOK IT UNDER FIRE WITH 250 RDS 5.56, 6 RDS M-79, 1 RD 90mm, 50 RDS 30 CAL AND 104 RDS 50 CALIBER. SEARCH OF AREA INDICATES LIGHT SOURCE IS OUT.

C. AT 141950H 3/3 VIC YD 203714 RADAR DETECTED 7-8 PERSONS MOVING SOUTH AND AN ARTY MSN WAS CALLED. AT 141955H, RADAR AGAIN DETECTED 5-6 PERSONS MOVING SOUTH.

D. AT 142000H 2/9 AT C-3 OBS 25 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST AT YD 131621 AND CALLED IN 81mm, 105mm, 155mm, AND TWIN 40'S WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. AMBUSH IS MOVING IN TO SWEEP AREA.

E. AT 142230H 2/9 AT C-3 AMBUSH, SWEEPING AREA OF 142000H CONTACT, OBS THREE NVA WALKING TOWARD THEM AND SET IN A HASTY AMBUSH. THE ENEMY WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITH M-16, M-60, AND M-79, AND OBS FIGURES DROP. OTHER NVA WERE HEARD IN THE AREA AND THESE AMBUSH AREA WILL BE CHECKED ASAP.

F. AT 142300H D/1/A AT CAP-3 REPORTED FF'S ON THE BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THEIR POSITION TOOK 18 RDS 60mm FROM VIC YL 183593 AND REP'D FIRE WITH ARTY MSN WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE.

G. CORRECTIONS TO SIT REP 420

1. PARA 6B: ADD ONE DETAINEE/POW; REPORTED BUT NOT ADDED.

2. PARA 6C: DELEAT ONE IWC; DOUBLE COUNTED AS CARBINE

FOR AK-47.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE AMBUSHES AND LP'S WHILE DEFENDING

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## POSITIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 143 KIA  
 756 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 320 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1015 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 133  
 CSWC: 144

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 SITREP NR 422 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 142400H-150600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
  - B. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  - C. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
  - D. PLANS:
    1. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING PATROLS AND OP'S.
    2. ALL LOC'S WILL BE SWEEP AND SECURED.
3. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 143 KIA
    - 756 MIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 320 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1015 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3
    - 104 DYT TOTAL
    - 39 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 10 DETAINEES
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 133  
 CSWC: 44

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 SITREP NR 423 FOR OPF KENTUCKY PR 150600H-151200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NONE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - B. SWEEP TEAMS SWEEP AND SECURED LOC'S AND AO.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 150800H 2/1 VIC YD 106686 FOUND AND DESTROYED 1 BUNKER 5x3 FT W/3 CHICOM GRENADES; FOUND 5 MORE 3x4 BUNKERS AND 300 METERS OF NVA COMM WIRE.
  - B. AT 150940H 2/1 AT YD 114001 OBS 19 NVA IN OPEN AT YD 113718 AND FIRED 25 RDS 4.2" WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - C. AT 150950H 2/1 VIC YD 112705 OBS MUZZLE FLASHES OF EE SNIPER AND RET'D FIRE W/1 HD 106MM FLESHET RD.
  - D. AT 151000H 2/9 VIC YD 131621 FOUND POOLS OF BLOOD, A BLOODY BOOT CUP AND DRAG MARKS IN THE AREA OF LAST NIGHTS ACTIVITY. WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH AREA.
  - E. AT 151000H A/1/4 VIC YD 131655 OBS 2 NVA YD 135657 IN THE BRUSH FIRING ON VEHICLES ON MSR. A CO OP TOOK EN UNDER FIRE W/S/A AND 81MM MSN, WILL CHECK AREA.
  - F. AT 151045H 2/1 VIC YD 092651 FOUND: 7 BUNKERS 5x3x4 COVERED W/LOGS AND DIRT. 2 BUNKERS 6x3x3, 2 BUNKERS 5x3x3, 1 MORTAR PIT 5FT IN DIAM, 1 MORTAR PIT 8x3 FT SEARCHED BUNKERS W/NEG RESULTS AND DESTROYED SAME W/C-4.
  - G. AT 150905H 3/3 REPORTED RECEIVING 17 RDS 60MM ON YD 167731 AND YD 167724 FR YD 150730, "K" CO PATROL IN AREA IS CHECKING THE AREA.

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N. AT 151110H 2/1 VIC YD 092683 FOUND 2 BUNKERS  
6x8 FT AND ONE BAG OF RICE, DESTROYED W/C-4.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN  
AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS  
AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	143 KIA	
	756 WIA (MEDEVAC)	
	320 WIA (MINOR)	
B. ENEMY:	1015 NVA KIA (CO F)	VC KIA (CONF) 3
	164 DEF TOTAL	
	39 POW	
	52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	10 DETAINEES	
	2 VC RETURNEES	
	1 CIVIL DEFENDANT	
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CSVC:	44	

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 SIXTH NR 424 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 151200H-151800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS IMPROVED POSITIONS  
 WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 151215H 1/4 VIC YD 102645 REC'D 30 RDS S/A FR  
 YD 102644 AND 100644 AND NO OBS MORE NVA IN FIGHTING  
 HOLES AT YD 100643. 82MM MSN AND 105MM MSN WERE CALLED  
 WITH GOOD TGT COVER AGE, RESULTS WERE 1 USMC KIA (MINOR)  
 AND 3 NVA KIA (CONF). OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 151145H 2/1 VIC YD 103683 POUND  
 1 82MM BASE PLATE AND WILL TAKE IT TO A-4.

C. LATE ENTRY. AT 151155H 3/3 VIC YD 103725 REC'D  
 INCOMING OF 20 RDS 60MM, RET'D FIRE W/16 RDS 81MM  
 ON YD 152728.

D. AT 151250H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D 14 RDS 60MM  
 AND 16 RDS 82MM, RET'D FIRE WITH:

10 RDS	81MM	09257098
4 RDS	81MM	117737
3 RDS	81MM	120722
15 RDS	105MM	120730
18 RDS	105MM	12827131
15 RDS	105MM	20367316
30 RDS	105MM	147725

E. 151310H 2/1 VIC YD 103685 POUND 4 BUNKERS 5x3  
 COVERED W/LOGS AND DIRTY SEEMED TO BE OLD, DEST W/C-4.

D. AT 151200H 2/1 YD 103727 FOUND 2 BUNKERS 6x3x2  
 MADE OF DIRTY AND LOGS AND DESTROYED WITH C-4.

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F. 151330H 2/1 YD 108628 FOUND 2 BUNKERS 3x8x4 FT WITH 6 CHICOM GRENADES, 4 FRAG GRENADES, 2 CONCUSSION GRENADES AND 1 B-40 ROCKET.

G. AT 151421H 3/3 YD 165732 REC'D 15 RDS 82MM FR AZIMUTH OF 5100 MILS AND RANGE OF 1500 METERS RET'D FIRE WITH ARTY.

H. AT 151515H 2/1 YD 115700 A TRUCK DRIVER OF AN AMMO AT OP-1 REC'D 3-4 RDS SNIPER FIRE, RECEIVING 1 RD IN THE RIGHT SIDE, RET'D FIRE WITH 5 RDS 60MM.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES AND LPS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 143 KIA  
756 WIA  
322 MIA (MIBOR)

B. ENEMY: 1018 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 3  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 133  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	4	YD 170724	
1/4	4	2	YD 133647	
		2	YD 178586	
2/4	2	2	YD 129590	
2/9	4	4	YI 145635	
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 SITREP NR 425 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 151800H-152400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. CWSYD-13, I-1, J-16, W-1, AA-5, CC-3, EE-2
  - A. AT 152245H 8/1A AMBUSH OBS 5 VC AT 157549, FIRED S/A, EN RET'D FIRE AND FLED SOUTH, CALLED FIRE MEN OF 18 RDS ON YD 161670. CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 2 VC KIA (CONF) 1 AK-47, 1 CARBINE, 2 PACKS. Ambush took 2 USMC WIA (MINOR).
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 151815H 2/1 DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED 2 NEW BUNKERS 4x3x2FT
    - B. AT 151750H 2/1 OP-3 SPOTTED EN MOVEMENT AT YD 188764. GIO LINE OP CONFIRMED 12 NVA IN OPEN. FIRED 8 RDS AT ABOVE COORDS, AND 8 RDS 105MM HE AT 19397648 WITH UNK RESULTS.
    - C. AT 152030H 2/1 LP AT YD 122701 SPOTTED 1 NVA TO FRONT OF LINES AT YD 122705. FIRED M-79 WITH UNK RESULTS. LP LOST RADIO CONTACT, RET'D TO CP TO CHANGE RADIOS, AND RET'D TO LP SITE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSIT, CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND CONTINUE TO MAN LP'S.
  - A. C-6, D-13, I-1, J-16, W-1, AA-5, EE-5
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 113 KIA  
 756 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 324 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY 1018 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 D/T TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES
  - C. IWC: 135  
 CSWC: 44  
 1 CIVIL DEPENDANT.

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 SITREP WR 126 FOR OPEN KENTUCKY FROM 160001H-160600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSH PATROLS, AND ESTABLISHED LP'S.
  - B. 3/3 WITH COMPANIES I, L, AND M, COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO ATTACK POSITION, VIC YD GS 1975 FOR BREK TO SW.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNIT, MAINTAIN POSITION, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH OP'S.
  - B. MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSE.
  - C. 3/3 CONDUCTS OPERATIONS ALONG DMZ VIC YD GS 1974 AND 1975.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 143 KIA  
 756 WIA (MEDICAL)  
 324 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1018 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
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  - C. IWC: 135  
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 SITREP NR 427 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 160600H-161200H FEB 68

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

- A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED OPS.
- B. MAINTAINED SECURITY ALONG LOC'S AND CONDUCTED ROAD SWEEP ALONG MSR.
- C. 3/3 CONTINUING OPERATION INTO DMZ IN VIC OF GS YD 1875.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 160805H I 3/3 MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNDETERMINED SIZE FORCE. ENGAGED ENEMY WITH S/A AND LAWS. AC ON STATION REPORTS ENEMY WITHDRAWING. FIXED WING ON STATION AND WILL BE USED ON WITHDRAWING ENEMY.

B. AT 161000H I 3/3 REMAINS IN LIGHT CONTACT. BTRY M5N IS BEING CHECKED ADJUSTED AND AN LZ IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN "M" CO'S AREA FOR MEDEVACS. S-3 OF 3/3 ESTIMATE APPROX 70-80 NVA IN AREA OF CONTACT. GUNSHIPS / HE ON STATION AND ARE BEING USED TO BREAK CONTACT. RESULTS OF THE CONTACT ARE TWO USMC KIA, THREE USMC (MEDEVAC), AND THREE USMC (MINOR).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 160815H 2/1 FOUND ONE NVA BODY AT YD 139707. INDIVIDUAL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR LONG PERIOD. ONE NVA KIA (CONF)

B. AT 161000H 2/1 REC'D THREE RDS 82mm RR AND FIVE RDS 60mm MORTAR. 82mm RR RDS WERE DIRECT HIT ON OLD OF 1. RET'D FIRE WITH 10 RDS 81mm MORTAR AT 117716, 28 RDS 81mm MORTAR AT 101705, 12 RDS 4.2" HE AT 099707, TWO WP AND FIVE RDS HE 90mm AT YD 103705

C. AT 161009H 2/1 REC'D AT YD 114703 FIVE RDS 60mm MORTAR AND TWO RDS 82mm RR. RET'D FIRE WITH 30 RDS 60mm MORTAR ON YD 106706 WHICH WAS 60mm POSITION CONFIRMED BY "C" SOUND. ALSO RET'D FIRE AT YD 103705 WITH THREE RDS 106mm RR AND EIGHT RDS 90mm HE. OPS SECONDARY EXPLOSION AT YD 104706, WHICH POSSIBLY DESTROYED THE RR POSITION.

D. AT 161040H SECOND PATROL 1-1, AMGNDS, EXCHANGED S/A AND A/V FIRE WITH TWO NVA/VC ARMED WITH A/V, WEARING BUSH COVERS. TEAM BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED OUT OF AREA.

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5. PLANS:
- A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH OP'S.
  - B. MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CONTINUE RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.
  - C. 3/3 CONTINUE SWEEP IN DMZ MOVING SW FROM CS YD 1875
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
- A. FRIENDLY: 145 KIA
    - 759 WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 327 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1019 NV: KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5
    - 104 DETAINEES TOTAL
    - 39 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 10 DETAINEES
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
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 SITREP NR 428 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 161200H-161800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS CONTINUED MAINTAINING DEFENSIVE POSIT CONDUCTING PATROLS, MANNING OP'S AND PROVIDED SECURITY BWR FOR LOC'S.

B. RESUPPLY WAS CONTINUED ALONG THE MSR

C. 3/3 CONTINUED OPERATION INTO DMZ IN VIC OF GS 1875.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. FROM 161250H TO 161440H 3/3 CONTINUED LIGHT CONTACT WITH ENEMY ELEMENTS IN VIC YD 187753. RESULTING IN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES: TWO USMC KIA, FIVE USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)

B. AT 161325H 2/1 AT YD 152723 SPOTTED 4-5 NVA MOVING WEST TO EAST. TOOK UNDER FIRE WITH S/A AND BEGAN RECEIVING S/A AND MG FIRE FROM RIGHT FLANK. ENEMY FIRE WAS SILENCED AND AS UNIT MOVED FORWARD TO CHECK BODIES ~~THEY~~ BEGAN RECEIVING MORTARS. UNIT WAS ~~STAYED~~ THEN INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE BODIES AND RETURN TO CP. RESULTS OF THE CONTACT WERE: ONE USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) TWO USMC WIA (MINOR) AND SEVEN NVA KIA (CORP).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161030H 2/1 REC'D TEN RDS OF 60mm MORTAR FROM YD 103703, RET'D FIRE WITH 30 RDS 60mm HE.

B. DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161130H "C" 1/4 FOUND ONE ENEMY PACK IN SAME VIC OF FN CONTACT OF 152245H. PACK CONTAINED FOOD AND CLOTHES.

C. AT 161220H 3/3 OBS TWO NVA AT YD 153734. FIRED 106 RR WITH UNK RESULTS.

D. AT 161415H TO 1425H "H" 2/4 AT CAM LO DIST HQ REC'D 25-35 RDS 122mm ROCKETS FROM AN AZIMUTH OF 5700 MILS RESULTING IN ONE USMC WIA (MEDEVAC) AND ONE USMC WIA (MINOR) 2/9 TOWER SPOTTED ACTIVE ROCKETS AT YD 093654 AND YD 059629. RET'D FIRE WITH ARTY MSN, TANKS, AND TWIN 40'S, WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

E. AT 161430H 2/9 OP AT YD 143613 SPOTTED ENEMY MORTAR TUBE AT YD 117625. FIRED 81mm MORTAR MSN AND TWIN 40'S, WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE.

F. AT 161430H TO 161600H "H" 2/4 AT CAMLO DIST HQ. RECID APPROX 26 RDS MIXED 122mm ROCKET AND 82mm MORTAR FIRE FROM AZ OF 5700 MILS. FIRED COUNTER BTRY ARTY MSN.

G. AT 161645H 2/9 ELEMENTS AT C-3 REC'D EIGHT RDS 82mm MORTAR FROM YD 095615 RESULTING IN THREE USMC WIA (MFDEVAC). ARTY MSN BEING FIRED.

H. AT 161650H "E" 2/A AT CAM LO DIST HQ REC'D 12 RDS OF 122mm ROCKET FROM AN AZ OF 5800 MILS. COUNTER BATTY MSN FIRED.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL ~~REMAIN IN POSITION~~ CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSIT CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND MAJ LPS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 147 KIA  
 7659 WIA (MFDEVAC)  
 330 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1026 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWCs 135  
 CSWS 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NR EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	1	173723	NEG
		3	169731	NEG
2/9	3	1	14496152	NEG
		2	14896048	NEG
A 1/A	3	2	12785907	NEG
		1	179587	NEG
1/A	2	1	13366448	NEG
		1	128671	NEG

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 SITREP NR 429 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 161800H-162400H FEB 68

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

A. UNITS MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND MANNED LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 162000H B/1/4 PLATOON WAS SENT AS SPARROW HAWK FROM LZ 1/4 TO ASSIST DOWNED GUNSHIP. PLT REC'D S/A, A/W, FIRE AND HAND GRENADES FROM THREE SIDES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REACH DOWNED HELO. SOME A/W FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM VIC DOWNED HELO. PLT WITHDREW INTO PERIMETER POSITION, CALLED FOR FLARE SHIP, REGISTERED 81mm MORTARS AND ARTY DEFENSIVE FIRES. PLAN TO HELO-LIFT REMAINDER OF B/1/4 INTO SITE TO CHECK OUT HELO. SUSTAINED ONE USMC KIA AND FOUR USMC WIA (MFDEVAC).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 161700H 2/9 REPORTED COMPANY G SECTION OF THEIR LINES REC'D ABOUT TEN RDS SNIPER FIRE. GATE ON S.E. CLOSED AND AREA VIC YD 146600 AND HOUSE FROM WHERE SNIPER FIRE WAS REC'D WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MANNED LP'S.

B. 1/4 REMAINS ON STANDBY FOR SPARROW HAWK REACTION.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 148 KIA  
 773 WIA (MFDEVAC)  
 330 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1026 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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

CCN: 158

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 SITREP NR 430 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 162400H-170600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENEMY. 162255H 3/3 VC 176702 OBS 2 NVA DIGGING TRENCHES AND CALLED ARTILLERY VT MSN AND OBS 2 NVA LAYING ON THE EDGE OF THE TRENCH AFTER THE MSN, WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
  - B. AT 170200H 2/1 YD 114701 REPORTED AN/PPS-6 DETECTED A VEHICLE (BELIEVED HEAVY) ON AZIMUTH OF 3820 MILS AT RANGE OF 1,115 METERS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - A. LOC'S WILL BE SWEEPED AND SECURED.
  - B. B/1A REMAINS ON STAND-BY FOR SPARROW HAWK REACTION.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 118 KIA  
 773 WIA (MDEVAC)  
 330 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1026 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC RETURNED  
 10 DETAINEES 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IVC: 135  
 CSWS: 44

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SECTION: S

DRAFTER: E.C. SLOTT 1/LT

RELEASED BY: E.C. SLOTT LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CO, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
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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SIERRA NR 031 FOR CPN KENTUCKY FR 170600H-171200H FVB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - B. LOC'S WERE SWEEP AND SECURED.
  - C. B/1/4 MOVED OUT TO ASSIST IN SEARCH OF AREA AND RECOVERY OF PERSONNEL ON DOWNED HELO
3. INTELY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 170900H "C" CO 2/1 YD 114701 RECD APPROX 9 RDS 60MM MORTAR AND 7 RDS 82MM MORTAR. ONFOS ON OP-2 SPOTTED FLASHES AT YD 110720, AND FIRED 11 RDS 106MM. RDS WERE ON EGT AND IN FIRE CEASED.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND ESTABLISH OP'S.
  - A. MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CONTINUE RESP PLY ALONG MSR.
  - B. 1/4 ELEMENTS WILL CONTINUE SWEEP IN AREA OF DOWNED HELO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 148 KIA  
773 WIA (INDEFVAC)  
330 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1026 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5.  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC RETURNEES  
10 DETAINEES 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C IWC: 135  
CSWC: 44  
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SECTION: 5-3  
 DRAFTER: H. FERRANDEZ MAJOR  
 RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD LTCOL

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BN, TENTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST 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 BR 133 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 171200H-171800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:
  - A. 17374 503 YD 148603 (CAM LO BRIDGE)
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND MANNED OP'S.
  - B. MAINTAINED SECURITY OF AND RESUPPLIED ALONG MSR.
  - C. AT 160200H COMPANY "I" AND M/3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO PROBABLE LINE OF DEPLOYMENT BETWEEN YD 180760 AND 192754 THROUGH THE 1775 GRID. AT 160800H, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY "I" SPOTTED 20 NVA IN GREEN UNIFORMS W/PACKS AND HELMETS MOVING FROM YD 178761 AND, AT 160803H, COMPANY "E" DISCOVERED APPROX 60 RDS 82MM MORTAR. AS COMPANY "I" DEPLOYED TO WASSAGE THE OBSERVED NVA THEY WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED BY ANOTHER FORCE, OF APPROX 30 NVA IN BUNKERS NEAR LOCATION WHERE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS WERE DISCOVERED AT YD 183758 AND IN SPIDER HOLES TO THEIR REAR. THE BUNKERS WERE SCREENED BY TREES AND UNDERGROWTH, WHICH PARTIALLY NEGATED EFFECTS OF M49'S AND M-26'S. THE BUNKERS WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND COVERED APPROACHES FROM THE RAILROAD TRACK TO THE EAST. DH-10 MINES AND CHICOMS RIGGED AS SURPRISE FIRING DEVICES WERE DISCOVERED IN THE AREA AS CLOSE AS 5 METERS FROM THE BUNKERS.

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WHEN THE BUNKERS WERE ASSAULTED, THE ENEMY ELEMENTS NOT IN BUNKERS WITHDREW. ARTY, GUNSHIPS, AND FIXED WING WERE CALLED ON THE EN WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE. COMPANY "M" DEPLOYED TO THE NORTH OF CO "I" TO PREVENT EN-CIRCLEMENT. CONTACT CONTINUED FOR 3 HOURS OF CLOSE-IN FIGHTING AMONG BUNKERS. THE EN WAS PUSHED BACK FROM THE BUNKERS A SUFFICIENT DISTANCE TO EXTRACT CASUALTIES, WHILE AIR STRIKES AND GUNSHIPS ENGAGED THE RETREATING NVA. THE UNITS CONTINUED THE SWEEP AS PLANNED AND AT 161412H A SURPRISE PERING DEVICE WAS DETONATED BY ELEMENTS OF COMPANY "M" RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA (M'DEVAC) THE APPROACH TO THE CONTACT AREA FROM THE SOUTH TO DMZ WAS RESTRICTED TO RILL ALONG RR TRACK DUE TO WAIST DEEP MARSH AND PADDIES ON EITHER SIDE. THE BUNKERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA WERE ORGANIZED AND HEAVILY FORTIFIED EXTENDING FROM THE POINT OF CONTACT WEST TO AN-KA. EVIDENCE OF RECENT MOVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF EN GOING NORTH AND SOUTH WERE FOUND IN THE AN-KA AREA. THE CASUALTIES SUSTAINED WERE PRIMARY DUE TO GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN UPPER BODY. DISLOCING OF ENEMY FROM BUNKERS IS ATTRIBUTED PRIMARILY TO EFFECTIVE OF M-79 CS. IN ADDITION TO CASUALTIES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, 3/3 SUSTAINED ONE USMC KIA (MINOR). NVA CASUALTIES WERE 14 NVA KIA (CONF) BY INFANTRY AND 10 NVA KIA (CONF) BY FIXED WING.

D. SPARROW HAWK EMPLOYED ON 16 FEB 68 PRESENTLY BACK AT C-2 AFTER ACCOMPLISHING MISSION. COMPLETE.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 170950H 8/2/1 VIC YD 143694 REPORTED THAT WHILE CROSSING A STREAM A MARINE ATTEMPTED TO ASSIST ANOTHER BY EXTENDING HIS WEAPON, BUTT FIRST. AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

B. AT 17115H D/1/4 VIC YD 148603 REPORTED AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF .45 CAL PISTOL RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA (MINOR)

C. AT 171615H 6/2/1 REC'D BURST OF APPROX 10 RDS AUTO FIRE FR VIC YD 121724 IMPACTING IN 1ST FLT ARM. RET'D FIRE WITH 21 RDS HE 81M W/UNK RESULTS.

D. EFFECTIVE 171000H ASSUMED OPCON CMD GRP ALPHA AND I/3/4 FROM 4TH MARINES. CHOPPED 8/2/9 EFFECTIVE 171430H TO 4 TH MARINES.

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

A. 2/1 WITH 2 CO'S AND CMD GRP ALPHA WILL CONDUCT NIGHT TRIP ACTIVITIES VIC YD 1668.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 149 KIA  
773 MIA (MEDEVAC)  
332 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1050 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 135  
CSWC: 14

SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	6	4	YD 171731	NEG
1/4	6	3	YD 144615	NEG
		2	YD 148604	NEG
H/2/4	2	2	YD 127590	NEG
C/1/4	1	1	YD 179586	NEG
2/9	2	1	YD 133644	NEG
		1	YD 128673	NEG

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SECTION: 8-3

DRAFTER: *J.M. Chambers Jr.* J.M. CHAMBERS, JR., 1/LTRELEASED BY: *J.M. Chambers Jr.* J.M. CHAMBERS, JR. LTCOLCONFIDENTIALOP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 171630 Z FEB68

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

CCN: 165

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 SITREP NR 433 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 171800H-172400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

- A. E/F/2/1 + ALPHA CMD GRP AT YD 153680  
 B. B/1/4 YD 153680

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LPS.

- A. E/F/2/1 PLUS 2/1 ALPHA CMD GRP AND B/1/4 SET IN VIC YD 153680

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 171330H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 OBS 35 NVA MOVING SOUTHEAST CARRYING HEAVY PACKS, S/A AND POSSIBLE MORTAR TUBES. CALLED FIRE MSN OF 29 RDS 4.2" AND 24 RDS 105MM HE WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE.

B. AT 171830H 3/3 AT A-3 REC'D 6 RDS OF UNK CAL IN THE MINFIELD FR AN AZIMUTH OF 5800 MILS AND A DISTANCE OF 7000 METERS WITH A REACTION TIME OF 6 MINUTES.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS AND CONTINUE THEIR AMBUSHES AND LPS'.6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 149 KIA  
 773 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 332 WIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1050 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW 10 DETAINEES  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC RETURNEES
- C. IWC: 135  
CSWC: 44  
 1 CIVIL DEPENDANTS

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*EC Study*  
 DRAFTER: E.C. BLODGET 1/LT  
 RELEASED BY: *EC Study* E.C. STUDD LTCOL

SECTION: S-3OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY *172300Z FEB 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  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISER, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 434 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 172400Z-180600Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

B. AT 170800H "B" CO 1/A MOVED OUT BY FOOT TO LINK UP WITH "B" 2 PLATOON ALREADY IN POSITION NEAR DOWNED HELICOPTER. AT 170830H "B" 2 PLT. RECOVERED THE BODIES OF THE RADIO OPERATOR KIA FROM THE ACTION OF THE NIGHT BEFORE. THE NVA HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN THE PRC-25 FROM THE BODY. AT 170908H THE PLT REACHED THE SITE OF THE DOWNED HICO. WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE CRASHED IN AN INVERTED NOSSE DOWN ATTITUDE. FOUR USMC KIA AND ONE USMC WIA WERE DISCOVERED AT THE SITE, LEAVING TWO MEN UNACCOUNTED FOR. HELICOPTER WRECKAGE WAS BROWN THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND HELICOPTER WAS OBVIOUSLY UNSALVAGEABLE. AT 171050H THE "B" 2 PLT DISCOVERED ONE ADDITIONAL USMC KIA IN DENSE BRUSH 50 METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE. AT 171140H "B" 2 PLT WAS HIT BY S/A AM AND GRENADES FROM THE SOUTH RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA. AO ARRIVED ON STATION AT 1215 AND FN WITHDREW TO SOUTH WITH 81mm FIRE FROM C-2 IMPACTING ON THEM (NVA). AT 171330H COMPANY "B" (-) LINKED UP WITH "B" 2 PLT AND BEGAN DETAILED SEARCH OF THE AREA. AT 171335H AO OBS REMAINING UNACCOUNTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE CRASH IN BOMB CRATER AT YD 169666. AT 171415H CO B MADE CONTACT WITH THE SURVIVOR WHO WAS KIA AND COMPLETED HIS MIDEVAC. AT 171515H CO "B" SET FIRE TO HELICOPTER WRECKAGE AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO C-2. THICK UNDERGROWTH AND DARKNESS RENDERED MOVEMENT EXTREMELY SLOW AND AT 172200H CO B TIED UP WITH 2/1 (-) AT YD 149666 AND SET IN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT. TOTAL ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ARE ONE USMC KIA (MIDEVAC) AND ONE NVA KIA (CONF)

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

\*434 B. LOC'S WILL BE SWEEPED AND SECURED

66 CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 149 KIA  
~~774~~ KIA (M DRVAC)  
 332 KIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1051  
 104 DETAINES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINES  
 2 VC RETURNES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 135  
 CSWC: 44

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DRAFTER: *Michael G*  
 J. H. CHAMBERS 1/LT  
 RELEASED BY: *Joe Mc...*  
 J. C. STUDD LTCOL

SECTION: S-3

OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 180430Z Feb 68

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

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SITREP NR 435 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 180600H-181200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE-EXCEPT B/1/4 NOW AT YD 129672

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. CORRECTION TO SIT REP 434 PARA 2B; ADD 6 USMC KIA AND 6 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)

5. PLANS:

A. CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF ELEMENTS OF 3/4 FOR ELEMENTS OF 2/8 AND 2/4.

B. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND OP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 780 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 332 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1051 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IVC: 135  
 CSVC: 44

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 DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS, 1/LT  
*ET Blafet*  
 RELEASED BY: W.C. STODT, LTCOL  
 SECTION: S-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY *18110-2 FEB 68*

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

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SITREP NR 436 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 181200H-181800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/4 (-) TO C-3 BRIDGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITION WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OPS.

B. THE PLANNED CHANGE OF POSITION BETWEEN M/3/4 AND G/2/9 AND THE "B" COMMAND GROUP WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED. 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON M/3/4 FROM 4TH MARINES AT 181100H AND CHANGED OPCON OF "B" CMD GROUP AND G/2/9 AT 181130H TO 4TH MAR.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 172200H 2/1 VIC YD 150683 RECEIVED 2 INCOMING GRENADES AND ONE ENEMY. RET'D FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 180700H 3/3 YD 198718 FOUND DOCUMENTS AND 782 GEAR WILL FORWARD TO REGT S-2.

C. AT 181115H 2/1 VIC YD 158693 PATROL PASSED THROUGH A DESERTED BASE AREA WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY ARVN OR MARINES. ALSO FOUND A COMPLEX THAT APPEARED TO BE A WEEK OLD. BAMBOO POLE TYPE STRUCTURES OF BUILDINGS IN AREA APPEARED RUN DOWN.

D. AT 181508H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 OP1 OBS 40 NVA IN TREE LINE AND FIRED M-49 ROUNDS ON TARGET. THE ENEMY MOVED INTO A HEAVY TREE LINE AND AN ASSESSMENT COULD NOT BE MADE.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND ESTABLISH AMMUNITION AND LPS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 780 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 332 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1051 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT XE CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 135  
CSMC: 44

SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NR EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	YD 171731	NEG
3/4	6	3	YD 144615	NEG
		2	YD 148604	NEG
1/4	5	2	CAM LO DIS HQ	NEG
		1	CAP III	NEG
		1	C-2	NEG
		1	C-2 BRIDGE	NEG

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 RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDDY LTCOL

SECTION: S-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 18 (800 Z Feb-68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUARTERS (P)

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 SITREP NR 437 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 181800H-182400H FEB 68

## 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. 1/4 (-)	1 PLT ACO+B CO	YD 133645
	2 PLT ACO+C CO	YD 128672
B. 2/1	E, F, G, CO	YD 116702
	H CO	YD 118692
C. 3/3	I AND K CO	YD 176721
	L AND M CO	YD 171730
D. 4/2/4		YD 128590
E. 0/1/4		YD 181588
F. 3/4	I CO	YD 148603
	M CO (-)	YD 141624

## 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE  
 CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

B. C-7, D-21, J-17, AA-7, CC-2, FE-2

## 3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 181837H 3/3 I-1 AMBUSH MADE CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE FORCE  
 AT 181853H CONTACT WAS BROKEN AND AT 181945H UNIT HAD RETURNED TO A-3.  
 POSITION. RESULTS WERE ONE USMC KIA (MINOR) AND FIGHT EVA KIA (CONF)  
 H&I ARE TO BE PLOTTED IN AREA OF CONTACT. AMBUSH SITE WILL BE  
 CHECKED AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. AT 182035H 2/1 LP AT YD 120691 SPOTTED TWO PEOPLE MOVING  
 ALONG OUTSIDE PERIMETER. PEOPLE BEGAN RUNNING TOWARD LP AND LP  
 OPENED FIRE. ENEMY MOVEMENT CEASED AND AREA WAS CHECKED WITH  
 NEG RESULTS. LP THEN SHIFTED POSITION.

## 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 1650H 3/3 REPORTED MINE DETONATED BY  
 PATROL AT YD 162732 RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA (MFDEVAC)

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 181750H 1/4 AT C-2 BRIDGE POSIT REC'D THREE  
 RDS ESTIMATED 60mm MORTAR RDS FROM UNK DIRECTION. ALL RDS IMPACTED  
 OUTSIDE SOUTH WEST LINES NEG ACTION TAKEN.

C. AT 181825H 2/1 AT A-4 POSIT REC'D 12 RDS 60mm MORT R, 20 RDS  
 82mm WITH AD 2 RDS 82mm RR. RET'D FIRE WITH 16 RDS 105mm ARTY ON  
 YD 113718, 4 RDS 105mm ARTY ON YD 112722, 36 RDS 81mm MORTAR ON YD  
 123725, 39 RDS 81mm MORTAR ON YD 115723 AND 36 RDS ON YD 109723.

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5. PLANS:  
 A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSIT (CONDUCT PATROLS AND MAN LP  
 B. C-9, BREED-21, J-17, AA-5, CC-3, FE-2
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:  
 A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
     *CS* 782 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
     *ES* 332 WIA (MINOR)  
 B. ENEMY: 1059 NV KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
     104 DETAINEES  
     39 POW  
     52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
     10 DETAINEES  
     2 VC RETURNEES  
     1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
- C. INC: 135  
     CSWC: 40

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 182300 Z FEB68

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 SITREP NR 438 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 190001H-190600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MANNED LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 182300H G/2/L PATROL USING STARLIGHT SCOPE SPOTTED 3 NVA IN TREELINE VIC YD 103698. CALLED FOR 16 RDS HE 60MM MORTAR WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
  - B. AT 190025H 2/L VIC YD 114701 REC'D 2 RDS MEDIUM ARTY FR SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, CHECKED FOR POSSIBLE FRIENDLY FIRE W/NEG RESULTS. CRATER ANALYSIS TO BE EFFECTED FIRST LIGHT.
  - C. AT 190100H C/L/L PATROL SPOTTED 30<sup>th</sup> MOVING SE VIC YD 160598 AND 162584. AMBUSH WAS PREMATURELY SPRUNG WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
5. PLANS: UNITS MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MAN OP'S.
  - A. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA
    - 781 WIA (REDEVAC)
    - 333 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1059 NVA MIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5
    - 101 DET TOTAL
    - 39 POW
    - 32 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 10 DETAINEES 1 CIVIL DEPENDANT

C. IWC: 135  
 CSWC: 44

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 SITREP NR 439 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 190600H-191200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED  
 THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

B. LOC'S WERE SWEPT AND SECURED.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 190800H 3/3 AT YD 152718 FOUND 1 NVA BODY BELIEVED TO  
 BE 8-10 HRS OLD. CAUSE OF DEATH APPEARED TO BE SHRAPNEL  
 WOUND AT BASE OF NECK, PROBABLY FROM H&I FIRES. BODY WAS  
 STRIPPED OF GEAR AND COVERED W/APPROX 6 INCHES OF DIRT.

1 NVA KIA (CONF).

B. AT 190930H 2/1 AT YD 112705 REC'D 2 SNIPER RDS, RET'D  
 FIRE WITH 8 RDS BLWM NORTE AT BDL08703.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINING POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS,  
 AND ESTABLISH OP'S.

A. MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CONTINUE RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA

781 WIA (MFI/VAC)

333 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1060 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5

104 DET TOTAL

39 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

10 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNED

1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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 TRIP NR 440 FOR OPN KENTUCKY PR 191200Z-191800Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:  
 A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND  
 MAINTAINED SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

B. THE CHANGE OF H/2/A TO 4TH MARINES AND L/3/4 TO 9TH  
 MARINES WAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 191157H RECON TEAM D-1 AT YD 118568 OBS  
 200 PEOPLE MOVING N AND SOUTH ALONG MAIN ROUTE IN AND OUT  
 OF VILLAGE AT YD 116565, IN GROUPS OF 20 TO 30, AND ONE  
 GROUP OF 100, WEARING BLACK PJS AND STRAW HATS. A FEW PEOPLE  
 WERE WEARING LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING. ALL WERE ADULTS. PEOPLE  
 STOOD ON ROAD UNTIL 191220H THEN FORMED ONE SINGLE LINE AND  
 MOVED INTO VILLE.

B. LATE ENTRY. AO'S FLEW A TOTAL OF 43.2 HRS OF VR, FLOWN  
 OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY LONG RA AO'S ON 16 FEB 68.

AT YD 180760 AO OBS 30 NVA MOVING NE, RAN GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTING  
 FOR 3 NVA KIA (CONF). AT YD 173765 AO OBS NVA MOVING ~~ALONG~~ <sup>NR</sup>  
 RR TRACKS ON E SIDE. RAN A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 8 NVA KIA (CONF)

C. LATE ENTRY. AT 191020H CAY SPOTTED 5 VC ACROSS RIVER WITH  
 WEAPONS AT YD 166608; FIRED ON THEM, BELIEVED TO HAVE WOUNDED  
 ONE. THEY MOVED NORTH.

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U. AT 191500H 5/3 AT YD 16723 RECD APPROX 20 RDS  
OF INCOMING ARTY FR 85MM FROM AN AZIMUTH OF 130 MILS  
AND RANGE OF 6000 METERS RESULTING IN 1 FIELD 121 (INFO)  
FIELD MINIMAL APPROX 100 METERS BATTERY.

V. AT 191530H 2/1 RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR FR YD 121725  
AND 15 RDS 82MM IN 500 METERS FROM 121725 RANGE TO  
MULTIPLE, RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR ON YD 121725, 37 RDS 82MM  
MORTAR ON 121723, AND 8 RDS 105MM ARTY ON 125725.

W. AT 191530H 3/3 IN SEARCH OF AREA OF CONTACT OF 18 FEB  
AT YD 187707 REVEALED 2 BOTTLES AND 3 NVA PVS WHO DID  
APPROX 10 MINUTES AFTER CAPTURE FOR A TOTAL OF 3 NVA KIA  
(CONF). ALSO FOUND WERE: 2 AK-47, 4 NVA PACES, 1 NVA TROOP  
BATTERIES, 4 RIFLES, 2 MORTAR NETS, 5 CIGARETTES, 1  
5 AT-47 MAGAZINES, 1 NVA BELL, CLOTH POLAR, 1 NVA TROOP,  
2 NVA UNIFORMS, 1 PR OF HIS SHOES, 1 ELASTIC PROTECTORS,  
1 BAG OF RICE, 2 FLASHLIGHTS, 4 BATTERIES DE SILEN, 3 BOTTLES,  
2 BOTTLES OF VIK MEDICINE, 1 BACT ORGANISMES, 1 COFF,  
VARIOUS PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS, 6 WALLETS AND PERSONAL GEAR.  
AT 191500H THE FOLLOWING GEAR WAS FOUND BY THE SAME AREA:  
1 NVA PACK, 5 TYPES OF MACHINES, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 2 DIARIES,  
2 CANS SNOW, 2 MED NETS, 1 RICE CONTAINERS, 20 METERS  
1/2:7 AND VARIOUS OTHER DOCUMENTS.

X. AT 191520H 2/1 SPOTTED 10-15 FLY IN OPER AT YD 103760  
AND YD 103758. FIRED ARTY 6 RDS COMBAT 125MM RESULTING IN  
14 NVA KIA (CONF).

Y. AT 191500H 2/1 OP-3 AT YD 111700. SPOTTED APPROX  
ROCKETS AT YD 051654, SAW 1 TROOP AND OBS 1 LARGE SECONDARY  
EXPLOSION.

Z. AT 191505H 1/4 AT C-2 POSITION, RECD 3 RDS OF 82MM  
85MM ARTY FR YD 074658 AND 25 RDS 82MM MORTAR FR YD 108600.  
RTY'D COUNTER ARTY AND COUNTER MORTAR HIT STARTING TIME  
OF 4 MINUTES.

AA. AT 191530H 2/1 RECD 5 RDS LIGHT ARTY MISSILE WITH  
CALLED ARTY MISS ON ENEMY GRID YD 076729 AND YD 112725.

AB. AT 191555H 2/1 RECD 25 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR,  
RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA (MIA) RECD 10 RDS 82MM  
82MM MORTAR ON YD 125725, 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR ON YD 121725,  
AND 15 RDS ARTY ON YD 122727.

AC. AT 191605H 2/1 AT A-4 POSITION RECD 12 RDS OF 82MM  
MORTAR INCOMING FROM YD 122727, RECD FIRE WITH 82MM  
MORTAR AND 82MM MORTARS.

#### 5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT ACTIONS, AND  
ESTABLISHED OPS.

B. COMPLETION OF CHANGE OF H/2/24 TO 4TH MARINES AND  
5/3/4 TO 9TH MARINES

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- U. AT 151220H 2/3 AT YD 147729 RECD APPROX 24 RDS OF INCOMING ARTY FR 85MM FROM AN AZIMUTH OF 100 DEGREES AND RANGE OF 4000 METERS RESULTING IN 1 KIA (CONF) FIELD CENTRAL APPROX 1000M EAST.
- V. AT 152310H 2/1 RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR FR 1000M EAST OF YD 122725 IN 60 MIN. RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR TO YD 122725, RECD 14 RDS 82MM MORTAR AT 122725, 31 RDS 82MM MORTAR AT 122725, AND 8 RDS 105MM ARTY OF 12607200X.
- W. AT 191130H 2/3 IN SEARCH OF AREA OF CONTACT OF 18 FTH AT YD 187707 REVEALED 2 BODIES AND 1 NVA POW WHO DIED APPROX 10 MINUTES AFTER CAPTURE FOR A TOTAL OF 3 NVA KIA (CONF), ALSO FOUND WERE: 2 AK-47, 4 NVA PACKS, 1 NVA TANK BATTERIES, 4 HALKOCKS, 2 MOSQUITO NETS, 5 CIGARETTES, 5 AN-11 MAGAZINES, 1 NVA BEEP, CHILD POOL, 1 V. MOTOR, 2 NVA UNIFORMS, 1 PR TY HIS SHOES, 1 ELASTIC BROW BROWER, 1 BAG OF RICE, 2 FLASHLIGHTS, 4 BATTERIES DR BELL, 2 BOMBS, 2 BOTTLES OF WAX MEDICINE, 1 PACK CIGARETTES, 1 COFF, VARIOUS PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS, WALLER AND PERSONAL GEAR. APPROX 191130H THE FOLLOWING GEAR WAS FOUND IN THE SAME AREA. 1 NVA PACK, 5 TYPES OF UNIFORMS, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 2 DIARIES, 2 CANS SHOE, 2 RED EYES, 1 RICE COOKER, 2 BATTERIES 1/227 AND VARIOUS OTHER DOCUMENTS.
- X. AT 191120H 2/1 SPOTED 10-15 FTH IN OPN AT YD 105760 AND YD 105758. FIRED ARTY 6 RDS 60MM 105MM RESULTING IN 14 NVA KIA (CONF).
- Y. AT 191300H 2/1 OF 3 AT YD 111700 SPOTED APPROX 10 ROCKETS AT YD 051654, SAW 1 FTH AND OBS 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
- Z. AT 191505H 1/4 AT C-2 POSITION, RECD 3 RDS OF 85MM ARTY FR YD 074658 AND 25 RDS 82MM MORTAR FR YD 108630. RECD COUNTER ARTY AND COUNTER MORTAR WITH REACTION TIME OF 10 MINUTES.
- AA. AT 191530H 2/1 RECD 5 RDS LIGHT ARTY MISSILE WITH CALLED ARTY MISS ON ARMY GRID YD 076729 AND YD 112725.
- AB. AT 191555H 2/1 RECD 25 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA (MIA). RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR FROM NORTH OF YD 122725, 10 RDS 82MM MORTAR ON YD 121725, AND 15 RDS ARTY ON YD 122725.
- AC. AT 191605H 2/1 AT A-4 POSITION RECD 32 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR INCO ING FROM YD 122727, RECD PERIS WITH PLM MORTAR AND 1.25 MORTARS.

## 5. PLANS:

- A. ALL UNITS MAINLINE POSITIONS, CONDUCT ACTIONS, AND ESTABLISHED LPS.
- B. COMPLETION OF CHANGS OF 1/225 TO LINE MAINLINE AND 1/3/4 TO 9TH MAINLINE

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A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 781 MIA (MEDEVAC)  
 336 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNERS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

ENC: 137  
 CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	4	4	YD 171731	NEG
3/4	3	1	YD 144615	NEG
		1	YD 148604	NEG
L/3/4	2	2	YD 127590	NEG
C/1/4	3	1	YD 179586	NEG
		1	YD 133644	NEG
		1	YD 128673	NEG

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 SITREP NR 441 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 191800H-192400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES PATROLS, AND MANNED LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 192250H 3/4 AMBUSH SIGHTED TWO BN AT VD 131625 THROUGH STARLIGHT SCOPE, FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN ON TGT AND TRAILS LEADING INTO AREA, WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT, RD SWEEP ALERTED FOR MINES.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MAN LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA
    - 781 WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 336 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5
    - 104 DET TOTAL
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  - C. IWC: 137
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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CC, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SITREP NR 442 FOR OPY KENTUCKY FROM 192400H-200600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS DEFENDED POSITIONS WILL CONTINUING LP  
 AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 192250H 3/4 OBS TWO PERSONS DIGGING  
 VIC YD 131625 AND FIRED AN 81mm MSN WITH GOOD TCF COVERAGE.  
 WILL ALERT ROAD SWEEPS ABOUT INCIDENT.

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 192320H 3/4 VIC YD 143613 OBS THREE  
 TRIP FLARES SET OFF IN INFR PROTECTIVE WFT. AN M-26 GRENADE  
 THROWN AND THE AREA CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE  
 AREA WILL BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE  
 CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.

B. ALL LOC'S WILL BE SWEEP AND SECURED EXCEPT HWY # 1.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA

761 WIA (M DEVAC)

336 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5

104 DETAINEES TOTAL

39 POW

52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

10 DETAINEES

2 VC RETURNEES

1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 37

CSMC: 4

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 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 443 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 200600H-201200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

- A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS,  
 AND MAINTAINED OP'S.  
 B. PROVIDED ROUTE SECURITY FOR ROUGH RIDER CONVOY  
 C. MAINTAINED SECURITY OF AND CONDUCTED RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.  
 D. CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT CAM LG HEST HQ CONTINUED.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. AT 200747 2/1 REC'D 8 RDS 60MM AND 20 RDS 82MM MORTAR.  
 RET'D FIRE WITH 20 RDS 81MM AT YD 116727, 20 RDS 81MM  
 YD 126721, 8 RDS AT YD 119705, 5 RDS AT YD 101722, 10 RDS  
 AT YD 116721, AND 20 RDS AT YD 117725. ONE ONTOS REC'D  
 DIRECT HIT WHICH DAMAGED CRADLE, GUNS AND FIRING PANEL.  
 VEH IS NOT FUNCTIONAL BUT IS ABLE TO RUN.  
 B. AT 200800H 2/2/1 PATROL FOUND 11 NVA LIVING BUNKERS  
 OF WHICH 2 SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY LIVED IN. ALSO  
 FOUND AN E-TOOL, DESTROYED BUNKERS W/C-4.  
 C. AT 200925H 2/2/1 PATROL AT YD 107668 FOUND 20 BUNKERS  
 AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COOKING AREA. 2 RDS 60MM  
 MORTAR, 36 RDS 82MM MORTAR, UNOPENED TIN W/6 MORTAR FUZZES  
 4 60MM MORTAR PROPELLANT CHARGES, 1 HELMET, 3 CHICOM GRENADES  
 AND 1 MAGAZINE FR LIGHT CHICOM PG.

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D. AT 200935M 6/2/71 FOUND BUNKERS AT RD 107668  
 CONTAINED BY TRENCHES BUT NOT RECENTLY USED, DESTROYED  
 THEM WITH C-1.

5. PLANS: MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS,  
 AND MAN OPS,

A. CONTINUE DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF CAM LO DIST HQ.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 355 KIA  
 711 MIA (B E OF VAC)  
 335 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 100 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
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F. AT 201400H, ( )/1 PATROL AT YD 096665 RE ( ) FOUND SIX NVA LIVING BUNKERS, 11 RDS 82mm IN ABANDONED MORTAR PIT, TWO FUZES FOR 82mm AND ONE AK-47 MAGAZINE, DESTROYED BUNKERS AND RETURNED GEAR TO S-2.

G. AT 201430H CAM LO DIST HQTRS AT YD 128592 REC'D 12 RDS SUSPECTED 82mm MORTARS AND 85mm ARTY FROM AZ 5200 MILS FIRED 6 RDS ARTY AT YD 091599, 6 RDS AT YD 109605, AND 6 RDS AT YD 100609 WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND MAN LP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
781 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
336 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
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2 VC RETURNERS  
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C. IWC: 137  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NR EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	5	3	YD 171731	NEG
3/4	6	3	YD 144615	NEG
		2	YD 148604	NEG
L/3/4	2	2	YD 127590	NEG
C/1/4	3	1	YD 179586	NEG
		1	YD 133644	NEG
		1	YD 128673	NEG

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 SITREP VR 045 FOR CEN HEADQUARTERS FROM 201630Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SIGNATURE OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LOGS.
  - B. C-7; D-10; J-16; W-1; M-4; CC-3; H-4
3. ENEMY CONTACT: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. CONTINUATION TO SITREP VR 044 PARA 4-3. ADD 2 UNITS WHO WERE AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WITH 45 CALIBER RIFLES (200) RESTORING IN ONE USMC VIL (MINOR) (NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTALS) INVESTIGATION TO FOLLOW.
  - B. AT 201615H 1/4 VM YD 175522 FALD ACCIDENTALLY HEARD FIRE FROM VM YD 181598. A PATROL WENT OUT TO CHECK AND FOUND A VC HAD FIRED ON A PV AND THE HOW DO HIT ONE SERG WHO WAS KILLED AND GRAZED ON OTHER CHILD. THE SERG WAS TAKEN TO THE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND MEDEVAC. FIVE MARINES WERE DROPPED OFF BY R THE RIVER TO ONE FOR POSSIBLE VC. THE OTHER ONE TAKEN TO 201620H 7-0 YD 181598 AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE WITH ONE WOUND.
  - C. PLACE: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 781 KIA (MEDEVAC)  
 337 KIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC 41 (CONF) 3  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 20 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETIRED  
 1 CIVIL DEF MEMBER

INFO: 147  
 COMC: 41

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DRAFTER: E.S. SL...  
RELEASED BY: J.C. STU... DTCC

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 2D2230 Z FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD 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 446 FOR OPN KONT CKY PR 202400Z-210600H FEB68

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND OP'S.
- 3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
- 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
- 5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - B. ALL LOC'S WILL BE SWEEP AND SECURED.
- 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
781 MIA (MED/VAC)  
337 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 137  
CSWC: 44  
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DEPARTMENT: J.M. CHAMBERS JR. 2.11  
RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD LPOOL

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

CCN: 190

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SITREP NR 447 FOR OCN KENTUCKY FR 210600H-211200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND PATROL.
  - B. 6/1/4 SWEEP HWY 1 AND LINKED UP WITH UNITS FROM 3/3 ~~FROM 3/3~~
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 210915H 2/1 VIC YD 112705 REC'D 4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FR VIC YD 103702 AND REP'D FIRE W/6 RDS 81MM AND 16 RDS 60MM ON YD 103702 WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - B. AT 210920H 1/4 VIC YD 152633 TO VIC YD 156634 FOUND FRESH EN FOOTPRINTS, MADE W/IN LAST 24 HRS INDICATE A COMPANY SIZE UNIT HEADING SOUTHWEST.
  - C. AT 211010H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 13 RDS 82MM AND 16 RDS 60MM REP'D FIRE WITH 15 RDS 81MM AND 10 RDS 105MM.
  - D. AT 211040H 3/4 VIC YD 133624 FOUND 2 A.T. MINES ON TANK RD AND DESTROYED IN PLACE.
  - E. AT 211050H 3/4 VIC YD 149621 1/3/4 PATROL FOUND RECENTLY USED 60MM MORTAR PIT, W/FRESH FOOTPRINTS INDICATING 20 PEOPLE WITH NVA TYPE TENNIS SHOES AND 21 EMPTY MORTAR CONTAINERS WITH INCREMENTS.

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A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY AND IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONTINUE DAYTIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 781 WIA (MF DE VAC)  
 337 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1087 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 137  
 CSWC: 44

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 DR/ : J. B. CHAMBERS JR. 1/BI  
 RELEASED BY: J. C. STUBB LFCOL

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 211145Z Z FEB 68

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

CCN: 192

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 SITREP NR 448 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 211200H-211800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CARRYING OUT DAYTIME ACTIVITIES.
  - B. ALL LOC'S WERE SWEEP AND SECURED.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 211135H A SNIPER TEAM FROM 9TH MARINES WORKING WITH A PATROL FROM MCB-5 IN THE VIC OF YD 253559 OBS 13 NVA. THE SNIPERS TOOK THE EM UNDER FIRE WHILE A FIRE BSN WAS CALLED AND 2 GUNSHIPS WERE CALLED IN, RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF) BY SNIPERS.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 211130H 3/4 IN RET TO SPT REP 200800H CO I FOUND A BODY THAT HAD BEEN DRUG TO VIC YD 132626 APPARENTLY KILLED BY SCHRAPNEL. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
  - B. AT 211145H 2/1 YD 139692 FOUND M-26 GRENADE RIGGED WITH COMM WIRE AS A MINE. WIRE LED TO OLD FRIENDLY FORTIFICATION.
  - C. AT 211150H H/2/1 VIC YD 139694 FOUND 1-155MM DUD ALSO 1 TUNNEL 16-20 FT DEEP AND LEVELED OFF INTO A SMALL ROOM BIG ENOUGH FOR APPROX 3-4 PEOPLE.
  - D. AT 211142 TO 211615H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REC'D A TOTAL OF 55 RDS 152MM ARTY AND 20 RDS 82MM MORTER. AN AO SENT IN 2 GRIDS TO EN POSITS PLUS SUPPORT TGTS, THE SOUND DETECTION SYSTEM REPORTED A READ OUT AT YD 06518108 AND THE TGT WAS HIT WITH GS ARTY AND TPQ.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL DEFEND POSITIONS AND CARRY OUT NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
781 WIA (MEEVAC)  
337 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1089 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNERS  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IWC: 137  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO TEAMS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	5	4	YD 171731	NEG
		1	YD 144615	NEG
3/4	8	2	YD 148604	NEG
		1	YD 127590	NEG
		1	YD 179586	NEG
1/4	4	1	YD 133644	NEG
		1	YD 128673	NEG
	1	1	YD 253559	<u>1 NVA KIA (CONF)</u>

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DRAFTER: E. C. BLODGET 1/LT

REFUSED BY: J. C. STUDDY LTCOL

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OP IMMEDIATE PRIORITY 211430 2 FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD 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 449 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 211800H-212400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.
  - A. C-2, D-18, J-5, AA-4, CC-3, EE-4
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 212220H 3/4 LP SPOTTED 3 EN IN VILLAGE AREA AT YD 114577. FIRED 4 RDS ILLUM AND 15 RDS M-16 ONE EN POSSIBLY HIT.
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. ADD TO SIT REP NR 448 PARA 4D, 1 USMC WIA (MINOR) AND 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - B. LATE ENTRY. AT 211005H 3/4 REPORTED THAT CAM LO RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE AT YD 120578 REC'D & INCOMING RDSND EST 122MM RKT FR YD 080570 RESULTING IN 5 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, 3 EMERGENCY, 1 PRIORITY AND 1 ROUTINE MEDEVAC WHICH WAS COMPLETED AT 211730H.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
  - A. C-9, D-18, J-5, W-1, AA-6, CC-7, EF-1
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA
    - 782 WIA (MEDEVAC)
    - 338 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1089 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5
    - 104 DET TOTAL
    - 39 POW
    - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
    - 10 DETAINEES
    - 2 VC RETURNEES
    - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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C. IWC: 137  
 CSWC: 44  
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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: TWELFTE MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 450 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 212230Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:  
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHED, PATROLS AND MANNED OP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 212300H 1/4 AT YD 134516 REPORTED THAT WHILE IN PROCESS OF LIGHTING HEROSENE HEATER IN A LIVING BUNKER THE EXCESS FUEL FROM HEATER IGNITED AND SPREAD TO NEARBY BLANZET. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT FIRE, A MARINE'S BIC'D 2d DEGREE BURNS TO HIS FACE AND ARMS RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA (MEDIVAC) NBC.

B. AT 212245H 3/4 REPORTED WHAT AT YD 091576 AN UNK NUMBER OF VC THREW GRENADES INTO VILLAGE RESULTING IN 3 PP WIA AND 1 CIVILIAN WIA. ALL REQUIRED MEDEVAC.

211955H C. AT 212230H 3/3 REPORTED AMBUSH AT YD 194704 SPOTTED APPROX 15 PVA ON A TRAIL, MOVING EAST. ARMY FIRE MSE WAS CALLED IN WITH NEG RESULTS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MAN OP'S.

B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
282 WIA (MEDIVAC)  
338 WIA (HINCP)

B. ENEMY: 1089 KIA FIA (CUP) 30 KIA (COW)  
304 GRENADES TOTAL  
39 POW  
10 DEFATTEES  
52 DEFICIENT CIVILIANS  
2 W/INJURIES  
1 CIVILIAN OFFICERS

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OP INFO/STATE/PROG/RY 32 04402 F0018

FROM: UNITED MARINES  
TO: HQ, UNITED MARINE DIV  
INFO: UNITED MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH BN, FIFTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, SEVENTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FIFTH MOUNTAIN ARTY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

CCN# 197

CONDUCT: EXCHANGE INFO/PAGE WITHOUT SERVICE  
START: 1405Z FOR PH KENTUCKY FROM 220600H-221200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE  
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:  
A. ALL UNITS IN IMPROVED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND MAN OPS.

B. CONDUCTED SWEEP AND MAINTAINED SECURITY ALONG MSR.  
C. NO CONTACTS: NONE.

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
A. CORRECTION TO STRIP TO HQ, LANG SA. TOTAL VIA (MDFAC) SHOULD READ 782 VISE 262  
B. REFERRED STRIP HQ9, PARA 33, AT 220735H SQUAD WAS SENT TO CHECK AREA OF CONTACT WITH NEG RESULTS:

5. PLANS:  
A. MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND MAN OPS.  
B. CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:  
A. STRIP: 155 KIA  
782 VIA (MDFAC)  
338 VIA (MINOR)  
B. INFO: 1089 VVA KIA (CONF) VC VVA (CONF) 5  
104 DEFAUNERS TOTAL  
39 POW  
10 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
52 DEFAUNERS  
2 VC REPORTED  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 137  
CSWC: 44

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REF ID: A66012

SECURITY: 3.1

OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

FROM: FIFTH MARINES  
 TO: CC, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: THE LTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOUR MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP # 452 FOR 061 KENTUCKY FROM 221200H-221800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE  
 CARRYING OUT DAILY ACTIVITIES.

B. ALL LOC'S WERE CHECKED AND SECURED.

C. RESUPPLY WAS CONDUCTED OVER MSR.

3. KEY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 221100H 0/2/1 UNIT ON A WIRE CHECK AT  
 YD 111669, HEARD AND SAW MUZZLE FLASH FROM SNIPER FIRE. SNIPER  
 FIRED TEN RDS. RET'D FIRE WITH 20 RDS 60mm HP AND 32 RDS 40mm HP

B. LATE ENTRY: AT 221100H, 3/3 PATROL AT YD 162720 FOUND  
 AND DESTROYED ONE A.S. LINE.

C. LATE ENTRY: AT 221130H, 3/3 PATROL AT YD 1617173 FOUND  
 A BURNER COMPLEX WHICH APPEARED OLD AND NOT RECENTLY USED.

D. AT 221341H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D A TOTAL OF 50 RDS 82mm  
 AND 30 RDS 100mm ARTY. RET'D FIRE WITH 23 RDS 81mm ON YD 130720,  
 5 RDS 81mm ON YD 119720, 10 RDS 81mm ON YD 108727, 10 RDS 81mm  
 ON YD 105725, 26 RDS 105mm ON YD 104736, 15 RDS 4.2" MORTAR ON  
 YD 09727064, 6 RDS 4.2" HP ON YD 10467248 AND 57 RDS 4.2" ON  
 AZ OF 800 MILES.

E. AT 221518H, 1/4 AT C-2 POSIT. REC'D 3 RDS 100mm ARTY  
 FROM AZ 5600 MILES. RET'D FIRE WITH COUNTER BATTERY ARTY ON  
 YD 065727.

F. FROM 221530H TO 221550H 1/4 AT C-2 POSITION REC'D A TOTAL  
 OF 15 RDS 100mm ARTY. FIRED COUNTER ARTY ON YD 06571.

G. AT 221600H INITIAL REPORT FROM 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D  
 20 RDS MEDIUM ARTY AND 82mm MORTARS. REFERRING COUNTER BATTERY FIRE.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS, CONDUCTING AS  
 APPROPRIATE AND MAINTAINING LPS. *AF*

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 782 MIA (REDFW/C)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1089 EVA MIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 10 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 52 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETIREEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IVC: 137  
 CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SENTER REPORT:

UNIT	NO TEAMS	NR EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	5	5	YD 171731	NEG
3/4	3	1	YD 111615	NEG
		2	YD 1118604	NEG
DIST HQ	2	2	YD 127590	NEG
GP III	1	1	YD 179586	NEG
1/4	2	1	YD 131644	NEG
		1	YD 128673	NEG

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: FIFTH MARINE S  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SECTION ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 453 FOR COM KONTUMKAY FROM 221800H-222100H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MANEUVER LP'S.
3. FRIENDLY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 221600H 2/1 REC'D 80 RDS 152mm ARTY AND 10 RDS 82mm MORTARS. FIRED 7 RDS 8" ARTY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT YD 123799, 12 RDS 4.2" MORTAR AT YD 072729, TEN R'S 61mm MORTAR AT YD 113718 AND TEN RDS AT YD 115722, AND GENERAL SUPPORT ARTY AT YD 077794. SUSTAINED 2 USMC VIA (INDEVAC)
  - B. AT 221600H CO OF 2/1 REPORTED OBSERVING OVER 200 CIVILIANS CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH CARRYING CLOTHES, BAGS OF RICE, COOKING GEAR, ETC. SOME WERE ALREADY MOVING EAST ON ROUT 9. SIGHTING WAS IN GRID SQUARE YD 1959 AND 2060.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS, AND ESTABLISH LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 155 KIA  
 784 VIA (INDEVAC)  
 338 VIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1089 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 10 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 52 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. INC: 137  
 CSWC: 44

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DATE: 1/17/81  
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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 222230 Z FEB68

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
FIFTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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SI P RR 454 FOR OEN KENTUCKY PR 222400H-230600H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TRAIN ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 222200H 67174 AMBUSHES VIC YD 177606 SPRING ON PERSONNEL DEBARKING FROM A BOAT CROSSING THE SONG CAN LO, AND ENGAGED BY IN DEEP SPIDER HOLES ALONG THE RIVER USING GRENADES. AT THE SAME TIME OBS APPROX 4 KM FIRING FROM ACROSS THE RIVER VIC YD 170606 AND RET'D FIRE WITH A LAAM ON THE TGT. THE KIA COUNT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME BUT ONE PONCHO AND A PAGE WERE CAPTURED AT THIS TIME. AMBUSHES SUFFERED 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC MIA (MIA/VAC) AMBUSHES WERE RELOCATED APPROX 500 METERS SOUTH OF ORIGINAL POSITION.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING PATROLS AND OP'S.
  - A. ALL LOC'S WILL BE SEARCHED AND CLEARED.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 156 KIA  
785 MIA (MIA/VAC)  
338 MIA (MIA/POW)
  - B. ENEMY: 1089 EVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DET TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 137  
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DRAFT: JA, IRBY, KENYON  
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FROM: THIRD MARINES  
TO: OP, THIRD USR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
1ST CT BN, FOURTH AVIATION BDE, 101ST AVIATION DIV, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
FIFTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR DEACT PRI (P)

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SITREP VALUES FOR GEN K ITUOBT FR 230600Z-231200Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
3. ALL UNIT MAINTENANCE POSITIONS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND MAINT OPS
4. CONDUCTED SEARCHES AND MAINTAINED SECURITY ALONG MSR.
5. CONDUCTED RESURVEY ALONG MSR.
6. ONLY CONTACTS NONE
7. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
8. PLANS:
  - A. MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MAINT OPS.
  - B. CONDUCT RESURVEY ALONG MSR.
  - C. R PLACE 3/3/4 WITH C/L/2 AT A-2.
9. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. PRI IDEN: 156 KIA  
785 KIA (MIA VAC)  
338 KIA (MIA)
  - B. ENEMY: 1889 BVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA CONF 5  
101 DFT TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INDOCHINA CIVILIANS  
30 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNED  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INFO: 137  
C. INFO: 14  
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OP INT M. ST/PRIORITY 23/030 Z FEB 68

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FROM: NINE UNITS  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: ~~THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES; Second BN, First MARINES~~  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
THIRD BT, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FIFTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, SIXTH MARINES  
FOURTH BN, SEVENTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, EIGHTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, TENTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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SITRAP OR 456 FOR CEN KINBUCKY FR 2312038-2313008 FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

- A. K/3/A YD 179588
- B. C/1/A YD 214743

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS  
CONDUCTED PATROLS AND REPORTED OP'S.

- A. MAINTAINED SECURITY OF MSR AND CONDUCTED MUSTERY.
- 3. ENTRY CONTACTS: NONE
- 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 231309H 271 VIC YD 114701 RECD 25 RDS OF ADVISE TO NAVY  
ARTY. RECD 81EN MONITOR TIME OF SUSPECTED TO SITUS AT YD  
111711 W/10 RDS, AT YD 107707 W/15 RDS, AND AT YD 11687090  
W/70 RDS. ALSO FIELD ARTY USE OF ACTIVE ARTY SITES AT YD  
129794 W/20 RDS AND AT YD 084724 W/4 RDS.

B. LARGE NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS REFUGES CONTINUED TO  
EVACUATE NVA OCCUPIED NORTH BANK OF CAN DO RIVER VIC  
GRID SQUARE 1960.

C. EXCHANGE OF K/3/A FORMERLY LOCATED AT A-2 WAS COMPLETED  
D C/1/A NOW OCCUPIES THAT POSIT, TRKS ON OPCON TO NVA.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS  
AND REPORT OP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 156 KIA  
785 MIA (REMOVED)  
338 MIA (MIA OR)
- B. ENEMY: 1089 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 INT TOTAL  
39 POW 10 DETAINEES  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC REFUGEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDER

C. INC: 137  
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7. SCOUT SQUAD REPORT.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO PLANS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORDS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	5	4	YD 111731	WTC
3/4	7	2	YD 110615	WTC
		2	YD 118604	WTC
		2	YD 127590	WTC
		1	YD 179568	WTC
1/4	2	1	YD 133644	WTC
		1	YD 133673	WTC

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RELEASED TO: *John...*  
C. STUDY GROUP

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 231700 Z FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: C, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECO D BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECO D BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECO BN, FIFTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FORTH FOURTH ARMY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
SEVENTH MARINES  
SEMI R ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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*John*

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SITREP BR 457 FOR OP IMMEDIATE PR 231800H-232400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
  - A. AT 231735H 9TH MARINES ASSAULT OPCON OF K/3/4 FROM 12TH MARINES AND CHOPPED OPCON OF K/3/4 TO 3/4 AT THE SAME TIME. AT 231735H 9TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON OF C/1/4 TO 12TH M B.
  - B. C-13, D-20, J-17, W-1, AA-3, CC-3, EF-3
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY. AT 231500H 2/3/4 PATROL CHECKING OUT AREA OF ACTIVITY AT 1/4 VIC YD 164618 FOUND 1 NVA KIA (CONF) 1 PISTOL W/HOLSTER, 2 NVA PACKS, 1 AK-47 W/72 MAGAZINES, 1 M-16 W/3 MAGAZINES.
  - B. LATE ENTRY. AT 231705H 2/1 VIC YD 111701 REC'D 40 RDS INCOMING HEAVY ARMY, RET'D FIRE WITH ARMY OF YD 069728, YD 067720, YD 09947403.
  - C. AT 231930H 3/4 YD 123590 REPORTED AN FF LP SPOTTED AN EST 2 VC COMPANIES AT YD 128577, YD 131578, YD 136572 CALLED AT UNOBSERVED ARMY USE W/UNK RESULTS.
  - D. AT 232305H 2/1 YD 112701 REC'D 2 RDS 69MM MORTARS TR YD 099687 AND RET'D FIRE WITH 20 RDS 81MM, W/UNK RESULTS.
  - E. AT 232310H 2/3/3 REC'D APPROX 8 RDS OF RR FIRE FR YD 180701 AND CALLED ARMY USE WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - F. AT 232310H 2/2/1 YD 113701 LINE WATCH HEARD MOVEMENT TO FRONT AND REC'D 2 INCOMING ATAKAS, RET'D WITH 4 GRENADES AND EMPLOYING STARLIGHT SCOPE.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 156 KIA
  - B. 1090 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5
  - 765 MIA (HEAVY) 104 DPT TOTAL
  - 338 MIA (MINOR) 42.39 POW
  - 52 ~~UNK~~ INNOCENT CIV 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
  - 2 VC RETURNEES
  - 10 DETAINEES

INC: 140  
CSMC: 44

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DRAFT R: T.C. BLOOM/T. L/D  
RELEASED BY: J.G. BLOOM/T. L/D  
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232300Z FEB 68

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FROM: NINTH MARI P  
TO: CP, HIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: TWILFTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
SEC YD BN, FIRST MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SEC YD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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SITREP NR 458 R OBN KENTUCKY FROM 232300Z-240600Z FEB 68

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
- 3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
- 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. SOUTHERN REPORT 3003/4 RESULTING FROM CHECK OF AREA OF 1/4 SECTION ON 22 FEB 68: THE TERRAIN TO THE SOUTH EAST OF C-3 YD 169603 IS OPEN FARM LAND CONSISTING MOSTLY OF RICE PADDIES WITH 0-4 LOCAL SCAMP TREELINES. RICE PADDIES HAVE CURRENTLY ABOUT 30% COVER. THERE ARE NUMEROUS TRAILS IN THE AREA. MOVES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT 1300 METERS PER HOUR. SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS AT THE THON BEACH DAU VILLAGE YD 169605, 3/4 M FOUND ONE PACE AND A AK-47 CLIP WITH 20 RDS. OF 7.62mm HIDDEN IN A HAYSTACK. A SEARCH OF THE AREA AND THE HOUSE HAD NEG RESULTS. THE VILLAGERS WERE INTERVIEWED WITH NEG RESULTS. AT YD 169605 THE UNIT FOUND A PACE WHICH WAS TIED UP IN A PONCHO FLOATING IN THE RIVER. In the same area an AK-47 WAS FOUND IN THE MUD OF THE RIVER BANK ACROSS THE RIVER 7 PACKS AND TREC EQUIP WAS SEEN STAGED. GEAR WAS NOT RECOVERED DUE TO CAUSE OF POSSIBLE ANGRUSH. AT YD 170604 AN NVA BODY WAS FOUND INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE MAN HAD BEEN DEAD FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS. NVA WORE GREEN UNIFORM WITH RUBBER BOOTS. BOTH VI INTERPRETERS BELIEVED THE NVA TO BE A FIRST LT. A BUDDY M-16 61 US RIFLE WAS FOUND NEXT TO THE BODY. 5 AK-47 WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE ADJACENT AREA INVENTORY OF THE CAPTURED PACKS REVEALED 1 7.62mm SIGCOM TYPE 51 PISTOL. ALL CAPTURED EQUIP IS BEING FORWARDED TO ~~THE~~ POSITION ON FEB 24, 1968 ALL ITEMS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY SP REPS.

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5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND ESTABLISHING OP'S.

B. LOG'S WILL BE SWEEP AND SECURED.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
785 MIA (MEDEVAC)  
338 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1090 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RESOURCES  
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C. IVC: 110  
CSMC: 44

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 240530Z FEB 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  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

CCN: 213

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 SITREP NR 459 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 240600H-241200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY TIME ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 241015H D/1/4 KILLER TEAM VIC YD 152674 OBSERVED NVA/VC COMPANY TO THE SOUTH MOVING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AND CALLED ARTY IN ON THE ENEMY. A COMPLETE REPORT IS TO FOLLOW.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. 241000H 3/4 ROAD SWEEP VIC YD 133624 FOUND AN A.T. MINE AND DESTROYED IT IN PLACE.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITION WHILE CONTINUING DAY TIME ACTIVITIES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 156 KIA  
                   785 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
                   338 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1070 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
                   104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
                   39 POW  
                   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
                   10 DETAINEES  
                   2 VC RETURNEES  
                   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. IWC: 140  
       CSWC: 44

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for EC Blodgett  
 DISPATCH: J. N. CHAMBERS, 1/LT  
 for EC Blodgett  
 RELEASED BY: S. C. STUBB, 1/CO  
 SECTION: S-3

OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

241135Z

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

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 SITREP NR 460 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 241200H-241800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE  
 CONDUCTING OP'S AND PATROLS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE ENTRY. AT 241100H A SCOUT SNIPER TEAM FROM  
 9TH MARINES OPERATING WITH A PATROL FROM MCB-5 OBSERVED  
 FIVE NVA VIC YD 239562 IN TWO GROUPS. TOOK CLOSEST GROUP  
 UNDER FIRE RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA (CONF).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 241000H 2/1 PATROL FOUND TWO BREAKS  
 IN WIRE, VIC 115697, APPARENTLY FROM BEING MASHED DOWN BY BOARD.

B. LATE ENTRY: FOLLOW UP TO SIT REP # 459 PARA 3A - KILLER  
 TEAM MOVING SOUTH EAST ON TRAIL HEARD NVA TALKING AND SOUNDS OF  
 DIGGING AND CHOPPING VIC YD 164670. UPON HEARING THEM THE RECON  
 ELEMENT WITHDREW TO A BOMB CRATER AT 162670 WITH THE REMAINDER OF  
 THE TEAM AND SET IN A HASTY AMBUSH. TWO NVA WALKED TO IN POINT  
 BLANK RANGE OF TEAM AND WERE KILLED WITH AN M-26 GRENADE. (2 NVA KIA  
 CONF) S/A AND A/V FIRE. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NUMEROUS BLOOD  
 POOLS. KILLER TEAM WAS ORDERED TO WITHDRAW AND ARTY ISNS WERE  
 CALLED AND PRIORITY TPQ CALLED. DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM NVA KIA'S  
 RESULTS WERE TWO NVA KIA (CONF), ONE PISTOL, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS.

C. LATE ENTRY: AT 241100H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 25 RDS OF 82mm  
 AND 2 RDS 60mm AND RET'D FIRE WITH 81'S OF ACTIVE MOVEMENT OF GRIDS  
 YD 113723; 20 RDS; YD 123720 20 RDS; YD 111727 10 RDS; YD 111727  
 10 RDS

D. LATE ENTRY: AT 241115H 2/1 VIC YD 110678 FOUND 12 FAIRLY  
 NEW BUNKERS 3x4x3' AND FRESH TRAILS; DESTROYED IN PLACE.

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E. AT 241205H 3/4 VIC YD 180588, A PF UNIT INFORMED K/3/4 THEY WERE RECEIVING S/A AND MORTAR FIRE FROM VIC YD 181598. K/3/4 CLEARED A FIRE HAZ ON GRID, PF'S BROKE CONTACT AT 241240H, AND GUN SHIPS ARRIVED IN THE COM VU AREA AT 241320H.

F. AT 241300H 3/3 VIC YD 168719 FOUND FIVE CHICOM GRENADES WHICH WERE NOT BOOBY TRAPPED AND BLEW THEM IN PLACE.

G. FROM 241330H TO 241715H 2/1 REPORTED RECEIVING A TOTAL OF 210 MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTY AND POSSIBLY 6 ROCKETS RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA AND 5 USMC MIA. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY AT YD 062742, YD 0936282, YD 096732, YD 107733 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

H. AT 241400H 3/4 YD 152603 PATROL FOUND TUNNEL WITH BOOBY TRAPPED ENTRANCE. DESTROY'D TUNNEL AND 4 SECONDS LATER HAD SECONDARY EXPLOSION DUE TO BOOBY TRAP.

I. AT 241700H 1/4 VIC YD 135645 REC'D 2 RDS 82mm FROM YD 102638 AND FIRED COUNTER MORTAR WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES AND LPS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 159 KIA  
785 MIA (MEDEVAC)  
338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1070 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
39 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
- C. IWC: 141  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NO TRAPS	HR EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	5 1/2	4	171731	NEG
3/4	11	3	148604	NEG
		1	144615	NEG
		2	127590	NEG
		1	179586	NEG
		1	133644	NEG
		1	128673	NEG
MCB-5	1	1	239562	1 NVA KIA CONF

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241700Z FEB 68

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

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 SITREP NR 461 FOR OVN KENTUCKY FROM 241800H-242400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE  
 CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LP'S.

B. C-13, D-21, J-22, W-1, AA-2, CC-5, ET-3

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: DEBRIEF OF 1/4 AMBUSH OF 241045H FEB  
 AT YD 162670. AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG BY KILLER TEAM LEADER WHEN TWO  
 NVA PROX THROUGH VILAGE TEN METERS FROM CENTER OF AMBUSH. LEFT  
 FLANK OF AMBUSH KILLED TWO. THE CENTER KILLED TWO AND BLOOD  
 POOLS AND DRAG MARKS INDICATED AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL KIA.  
 TEAM REPORTED HEARING MANY MOANS AND CRIES IN UNDER-  
 GROUND OF KILLING ZONE AS TEAM WITHDREW. ARTY WAS IMPACTING  
 WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT AREA. RESULTS WERE 4 NVA KIA CONF  
 ( IN ADDITION TO 2 ORIGINALLY REPORTED) ONE PACK, ONE MEDALLION  
 WITH NVA FLAG WITH NUMBERS 5.8 ON IT, SMALL CANVAS BAG CONTAINING  
 MEDICAL SUPPLIES, TAP MEASUREMENT, SEVERAL BLASTING CAPS AND ONE  
 RUBBER PROPHYLACTIC.

B. AT 242000H K/3/3 AT YD 19770 SPRUNG AMBUSH ON UNKNOWN  
 ENEMY FORCE. K/3/3 WILL REMAIN POSITION AND CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. CORRECTION TO SITREP 460 PARA 6(a) DELETE ONE FRIENDLY  
 KIA, ADD FIVE USMC MIA (CONF/VAC). PARA 6B SHOULD READ 1093  
 NVA KIA (CONF) VICE 1070.

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B. LATE ENTRY: AT 241100H 3/4 PATROL FOUND TUNNEL WITH BOOBY TRAPED ENTRANCE. TUNNEL WAS 2' TO 3' IN DIAMETER AND 50 FT. LONG. WITH TWO ENTRANCES, ONE IN BANK OF RIVER AND THE OTHER WAS A SPIDER TRAP ENTRANCE. DESTROYED TUNNEL AND HAD ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION FOUR SECONDS LATER DUE TO BOOBY TRAP DEVICE.

C. LATE ENTRY: AT 241700, 1/4 AT C-2 POSITION REC'D TWO RDS INCOMING 82mm FROM APPROX AZ OF 4600 HELLS. RESULTING IN FIVE USMC KIA (SEDEV C) FROM TCHO BATTERY 2/12. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY K ON YD 102638.

D. LATE ENTRY: AT 241700H 2/1 AT A-4 POSITION REC'D APPROX SIX RDS LARGE CALIBER DELTA MISS. RDS LANDED IN NUMEROUS PLACES EXPLODING TWELVE ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES.

E. AT 241815H 3/4 REC'D REPORT FROM CAC III THAT BE PERSONNEL FROM CAN LO SPOTTED APPROX 20 NVA IN VIC YD 163586. FIRED ARTY MSN BUT WAS USEFUL TO OBS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.

B. C-11, D-21, J-22, W-1, AA-1, CC-5, EP-3

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
 785 MIA (SEDEVAC)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1097 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. INC: 141  
 CSWCB 44

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 RELEASED BY: A. Fernandez LT COL

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 242230 Z FEB68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES  
 TO: CC, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 462 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 250001Z-250600Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
  2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND I.P.'S.
  3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 242305H R/3/3 VIC YD 197710 REPORTED OBSERVING 6 BODIES IN AREA WHERE AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG (REPORTED PARA 3B SIT REP 461). AMBUSH REMAINING IN POSIT WITH ARTY ILLUS IN AREA. ACCOUNTED FOR 6 EVA KIA (CONF)
    5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND ESTABLISHING OP'S.
      - A. PROVIDE SECURITY AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.
      - B. CONDUCT REPAIR OPERATIONS CULVERT VIC YD 229624 IN ORDER TO OPEN RTE 1.
    6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
      - A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
 785 WIA (MDFVAC)  
 838 WIA (MINOR)
      - B. ENEMY: 1103 EVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DEF TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS 2 VC RETURNEES  
 10 DETAINEES 1 CIVIL DETAINEE
    - C. INC: 141  
 CSYC: 44
- CP-4  
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SECTION: S-3

DRAFTER: J.C. BLODGETT LIEUT

RELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD LIEUT COL

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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 250500 Z FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD INF DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FIRST MARINES  
 FOUR BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIFTH MARINES  
 SEVENTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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CONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE STRIP OR #63 FOR OP KENTUCKY FR 250600Z-251200HPTB68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND MAINTAINED OPS.
  - B. CONDUCTED OPS AND MAINTAINED SECURITY ALONG MSR.
  - C. CONDUCTED RESPITELY ALONG MSR.
3. EMERGENCY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 240600Z 2/3/68 SEARCHED AREA OF LAST NIGHTS CONTACT REVEALED 4 EVA BODIES (ALREADY REPORTED) 12 PACKS AND 5 WEAPONS, COMPLETE LISTING WILL FOLLOW. ADD 5 INC.
  - B. OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS:
    - A. CORRECTION TO STRIP FR #461 PARA 4A CORRECTION TO 2/1 SPT REP USE OF 241330Z INTB. INDICATES 3 USMC VIA 1 DEVAC, VICE 5 USMC VIA (1 DEVAC) DELETE 2 USMC VIA (1 DEVAC) FROM TOTALS
4. PLANS: MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS AND IMPROVE OPS.
5. CONDUCT RESPITELY ALONG MSR.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. ENEMY: 158 KIA  
 783 MIA (1 DEVAC)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. USMC: 1103 EVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 104 DET TOTAL  
 39 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DNT  
 2 VC R TUBETS  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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DRAWN BY: A. J. Sponder  
RELEASED BY: J. E. STOUT

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OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 251045 Z 17068

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARMY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
FIFTH MARINES  
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STREP # 164 FOR OTH KENTUCKY FR 251200Z-251800Z 17068

UNIT LOCATIONS:

- A. 1/4 (-) 1 FLT "A" CO + "B" CO YD 133645  
2 FLT "A" CO + "D" CO YD 128672
- B. 2/1 E, F, G CO YD 126702  
H CO YD 128692
- C. 3/3 I AND K CO YD 176721  
L AND M CO YD 171730
- D. 3/4 1 CO + 1 FLT N CO YD 128603  
K CO YD 128588  
2 FLT N CO YD 128603  
L CO YD 128590

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

- A. ALL UNITS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OPS.
- B. ALL CO. OF AREA SWEEP AND SECURED.
- C. RESERVE WAS CONDUCTED OVER MSR.
- D. PLANNED SWITCH OF L/3/4 FOR R/2/1 WAS COMPLETED AT 1300H WITH 9TH MARINES ASSUMING OPCOM OF L/3/4 AND 4TH MAR ASSUMING OPCOM OF R/2/1.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

- A. AT 251200H 3/3 CAPTURED ONE NVA, BELIEVED TO BE PART OF 4TH FORC. THIS WAS AMBUSHED BY M/2/3 OF 2d REG. ONE NVA POW.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. LAKE FERRY. AT 251100H 1/4 AT C-2 BRIDGE POST, RPT'D 1 RDS R30 (2ND MONER); SOUND INDICATED RDS CAME FROM NORTH (W/EST), CRATER ANALYSIS BEING CONDUCTED.
- B. LAKE FERRY. AT 251200H 1/4 PART OF AT YD 133631, RPT'D 1 RDS R30 (2ND MONER) FROM NORTH (W/EST) OF AT BRIDGE POST, AT 0800H.

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C. EAST ENTRY. AT 2511230 2/1 REC'D HEAVY 201 AND 215 RDS OF HVY ARTY; EST THAT 175 RDS WERE 15230. RT'D W/IF WITH G/S ON YD 04297592, YD 062729 AND YD 06727378. ALSO RPT TPO OF SAM. GRIDSS.

D. LAT ENTRY. AT 2511450 K/S/4 RD SWEEP FOUND ONE AT NINE AT YD 217704; NINE WAS DESTROYED AND RD SWEEP CONTINUED.

E. AT 2512000 3/4 FOUND 1 OLD EVA MORTAR POSIT. NOT RECENTLY USED, AT YD 158578. ALSO FOUND ONE 60MM MORTAR RD AND ONE CAMOUFLAGED COVER.

F. AT 2513180 AT YD 144646 REC'D 3 RDS ARTY FR AZIMUTH OF 6400 MILS AND AT 2513320, AGAIN REC'D 3 RDS ARTY FROM 5600 MILS. RDS IMPACTED IN A RICE FIELD, 2 TO SW AND 1 TO EAST. G/S NOT FIRED.

G. AT 2514150 2/1 AT YD 145696, REC'D S/A AND SEMI-AUTO FIRE FR ID 145695. RT'D FIRE W/COMM KSN, S/A, AND 81MM KSN WITH MK RESULTS.

H. AT 2514200 2/1 RAN A TPO OF YD 124726 AND OBS 2 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND MARKING LE'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRONT BLY: 158 KIA
  - 783 MIA (ENDFVAC)
  - 338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. REAR: 1103 EVA KIA (CONF) VC FIA (CONF) 5
  - 105 DEF TOTAL
  - 40 POW
  - 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
  - 10 DEF
  - 2 VC RETURNETS
  - 1 CIVILIAN (DEAF)

C. INC: 146  
CSWC: 44

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO WEAPONS</u>	<u>NO EMPLOYED</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
3/3	3	3	YD 171731	NEG
3/4	3	2	YD 127590	"
		1	YD 179586	"
1/4	2	1	YD 133644	"
		1	YD 128673	"

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD US DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
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 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 FIFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

CCN: 232

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 SITREP ON 465 FOR OP PRIORITY TO 251830Z 250100Z 66861

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINING POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AROUND PATROL, AND LAMPED OPS.

- 3. KEY CONTACTS:
  - A. LATE EVENING AT 251815Z 25/1 AT CAP-3 REPORTED A NVA BATTAL OF 100 TO RIVER AT UD 168408. HE WERE CAMOUFLAGED WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS, ENGAGED IN W/3/A AND 3 C/D RETURN FIRE. CALLED 814 LAM OF 75 RDS W/EXCELLENT SHOT CAPABILITY.

- 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 251705Z 25/1 BY VC LIAISON, REPORTED 3 FORTS OF VENT, 1 FORT 3 FORTS AT UD 166698. HOLDS WERE APPROX 40 MRS C/D, NVA ADDRESS REPORT BY VC COORDS.
  - B. AT 252053Z 25/1 AT UD 161908 REPORTED 25 RDS BY GREEN HORNETS OF WHICH 13 WERE DUDS. ALSO REPORTED 50 RDS BY NVA/ARVN, AT UD 161908.

25 RDS BY GREEN HORNETS OF UD 135720  
 9 RDS BY 155TH ARVN UD 058761  
 12 RDS BY 105TH ARVN UD 168893  
 36 RDS BY 8 TROOP UD 04897591  
 9 RDS BY 8 TROOP UD 0489729  
 6 RDS BY 155TH ARVN UD 11217689  
 9 RDS BY 155TH ARVN UD 06297295  
 RESULTS UNKNOWN.

- 5. LANS: ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND LAMP OPS.

- 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. INITIALIZE 155TH BATTAL
  - 787 KIA (11 DEATH)
  - 208 KIA (11 DEATH)
- B. SUMMARY - 155TH BATTAL KIA (11 DEATH) - 100 KIA TOTAL
  - 10 KIA
  - 52 KIA OF CIVILIANS
  - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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RECEIVED BY: [unclear]  
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OP IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 2523 00 Z FEB 68

FROM: FIFTH MARINES  
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
INFO: 1ST BATTAL MARINES  
2ND BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
3RD BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
4TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
5TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
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23RD BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
24TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
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30TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
31ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
32ND BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
33RD BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
34TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
35TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
36TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
37TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
38TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
39TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
40TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
41ST BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
42ND BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
43RD BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
44TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
45TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
46TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
47TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
48TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
49TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
50TH BATTAL, 1ST MARINES  
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SECRET TR 466 FOR OP OF MONEY FROM 252400H-260500H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS REPORTED POSITIONS WILL BE CARRYING OUT THEIR  
 USUAL ACTIVITIES.
3. MILITARY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING  
 PATROLS AND OPS.
  - B. ALL LOC'S WILL BE SECURE AND S. GUARDED.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
 783 MIA (REDEEMED)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1103 MIA (CONF) VC MIA (CONF) 5  
 105 DETAINEES (TOTAL)  
 10 POW  
 52 HUNGARIAN CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. INC: 146  
 CSVC: 44

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 for H. Fernandez  
 RELEASED BY J.C. FOUNTAIN, AIC  
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260640Z FEB 68

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

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 SITREP NR 467 FOR CGM KENTUCKY FROM 260600Z-261200Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

- A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND BARRIED OPS.  
 B. CONDUCTED SWEEP OF ROUTE 9 AND SWEEP OF ROUTE 1 TO C-1.  
 C. DONG HA COMBAT BASE RECEIVING SPORADIC INCOMING.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. LAST ENTRY: AT 260450Z 1/2/1 AMBUSH PATROL HEARD ABOUT 80 TO 100 WELL EQUIPPED ENEMY HEADING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AT YD 121583. ENEMY APPARENTLY SPOTTED AMBUSH AND DEPLOYED TO REACT AGAINST IT. PATROL PULLED BACK AND ARTY FSN FIRED. AREA CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
 B. AT 260855Z, 2/1 REG'D TWO RDS 105mm ARTY AND RET'D FIRE AT YD 05107546 AND YD 06217421.  
 C. AT 260855Z, 1/4 AT YD 134646 REG'D TWO RDS ESTIMATED 130mm ARTY. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY FIRES. SUSTAINED 2 USMC VIA (MEDIVAC)  
 D. AT 261010Z 1/3/4 ROAD SWEEP FOUND FOUR M-5 ROCKET AT MINER PLASTIC, 20 POUNDS AT YD 132617 ON TANK TRAIL. MINER BLOWN IN PLACE. SWEEP MORTARED FROM YD 141629. FIRED ARTY SN.  
 E. AT 261013Z 2/1 AT YD 114701 REG'D 85 RDS IN DIVIN ARTY. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY FIRE S AT YD'S 05107546, 06217421, 050725 AND 073767 WITH A TOTAL OF 54 RDS.

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F. AT 261025<sup>3/4</sup> ~~RECD~~ <sup>RECD</sup> NINE RDS ESTIMATED 82mm MORTAR FROM YD 141629 AND LANDED 6 TO 8 HUNDRED METERS FROM PERIMETER OF TOWER C-3 AND C-2, FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WITH DEK RESULTS.

G. AT 261200H 2/1 OP OBSERVED FIVE GUNS DESTROYED BY TPO ~~AT~~ YD 06057806.

H. AT 261215H 3/4 PO CALLED A 22 RD ARTY MSN ON ACTIVE ENEMY ARTY AT YD 055605 AND 087600. OBSERVED TWO SECONDARIES ON FIRST GRID AND POSSIBLE SECONDARY AT SECOND GRID.

5. PLANS:

A. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT PATROLS, AND MAN/OPS.

B. MAINTAIN ALERT STATUS THROUGHOUT REGIMENT.

C. MAINTAIN SECURITY MSR'S AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
785 MIA (NDE/VAC)  
338 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1103 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
40 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

C. IVC: 146  
CSVC: 44

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261250Z FEB 68  
OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY

FROM: NINTH MARIINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TELETYPE MARIINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARIINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARIINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARIINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARIINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARIINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH BTRY, USA  
 FIRST MARIINES  
 THIRD MARIINES  
 FOURTH MARIINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP 01468 FOR OPI KENTUCKY FROM 261200H-261800H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND MARKED OPS.
  - B. MAINTAINED SECURITY PATROLS ALONG MSR AND CONDUCTED RESUPPLY.
  - C. REC'D SPORADIC INCOMING AT DONG HA THROUGH OUT DAY. NINTH MARIINES AREA SUSTAINED ONE USMC MIA (MEMOR), 2 ORG-292 ANTENNAS DESTROYED, AND ONE FIGHTING HOLE PARTIALLY DESTROYED.
3. IRRENY CONTACTS:
  - A. AT 261140H 1/3/3 OBS 12 NVA RUNNING INTO TREE-LINE. FIRED 60mm MORTARS AND M-79. SAW THREE NVA MOVING NORTH FROM "TREE-LINE" WITH ONE NVA CARRYING ANOTHER. ONE NVA JUMPED INTO LOGS CRATER AND IT WAS HIT WITH 3.5 ROCKET BOUND. WILL CHECK AREA.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 261330H 3/3 NO REPORTED HEARING MORTARS AT YD 160725 IMPACTING AT YD 157728. FIRED 60mm MORTARS WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - B. AT 261406H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D 94 RDS 152mm BTRY AND 24 RDS 82mm. FIRED 81mm MORTARS 10 RDS WE AT YD 092684, 4 RDS HE 155mm AT YD 05267462, 3 RDS HE 175mm YD039753, AND 14 RDS HE AT YD 66587744.
  - C. AT 261440H 3/3 REC'D 27 RDS ESTIMATED 105mm IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER AT YD 180739 AND 197747. RET'D WITH COUNTER BATTERY FIRES IN 15 MINUTE'S REACTION TIME.
  - D. AT 261501H 3/4 AT G-3 REC'D ONE HD 82mm MORTAR INSIDE PERIMETER PRO AZ 5100 MILS. FIRED 81mm MORTARS WITH UNK RESULTS.

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5. PLANS:  
 A. ALL U.S. MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CO. OF "HOUSE PATROL",  
 AND MAN LE'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:  
 A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
                   785 MIA (IN DEVAC)  
                   338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. VIETNAM: 1103 MIA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
                   105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
                   40 POW  
                   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
                   10 DETAINEES  
                   2 VC RETURNED  
                   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
- C. IWC: 146  
       CSIC: 44
7. SCOUT SHIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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DRAFTER: J.N. CHAMBERS 1/13  
*M. Chambers*  
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261615Z FEB 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  
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
FIRST MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI (P)

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STRIP NR 469 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 261800H-262400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
  - B. C-8, D-19, I-1, J-21, W-1, AA-3, CC-3
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY: 261705H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 777 RDS 60mm AND RET'D FIRE W/TT 20 R.S 81mm ON YD 102700 WITH UNK R SULTS.
  - B. AT 261955H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D ONE RD 60mm AND RET'D FIRE WITH 4.2" ON SUSPECTED TARGET WITH UNK R SULTS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
785 MIA (CORDEV C)  
338 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1103 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
40 POW  
52 UNKNOWN CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
  - C. IWC: 146  
CSWC: 44

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FROM: FIFTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, TOWNS FORTY ARMY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR OASD FRI (P)

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 SIGNER PS 470 FOR OPT KRYPTON BY 252400Z-270300Z FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUB AREA OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES AND CONTINUED TO PATROL IN AO.
  3. UNIT CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. AT 270100Z FEB68, 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REPORTED OBSERVING A FIRE AND 8 MVA ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH IT BY THE VIC OF YD 137740. A 106MM M39 (16 RDS) WAS FIRED FROM UNKNOWN POS. AT 270245Z.
    - 2 TPG WERE RUC ON THE POSIT LISTED ABOVE REPORTING 3 LARGE SECONDARIES AND SEVERAL SMALLER OUS. AT 270445Z, 2/1 REPORTED A TOTAL OF 26 SECONDARIES AND THAT EXPLOSIONS WERE CONTINUING IN THE VIC OF THE TPG'S.
    - B. AT 270205Z 2/1 VIC YD 114701 REPORTED THAT PPS-6 OBSERVED 6 MVA VIC YD 110696, CALLED BLM MVA (20 RDS) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROLS AND SPC PS IN AO.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. PRISONERS: 150 KIA  
 785 MIA (MOR VAC)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. DEATHS: 1103 MVA MIA (CONF) VC 74 (CONF) 5  
 105 UNKNOWN FATAL  
 40 POW 10 DECAPITATED  
 52 UNKNOWN CIVILIANS 2 VC SPY/INFORMANTS
  - C. INC: 146  
CRVC: 42  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY-FORTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
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 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 471 FOR OP KENTUCKY NR 270660H-271200H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY TIME ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY AND DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONTINUING THEIR PLANNED DAYTIME ACTIVITIES.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
 785 MIA (REDEVA C)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1103 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 105 DET TOTAL  
 40 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNED  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. IWC: 146  
 CSMC: 44  
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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD BATT DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
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 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH ARMY, USA  
 SENIOR ADVISOR QUANG TRI (P)

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 SITREP NR 472 FOR O'D KENTUCKY PR 271200H-271800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY TIME ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. LATE ENTRY. 270950H 1/4 VIC YD 133645 OBS 2 NVA RUN INTO BOMB CRATER VIC YD 096634 AND REQUESTED AO WHO CAME TO AREA AND WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE W/ 50 CAL POSIT, PR 089633, CALLED A/S ON 50 CAL POSIT.
  - B. LATE ENTRY. 271000H 2/1 VIC YD 110696, 111698, 108692 CHECKED AREAS OF EN ACTIVITY PR NIGHT OF 26TH AND RECOVERED MISC GEAR BUT NO DEFINATE SIGNS OF TR LASSES.
  - C. LATE ENTRY. 271030H 2/1 VIC YD 095685 FOUND 1 NVA HOOTCH IN WHICH WERE: 1 VC BELLET, SEVERAL 7.62 AMMO CANS FULL OF RICE, 2- M98 RIFLES, 1 GREASE GUN M-19, 1 BOX 7162 AMMO, 1-7.62 AMMO DRUM, 2 MAG POUCHES.
  - D. LATE ENTRY. 271045H 3/4 VIC YD 133624 FOUND 2 MINES OF UNDETERMINED SIZE AT YD 132624 OFF SIDE OF TANK TRAIL AND DESTROYED IN PLACE.
  - E. 271340H 2/1 YD 114701 RECD 3 RDS 82MM AND RET'D FIRE WITH 20 RDS 81MM ON YD 123724 AND 10 RDS 81MM ON YD 113714 WITH UNK RESULTS.

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5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS AND CONDUCT NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	158 KIA			
	785 WIA (MEDEVAC)			
	338 WIA (MINOR)			
B. ENEMY:	1103 NVA KIA (CONF)	VC KIA (CONF)	5	
	105 DET TOTAL			
	40 POW			
	52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS			
	10 DET			
	2 VC RETURNED			
	1 CIVIL DEFENDANT			

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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT: NO CHANGE

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 TO: CG, THIRD MFR DIV  
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 THIRD B, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST B, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD B, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST B, FOURTH MARINE ARVN, USA  
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 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
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 SITREP RR473 FOR 1ST BATTALION 271000Z-272000Z FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED  
 AMBUSH PATROLS AND TAKEN LPS. P. C-3, D-10, F-3, G-1, H-1, I-1, J-1, K-1, L-1, M-1, N-1, O-1, P-1, Q-1, R-1, S-1, T-1, U-1, V-1, W-1, X-1, Y-1, Z-1

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 1915H 2/1 RECD 1 RD 1600M AND 1 PD (Z) NORTH  
 RECD 1 RD WITH 10 RDS OF GRY W/FAIR AT 2112Z.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD PRESENT  
 DEFEND POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING AMBUSHES AND LPS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 152 KIA
  - 785 MIA (15 DE VAC)
  - 338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1103 NVA KIA (CCNF) VC KIA (CO. 1) 5
  - 105 DEB TOTAL
  - 40 POW
  - 52 PROCKET CIVILIANS
  - 10 DETAINEES
  - 2 VC RETURNES
  - 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
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 SITREP NR 474 FOR COM KENTUCKY FROM 280001H-280600H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSH PATROLS AND MAINTAINED LP'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4A. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 271500H 1/4 OP TOWER AT YD 132645 SPOTTED APPROX 20  
 NVA AT YD XE 064645 MOVING TOWARDS NORTHEAST. FIRED ARTY MSN  
 WITH AO OBSERVING AND NOTING BY BUNKERS IN SAME AREA.

B. AT 271650H 3/4 REPORTED FINDING APPROX 15 GOOD, SMALL <sup>ONE</sup> <sup>MAN</sup> <sup>AF</sup>  
 FIGHTING HOLES SPACED ABOUT TEN METERS TO SW SIDE OF ROAD AT  
 YD 170601 APPARENTLY AN ENEMY BUSH SITE. THE WHOLE ROUTE WAS  
 USED ABOUT 6 OR 7 DAYS AGO; BLOWN BY TWO HOLES FACING NW. THE  
 VILLAGE OF XAM THUONG DO, ADJACENT TO AMBUSH SITE, WAS BURNED AND  
 IN HALF-RUIN AND CONTAINED TEN BUNKERS, ONE PER HUT.

C. AT 271945H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D ONE RD 60mm AND ONE  
 RD 82mm INCOMING. RET'D FIRE WITH TEN RDS 81mm MORTAR AT YD 121711

D. AT 272100H 3/4 REC'D SMALL ARMS SNIPER FIRE FROM YD 143613  
 RET'D FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND TWO RDS 90mm CANNISTER. SGT  
 CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

E. AT 280500H 2/1 AT YD 114701 REC'D THREE GRENADES 100-200  
 METERS OUTSIDE WIRE. AREA CHECKED USING STARLIGHT SCOPE WITH  
 NEG RESULTS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS,  
 AND MAINTAIN OP'S.

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B. CONDUCT SECURITY AND RESUPPLY ALONG MSR.  
 C. MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES  
 FOR A-2.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
                   785 MIA (MDEVAC)  
                   338 MIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1103 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
                   105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
                   40 POW  
                   52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
                   10 DETAINEES  
                   2 VC RETURNEES  
                   1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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

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 SITREP NR 475 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FROM 280600H-281200H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 280830H, 1/4 KILLER TEAM, VIC YD 102643 WHILE MOVING TO THEIR AMBUSH SITE REC'D SMALL ARMS FIRE, RET'D FIRE, RESULTING IN TWO NVA KIA CONF AND THE CAPTURING OF ONE RPG (TYPE UNK), ONE BAR, ONE 60mm TUBE, THREE RPG RDS, (CAL UNK AT PRESENT TIME), SIX 82mm MOTOR RDS, AND SIX 60mm RDS. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT BEING FORWARDED TO REGT. S-2.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 280500H, 2X1, VIC YD 114701 REPORTED THREE GRANADES DETONATING 100-200 METERS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER. CHECKED AREA WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE WITH NEG. SIGHTINGS.

5. PLANS

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

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY:

158 KIA  
 785 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
 338 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY:

1105 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
 40 POW  
 52 INNOC NT CIVILIANS  
 10 DETAINEES  
 2 VC RETURNEES  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV  
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 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
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 STREP BR 476 FOR OP KENTUCKY FR 281200H-281800H FEB68

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 281000H 3/3 VIC YD 162718 AND 163713 FOUND 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 82MM MORTAR RD AND 4 BAMBOO SUPPORT BUNKERS (2x4x2), ORDNANCE BLOWN IN PLACE--BUNKERS MARKED FOR FURTHER DESTRUCTION.
    - B. AT 281125H 3/3 VIC YD 163710 FOUND 1 BOOBY TRAPPED CHICOM--DISARMED AND DESTROYED.
    - C. AT 281155H 3/3 VIC YD A63 REC'D 35 RDS OF 105MM ARTY, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER, GOTTIER STRY (G/S) FIRED ON AZ OF 6155 MILS AT A DISTANCE OF 8000 METERS--RECEPTION TIME UNKNOWN.
    - D. AT 281207H 2/1 VIC YD 114701 OBS 4 ACTIVE ARTILLERY PIECES VIC YD 136801, FIRED 80 GUN 15M AND OBS 3 SECONDARY ON FIRST GUN POSIT, 1 SECONDARY IN VIC OF SECOND GUN POSIT AND EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE ON GUNS THREE AND FOUR.
    - E. AT 281207H 3/4 VIC YD 130598 FOUND 12 BUNKERS, FIGHTING HOLES (3x3x3). BUNKERS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF BAMBOO AND DIRT. ALSO FOUND ONE 60mm FUSE, BLOODY UTILITIES, TWO M-79 RDS, BRASS, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, AND ONE 82mm MORTAR RD. BUNKERS WERE NOT DESTROYED DUE TO LACK OF EXPLOSIVES--PLOTED FOR DESTRUCTION AT A LATER DATE, OTHER GEAR BEING RETURNED TO S-2.
    - F. AT 281230H 3/3 VIC YD 165705 FOUND TWO, 25 LBS SACKS OF SATCHEL CHARGES, FIFTE BLOCKS OF TNT, AND TWO DH 10 MINES--DESTROYED ALL GEAR.
    - G. AT 281235H, 3/4 VIC YD 130598 FOUND BLOOD STAINS.
    - H. AT 281500H, 3/4, OBS AN ENEMY COMPANY WHICH APPEARED TO BE DIGGING IN AT YDS 116553 AND 092561, AND ENEMY MOVEMENT AT YD 120559, CALLED IN ARMY EST WITH AO ON STATION--NO RDA AS OF THIS REPORT.

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3. REFER TO REP 475 PARA 3A, FURTHER DETAILS OF INCIDENT REVEALED THE FOLLOWING: CONTACT WAS INITIATED WHEN KILLER TEAM POINT MOVING FROM NH HO KIE VIC YD 101643 OBS AN NVA MACHINE GUNNER IN A FIGHTING HOLE. THE POINT MAN SPOT THE ENEMY MACHINE GUNNER THROUGH THE BRAD WITH M-16, THE OTHER NVA RETURNED FIRE ON POINT AND REMAINDER OF THE KILLER TEAM. THE M-79 MAN FIRED A REC-SIVE ROUND FROM 30 METERS AND KILLED A SECOND NVA. FOUR NVA THEN FLED IN A SW DIRECTION, THE TEAM THEN PURSUED WITH FIRE AND KILLED ONE MORE NVA. THE CUMULATIVE LOSSES WERE LISTED AS FOLLOWS: THREE NVA KIA CONF (TWO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), ONE RPG-2 ROCKET LAUNCHER (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), ONE RPD MACHINE GUN (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS A BAR, AND PICKED UP AS A CSWC) AND ONE 60mm MORTAR TUBE (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AND WITHOUT SIGHT OR BASE PLATE). OTHER MISC. EQUIPMENT INCLUDED A CHINESE FIRST AID KIT, LETTER AND NVA I.D. CARD WHICH WERE BENT TO DRAKE POOL 2; TWO RPG RDS, 11 60mm MORTAR RDS AND SIX 82mm MORTAR RDS WERE DESTROYED.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISH LP'S IN AO.

B. 3/4 TO PREPARE FOR RE SWEEP ON 29 FEB 68.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
785 WIA (MEDEVAC)  
338 WIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1106 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
105 DETAINEES  
40 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
10 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNETS  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TEAMS	NR EMPLOYED	COORDS	RESULTS
3/3	6	4	171731	NEG
		1	172723	NEG
L/3/4	2	2	127590	NEG
3/4	2	2	148604	NEG
K/3/4	2	1	179586	NEG
1/4	2	1	133644	NEG
		1	128673	NEG

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

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 SITREP NR 477 FOR OP KENTUCKY FROM 281800H-282400H FEB 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MANEUVERED LP'S.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 282020H 374 REPORTED AGENT INFO STATING ENEMY A.P. MINE-FIELD AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES 300x200 METERS CENTER OF WHICH IS AT VD 177623. FIRED ARTY AND 81mm MSW WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. OBS ONE SECONDARY.
5. PLANS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MAN LP'S.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
     785 WIA (MEDDEVAC)  
     338 WIA (MINOR)
  - B. ENEMY: 1106 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
     105 DETAINEES TOTAL  
     40 POW  
     52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
     10 DETAINEES  
     2 VC RETURNEES  
     1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
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 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FORTY FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SITREP BR 478 FOR OP KENTUCKY BR 282400H-290600H FEB68.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
  - A. AT 290500H L/3/4 HEARD S/A AND AW VIC YD 125690, A CHECK REVEALED A RF UNIT WAS INVOLVED IN AN AMBUSH. L/3/4 SUPPORTED THE UNIT WITH 60MM HE AND ILLUM AND ARTY FIRE USE. DETAILED REPORT TO FOLLOW.

5. PLANS:
  - A. 3/4 WILL CROSS THE LOD AT 0900H.
  - B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THEIR POSITIONS WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR PLANNED ACTIVITIES.

## 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. FRIENDLY: 158 KIA  
 785 MIA (M.DEVAC)  
 338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1106 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
 105 DET TOTAL  
 40 POW  
 52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
 10 DET  
 2 VC RETURNED S  
 1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

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 SITREP NR 479 FOR OPN KENTUCKY FR 290500H-291200H FEB68

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS NO CHANGE EXCEPT FOR:  
 A. 3/4 (-) VIC CAM VU

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

- A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED AMBUSHES, PATROLS AND MAINTAINED OP'S.
- B. M AND I CO'S 3/4 SETTING IN <sup>OB'S</sup> ~~OP'S~~ 1 AND 2, RESPECTIVELY, AT 291135H FEB68. NO CONTACT OR SIGHTINGS.
- C. CONDUCTED SWEEP OF RHE 9 AND PRESENTLY CONDUCTING RESUPPLY.

3. LINEY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. LATE ENTRY. IN COMPLIANCE WITH CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 250314Z FEB68, 9TH MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A-2 FROM 12TH MAR EFFECTIVE 261200H FEB68, ASSUMED OPCOR C/1/4 SAME DTG.
- B. AT 290500H L/3/4 AT YD 183676 REPORTED HEARING HVY, S/A AND SAW FIRE FR YD 125600. CHECK W/DISTRICT HQTRS REVEALED RF'S IN CONTACT. PROVIDED MORTAR AND ARTY SUPPORT FIRES TO RF'S W/HE AND ILLUM, SCREAMS HEARD IN TGT AREA W/O OD FIRE COVERAGE ELEMENT OF L/3/4 SENT TO CHECK AREA, PF'S REPORTED 1 VC/FVA CAPTURED AND 1 ROCKET LAUNCHER CAPTURED.
- C. AT 290659H E/3/4 UNIT SENT TO CHECK AREA VIC YD 183676 RECD FIRE FR YD 125600 OBS RF SWEEPING WEST TO EAST ALONG BANKS OF CAM LO RIVER, CIVILIANS SEEM TO BE WITHDRAWING FROM AREA, FOUND BAMBOO POLES RESTING ON FENCE POINTING ON AZ 2407 W/IS TOWARDS HQTR AT DIST HQTRS.

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D. AT 290810H AS L/3/L COMMENCED TO CROSS RIVER AT YD 148604 5-6 RDS S/A WERE REC'D, REW'D FIRE AND SNIPER FIRE CEASED.

E. AT 291015H 3/L VIC YD 172630 FOUND 1 VC (VAC) LAYING ON DECK W/MP. INDIVIDUAL CAPTURED AND SWPT TO S-2. WPN WAS CHICOM TYPE 42, PPS-1983.

F. AT 291015H 2/L REC'D 12 RDS 60MM MORTAR IN 8/2/1 MINIFIELD BREAK AREA. FIRED 60MM AND 11 RDS 4.2" MORTAR AT YD 116722 SUSPECTED MORTAR SITE.

AT 291110H 3/L TOWER AT YD 143614 SPOTTED BY OP OF 4-6 PERSONS AT YD 106624, FIRED 54 RDS 81MM MORTAR WITH GOOD TOT COVERAGE.

## 5. PLANS:

- A. ALL UNITS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH PATROLS, AND MAINTAIN OP'S.
- B. SWTP RT 9 AND MAINTAIN SECURITY FOR RESUPPLY PURPOSES.
- C. CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN CAR VU WITH 1/L AND ELEMENTS OF 2D ARVN REGT.

## 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

- A. PRISONERS: 158 KIA  
785 MIA (MIND/VAC)  
338 MIA (MINOR)
- B. ENEMY: 1106 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA (CONF) 5  
106 DET TOTAL  
40 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
11 DET  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS 081's

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 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
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SITREP NR 480 FOR OPN KENTUCKY NR 291200H-291800H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
  - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS, CONDUCTED PATROLS, AND MAINT'D OP'S.
  - B. OPERATION WITH ARVN IN CAM VU BY 3/4 PROGRESSED W/O CONTACT.
  3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
  4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
    - A. CORRECT PARA LB SITREP NR 479 TO READ: "AT 290500H L/3/4 AT YD 128590 ..."
    - B. AT 291100H M/3/3 AT YD 198748 FOUND 1 STEEL REINFORCED BUNKER 5x10 FT AND DESTROYED SAME.
    - C. AT 291145H K/3/4 DETAINED 2 MALE AND 1/3/4 DETAINED 1 FEMALE VIC YD 188618 AND YD 173613, RESPECTIVELY, TURNED DETAINEES OVER TO RF UNIT.
    - D. AT 291230H M/3/4 WHILE CROSSING CAM VU STREAM AT YD 174614, HAD MAN SLEEP IN DEEP SPOT AND DROWN, BODY RECOVERED. 1 USMC KIA NBC.
    - E. AT 291240H K/3/4 FOUND 50 BAGS OF CEMENT, 100 LBS EACH, AND ASSORTED TOOLS AT YD 177608 EVACUATED BY LAND TO CP.
    - F. AT 291340H 3/A AT YD 185608 REC'D 33 RDS EST 100MM ARTY PR AZIMUTH OF 5700 MILS, FIRED CTR BTRY FIRES.
    - G. AT 291537H 3/3 AT YD 173721 REC'D 2 RDS 105MM ARTY PR YD 153835, RET'D WITH NCF NSN SUSTAINED 2 USMC WIA (MINOR)

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PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS IN IMPROVED POSITIONS, CONDUCT AMBUSH/PATROLS,  
AND MAN LE'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: **158** KIA  
785 IA (MEDEVAC)  
340 NIA (MINOR)

B. ENEMY: 1106 NVA KIA (CONF) VC KIA, (CONF) 5  
109 DEF TOTAL  
40 POW  
52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS  
14 DETAINEES  
2 VC RETURNEES  
1 CIVIL DEFENDANT

C. INC: 147  
CSWC: 47

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**CONFIDENTIAL**SECTION: 8-3DRAFTER: J.M. CHAMBERS, SR. 1/LTRELEASED BY: J.C. STUDD L/COOLCONFIDENTIALOF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 291715 Z FEB68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG, THIRD INF DIV  
 INFO: SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
 THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA  
 FIRST MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 SENIOR ADVISOR G-2 AND T-1 (P)

PCN# 267

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 SYMBOL NR L8) FOR OCN KENTUCKY FR 291600H..292400H FEB68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES,

B. C-7, D-20, I-2, J-2, L-4, AA-3, CC-7, EE-1

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE 4. other significant EVENTS

A. LATE ENTRY. 290630H TO 291715H 3/4 SWEEP OF CAM VU AREA PROCEEDED AS PLANNED. L/E/3/4 CROSSED LD AT 291005H AND "I" CO CAPTURED 1 PERSON WITH WEAPON AT 291015H. "K" CO INITIATED SWEEP AS "M" CO AND RE UNITS SWEEP THRU CAM VU PROPER. ONE MARINE FROM M/3/4 DROPPED IN THE CAN VU CANAL. TANKS MOVED THRU CAM VU

WHICH A TOTAL OF 33 RDS OF 100MM ARTY WAS REC'D FR AZ OF 5800 MILS. K CO DISCOVERED RICE AND CEMENT DURING SWEEP. 1 MEMBER OF ROYAL INJURED BY TANK "COOK OFF" AND 1 CATCHED TRUCK A TRACK OF THE RETURN TO C-3. ALL UNITS WERE BACK TO THEIR REGULAR POSITIONS BY 291715H FEB68. TOTAL RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA (NBC) 1 USMC MIA (IN DEVAC), 24 NVA KIA CREDIT TO 2D ARVN, 1 POW, 105 DETAINEES, 5 IVC.

B. LATE ENTRY. AT 291605H 3/4 CAN LO DEST BQTRS REPORTED A DOG IN MINEFIELD SET OFF MINES IN SOUTHERN SECTOR AND SYMPATHIC REACTION RENDERERS SOUTHERN FIELD USELESS.

C. LATE ENTRY. AT 291705H 2/1 YD 114701 REC'D 35 RDS B2MM AND 60MM MORTAR. FIRED COUNTER MORTAR 60MM AND 81MM AS FOLLOWS: 39 RDS YD 122712, 6 RDS YD 107719, 15 RDS YD 114718, 25 RDS YD 119712, 30 RDS 115723, 60 RDS YD 118711.

D. LATE ENTRY. 291728H TO 174724 REC'D 28 RDS TPK CAL INSIDE PERIMETER FR AZ 6000 MILS AND RANGE OF 3000 METERS. RPT'D FIRE WITH G/S MISSION

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E. LATE ENTRY. AT 291800H 5/1/4 YD 157637 SWEEP THEIR CHANH AREA WITH NEG RESULTS EXCEPT TOOK SNIPER RDS FR YD 156641 RETURNED FIRE W/PARTY OF SUSPECT IN POS IT.

F. LATE ENTRY. 291800H 2/1 YD 114701 OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN YD 117722 AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE WITH 105MM MSN AND 4.2" 157 WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

G. LATE ENTRY. 291800H 3/4 CAP-3 PERSONNEL APPREHENDED 1 VC SUSPECT WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY NAT'L POLICE, DETERMINED TO BE NVA CORPORAL.

H. 291830H 3/4 AT C-3 OBS 10 NVA IN OPEN VIC YD 086608 AND CALLED FREE MSN FROM D/2/12, OBS 2 SECONDARIES WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

I. 292130H 3/4 VIC YD 175580 LP DETECTED NOISES OF 8-10 MEN MOVING IN A SW DIRECTION, CALLED 60MM MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POSITIONS, WHILE CONTINUING NIGHT TIME ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	158 KIA	
	786 MIA (MEDEVAC)	
	340 MIA (MINOR)	
B. ENEMY:	1106 NVA KIA (CONF)	VC KIA (CONF) 5
	216 DET	
	42 POW	
	52 INNOCENT CIVILIANS	
	119 DETAINEES	
	2 VC RETURNEES	
	1 CIVIL DEFENDANT	

C. IUC: 152  
CSWC: 47

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER *J.A. Hallinan*  
P. A. HARRISANRELEASER *P. H. Kieselbach*  
P. H. KIESELBACHPRIORITY/PRIORITY #11302

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5

CCW: 86

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 91, OPH KENTUCKY
2. 311800H - 011800H ~~IN~~ 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 AIRBUSH 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 PIN 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 HQT S-2.

2. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 311115H, 2/4 ROAD SWEEP TEAM AT (YD 136691) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 AT MINS.

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3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 (a) AT 011110H, 2/1 BIMS OBS 4 NVA IN OPEN CARRYING RR AT (YD 113718). FIRED MORT AND ARTY MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

6. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) AT 312150H, RECON TEAM 2A1 AT (YD 108643) RPTD TO BE SURROUNDED BY APPROX 25 NVA, TEAM REC 2 GREENS. 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)/RWEE(NVA)/RWEE(VC)/CIV DEF/INN CIV  
           2      2      1      1      1      52
3. WPNs CAPTURED 76: 60/16

5. - 13. NEG

14. OTHER

(a) ID CARD TAKEN PW KIA OF 2/9 AMBUSH (SEE INTSON NR 90 PARA A.2.(a)) HAD UNIT IDENTIFICATION AS 3D BN 48TH REGT 320TH DIV. 9TH OOB CPT 48TH REGT IS SUBORDINATE TO 320TH DIV AND 3D BN IS A SUBORDINATE BN TO 48TH REGT. ON 30 JAN APD (PEOPLE SHIFFER) HAD HVY READINGS IN THE AREA WEST OF C-2 AND C-3, WHICH INDICATED POSS LARGE SIZE UNIT IN THAT AREA.

15. NEG

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SECTION 8-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER

RELEASER

PRIORITY/PRIORITY 121130 Z Feb-68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION (-) FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AFTRAC BN  
 65TH CPT  
 1TH IFF  
 MCB 5

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1. NINTH MARINES INTRUSION NR 92, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 041800H - 021800H <sup>34</sup> 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 25 INCIDENTS: 14 BN INITIATED; 11 MORE/ARBY; 2 SKIPPED/  
 HARASSING; 1 MINE/DOOR TRAP

## A. GROUND FORCES

## 1. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) AT 020420H, 2/9 BMS AT (YD 133626) OBS 1 A  
 APPROACHING THEIR POS. FIRED M-79, S/A, GREENS AND OBS 2. ALL FALL.  
 CHECKED AREA FINDING 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 PR  
 BINOCULARS.

(b) AT 020600H, 2/9 BMS AT (YD 150635) OBS 2 PEOPLE  
 SWIMMING TOWARD BRIDGE. BMS THREW 50 CHARGES OF TEP AND FIRED  
 S/A, REC 1 RD OF S/A, 1 GREEN. SWEEP AREA AND CAPTURED 1 NVA  
 IW, FOUND 3 SAATCHEL CHARGES IN WATER. 2 NVA KIA (CONF).

(c) AT 020700H, 2/9 BMS AT (YD 124595) OBS 3 NVA ON  
 RIVER BED, 12 MOVING ALONG STREAM BED. SWEEP STREAM BED &  
 ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 CARTRIDGE, 1 AW (UNY),  
 2 PAGES, 1 GAS MASK, 3 GRICOM GREYS.

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(d) AT 020925H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 118600) REC 50 CAL FIRE FM HPT, ENVELOPED POS, ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA PW, 1 60 MM MORT TUBE.

(e) AT 021230H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 117599) MOVED TO ASSIST 1/4 WHO WAS UNDER FIRE BY BUNKERS AND 50 CAL POS. 2/9 TANKS KNOCKED OUT 50 CAL POS, AND FIRED ON RUNNING NVA. 2 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 NVA PW, 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 4 CHICOM GRENS, MISC GEAR.

(f) AT 021250H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145615) REC 7 RDS OF 82MM RR FM UNK LOC.

(g) AT 021430H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145615) REC 8 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY FM AZIMUTH OF 5700 MILLS.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 011400H, 2/1 ELMS OBS 6 BUNKERS AT (YD 105718). FIRED ARTY, 6 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 011540H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 40 RDS OF INCOMING FM UNK LOC.

(c) AT 011820H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 166716) DISCOVERED AND DEST THE FOLLOWING GEAR: 2 60MM MORT RDS, 5 FUSES, 1 CASE ( 4 RDS ).

(d) AT 012300H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 123698) DETECTED MOVEMENT WITH PPS-5 RADAR OF AT LEAST A SOD AT (YD 132702). FIRED MORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 012355H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 118704) REC 4 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 095686). FIRED MORT MSN, NEG RESULTS.

(f) AT 020330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 121701) REC 4 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 113718), (YD 100704), (YD 124770), (YD 099695), (YD 144711).

(g) AT 021200H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 129636) FOUND 1 NVA HID IN BUSHES WEARING UTILITIES AND HELMET, APPEARED TO BE DEAD FOR APPROX 5 DAYS. NVA HAD 1 RPG-7 RET LAUNCHER WITH SIGHTING DEVICE, 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 CART BELT, 2 GRENS WITH POUCH, 1 SHELTER HALF AND GAS MASK.

(h) AT 021216H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 24 RDS OF 82MM AND 60MM MORT, 9 RDS OF 152MM ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 119724), (YD 123723), (YD 13207223), (YD 121702).

(i) AT 021421H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 72RDS OF 152MM ARTY FM UNK LOC.

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(j) AT 021400H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 104701) REC 2 RDS OF S/A SNIPER FIRE FR REAR. FIRED MOST MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(k) AT 021445H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 34 RDS OF 130MM AND 152MM ARTY. NET FIRE AT (YD 129719), (YD 10467045), (YD 105704), (YD 097754), (YD 07957834), (YD 137741).

### 3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 011500H, 1/4 TRUCK CONVOY AT (YD 077571) SECOND TRUCK HIT MINE ON BRIDGE BYPASS. 2 TRUCKS REC HVY DAMAGE. CONVOY STOPPED AS TRUCKS BLOCKED ROAD, TROOPS DI-MOUNTED AND SET UP SECURITY. REC 4 TO 6 RDS OF 82MM FR FIRE FR (YD 060585). CALLED ARTY AND A/S WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 011650H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 134645) REC 4 RDS OF UNK CAL FIRE 200M SE OF PER FR NW DIRECTION. NET FIRE AT (YD 08246525), (YD 09326592).

(c) AT 012145H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 133678) OBS FIGURE MOVE INTO BRUSH AT (YD 133667). FIRED S/A, M-79, MOST MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 020320H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135644) REC 3 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY INSIDE PER FR (YD 052684).

(e) AT 021255H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 138645) REC 53 RDS OF UNK TYPE INCOMING FR (YD 052683). RDS FELL 150M EAST OF PER FR (YD 052683).

(f) AT 021500H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 138645) REC 60 RDS OF 130MM ARTY OR LARGER, RDS LANDED CENTER, EAST AND SE OF POS. ARTY CAMP FR UNK LOC.

### 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

#### A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 17
2. DETAINEES 3/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNS: 3/3 SEE PARA A.1.(a)(c)(d)(e), A.2.(g)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(c)(e), A.2.(g)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

#### B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR CPN KENTUCKY AS OF 021800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 752
  2. DETAINEES 64
- | P (NVA)/P (VC) | RTHB(NVA)/RTHB(VC) | CIV DEF/INN CIV |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 6              | 2                  | 1               |
| 63             | 19                 | 53              |
3. WPNS CAPTURED 82: 63/19

### 5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

- (a) SEE PARA A.3.(a)

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST ATRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH ENT  
 MCB 5

CCN: 20

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 93, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 021800H - 031800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 15 INCIDENTS: 3 ENEMY INITIATED; 2 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
  - (a) AT 022200H, 3/3 ELMS DETECTED MOVEMENT BY PPS-5 RADAR AT (YD 195724). CALLED ARTY MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.
  - (b) AT 030925H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 187739) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 BUNKERS AND 1 AT MINE.
2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
  - (a) AT 022230H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 152601) HEARD ENEMY MOVEMENT AND OBS 16-15 FIGURES MOVING TOWARD THEIR POS. FIRED MORT MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.
  - (b) AT 030045H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 146602) OBS 8 ENEMY CARRYING DEAD OR WOUNDED BY SOUTH TO NORTH. FIRED M-79, MG, S/A; CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

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(c) AT 031010H, 2/9 SWEEP AT (YD 132632) FOUND 1 NVA BODY AND TAG MARKS. NVA BELIEVED TO BE RESULTS OF AMBUSH. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 021440H, 2/1 ELFS AT (YD 114702) OBS 20 TO 30 TROOPS IN OPEN WITH VEHICLES. FIRED ARTY MSN WITH NEG RESULTS.

(b) AT 021800H, 2/1 ELFS REC 206 RDS OF LIGHT AND HVY ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 113718), (YD 111711), (YD 120714), (YD 140795), (YD 071772), (YD 183817).

(c) AT 030100H, 2/1 ELFS AT (YD 117703) OBS LIGHT AT (YD 135795).

(d) AT 030325H, 2/1 ELFS AT (YD 117702) OBS STRING OF LIGHTS AT (YD 128786), (YD 100790) AT AZIMUTH OF 6200 TO 0200 MILLS. FIRED ARTY MSN AND LIGHTS WENT OUT, 30 MINUTES LATER LIGHTS CAME BACK ON AND WERE MOVING IN EASTERLY DIRECTION. REQUESTED TPO. AT 030420H, AO CONFIRMED CONVOY, RAN TPO ACCOUNTING FOR 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, CONVOY APPEARED TO BREAK UP.

(e) AT 030330H, 2/1 ELFS AT (YD 11867039) REC 4 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 117722).

(f) AT 030930H, 2/1 ELFS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 107703), (YD 100705), (YD 113718), (YD 103708).

(g) AT 031050H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 152698) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 3X4X4 FT, ALSO FOUND 1 NVA CONTAIN.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 021645H, REFERENCE SPOT REPORT 021230H PARA A.1.(e) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 92, ADD 12 NVA KIA (CONF), 5 NVA PW, 3 AK-47 RIFLES, 3-82MM MORTS TUBES, 12-82MM MORT RDS, 5 BOXES OF FUSES AND DETONATORS, 4-82MM RIPODS, 1-82MM MORT BASE PLATE, 1 CHICOM GREN, ASSORTED S/A AND MISC GEAR.

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY: AT APPROX 020215, CAC HQ AT (YD 129 579) REC APPROX 100 TO 150 RDS OF 82MM MORT. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATK UTILIZING RPG'S, RR'S, S/A. ATK MAINLY CAME FM 3 SIDES, THE SOUTH, WEST, NE. ARTY WAS CALLED IN TO BOX THE HQ'S IN. OF THE 3 ROWS OF WIRE SURROUNDING THE HQ ONLY 2 WERE BREACHED, AND STILL ONLY IN SOME PLACES. THE NVA HAD DUG PRONE POS ABOUT 1 FT IN DEPTH AT THE NE SIDE OF PER. ARTY WAS CALLED AGAIN AND FORCED THE ENEMY TO WITHDRAW. 2/9 SENT OUT 2 PLATOONS AS REACTION AND SWEEP TO THE NORTH TRAPPING ENEMY TRYING TO CROSS THE RIVER. A REACTION FORCE FM DONG HA WAS SENT OUT. DONG HA REACTION ORGANIZED TO THE SOUTH, AND TO THE NORTH. CONTACT WAS BROKEN ACCOUNTING FOR 8 NVA KIA (CONF), 24 PW'S, 17 CREW SERVED WPN'S, 45 IND WPN'S.

(b) AT 030830H, CAN LO DIST ADVISOR AT (YD 125593) WHILE ON PBL IN VILLE, VILLAGE CHIEF TURNED OVER 1 NVA RIFLE. 1 NVA RIFLE.

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(e) AT 030900H, 9TH MAR'S ROAD S-REP TEAM AT (YD 224 630) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 T-41 RUSSIAN TYPE. ALSO REC 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE. FIRED TWIN 40'S IN CORR DIRECTION OF SNIPER FIRE WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 96
2. DETAINEES 28/0/1/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) MPNS: 20 48/20 SEE PARA A.4.(a), C.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.4.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.1.(b), A.3.(g)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 031800H JAN 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 846
2. DETAINEES 93  

PM(NVA)	PM(VG)	RENNR(NVA)	RENNR(VG)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
24	2	2	1	1	53
3. WEPS CAPTURED 150: 111/39

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA C.(e)

6. - 15. NEG

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**CONFIDENTIAL**SECTION S-2 9TH MARINESDRAFTER J. S. YARRELL JRRELEASEE P. C. KISSELEACHPRIORITY/PRIORITY 041230Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CO THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH INT  
 MCB 5

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 94, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 031800H - 041800H JAN 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 23 INCIDENTS, 9 EN INITIATED, 7 MO-T/ARTY, 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 031450H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 174 723) REC 12 RDS OF EST 60MM MORT FM (YD 167746). ALSO REC 57 RDS OF EST 85MM OR 105MM ARTY FM VIC OF (YD 1479).
  - (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 031500H, 3/3 ELS OBS 10-12 NVA AT (YD 160727) IN OPEN RUNNING IN WEST DIRECTION. FIRED MORT MSN, RESULTS UNK.
  - (c) AT 031830H, 3/3 ELS OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 163 744). CALLED ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.
  - (d) AT 041230H, 3/3 ELS OBS 5 NVA AT (YD 167752) CALLED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(e) AT 041310H, 3/3 PFL AT (YD 157727) DETONATED BOOBY TRAP.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 031530H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 151602) SWEEP VILLAGE ON RPT OF 30 NVA IN VILLAGE. FOUND NO NVA, BUT PEOPLE IN VILLAGE WERE BUSY DIGGING BUNKERS, FIXING POLES, AND TRENCHES.

(b) AT 041100H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 125622) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 LARGE AT MINE.

(c) AT 041200H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 140613) REC 5 RDS OF 85MM ARTY FR (YD 072658).

(d) AT 041130H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 144615) WHILE CHECKING PER FOUND OUTER WIRE CUT IN 2 PLACES.

(e) AT 041230H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 149605) APPREHENDED 2 MALES APPROX 18-19 YRS OLD. OBS DEFENSE POS. TAKEN TO DIST NO. 2 DETAINEES

(f) AT 041415H TO 041500H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 140613) REC 39 RDS OF UNK CAL RKT'S FR (YD 060603), (YD 063601).

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 032210H, 2/4 ELM'S AT (YD 129590) OBS ENEMY MOVEMENT AT (YD 129591). FIRED M-79, MG, HEARD LOANS SUBSEQUENT TO FIRING M-79. AREA UNDER OBS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 032020H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 114702) OBS LIGHTS AT (YD 107757) SUSPECTED ENEMY CONVOY. FIRED ARTY MSN AND OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ALSO RAN TPO WITH SECONDARY EXPLOSION. RAN TPO'S AT (YD 110770) WITH 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, RAN ANOTHER 2 TPO'S AT (YD 099756) WITH 1 SECONDARY, ALSO OBS CHAIN REACTION OF EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.

(b) AT 040930H, 2/1 ELM'S HEARD SHOUTING, OBS 25 MEN RUNNING WEST IN GRASS AT (YD 110699). FIRED FORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(c) AT 041245H, 2/1 ELM'S OBS FLASH AND REC 2 RDS OF UNK CAL HR FIRE FR (YD 111717).

(d) AT 041529H, 2/1 ELM'S REC 2 RDS OF UNK CAL HRV ARTY FR UNK LOC.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 031100H, 1/4 PFL AT (YD 127655) HEARD VN VOICES, SHOUTING APPROX 700M TO SW AT (YD 115633). CALLED ARTY, UNK RESULTS.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 031700H, 1/4 ELMS (YD 134672) DETECTED ENEMY TRAJECTORY WITH AN-MPC-10 RIFLE FIRING (YD 13716689). FIRED PORT MSN, AND OBS 2 NVA, 1 WITH RIFLE RUNNING TOWARD THE EAST. SWIFTED MSN AND OBS 1 NVA FALL, THE SECOND RAN INTO TREELINE.

(c) AT 031850H, 1/4 ELMS OBS 1 ENEMY AT (YD 134667) FIRED PORT MSN, AND OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(d) AT 032000H, 1/4 ELMS DETECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT WITH FPS-6 RADAR AND MSS-3 SEARCHLIGHT AT (YD 125674). FIRED PORT MSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(e) AT 040830H, 1/4 ROAD SWEEP TEAM AT (YD 223633) REC 8 RDS OF UNK CAL MORT FIRE AT ANGLE OF 5400 FEET.

(f) AT 041200H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 136633) REC 1 UNK CAL MORT RD FM (YD 05856465), RD IMPACTED APPROX 200M TO THEIR SOUTH SIDE OF PER.

### C. OTHER

#### 1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 021755H, RECON TEAM 1A3 AT (YD 161568) OBS 10 NVA WITH 2 MG'S, 1 AK-47, PACKS MOVING NORTH ALONG TRAIL. AT 021805H, TEAM OBS 5 MORE NVA WITH AK-47'S TRAVELING WITH 1 MORT. AT 021849H, TEAM COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY 100-125 NVA. SEEM TO BE ASSEMBLING. TEAM CALLED ARMY AND HAD 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ENEMY CLOSED TO WITHIN 15M AND EXCHANGED GUNS. CALLED GUNSHIPS, TEAM WAS EXTRACTED.

### 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

#### A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 0
2. DETAINEES
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

#### B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 041800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 848
2. DETAINEES 95  
PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/RWEE(NVA)/RWEE(VN)/CIVDEF/ IEN CIV  
34 2 2 1 1 53
3. WPNS CAPTURED 150: 111/39

### 5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A-2.(b)

6. - 7. NEG

### 8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) CAM LOC DIST HQ REPS 1 VC CO ARMED WITH 1 60MM MORT, 1 MG LOC AT (YD 211645). MSN TO AMBUSH SWEEP TEAM ON 4 FEB REPTAEN (YD 219637), (YD 221649).

9. & 15. NEG

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CB THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWENTY FIFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CTF  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSIN NR 95, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 041800H - 051800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF EMBRY ACTIVITY  
 20 INCIDENTS; 5 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041500H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 152 717) DISCOVERED AND DEST 40 RDS CP 60MM MORTS, 1 81MM MORT, 1 STICK MINE, 1 DR-10 MINE, 1 FUSED BOMB (FWD 7-A-B LOC # 2024-75-100).
  - (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041530H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 167 724) FOUND 3 DR-10 MINES RIGGED FOR CMD DETONATION. DISABLED AND FWD TO EN S-2.
  - (c) AT 051000H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 188743) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 CLAYMORE AND 1 AP MINE.
2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041234H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 163 610) REC 4 SNIPER RDS FC (YD 164612).

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041445H, 2/9 ELS AT (YD 175 624) OBS APPROX 5 PERSONS, PINK ALSO OBS THREE PERSONS CHANGING IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES TO RESEMBLE TYPE CLIFFING. FIRED PINK AND S/A WITH NEG RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041430H, 2/4 ELS AT (YD 124 592) DET'D 2 ENTRY POINTS, AND 1 CHECK LL PROFS. PD NONE TO REPT S-2.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 041525H TO 041529H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 114702) REC 9 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY FM (YD 069778). FIRED ARTY FSN AND OBS SECONDARY FIRE.

(b) AT 041800H, 2/1 ELS OBS 7 VEHICLES AT (YD 096 754). FIRED ARTY FSN AND OBS SECONDARY FIRE.

(c) AT 042014H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 122699) OBS 1 VEHICLE AT (YD 128702) WITH FSN-5 RADAR. FIRED MORE FSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(d) AT 042300H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 126692) OBS 2 LIGHTS. FIRED MORE FSN, LIGHTS WENT OUT.

(e) AT 050825H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF UNK CAL BR FIRE. REPT FIRE AT (YD 100703), (YD 096707), (YD 092 717), (YD 104708).

(f) FM 051030H TO 051240H, 2/1 SWENT AT (YD 099679) DISCOVERED AND DEST 175 RDS OF 82MM FORTS, 25 FUSES AND BOOSTERS, 3 MORE FUSES, 1 BROKEN 82MM BASE FUSE, 2 HELMETS (1 NVA AND 1 USMC), 8 CHECK GROWS, 20 PITCHING AND LIVING MORTARS, 75 RDS OF AK-47 AMMO, 2 CAMP BOLTS, 1 AK-47 RIFLE.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 041320H TO 041330H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 133647) REC 77 RDS OF EST 130TH OR 152ND ARTY FIRE. REPT FIRE AT (YD 078690), (YD 032715), (YD 067762). NO REPORTS 6 ACTIVE REPT SITES AT (YD 078690).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 041400H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 134 672) DETECTED MOVEMENT IN TREE LINE AT (YD 145669). SUSPECTED NVA OP. FIRED MORE FSN, MOVEMENT CEASED.

(c) AT 042205H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 134660) AND (YD 134672) REC S/A FIRE AT THE BOUND AT (YD 131658). AMMUNITION CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 042230H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 134672) OBS THAT APPEARED TO BE 2 ENTRY AT (YD 125671). FIRED MORE FSN, CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(e) at 050745H, 1/4 MILS REG 2/A AND FOUR FOUR BY VILLAGE # (VD 240613).

(f) at 051950H, 1/4 MILS at (VD 137671) ONE 2 MEN IN BLACK T-SHIRT CARRYING RIFLES (VD 137674). WOUND FOUR MEN, OTHERS AREA 'T' WITH 'S'.

**B. AIR ACTIVITY**

**1. A-1H**

(a) A TOTAL OF 16.5 HRS OF VR FLIGHT OVER QUANG TRI (V) BY DOW PA A-1H ON 4 APR 68. at (VD 117299) NO ONE 7 NVA. WOUND THREE ACCOUNTING FOR 3 NVA KIA (CONF).

**C. OTHER**

**1. BOMB**

(a) at 041805H, BOMB TRAP 3A1 at (VD 147557) ONE 50-100 NVA MOVING NORTH ON TRAIL at (VD 150554) INJURING KIA, GREEN UTILITIES, HELICOPTER, CARRYING RIFLES, 1 MORE WOUND. COLLECTED AMP MGR, WITH USR RESULTS.

**4. SUMMARY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES**

**A. SUMMARY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD**

- 1. NVA KIA 5
- 2. DET. IVEW 0/0/0/0/0
- 3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEAP: 1/0 SEE PARA A-4.(f)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A-1.(b), A-3.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A-4.(f)

**B. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY LOSSES FOR ONE MONTH AS OF 051800H APR 68:**

- 1. NVA KIA 653
- 2. DETAILERS 93
  - PR(VA)/P(VG)/MFR(MVA)/MFR(MV)/OIV WFF/IN CIV
  - 24      2      2      1      1      22
- 3. WTS CAPTURED 150: 112/39

5. + 15. NVA

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AVTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IFF  
 FCB 5

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1. NINTH MARINES/STUM NR 96, OFN KENTUCKY
2. 051800H - 061800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 13 INCIDENTS; 2 VORT/ARMY; 3 MINE/BOOBY TRAP; 1 SNIPER/  
 HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 051100H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (VD 190  
 741) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 CLICON GREEN BOOBY TRAPPED WITH  
 COMM WIRE.
  - (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 051615H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (VD 167  
 722) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 PRESSURE TYPE MINE.
  - (c) AT 060830H, 3/3 ELIS AT (VD 177716) FOUND 2 PACKS  
 CONTAINING MED GEAR AND ASSORTED PAPERS AND UNIFORMS. MED GEAR  
 TO BE CP.

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(a) AT 060930H, 3/3 ELMS AT (VD 188740) FOUND A BOOBY TRAPPED MINE. DISARMED AND W/O TO PW 8-2.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIFTH MARINES

(a) AT 052010H, 2/9 APPROX AT (VD 156611) OBS 10V-FEET AROUND POS, 2 FIGURES APPROACHED. APPROX W/ED S/A AND STREET AREA. 1 NVA VIA (CONF).

(b) AT 060000H, 2/9 APPROX AT (VD 153609) OBS 2 FIGURES TO THEIR BASE AT (VD 153610) W/ED S/A, ENEMY WITHDREW INFO HOODLINES. CALLED FORT NSE WITH UNK RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 051705H, 2/4 ELMS AT (VD 129590) REC 2 RDS OF UNK CAL ARMY BY UNK LOC.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FR 051430H TO 051630H, 2/1 ELMS AT (VD 114702) OBS 40 NVA IN OPEN AT (VD 085752). FIRED ARTY AND RAN TROPS, 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(b) AT 052030H, 2/1 ELMS AT (VD 123698) DETECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT AT (VD 130698). FIRED FORT NSE, MOVEMENT CEASED.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 050745H, 1/4 ROAD SWEEP TEAM AT (VD 236616) CAME UNDER INCREASINGLY INTV S/A, AV, RPG, AND FORT FIRE. CALLED REINFORCEMENTS FR DONG HA AND QUANG BINH. CONTACT BROKEN, INTV RESULTS.

(b) AT 052000H, 1/4 APPROX AT (VD 157584) REC 15 RDS OF AV FIRE BY UNK LOC.

(c) AT 060820H, 1/4 ELMS AT (VD 125671) REC 8 RDS OF UNK CAL ARMY FR (VD 06697020) RDS IMPACTED APPROX 300 TO 500M TO NW OF POS. ALSO REC 12 RDS OF 82MM FORT FIRE, RDS IMPACTED 200 TO 400M EAST OF POS. FIRED ARTY, OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT (VD 06697020).

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 051610H, CAP LO DISP HQ AT (VD 129590) REC APPROX 8 RDS OF UNK CAL ARMY FR AZDUTUM OF 6000 MILLS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2

2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WTNS: 0/0

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(c)(d)

(c) FACILITIES: NEG

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B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF  
061800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 855
2. DETAINEES 93  
PW(NVA)/P+(VC)/HTK(E(NVA))/HTK(E(VC))/CIV DEF/INN CIV
3. WPHS CAPTURED 151: 112/39      1      1      53

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INFO: NINE MARINES  
 10: CO THIRD MARINE DISTRICT  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

INFO: TWELVE MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 1ST AIRBORNE BN  
 15TH CG  
 7TH INF  
 MCB 5

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1. NINE MARINES RESUM NR 97, OPN THURSDAY
2. 061800H - 071800H FEB 60
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 15 INCIDENTS; 1 BY INITIATED; 3 ACQ/ATRY

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) DELAYED REPLY. AT 061725H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 171  
 099) OBS 6 NVA IN OPEN. THIRD ARMY KNEW W/TH ENK RESULT
2. SPECIAL BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) AT 061130H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 144609) OBS 3 FIGURES  
 MOVING RASHERLY AT (YD 132609). FIRED S/A, NO. 3 NVA KIA (CONF),  
 2 W/TH CAPTURED.

(b) AT 071145H, 2/9 FPL AT (YD 145604) SEARCHED HOUSE  
 AND FOUND MED GEAR, 1 HEMOSPAT, 1 FORSEP, 2 SCALPES, 1 BOTTLE  
 SUDY ALBUMIN WITH ATTACHMENTS, 3 UNIDENTIFIED NEEDLES, 1 SIF-  
 RIGHT RASOR, 2 PULCS OF GAUZE, 1 BOTTLE OF PWD (UN). OBTAINED  
 OWNER OF HOUSE. 1 REMAINED. PWD GRAB TO HQ CP.

(c) AT 071230H, 2/9 SUMP TOWN 1 NVA KIA THAT WAS  
 FOUND BY VILLAGERS AT (YD 150602). 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

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3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

- (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061210H, 2/1 ELMS (YD 104678) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 TUNNEL 15 FT DEEP, 3 FT DIA- METER.
- (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 095678) DISCOVERED AND DEST DESTROYED GO SIZE BASE CAMP. FOUND APPROX 20 82MM MORTAR RDS, 1 60MM MORTAR RD, 12 BOXES WIRES, 6 LIVING BUNKERS AND PISC 782 GEAR.
- (c) AT 070143H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) SEC 2 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. SEC FIRE AT (YD 136714), (YD 093680).
- (d) AT 070510H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS ENTRY CONVOY 5 TO 7 MILES LONG AT (YD 08257805).
- (e) AT 070955H, 2/1 ELMS SEC 6 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY FM (YD 066725). FRT PIPE AND OBS 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
- (f) AT 070115H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 116688) SEC 1 RD OF UNK CAL ARTY FM UNK LOC.
- (g) AT 071245H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 104605) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 6X4X4 FT WITH BAMBOO ROOF AND TRENCH FM BUNKER TO TREELINE.
- (h) AT 071250H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 105693) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 6X4X4 FT WITH HWY TIRES AND DIRT. BUNKER BELIEVED TO BE OLD AND CRASHED.
- (i) AT 071300H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 103680) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER 6X6X4 FT WITH LOG AND DIRT ROOF.
- (j) AT 071305H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 107682) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BUNKER AND TRENCH LEADING TO BUNKER 3X4X6 FT WITH DIRT AND LOGS ON ROOF.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

- (a) AT 062110H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 124672) RPFD MINE DETONATED IN NE PORTION OF MINE FIELD. CALLED ILLUM AND OBS 3 NVA RUNNING FM OUTER WIRE TOWARD TREELINE. FIRED M-79 AND FORT MSH WITH NEG RESULTS.
- (b) AT 071725H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135634) OBS 1 NVA APPROX 300M SE OF THEIR POS WEARING BLACK PT'S, APPEARED TO BE CARRYING AN OBJECT. FIRED S/A, NVA DISAPPEARED IN BRUSH, UNK RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 4
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEPS CAPTURED: 2/0 SEE PARA A.2.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.2.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.3.(a)(b)(c)(h)(1)(j)

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DRAFTER J. A. MARRIAN

RELEASEE P. J. KESSELBACH

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CC THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
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 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH ITM  
 MCB 5  
 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INFSUM NR 98, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 071800H - 081800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 17 INCIDENTS; 6 EN INITIATED; 5 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/  
 HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071240H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 203719)  
 RFC AW FIRE, CHICOM GRENS FM VIC OF (YD 203719). MOVED BACK  
 AND CALLED A/S AND ARTY NSN. SEPT AREA 30 NVA KIA (CONF),  
1 RED LIG, 1 DEM LIG, 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 4 SKS CARBINES, 1 7.62MM  
BOLT ACTION CARBINE, 1 7.62MM BOLT ACTION SNIPERS RIFLE, 2 RPD  
MG AMMO DRUMS, 1 BOX AMMO, 7 CHICOM GRENS, 1 DK-10 AP MINE,  
 2 AK-47 MAG POUCHES, 4 LEATHER AMMO POUCHES, 3 GREN POUCHES,  
 2 SK BAYONETS, 2 CAMTEPNS, 1 GAS MASKS, 2 HANCOCKS, 4 LEATHER  
 BELTS, 3 WEB BELTS, EVA MONEY, PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, ASSORT  
 DOGS, 2 SOFT COVERS. F/D GEAR TO BN CP.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071442H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 169  
 721) REC 75 RDR OF EST 105MM ARTY BY AZIBUTY OF 5900 MILLS  
 AT 600M RANGE.

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(B)

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071700H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 169721) REC 1 RD OF EST 1227M RPT FM AZIMUTH OF 5900 MILLS AT (YD 183719).

2. SECOND BATTALION NINE MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 071500H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 143605) FOUND HOUSE CONTAINING 750 LBS OF RICE. NOTIFIED DIST HQ AND TOLD TO CONFISCATE. WILL PICK UP AND TURN IN TO DAI WET.

(b) AT 072010H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 145616) REC SNIPER RDS FR (YD 139612).

(c) AT 072105H, 2/9 AMBUSH AT (YD 139624) OBS 30 NVA TO EAST. FIRED MORT FSN, NEG RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 070115H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF EST 105M ARTY FR UNK LOC TO THE SOUTH.

(b) AT 072125H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS WHAT APPEARED TO BE 2 INFRA-RED LIGHTS AT (YD 107705), (YD 110707). FIRED MORT FSN, LIGHTS WENT OUT.

(c) AT 080015H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS LIGHTS OF ENEMY CONVOY, APPROX 10 TRUCKS AT (YD 065795) MOVING E TO W. RAN TPO'S WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 080910H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FR UNK LOC.

(e) AT 081020H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 126695) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 LIVING BUNKER WITH COOKING POT, SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(f) AT 081047H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. MORT FIRE AT (YD 114717), (YD 112718), (YD 110714).

(g) AT 081245H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 12017042) FOUND 3 M-14 MINE IN VIETNAMESE CAP 20M FR OUTER WIRE. NO RES KS IN WIRE OBS. MINE PROBABLY TAKEN BY CON THIEU MINE FIELD, IT IS NOTED THAT WIRE CHECK TEAM ON 7 FEB CONDUCTED BY SAME PLT FOUND NO MINES OR ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(h) AT 081515H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 143694) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 TUNNEL 50 FT DEEP, BREAKS OFF TO ROOM BIG ENOUGH FOR 3 BODIES.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 071830H, 1/4 RPTS ENGR PLMS AT (YD 1376255) FOUND 1 DEAD NVA, APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD ABOUT 2 WKS, ALSO APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DRAGGED FR ORIGINAL AREA OF DEATH. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) AT 081230H, 1/4 MI'S AT (YD 132646) OBS 4  
NVA MOVING SW AT (YD 160663). CALLED ARTY AND MORT PSN  
W/TH UNK RESULTS.

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 061145H, REGON TEAM 4-2 AT  
(YD 191555) OBS AW, S/A FIRE AT CR-53 HELO PT (YD 195561).  
CALLED ARTY PSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

a. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 31
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WINS: 8/2 SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.3.(e)(h)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF  
081800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 890
  2. DETAINEES 94  
PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/RMN(NVA)/RMN(VN)/CIV DTF/INN CIV
  3. WINS CAPTURED 163: 120/41
- |           |          |          |          |          |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <u>34</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>53</u> |
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8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 15TH CIT RATED F-3 RPTS ON NIGHT OF 6 FEB 68, VC HELD  
A MEETING, AND DECLARED THE FOLLOWING: BETWEEN 12 AND 13 FEB,  
A TRANSPORTATION GROUP DESIGNATION UNK WILL RESUPPLY AND MAIN  
BATTALIONS DEPARTED IN BATTLES OF QUANG TRI AND CAN LO. THE  
RESUPPLY UNIT WILL TRAVEL TO 2 KILOMETERS SW CON THIEP, DIRECTION  
UNK.

(b) 15TH CIT RATED F-3 RPTS 2 NVA BATTALIONS (DESIGNATION  
UNK) UNDER THE CMD OF LT. COL KUONG TU DOAN, WILL ATY CAN LO  
BETWEEN 10 AND 17 FEB 68.

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SECTION 9-2 9TH MARINES

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091130Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: 60 THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AIRTRAC BN  
 15TH CBT  
 7TH IRT  
 PGS 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES DESTN NR 99, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 081800H - 091800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 11 INCIDENTS: 1 BN INITIATED; 1 MORE/ARTY

**CONFIDENTIAL**a. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) DELAYED SENTRY. AT 071240H, IN REFERENCE TO SIGT REPORT 071240H, PARA A-1.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSOM NR 98. ADD 109 NVA KIA (CONF), BY INFANTRY, ARTY AND AIR, 2 IMG'S CTYPE 58, 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 5 SKS CARBINES, 1 RED ARMO DRUM, 2 RPG-2 RDS, 2 CHICOM GREN, 10 AK-47 MAGS, 1 CHICOM PUNCH, 2 WALLERS, 1 DIARY, 8 CANNERS, 6 B-TOOLS, 3 POUCHES, 2 HAMMOCKS, 3 PR SANDALS, 2 PACKS, 3 CASH BELTS.
2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 (a) AT 081930H, 2/9 ELS OPS EST NVA CO HEADING NORTH AT (YD 143608). FIRED MORT, ARTY AND RAN TRO WITH ENK RESULTS.  
 (b) AT 082445H, 2/9 ELS AT (YD 143616) OPS 15 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 127619). CALLED ARTY, MORT, GUNNERS. IMG RESULTS.

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(c) AT 090700H, 2/9 STREET AT (YD 121588) FOUND POOLS OF BLOOD, BLOOD TRAILS LEAD TO HOUSE WHERE 2 MEN WERE FOUND WITH BLOOD ON CLOTHES. TOOK TO HST HQ. 2 DETAINEES.

(d) AT 091020H, 2/9 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 155587) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 HOLES AT MINES.

(e) AT 091105H, 2/9 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 152626) FOUND BLOOD AND PARTS OF BODY, AS RESULT OF MORT MSN. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

### 3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST BATTALIES

(a) AT 082000H, 2/1 EL'S AT (YD 114702) OBS CONVOY MOVING E TO W AT (YD 098816). OBS APPROX 28 LIGHTS. CALLED ARTY MSN, RESULTS UNK.

(b) AT 082045H, 2/1 PER DEP AT (YD 114702) HEARD MOVEMENT AT (YD 112705). SEARCH M-26 GREN AND CHECKED AREA WITH STARLIGHT SCOPES. NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 082110H, 2/1 PER DEP AT (YD 114702) HEARD MOVEMENT AND OBS TRIP FLARE GO OFF AT (YD 112705). PER V GREN'S AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 090622H, 2/1 EL'S AT (YD 114702) OBS MOVING LIGHTS AT (YD 118719). FIRED 4.2 MOLT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 090840H, 2/1 EL'S AT (YD 114702) REC 6 RDS OF S/A FIRE BY (YD 105704). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

### 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

#### A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 119
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/2/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WTS: 2/7 SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

#### B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 091800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1009
2. DETAINEES 96  
PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/R/MSN(NVA)/R/MSN(VN)/CIV DFB/INN CIV  
34 2 2 1 4 53
3. WTS CAPTURED 172: 127/45

5. - 14. NEG

### 15. LATE ENTRIES

(a) AT 090824H, 1/4 EL'S ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 168588) REC S/A AND MORT OR RPG FIRE BY VIC OF (YD 165583). RET FIRE RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 RIFLE.

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SECTION 8-2 9TH M/RINES

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1SG AMTRAC BN  
 95TH CTF  
 7TH INF  
 MCB 5  
 MAC 35-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTCOM NR 100, 07N KENTUCKY
2. 091800Z - 101600Z FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF MINEY ACTIVITY  
 8 INCIDENTS; 4 ER INITIATED; 2 MINE/BOoby TRAP; 1 MORT/ART; 1 SNIPER/HARRASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) AT 100745H, 3/3 ER'S AT (VD 195723) REPORT 1 NVA BODY THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR APPROX 1 WK. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) AT 101145H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (VD 190712) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 IM-10 MINES NEEDED FOR CTD DE CHAFFIN AND 6 GUNCO GUNTS, ALSO FOUND NVA PACK AND GEAR, ASSORT DOCS AND PERSONAL LETTERS, AND A NR OF WASH. HASTY DUG WEIGHTING FOLETS WITH POOR CRYPTOPHAGE. FWD GEAR TO BE 8-2.

2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 (c) DELAYE MORT. AT 091400Z, 2/9 ER'S AT (VD 167 611) RND AM FIVE MORTS ALONG RIVER. CALLED MORT, ARTY HQ WITH REG RESULTS.

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3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 092100H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 114702) RADAR DETECTED MOVEMENT OF 1 TO 2 PEOPLE AT (YD 122716). FIRED MORT FSN, 1 OVER-  
MOUNT CEASED.

(b) AT 092625H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 114702) OBS LIGHTS AT (YD 0778627) SUSPECTED ENEMY CONVOY. FIRED ARTY AND RAN TRK RESULTING IN 1 LARGE SECONDARY.

(c) AT 100920H, 2/1 ELS AT (YD 114702) SEC 2 HDS OF UNK CAL RR FIRE. BEST FIRE AT (YD 113719), (YD 117718), (YD 113718). UNK RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 101400H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 218702) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 MINE. A TRUCK DETECTED A SECOND MINE WHICH WAS NOT DETECTED.

C. OTHER1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 091015H, RECON TRAIL 1-4 AT (YD 153566) EXCHANGED S/A AND AM FIRE WITH APPROX 12 NVA MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. RESULTS WERE 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 PACK, 1 B-TOOL, 1 SHELTER HALF.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEAPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA C.1.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(b)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OIV KENTUCKY AS OF 101800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1003
2. DETAINEES 96
 

PM(NVA)/P(VG)/RPNWS(NVA)/RPNWS(VG)/CIV DEF/INH CIV
$\frac{34}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{1} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{53}{53}$
3. WEAPNS CAPTURED 173: 128/43

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.4.(a)

6. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 15TH CIV RPTS ON 8 FEB 68, 312 BT OR 316 RPT WAS LOC AT KM TRUC (H) (YD 242662), CIV HA (V), CIV LINH (D). THIS BT IS ARMED WITH 60MM AND 81MM MORTS, LIGHT AND HEAVY FG'S, B-40 AND B-41 RECS LAUNCHERS, AK'S AND BLAKE TROUSERS. FSN UNK.

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SECTION 8-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER *J. J. [unclear]*

RELEASED *P. J. [unclear]*

PRIORITY/PRIORITY 111452 R-616

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION FIFTH MARINES  
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FIRST MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
1ST AIRBORNE BN  
12TH CTF  
7TH IFF  
POB 5  
FAO 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 101, OTH KENTUCKY
2. 101800H - 111800H P:3 69
3. SUMMARY OF BERRY ACTIVITY  
6 INCIDENTS; 5 IN INITIATED; 3 HOWE/ARTY

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. NR 100800H - 101700H, IN REFERENCE  
 TO SVE RPT 100745H, PARA 4.1.(a) 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 100, ADD  
 1 NVA KIA (COMP), 1 SRS CANNON, 1 RPO-2, 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 SNIPER  
 RIFLE WITH SCOPE, 1 M70-2 HD WITH NOPELLANT, 5 AK-47 MAGS, 2 ARVN  
 RIFLE COVERS, 1 CHINESE TYRE COVER, 3 PITH HATJETS, 46 CHICKEN GREENS,  
 19 NVA B-TOOLS, 7 BLOODIED BANDAGES, 6 NEW BANDAGES, 11 NVA PACKS  
 WITH PERSONAL GEAR, 4 BLOODY TAPPOCKS, 1 AK-47 MAG POUCH, 4 CHICKEN  
 ATMO FLTS, 11 NVA CANNONS, 5 M-26 GRENS, 3 M-17 GAS MASKS, 3 M-79  
 CS RDS, 25 M-79 RAs, NUMEROUS NVA VOLS, 134 7.62 CARBINE RDS  
 (NVA), 10 M-16 MAGS, 6 CANS NVA C-RATIONS, 55 LBS OF RICE, 2 PRS  
 OF SANDALS, 6 Z-19 GRENS, 2 LBS TOBACCO, 12 SRS, 1  
 CIVILIAN SHIRT, 2 RICE BOWLS, 8 CAMOUFLAGE DEVICES, AK-47 CLEANING  
 ROD, 8 POUCHES, 3 MOSQUITO NETS, 3 NVA BELTS, 1 HELMET GAS MASKS,  
 120 AK-47 RDS, 1 RPO-2 CLEANING ROD, 1 RUSSIAN WATCH, 1 DIARY AND  
 DOGS, 4 GRAY SHIRTS, 3 BROWN, 3 GREEN, 2 KIAMI, 3 GRAY TROUSERS,  
 3 BROWN, 3 GREEN, ALL GEAR FWD TO BN CP.

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2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 102200H, 2/1 BMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF 82MM RR FIRE AT TANK LOC.

(b) AT 110820H, 2/1 BMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RD OF 82MM RR FIRE AT (YD 113718).

(c) AT 110915H, 2/1 BMS AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RD OF 82MM RR FIRE AT TANK LOC.

(d) AT 110920H, 2/1 BMS AT (YD 113695) - DNT CUTS WIRE BY WIRE CUTTERS, WIRE SET OFF DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF TANK POS. OBS NOTHING.

(e) AT 111330H, 2/1 BMS OPS 8 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 113718) FIRED ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HR OF REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WTS: 1/1 SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.1.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: N/A

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OUR REPORTING AS OF 111800H P 8 68.

1. ENEMY KIA 1005
2. DETAINEES 96  
PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/RHSSE(NVA)/RHSSE(VN)/CIV DEF/INN CIV
3. WTS CAPTURED 175; 131/44      1      4      53

5. - 7. NEG

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION

(a) 11/2/4 HPTS 2 NVA CO'S ARRIVED WITH 2 57MM RR, 1 82MM MORT, 1 60MM MORT, 2 HWY RG'S, 1 RADIO. CO'S LOC VIC (YD 185 646) TO (YD 198644). MSN TO ATK DIST OUTPOST AND HIO PAI BRIDGE. RATED C-3.

9. - 11. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES.

(a) ARVN RPT A SUSPECTED VC BN WITHIN THREE 3 GRIDS, (YD 105 505), (YD 110514), (YD 123529). MSN TO ATK VILLAGE AT (YD 093515). VILLAGE NAME HAN NGHI.

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER J. A. WILSON

RELASER P. A. KESSELBACH

PRIORITY/PRIORITY 121130Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIFTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5  
 IAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUB NR 102, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 111800H - 121800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 22 INCIDENTS; 14 EN INITIATED; 11 MORT/ARTY; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP;  
 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111000H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 187 743) DISCOVERED FRESH VEHICLE TRACKS RUNNING EW TO N. TRACKS WERE 14 INCHES WIDE, 3/4 TO 4 FT APART, ALSO DISCOVERED AND DENSE 1 NVA CLAYMORE MINE (BOOBY TRAPED).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111746H, 3/3 ELS REC 2 RDS OF UNK CAL INCOMING. FIRED ARTY ISN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 121010H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 173721) REC 13 RDS OF EST 85MM ARTY OUTSIDE DEF BY DIRECTION OF 5800 MILLS. FIRED ARTY ISN, UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 121226H, 3/3 ELS REC 18 RDS OF EST 105MM ARTY BY AZIMUTH OF 5800 MILLS AT (YD 175723). FIRED ARTY ISN, UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 121400H, 3/3 ELS REC 35 RDS OF 60MM MORT BY AZIMUTH OF 4800 MILLS. FIRED ARTY ISN, UNK RESULTS.

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2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. IN REFERENCE TO SPT RTT 041230H, PARA 4.1.(e) OF THE 9TH MAR'S TRPSUM NR 94. ADD 2 DETAINEES AS CIVIL DEPENDENTS THAT WERE NOT COUNTED ON KENNEDY TOTALS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111130H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 143 567) OBS 6 NVA AT (YD 134555). FIRED S/A AND ARTY FSN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111445H, 2/4 ELMS AT CAM LO DIST HC REC 5 RDS OF SUSPECTED 82MM ICP FT (YD 114602). RET FIRE WITH ARTY MSN, OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 110500H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 110 618) REC 7 RDS OF 60MM MORE FIRE IN UNK LOC. ALSO REC SNIPER FIRE AT 3300 MILLS. FIRED FOR FSN, SNIPER SILENCED.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111546H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114 702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM RE FIRE, 5 RDS OF UNK CAL LIGHT AND HWY ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 134725), (YD 123724), (YD 135717). UNK RESULTS.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111730H, AO WORKING WITH 2/1 OBS OLD BUNKER COMPLEX. APPEARS TO HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL BUNKERS IN VIC OF (YD 1171).

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111745H, AO WORKING IN N W AT (YD 114702) OBS 1 NVA IN NEW TRENCHLINE, ALSO OBS NEW CAMOFLAGED FIGHTING HOLES AT (YD 126722).

(e) AT 112110H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 121704) DETECTED MOVE BUNKER AT (YD 121705). FIRED M-79 WITH UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 120900H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 113701) REC APPROX 27 RDS OF S/A FT (YD 112705). FIRED MORE FSN UNK RESULTS.

(g) AT 121150H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 110704) REC 7 RDS OF 60MM MORE FM (YD 109700).

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111335H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 113 718) OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN. FIRED ARTY FSN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 111540H TO 111552H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135645) REC 52 RDS OF EST FIRED 85MM, 130MM, 152MM ARTY FIRE FM (YD 075705), AND AZIMUTH OF 5500 MILLS. FIRED ARTY FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 111600H TO 111620H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 134645) REC 7 RDS OF EST 60MM MORE FT AZIMUTH OF 4700 MILLS AT (YD 098640). FIRED MORE FSN UNK RESULTS.

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 111739H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135645) REC 11 RDS OF EST 105MM ARTY FM 4700 MILLS AT (YD 078639). FIRED MORE FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 121150H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 218700) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AT MINE.

(f) AT 121325H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 214724) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AT MINE.

C. OTHER

(a) AT 111430H, MCB-5 ROAD SWEEP TEAM AT (YD 163586) FOUND 2 BRUSHY DUG FIGHTING HOLES.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/2/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WVNS: 0/0
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 121800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1007
2. DETAINEES 98  

EW(NVA)/PW(VC)/REME(NVA)/REME(VC)/CIV DEF/INN CIV					
<u>34</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>53</u>
3. WVNS CAPTURED 175: 131/44

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.1.(a), A.5.(e)(f)

6. - 15. NEG

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST ANTRAC BN  
 15TH CTF  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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CONFIDENTIALPERISHABLE INFO, DO NOT SERVICE

1. NINTH MARINES IPESUM NR 103, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 121800H - 131800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 15 INCIDENTS: 5 EN INITIATED; 3 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING  
 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) AT 121950H, 3/3 ELM'S AT (YD 185715) DETECTED TRACKING VEHICLE ON RADAR, MOVING S TO E. FIRED ARMY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.
2. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 (a) AT 131010H, 2/9 ELM'S AT (YD 168608) POC SNIPER WITH FT EMP 5 ENEMY AT (YD 169608). RET FIRE WITH MG, F-79, S/A AND MORT MSN, CHECKED AREA 2 NVA KIA (CONF).  
 (b) AT 131130H, 2/9 ELM'S OBS 3 NVA AT A DISTANCE OF 1300M AT (YD 117624). FIRED MORT MSN, UNK RESULTS.
3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 121245H, AO WORKING WITH 2/1 AT (YD 114702) AO OBS BUNKER THAT BELIEVED TO CONTAIN SNIPER. FIRED MORT AND 3.5 MSN, SMILING CEASED.  
 (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 121300H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 114702) OBS ACTIVE ARMY POS AT (YD 134795). FIRED ARMY MSN RESULTING IN 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

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(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 121330H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) OBS ACTIVE ARTY POS, POSS 1 OR 2 PIECES AT (YD 16747778). FIRED ARTY MSN UNK RESULTS.

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 121605H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 1 RD OF EST UNK CAL RKT FM UNK LOC.

(e) AT 121922H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) CONDUCTED FIVE MSN AT (YD 103703). OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(f) AT 122010H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 2 FIGURES MOVING UNDER WIRE AT (YD 111706). FIRED MORT MSN, NEG RESULTS.

(g) AT 122130H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC SMALL AMOUNT OF CS GAS FM UNK LOC.

(h) AT 130936H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 9 RDS OF 82MM HR FIRE FM UNK LOC. REC 9 RDS OF 82MM HR

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 121550H TO 121610H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 135645), REC 7 RDS OF UNK CAL LIGHT ARTY WE (YD 061668). FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 131335H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 218698) FOUND ARVN TRUCK WHICH HAD D'TONATED A MINE.

(c) AT 131245H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 121245) OBS 2 NVA MOVING WEST AT (YD 122636). FIRED S/A WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) A TOTAL OF 50.0 HRS OF VR FDOWN OVER EASTERN QUANG TRI (P) BY DONG HA AO'S ON 11 AND 12 FEB 68, AT (YD 113718) AO OBS 2 NVA IN TRENCH, FIRED ARTY MSN ACCOUNTING FOR 1 NVA KIA (CONF). FM (YD 145725) TO (YD 170731) AO OBS NEW TRAIL THAT LOOKED HWY USED. AT (YD 138730) AO OBS APPROX 12 BUNKERS, TRAIL NETWORK HWY USED.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/4/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (A) WPNs: 0/0
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 131800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1010
2. DETAINEES 102
3. WPNs CAPTURED 175:  $\frac{34}{2}$   $\frac{2}{2}$   $\frac{2}{1}$   $\frac{1}{60}$   $\frac{53}{53}$

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5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS  
(a) SEE PARA A.4.(b)

6. - 14. NEG

15. LATE ENTRIES.

(A) IN REFERENCE TO SPT RPT 131010H, A.2.(a) THIS INTSIR  
CHECKED AREA OF CONTACT AND APPREHENDED 4 DETAINEES.

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P. J. KESSELBACHTRICRITY/PRIORITY 141130Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CBT  
 7TH CBT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 104, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 131800H - 141800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 12 INCIDENTS: 6 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 2 MINE/BOOBY TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
  - (a) AT 141000H, 2/9 ROAD S WEEP AT (YD 135622) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 FRENCH 20 LB AT MINE.
2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES
  - (a) AT 132340H, 2/1 ELM AT (YD 127689) OBS 1 NVA WITH SPARKLIGHT SCOPE HEADING IN NW DIRECTION AT (YD 127690). FIRED S/A, SENT FIRE TEAM OUT TO CHECK AREA, FIRE TEAM MADE CONTACT. FIRED S/A WITH NEG RESULTS.
  - (b) AT 140016H, 2/1 ELM AT (YD 127689) OBS 2 PERSONS MOVING IN A SW DIRECTION AT (YD 127688). FIRED S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - (c) AT 140840H, 2/1 ELM AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE BY (YD 115714). FIRED MORT, RR USN WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - (d) AT 141205H, 2/1 ELM AT (YD 114702) REC APPROX 13 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE BY (YD 13607200). REC FIRE WITH UNK AT (YD 10427098) OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

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3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131600H, 1/4 ELS FOUND MINE FIELD WITH ONE SET OF SET OF NVA SLIPPER/BAREFOOT TRACKS LEADING INTO MINE FIELD AT (YD 130647).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131554H, 1/4 ELS AT (YD 216 720) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 AT MINES.

4. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131430H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 202 717) FOUND 2 NVA PACKS, 2 NVA GAS MASKS, 2 CAMOUFLAGED HOLDERS, 2 DIARIES, 2 WALLETS, 1 PR SANDALS, 1 CAN INCREMENTS, PROPAGANDA, 2 CANS CROW, 1 UNK DYE FLAG. ALL GEAR FWD TO IN CP.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131444H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 150 733) REC 20 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE AT (YD 171730). FIRED MORT PSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 131505H TO 131740H, 3/3 ELS AT (YD 150733) REC 80 RDS OF EST 105MM ARTY. REC FIRE AT (YD 176721), (YD 179725).

(d) AT 140635H, 3/3 AMBUSH AT (YD 185738) HEARD MOVEMENT AND OBS APPROX 20 NVA ON TRAIL MOVING NW AT DISTANCE OF 150M. ALERTED ANOTHER AMBUSH IN VIC OF ENTRY WHICH TOOK NVA UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, PG, LAAM AND M-79. RESULTING IN 7 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 AK-47, 1 NVA PW.

(e) AT 141015H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 188718) OBS AND KILLED 1 NVA. 1 NVA KIA (CONF). GEAR ON BODY FWD TO REGT S-2.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 8
2. DETAINEES 2/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNS: 2/0 SEE PARA A.4.(d)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.4.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 141800H FEB 68,

1. ENEMY KIA 1018
  2. DETAINEES 102
- |  |                |               |                  |                 |                        |
|--|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|  | <u>PW(NVA)</u> | <u>PW(VC)</u> | <u>HPNS(NVA)</u> | <u>HPNS(VC)</u> | <u>CIV DEF/INN CIV</u> |
|  | <u>2</u>       | <u>2</u>      | <u>1</u>         | <u>10</u>       | <u>53</u>              |
3. WPNS CAPTURED 177: 132/44

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

(a) SEE PARA A.3.(b)

6. - 1. NEG

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**CONFIDENTIAL****15. LATE ENTRIES.**

(a) IN REFERENCE TO SPT RPT 140635H, PARA A.4.(d), RELIEF FORCE SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 1 HVA P/, 4 PAGES, 9 GAS MASKS, 5 JAMBOCKS, 3 ROPES, 2 LETTERS, 3 CANNERS, 1 PR SHORTS, 4 CONTAINERS COVERS, 4 BATHING TOWS, 2 KNIVES, 3 BELTS, 5 JUNGLE KIPS, 4 ROPES, 3 INK PENS, 1 FLASH LIGHT, 2 MOTOR BOOSTER SHIELD, 9 OUTDOOR CHAIRS, 1 PR SOCKS, 2 LEATHER BELTS, 1 AK-47 BAYONET, 5 LBS RICE, 70 AK-47 BDS, 1 PR SANDALS, 3 ONICOM FOCUIS, 2 WALLETS, 1 COMPASS, 1 CIGARETTE LIGHTER, 1 NESS GEAR, 1 CORPSMANS BAG WITH WELL STOCKED MED SUPPLIES. FWD ALL GEAR TO REGT S-2.  
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SA. HARRIMAN

RELEASEE

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**CONFIDENTIAL**PRIORITY/PRIORITY 151245Z FEB 68

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: 03 THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AIRCRAFT SQ  
 15TH CTF  
 7TH IRT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES IRTSUM NR 105, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 141800H - 151800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF BERRY ACTIVITY  
 19 INCIDENTS: 9 EW INITIATED; 7 MORT/ARTY; 2 SPIES/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 181950H, 3/3 EL'S AT (YD 203714) DETECTED 7 TO 8 PERSONS MOVING SOUTH. FIRED ARTY, AT 1955H RADAR DETECTED 5 TO 6 PERSONS MOVING SOUTH. FIRED ARTY FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 150905H, 3/3 EL'S AT (YD 150730) REC 17 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE AT (YD 167724), (YD 167731).

(c) AT 151155H, 3/3 EL'S AT (YD 152728) REC 15 TO 20 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE AT (YD 163725). FIRED MORT FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED BERRY. AT 141602H, 2/9 EL'S AT (YD 141602) REC 8 RDS OF UNK CAL MORT FIRE FF. A DUTY OF 6000 PILES.

(b) AT 142040H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 143381) OBS 25 NVA MOVING TOWARD POS. TOOK NVA UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, PG, M-79. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(c) AT 142230H, 2/9 ELMS AT (YD 136623) OBS 3 NVA WALKING TOWARD POS. TOOK NVA UNDER FIRE WITH S/A, PG, M-79. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141655H, 2/4 ELMS AT (YD 129590) REC 4 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FT UNK LOC.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 141425H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 6 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FT (YD 104709). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 150800H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 106686) DISCOVERED 4 DEST 1 BUNKER 5X3 FT WITH 3 CHICOM GRENS. ALSO DISCOVERED AND DEST 5 BUNKERS 3X4 FT, AND FOUND 200M OF COMM WIRE, WIRE AND OUTCOPS FWD TO BN CP.

(c) AT 150940H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 113718). FIRED 4.2 MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 150950H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 112705) REC 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FT (YD 106704). FIRED RR MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 151045H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 092681) DISCOVERED AND DEST 9 BUNKERS 5X3X4 FT AND 2 MORT PITS.

(f) AT 151110H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 092683) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 6X8 FT AND 1 BAG OF RICE.

(g) AT 151145H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 105683) FOUND 1 82MM MORT BASE PLATE. FWD TO BN CP.

(h) AT 151200H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 109677) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 OLD BUNKERS 6X3X2 FT.

(i) AT 151250H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 14 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 16 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. FWD FIRE AT (YD 09267098), (YD 117717), (YD 117723), (YD 127022), (YD 120730), (YD 128713), (YD 103734), (YD 147725). WITH UNK RESULTS.

(j) AT 151330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 108688) DISCOVERED 4 AND DEST 2 BUNKERS 3X8X4 FT, FOUND 6 CHICOM GRENS, 4 FRAGS, 2 CONCUSSION, 1 REQ-2 RD. FWD ATO TO BN CP.

5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 142335H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 102587) REC 18 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FT (YD 183573). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) FM 151215H TO 151345H, 1/4 HELMS AT (YD 102648)  
 NFG APPROX 30 RDS OF S/A FIRE AT (YD 102644), (YD 100644).  
 AO OBS 15 NVA IN 8 FIGHTING HOLES AT (YD 100643). FIRED  
 MORE, ARMY/AF AND FAR A/S RESULTING IN 3 NVA KIA (CONT).

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
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) TONS: 0/0
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.4.(b)(g)(j)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.4.(b)(e)(f)(h)(j)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENNEDY AS OF  
 151800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1021
  2. DETAINEES 104
- |  |         |   |        |   |            |   |           |   |         |   |         |
|--|---------|---|--------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|---------|---|---------|
|  | PR(NVA) | / | PR(VG) | / | RUMER(NVA) | / | RUMER(VG) | / | CIV DEF | / | IDN CIV |
|  | 36      |   | 2      |   | 2          |   | 1         |   | 10      |   | 53      |
3. WEPS CAPTURED 177: 133/44

5. - 15. NFG

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AIRBORNE BN  
 15TH CTF  
 7TH INF  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 106, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 151800H - 161800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 14 INCIDENTS; 6 EN INDICATED; 5 HOPT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151424H, 3/3 BNS AT (YD 165 732) REC 15 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE RE ACQUITT OF 5100 YARDS AT A RANGE OF 1500M.

(b) AT 160805H, 3/3 BNS AT (YD 183758) MADE CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE FORCE. ENGAGED WITH S/A, LAA & AO ON STATION RETD EN WITHDRAWING. RAN A/S WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 161110H, 3/3 BNS AT (YD 183758) BNS ARE STILL IN CONTACT WITH REG 70-80 PVA. BNS STILL TRYING TO BREAK CONTACT.

(d) AT 161220H, 3/3 BNS OBS 2 NVA AT (YD 153734). FIRED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.

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2. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 161415H TO 161425H, 2/4 ELEM AT (YD 129590)  
 REC 25 TO 35 RDS OF 140MM RIFLES IN UNK LOC.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151310H, 2/1 SNEAK AT (YD 103  
 695) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4 MINE'S 5X5 FT COVERED WITH LOGS  
 AND DIRT. MINERS STOP TO BE (L).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151515H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 115  
 700) OBS PRICE REC 3-4 RDS SHOTGUN FIRE IN (YD 109708).  
 FIR'D FOR 15H IN UNK LOC.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 151750H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 114  
 702) OBS 12 NVA IN OPSN AT (YD 188764). FIR'D ARTY FIRE IN  
 (YD 19397648) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 152030H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 122704) OBS MOV'T  
 FROM TO FROM OF POS, OBS 4 NVA AT (YD 122705). TOOK ENTRY  
 UNDER FIRE, LOST RADIO CONTACT AND RET TO CP.

(e) AT 160815H, 2/4 ELEM AT (YD 139707) FOUND 1 NVA  
 WHO APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD FOR SOME TIME. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

(f) AT 161000H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 114702) REC 3 RDS OF  
 82MM RR AND 5 RDS OF 60MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 117716),  
 (YD 101705), (YD 099707), (YD 103705).

(g) AT 161009H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 114702) REC 5 RDS OF  
 60MM MORT AND 2 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 106706),  
 (YD 103705), OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSION AT (YD 104706).

(h) AT 161030H, 2/1 ELEM AT (YD 114702) REC 10 RDS OF  
 60MM MORT FIRE IN (YD 103703).

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 152245H, 1/4 MINE AT (YD 157579) OBS 5 VC,  
 TOOK ENTRY UNDER FIRE, ENTRY PLED TO THE SOUTH. FIR'D IN OF  
 MINE AT (YD 161570) SEARCHED AREA ACCIDENT FOR 2 NVA  
KIA (CONF), 1 M-47 RIFLE, 1 CARBINE, 2 PACKS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3
2. DEATHS 0/0/0/0/0/0/
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEAP CAPTURED 2/0 SEE PARA A-4.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A-4.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A-3.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OWN EFFECTIVE AS OF  
 161800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1024

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- 2. DETAINEES 104  
P (NVA) / P (VC) / ~~REPR~~ (NVA) / ~~REPR~~ (VC) / CIV DEP / INN CIV  
36      2      2      1      10      53
- 3. WFS CAPTURED 179: 135/44

5. - 15. NEG

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
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 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 INTEL: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST ATRAC BN  
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 MCB 5  
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THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

CCN: 164

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1. NINTH MARINES INCOM NR 107, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 161800H - 171800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 12 INCIDENTS: 5 IN INITIATED; 4 MORE/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. SECOND BATTALION NINTH MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161430H, 2/9 BLS AT (VD 145 646) OBS MORE TUBE AT (VD 117625). FIRED MORE AND TWIN 40's WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - (b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161645H, 2/9 BLS AT (VD 145 646) REC 8 RDS OF 82MM MORE AT (VD 095615). FIRED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - (c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161700H, 2/9 BLS AT (VD 146 689) REC 10 RDS OF SUPP FIRE. CHECKED AREA WITH UNK RESULTS.
2. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
  - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161650H, 2/4 BLS AT (VD 129 590) REC 12 RDS OF 122MM BATS AT 5800 HILLS. FIRED ARTY 1SN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(b) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 161430H TO 161500H, 2/4  
ELMS AT (YD 129590) REC APPROX 26 RDS OF MIXED 122MM  
RKT AND 82MM MORT FM 5700 MILLS. FIRED ARTY MSN WITH  
UNK RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161325H, 2/1 elms AT (YD 153  
723) OBS 4-5 NVA MOVING W TO E INTO TREES AND THICK BRUSH.  
H CO DISPATCHED PATROL, POINT MAN OBS 1 NVA MOVING DOWN  
TRAIL, FIRED S/A AND OBS NVA FALL. PTL STARTED TO REC S/A  
AND AW FIRE FM RIGHT FLANK. 1 AIR COOLED .30 CAL MG 20M  
OFF TRAIL WAS OBS, FIRED S/A, M-79 SILENCED MG. PTL STARTED  
TO REC MORT AND RET TO UNIT. RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 7 NVA  
KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161500H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114  
702) OBS 3 TRACKED VEHICLES AT (YD 11957875). THE VEHICLE  
GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING A LONG CHASSIS WITH A TURRET  
MOUNTED WELL FORWARD. FIRED ARTY MSN, TRKKS AND TPO, 2  
DIRECT HITS WERE OBSERVED ON VEHICLE.

(c) AT 170200H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) DETECTED  
VEHICLE (BELIEVED HVY) MOVING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AT  
(YD 057616).

(d) AT 170908H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 7 RDS  
OF 60MM MORT, 7 RDS OF 82MM MORT FM (YD 110720). FIRED ARTY  
MSN, INCOMING CEASED.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161615H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 164  
606) REC REP PATTION THACH POLICE CHIEF THAT VC CROSSED  
RIVER ENTERED VILLE AND KILLED VILLAGE CHIEF. VC KIDNAPPED  
3 MALE. SEARCHED VILLE UNDER DIRECTION OF POLICE CHIEF  
WITH NEG RESULTS.

5. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 162200H, SUMMARY OF RECON OF THE SOUTHERN  
IMZ. 3/3 AT (YD 160803) OBS 20 NVA IN GREEN UNIFORMS WITH  
PAGES AND HELMETS BETWEEN (YD 183758) AND (YD 178761).  
ELMS DISCOVERED APPROX 60-82MM MORT RDS, WHILE DEPLOYING TO  
ENGAGE THE APPROACHING NVA, I CO WAS ENGAGED BY ANOTHER  
FORCE OF APPROX 30 NVA FM CONCEALED FIGHTING HOLES AT (YD 183  
758) AS THEY CLOSED IN ON THE BUNKERS. THEY WERE ALSO ENGAGED  
FM THEIR REAR BY SEVERAL NVA IN SPIDER TRAPS. BUNKERS WERE  
WELL CONSTRUCTED AND CAMOUFLAGED BY A SCREEN OF TREES AND  
THICK UNDERGROWTH. AREA WAS HVY BOOBY TRAPPED. M-79 CS RDS  
WERE USED AND PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN ROUTING ENEMY. RAN  
GUNSHIPS, ARTY, AND A/S ACCOUNTING FOR 24 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) AT 162255H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 176702) OBS NVA  
DIGGING TRENCHES. FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 3<sup>0</sup>
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNs: 0/0 NEG
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPM KENTUCKY AS OF 171800H FEB 66:

1. ENEMY KIA 105<sup>3</sup>
2. DETAINEES 104  

	<u>PW(NVA)</u>	<u>PW(VC)</u>	<u>REMU(NVA)</u>	<u>REMU(VC)</u>	<u>CIV DEF</u>	<u>INN CIV</u>
	36	2	2	1	10	53
3. WPNs CAPTURED 175; 135/44

5. - 15. NEG

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINESDRAFTER J. A. HARRINANRELEASES P. J. KESSELBACHPRIORITY/PRIORITY 181130Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CTF  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 108, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 171800H - 181800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 11 INCIDENTS; 4 EN INITIATED; 1 NOREP/ARTY; 2 SNIPER/HARASSING

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) AT 171820H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 169723) REC 6 RDS OF UNK  
 CAL INCOMING IN MINEFIELD FROM AZimuth OF 5800 MILLS AT DISTANCE  
 OF 7000M. CALLED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(b) AT 180700H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 198718) FOUND DOCS AND 782 GEAR.

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 171115H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 112705) REC APPROX 10 RDS OF AW FIRE FM (YD 121714). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 171330H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 35 NVA MOVING SE CARRYING HVY PACKS AND WPNS WITH POSS MORT TUBES. FIRED MORT AND ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 172200H, 2/1 AMBUSH AT (YD 150683) REC 2 INCOMING GRENS, ALSO OBS 1 NVA. REP S/A AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 181115H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 158693) PASSED THROUGH DESERTED BASE AREA WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY FRIENDLIES. ALSO FOUND COMPLEX WHICH SEEMED TO BE A WK OLD. BAMBOO POLE TYPE STRUCTURE OF BUILDINGS AREA LOOKED RUN DOWN.

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. FM 170800H TO 172200H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 165668) HELO LIFT FOR REMAINDER OF CO B CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER, CO B MOVED OUT BY FT TO LINK UP WITH B-2 UNIT. AT 0830H B-2 PLT RECOVERED RADIO OPERATOR KIA IN PLACE OF BASIC SPT RPT. NVA HAD TAKEN PRC-25. AT 0908H B PLT REACHED HELO CRASH SITE. AT 1140H B-2 PLT HIT BY S/A, AW, AND GRENS FM S. AO ARRIVED ON STATION. EN WITHDREW TO S AS RESULT OF MORT MSN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 1330H CO B (-) LINKED UP WITH B-2 PLT AND COMMENCED SEARCH OF AREA. AT 1518H CO B SET FIRE TO HELO WRECHAGE AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO C-2 WITH KIA (FR) AND 782 GEAR RECOVERED FM CRASH SITE.

C. OTHER

i. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161040H, RECON TEAM 1-1 AT (YD 158554) EXCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 2 NVA/VC ARMED WITH AW, WEARING BUSH COVERS, OTHER EQUIPMENT UNK. TEAM BROKE CONTACT, MOVED OUT OF AREA.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161423H, RECON TEAM 2-1 AT (YD 119649) EXCHANGED S/A, AW FIRE WITH 10-15 NVA/VC AT (YD 118648), UNIFS AND EQUIP UNK. BROKE CONTACT, MOVED OUT OF AREA.

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(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 161310H, RECON TEAM 1-2 AT (YD 268513) TEAM FOUND 1 KHAKI SHIRT, 1 NVA SOFT COVER, 1 DIARY, 1 PICTURE WITH MAP OF LOCAL AREA ON BACK, MISC CIVILIAN AND MILITARY CLOTHING.

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 171040H, RECON TEAM 2-2 AT (YD 105520) OBS 4 NVA WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, BUSH COVERS, MOVING SW CARRYING PACKS, RIFLES, CART BENTS. SET AMBUSH WITH NEG RESULTS.

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
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURE OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNS: 1/0 SEE PARA A.3.(a)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.3.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 181800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1056
2. DETAINEES 104  
PW(NVA)/PW(VG)/H/NES(NVA)/H/NES(VG)/CIV DEF/INN CIV
3. WPNS CAPTURED 180: 136/ 44  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{10}{23}$

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CPT  
 7TH IFF  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 109, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 181800H - 991800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 13 INCIDENTS; 5 EN INITIATED; 3 MORT/ARTY; 1 SNIPER/HARASSING  
 1 MINE/BOoby TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 (a) DELAYED EMPY. AT 181650H, 3/3 EIMS AT (YD 162  
 732) RTD MINE DETONATED BY PTL.

(b) FT 181837H TO 181945H, 3/3 EIMS AT (YD 190708)  
 MADE CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE. EIMS BROKE CONTACT.  
 RESULTS OF ACTION WERE 8 NVA KIA (CONF).

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(c) AT 190800H, 3/3 EIMS AT (YD 192718) FOUND 1 NVA BODY, DEAD APPROX 8-10 HRS. BODY STRIPPED OF ALL GEAR AND COVERED WITH 6 INCHES OF DIRT. 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 181508H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 40 NVA IN TREE LINE AT (YD 081763). FIRED ARTY WITH UNK RESULTS. BECAUSE OF HVY FOLIAGE.

(b) AT 181825H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 12 RDS OF 60MM 17 RDS OF 82MM, 2 RDS OF 82MM RR FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 124727), (YD 115718), (YD 112722), (YD 123725), (YD 115723), (YD 109723) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 182035H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 120694) OBS 2 PEOPLE MOVING ALONG OUTER PER, TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE, MOVEMENT CEASED. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 182300H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 105697) WITH USE OF STARLIGHT SCOP OBS 3 NVA IN TREE LINE AT (YD 104698). FIRED MORE 1 SH WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 190930H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 112705) REC 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE AT (YD 108703). FIRED MORE 1 SH WITH UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 191231H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 15 RDS OF 82MM PORT FM (YD 124723). RET FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 181750H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 135644) REC 3 RDS OF 60MM PORT FM UNK LOC.

(b) AT 190100H, 1/4 AMBUSH AT (YD 160698) OBS 30 NVA MOVING SE 100M AWAY. SPRUNG AMBUSH PREMATURELY, UNK RESULTS.

B. AWP ACTIVITY

1. AO'S

(a) AT (YD 180760) AO OBS 30 NVA DRESSED IN GREEN TROUSERS AND KHAKI SHIRTS MOVING NE, RAN GUNSHIPS (SEAWORTHY 41) ACCOUNTING FOR 3 NVA KIA (CONF). AT (YD 170765) AO OBS NVA MOVING NW ALONG RAILROAD TRACK ON EAST SIDE, RAN A/S (HELLBORN: 503) ACCOUNTING FOR 8 NVA KIA (CONF).

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C. OTHER

(a) AT 191257H, REGON TEAM 4-1 AT (YD 148568) OBS APPROX 200 PEOPLE AT (YD 116565) MOVING N AND S ALONG MAIN ROUTE IN AND OUT OF VILLAGE IN GROUPS OF 20 AND 30, AND 1 GROUP OF 100. THEY WERE WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND STRAW HATS, A FEW WERE WEARING LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING. ALL WERE ADULTS. THEY STOOD OR SET ON ROAD UNTIL 191220H AND FORMED INTO 1 LINE AND MOVED INTO VILLAGE.

(b) AT 191020H, CAP UNIT OBS 5 VC ACROSS ROVER WITH WPKS AT (YD 166608). TOOK EN UNDER FIRE, FN FLED NORTH. CAP OBS 1 EN IN GREEN UNIFORM. LOST CONTACT, UNK RESULTS.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 20
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPKS: 0/0 NEG
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENLUCKY AS OF 191800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1076
2. DETAINEES 104  

<u>PW(NVA)</u>	<u>PW(VC)</u>	<u>RPNNE(NVA)</u>	<u>RPNNE(VC)</u>	<u>CIV DEB</u>	<u>INN CIV</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>53</u>
3. WPKS CAPTURED: 180; 136/44

5. - 15. NEG

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**CONFIDENTIAL**SECTION S-2 9TH MARINESDRAFTER J. A. HARRISRELEASES P. J. KESSELBACHPRIORITY/PRIORITY 201150Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CTF UNITED MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMPTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IIT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

CCN: 187

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 110, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 191800H - 201800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 20 INCIDENTS: 8 EN INITIATED; 8 NONE/ACTY

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
  - (a) AT 192250H, 3/4 AMBUSH AT (YD 145614) OBS 2  
 PEOPLE THROUGH A STARLIGHT SCOPE DIGGING AT (YD 131625).  
 HOPED MORE MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.
  - (b) AT 192320H, 3/4 FLEW AT (YD 143613) OBS 3 TRIP  
 FLARES SET OFF IN INNER PROTECTIVE WTR ON S SIDE OF PER.  
 THREE GRN WITH MFG RESULTS.

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(c) AT 201520H, 3/4 ELM'S AT (YD 143613) REC 12 RDS OF MIXES 82MM MORT AND 85MM ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 091599), (YD 109605), (YD 100609) WITH UNK RESULTS.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191130H, 3/3 ELM'S RPT OF CONTACT ON 18 FEB AT (YD 187707) PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING: 3 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 AK-47 RIFLES, 4 NVA PACKS, 4 UNK TYPE BATTERIES, 4 HAMMOCKS, 2 MOSQUITO NETS, 5 CHICOM GRENS, 5 AK-47 MAGS, 1 NVA BELT, CHICOM POUCH, 1 VC COVER, 1 NVA UNIFS, 1 PR TENNIS SHOES, 4 PLASTIC DROP CLOTHES, 1 BAG RICE, 2 FLASHLIGHTS, 4 BATTLE DRESSINGS, 2 BOWLS, 2 BOTTLES OF UNK MEDICINE, 1 PACK CIGARETTES, 1 COMB, 1 PEN, VARIOUS PAPER, DOCS, WALLET, PERSONNEL GEAR, ASSORT MISC GEAR. PWD TO REGT S-2.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191220H, 3/3 ELM'S AT (YD 167 723) REC APPROX 20 RDS OF ARTY EST 85MM FM AZIMUTH OF 5900 MILLS. FIRED WRPY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191300H, 3/3 ELM'S IN VIC OF (YD 1971) FOUND THE FOLLOWING GEAR IN CONTACT ON 7 FEB, 1 NVA PACK, 5 TYPES OF UNIFS, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 2 DIARIES, 1 CANS CHOW, 2 MED KITS, 1 RICE CONTAINER WITH FIGURES 1/227, AND VARIOUS OTHER DOCS. PWD TO REGT S-2.

3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 201530H, 2/4 ELM'S AT (YD 130590) REC 2 RDS OF UNK TYPE T'COMING BY (YD 108597). FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191420H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 103 760) OBS 10-15 NVA IN OPEN AT (YD 106758). FIRED ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 13 NVA KIA (CONF).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191500H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 114 702) OBS ACTIVE RET SITE AT (YD 051702). RAN TPO AND OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

(c) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191530H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 114 702) REC 5 RDS OF UNK CAL LIGHT ARTY. RET FIRE WITH ARTY MSN AT (YD 076729) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191555H, 2/1 ELM'S AT (YD 114 702) REC 29 RDS OF BEMG MORT FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 125725), (YD 122721), (YD 121725) WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(e) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191005H, 2/1 BIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 12 RDS OF 82MM MORT. (YD 122727). FIRED MORT USE WITH UNK RESULTS.

(f) AT 200747H, 2/1 BIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 8 RDS OF 60MM MORT, 20 RDS OF 82MM MORT BIRE. REC FIRE AT (YD 116727), (YD 126721), (YD 119705), (YD 101722), (YD 117725), (YD 118726) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(g) AT 200800H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 109679) DISCOVERED AND DEST 13 NVA LIVING TYPE BUNKERS, 2 SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED. ALSO FOUND 1 NVA MORT. (YD 109679) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(h) AT 200925H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 107668) DISCOVERED AND DEST 20 BUNKERS CONNECTED BY TRENCHES, ALSO WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COOKING AREA NOTED 2-60MM RDS, 36-82MM RDS, 6 MORT FUSES, 4 PROPELLANT CHARGES FOR 60MM MORT, 1 NVA FUEL TANK, 3 CHICON GREENS, 1 BAG FOR A LIGHT CHINESE MG. FWD GEAR TO BN CP.

(i) AT 201130H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 107667) DISCOVERED AND DEST 8 LIVING TYPE BUNKERS. BUNKERS SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE. ALSO FOUND 1 NVA CANTERN, 1 PICK AX HEAD, 1 NVA F-TOOL. FWD GEAR TO BN CP.

(j) AT 201315H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 102667) DISCOVERED AND DEST 19 LIVING TYPE BUNKERS. ALSO FOUND 1 NVA GAS MASK, 4-82MM MORT RDS. FWD GAS MASK AND MORT RDS TO BN CP.

(k) AT 201400H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 096665) DISCOVERED AND DEST 6 NVA LIVING TYPE BUNKERS, ALSO FOUND 11-82MM MORT RDS IN ABANDONED MORT TUB, AND 2 FUSES FOR 82MM MORT, 1 AK-47 MAG. FWD MAGS AND FUSES TO BN CP.

#### 5. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 191505H, 1/4 BIMS AT (YD 133645) REC 8 RDS OF MORT 85MM ARTY. REC FIRE AT (YD 108634), (YD 074658) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 201105H, 1/4 BIMS AT (YD 133645) OBS 4 NVA MOVING NORTH INTO TRENCHLINE AT (YD 103660). NVA MORT DARK CLOTHING AND COULD NOT OBS UNKS. FIRED ARTY FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

8. 1. REACTION AND REPERCUSSIONS  
 2. THIS INFORMATION IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE  
 (1) REF ID: A-16  
 3. DATES: 0/0/0/0/0/0  
 3. INTENSIVE CAPTURES OR DESTROYED  
 (a) VETS: 2/0 SEE PAR A.2.(a)  
 (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.2.(e)(c) & A.4.(h)(i)(j)(k)  
 (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.8(g)(h)(i)(j)(k)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OUR KENTUCKY AS OF 201800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1090  
 2. DETAINEES 104  
 PW(NVA)/PW(VG)/REINER(NVA)/REINER(VG)/CIV DEF/INN CIV  
36 2 2 1 10 53  
 3. WWS CAPTURED 182; 138/44

5. - 18. NEG

95. LATE ENTRIES.

- (a) IN REFERENCE TO 9TH MAR'S INTSUM NR 108. DELETE 1 INDIVIDUAL WFN, ADDED WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION.

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SECTION S-2 1ST BATTALION  
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PRIORITY/PRIORITY 21130Z FEB 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES  
TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
FIRST MARINES  
SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
1ST AVFAC FM  
15TH CTF  
7TH IFF  
FEB 5  
MAC 36-4

CCN: 191

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DISSEMINABLE INFO; DO NOT SERVICE

- 1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 111, OPH KYTUCKY
- 2. 201800H - 211800Z FEB 68
- 3. SUMMARY OF MINE ACTIVITY  
 11 INCIDENTS: 6 MINE INITIATED; 3 MINE/ARMY; 1 MINE/HARASSING  
 2 MINE/BOoby TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

5. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 211040H, 3/4 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 133624) DISCOVERED  
AND DEST 2 AT MINE CONSISTING OF APPROX 20 LBS OF EXPLOSIVES.

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(d) AT 210000H, 3/4 SLEEP AT (YD 149621) WOUND 1 BODY  
 DISCOVERED UNDER TENT. WOUND FROM FIRE'S LOCATED TO APPROX 20  
 FEET FROM HEADING S/EASTERS TOWING SW.

(e) AT 211100H, 3/4 SLEEP AT (YD 132625) WOUND 1 BODY  
 THAT APPEARED TO BE 2 DAYS OLD. 1 HW. KIA (CONF).

2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) AT 211450H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 149692) DISCOVERED  
 11-26 GREEN RUCMD WITH COM WIFE AS FUGIE.

(b) AT 211000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 12 RDS OF  
 32MM MORE AND 6 RES OF 50MM MORE FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 114722),  
 (YD 114724), WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 210915H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 112705) REC 4 RDS OF  
 SNIPER FIRE BY (YD 103702). FIRED MORE FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) AT 211302H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 55 RDS OF  
 152MM ARTY, AND 20 RDS OF 82MM MORT. RET FIRE AT (YD 102723),  
 (YD 118722), (YD 124725), (YD 092712), (YD 107725), (YD 076  
 729) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 211615H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 10 RDS OF  
 152MM ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 064810).

3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 201820H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 179592) WHILE ACTING  
 AS REACTION FORCE, 1 TEAM FI CAP OBS 3 NVA AT (YD 181590).  
 FIRED S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 210920H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 156634) FOUND WREST  
 HW FOOT PRINTS AT (YD 152633), APPEARED TO BE CO SIZR UNIT  
 HEADING SW.

C. OTHER

1. RECON

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 200030H, RECON TEAM 3A1  
 AT (YD 086554) OBS UNK NUMBER OF LIGHTS 400M NORTH OF TEAM  
 AT (YD 086558). FIRED ARTY FSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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
- 3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPNS: 0/0 NEG
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF  
211600H FEB 68:

- 1. ENEMY KIA 1093
  - 2. DETAINEES 104
  - 3. WPNS CAPTURED 181: 137/44
- |           |          |            |           |           |           |
|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PW(NVA)   | PW(VC)   | RUNEE(NVA) | RUNEE(VC) | CIV DEP   | INN CIV   |
| <u>36</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u>   | <u>1</u>  | <u>10</u> | <u>53</u> |

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FROM: NINTH MARINES  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
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 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH ITT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES IR"SUM NR 112, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 211800H - 221800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 12 INCIDENTS; 6 FN INITIATED; 5 MORE/ARTY; 1 BNTNR /HARRASSING
  - A. GROUND FORCES
    1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
      - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 211705H, 3/4 MINS AT CAP 10 DIST RPTS 1 RD OF 122MM RPT FN (YD 080570) IMPACT AT (YD 120 578).
        - (B) AT 212220H, 3/4 MINS AT (YD 14564) ORS 3 NVA AT (YD 114577). FIRED S/A WITH UNK RESULTS.
        - (c) AT 212245H, 3/4 MINS RPTD UNK NR OF VC THREE GRENS INTO VILLAGS AREA AT (YD 091576).

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2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) AT 220215H, 3/3 AP BUSH AT (YD 194744) OBS 15 NVA IN OPEN ON TRAIL MOVING EAST. WIRE MSN CALLED WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 221100H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 162720) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AP MINE.

(c) AT 221130H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 161717) FOUND BUNKER COMPLEX, BUNKERS WERE OLD AND SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 211450H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 137694) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1-155MM DUD, AND 1 TUNNEL 16 TO 20 FEET DEEP THAT DEVELED OFF INTO A SMALL ROOM.

(b) AT 221100H, 2/1 WIRE CHECK TEAM AT (YD 111699) REC 10 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FM (YD 104705). FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 221341H, 2/1 EIMS AT (YD 114702) REC 80 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY, AND 50 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM UNK LOC.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 220315H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 134645) REC 3 RDS OF EST 105MM ARTY FM UNK LOC.

(b) FR 221518H TO 221550H, 1/4 EIMS AT (YD 134645) REC 3 RDS OF EST 152MM ARTY, AND 15 RDS OF EST 100MM ARTY. REC FIRE AT (YD 065727), (YD 065714), WITH UNK RESULTS.

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 211435H, MCB-5 PTI. SECTOR 2 AT (YD 253559) OBS APPROX 13 NVA AT (YD 245550) AND (YD 239548). SNIPER FIRED RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSESA. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA ?
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEAPNS: 0/0 NEG
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.3.(a)

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

221800H FEB 68,

1. ENEMY KIA 1094

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2. DETAINEES 104  
 PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/HMFB(NVA)/HMFB(VN)/CIV DEF/INN CIV  
 $\frac{36}{2}$   $\frac{2}{2}$   $\frac{2}{1}$   $\frac{10}{2}$

3. WNS CAPTURED 181; 137/44

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 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
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 FIRST BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IYT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

CWN: 210

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 113, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 221800H - 231800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

4 INCIDENTS: 2 EW INITIATED; 2 MORT/ARTY

A. GROUND FORCES1. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221600H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114 702) REC 80 RDS OF 152MM ARTY, AND 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. REPT FIRE AT (YD 123799), (YD 072729), (YD 077794), (YD 113718), (YD 115722).

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 221600H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 1959) AND (YD 2060) OBS 200 CIVILIANS CROSSING RIVER IN BOATS FR N TO S. THEY WERE CARRYING CLOTHES, BAGS OF RICE AND COOKING GEAR.

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(c) AT 231309H, 2/4 BINS AT (YD 114702) REC 25 RDS OF  
 UAK CAL ARTY. REF FIRE AT (YD 111711), (YD 107707), (YD 11687090),  
 (YD 129794), (YD 084724).

2. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 222200H, 1/4 AMBUSH AT (YD 172602) AMBUSHED A  
 BOAT AS IT PULLED INTO THE RIVER BANK. DISCOVERED BLOOD,  
 TONCHO AND 2 BAGS AROUND VARIOUS SPIDER HOLES IN VIC OF  
 (YD 172602). GRENADES WERE THROWN IN THESE HOLES. OBS 4  
 ENEMY AT (YD 170606). FIRED LAAM AND S/A, REC LAAM, WARBING  
 AND AK-47 FIRE. RESULTS UNK.

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: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENPUCKY AS OF  
 231800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1094
2. DETAINEES 104
 

PW(NVA)	PW(VC)	REMER(NVA)	REMER(VC)	CIV DEF	INN CIV
26	2	2	1	10	22
3. WPNS CAPTURED 181: 137/44

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 FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1ST AIRTRAC BN  
 15TH CIT  
 7TH IIT  
 MCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 114, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 231800H - 241800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 73 INCIDENTS: 5 EN INITIATED; 4 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOoby TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 231500H, 3/4 ELI'S CHECKED AREA OF 1/4 ACTIVITY ON 22 FEB 68 AT (YD 164608). THEY FOUND 2 CHICOM GRENES, 1 PISTOL WITH 2 HOLSTERS, 2 NVA PACKS WITH S/A AMMO, 1 AK-47 RIFLE, WITH 2 MAGS, 1 M-16 WITH 3 MAGS, MISC GEAR AND DOCS, 1 NVA KIA (CONF), AK-47 AND MISC GEAR FWD TO REGT S-2.

(b) AT 231930H, 3/4 ELI'S AT (YD 123590) REFS THAT PP LP AT CAN LO DIST HQ STOPPED AN EST 2 CO'S OF VC AT (YD 128573), (YD 131578), (YD 136572). FIRED ARMY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

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(c) AT 232310H, 3/4 PER DEF AT (YD 113703) HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINES, REC 2 GRENS. RET FIRE WITH GRENS, CHECKED AREA WITH SPOTLIGHT SCOPE, NEG RESULTS.

(d) AT 232305H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 113703) REC 8 RDS OF UNK CAL RR FIRE FM (YD 180701). FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 241000H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 133624) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 AT MINE OF EST 40 LBS OF EXPLOSIVES.

(f) AT 241400H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 152603) DISCOVERED AND DEST TUNNEL WITH BOOBY TRAPPED ENTRANCE. ALSO FWD 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

## 2. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. AT 231708H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 40 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY. RET FIRE AT (YD 069726), (YD 076720), (YD 09947403) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) AT 232305H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 112702) REC 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM (YD 099681). RET FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) AT 241000H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 115697) RPTD 2 BREAKS IN OUTER WIRE, 1 LEADING TO MINE FIELD. REPAIRED WIRE.

(d) AT 241110H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 25 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 2 RDS OF 60MM MORT FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 113723), (YD 123720), (YD 111727), (YD 110716) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) AT 241115H, 2/1 SWEEP AT (YD 114673) DISCOVERED AND DEST 12 BUNKERS 3X4X3 FT. BUNKERS APPEARED TO BE FAIRLY NEW, ALSO OBS FRESH TRAILS AROUND BUNKERS.

## 3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) AT 241045H, 1/4 RECON ELMS AT (YD 162670) MOVING SE ON TRAIL HEARD TALKING, SOUNDS OF DIGGING AND CHOPPING. ELMS SET UP HASTY AMBUSH AND 2 NVA MOVED INTO KILLING ZONE. FIRED MG, S/A, AND GRENS RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF). SEARCHED AREA FOUND PISTOL, DOGS AND BLOOD TRAILS. ELMS WITHDREW TO CO AREA, CALLED ARTY AND TPO WITH UNK RESULTS. FWD 1 PISTOL, AND ASSORT DOGS TO REPT S-2.

(b) AT 241300H, 1/4 SWEEP AT (YD 168719) DISCOVERED AND DEST 5 CHICOM GRENS NOT BOOBY TRAPPED.

## 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) WEAP: 3/0 SEE PARA A-1.(a), A-3.(a)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A-1.(a), A-3.(a)

(c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A-1.(f)

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B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF  
241800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1097
2. DETAINEES 104
3. WENS CAPTURED 184: 140/44  $\frac{1}{1}$   $\frac{10}{10}$   $\frac{53}{53}$

PW(NVA)/PW(VG)/R/NVEE(NVA)/R/NVEE(VG)/CIV DEF/INN CIV

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3. SECOND BATTALION FOURTH INFANTRY

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 241530H, 2/1 RECS AT (YD 114702) REC 210 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY. REF FIRM AT (YD 100694), (YD 101706), (YD 062742), (YD 093682), (YD 096732) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) 251125H, 2/1 RECS AT (YD 114702) REC 200-215 RDS OF EST 152ND ARTY. REF FIRM AT (YD 04897592), (YD 062729), (YD 00727871) WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH INFANTRY

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 241045H, IN REFERENCE TO SPT REC 241045H PARA A.3.(a) 9TH FAR'S ITEM# NP 114 ADD THE FOLLOWING TO INVENTORY TOTALS, 4 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 TOMCHO, 1 MEDALION WITH NV FLAG AND THE NUMBER 5.8 ON IT, CANNAS BAG CONTAINING TWO SU FILMS, TAPE TREASUR AND SEVERAL BLOSSING CAPS. FWD TO PW CP.

(b) DELAYED ENTRY. 241700H, 1/4 RECS AT (YD 135614) REC 2 RDS OF 82ND JORN FILE. REF FIRM AT (YD 102638) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) 251100H, 1/4 RECS AT (YD 128667) REC 4 RDS OF EST 82ND JORN FILE WITH AN UNK LOC.

(d) 251120H, 1/4 RECS AT (YD 133684) REC 5-8 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY RE NV AT 5700 MILLS.

(e) SP 251318H TO 251352H, 1/4 RECS AT (YD 134646) REC 6 RDS OF EST 100TH ARTY RE 6400 AND 6600 MILLS. FIRMED ARTY FIRM WITH UNK RESULTS.

C. OTHER

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 241100H, A SCOUT SNIPER TEAM OF 9TH FAR'S OPERATING WITH 1ST REG 5 OBS 5 NVA AT (YD 237562) IN 2 GROVES. W/OK CLSSEST TRAP UNDER FIRE RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA: 11
2. DEPRIVES: 0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WEPS: 0/0 INF
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.4.(a)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. COMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPEN KENTUCKY AS OF AS OF 251500H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA	1408				
2. DEPRIVES	105				
	PW NVA / P (VC) / KINCH (NVA) / KINCH (VC) / CIV DEP / INN CIV				
	2	2	1	10	53
3. <u>WINS CAPTURED</u>	184:	140/44			

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 TO : CG FOURTH MARINE DIVISION  
 THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST BATTALION FIRST MARINES

INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST MARINES  
 SECOND BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES  
 1st AIRAC BN  
 15th CIT  
 7th LTT  
 FOB 5  
 SA 38-A

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1. NINTH MARINES LINESIDE NR 115, OFC WENDECKY
2. 251800H - 251800H FEB 68
3. SHEDDING OF NINETY ACTIVELY  
 (a) 12 INCIDENTS; 9 SH INITIATED; 8 MORT/ACTIV; 1 MINE/BOoby TRAP

A. GROUND FORCES

1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED REPLY, 251615H, 3/4 BINS TIC REP BY CAP 3 AIRAC 3 NVA  
 WERE OBS NORTH OF THE RIVER AT (YD 168508). ENGAGED WITH S/A AND REC  
 FIRES, GAINED MORE MSH WITH THE RESULTS.

(b) 261010H, 3/4 BINS AT (YD 132617) DISCOVERED AND DEST 4  
 - RUSSIAN AT BINS.

(c) 261025H, 3/4 BINS AT (YD 145615) REP 9 MSH OF 82mm MORT, FROM  
 (YD 087600). FIRED MORT MSH WITH THE RESULTS.

(d) 261215H, 3/4 BINS AT (YD 145615) CALLED ARMY-NSN ON ACTIVE  
 ENEMY ARMY GROUPS AT (YD 055605) AND (YD 087600). OBS 2 SECONDARY EX-  
 PLORATIONS AT (YD 055605).

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(c) 261501H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 145615) REC 1 RD OF 82MM MORT IN RECOMM OF 5100 MILLS. FIRED MORT MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) 261240H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 170723) REC 30 RDS OF M10511 ARTY M1 (YD 160739). FIRED ARTY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) 251745H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) WHILE CHARGING WERE FOUND 3 FOXHOLES WITH LIVING EXPANSIONS LESS THAN 48 HRS OLD. KEEPING UNDER OBS.

(b) 252053H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 25 RDS OF 82MM MORT, 50 RD OF UNK CAL ARTY FIRE. REF FIRE AT (YD 133720), (YD 056761), (YD 164693), (YD 04897594) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(c) 260855H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 2 RDS OF 10511 ARTY. REF FIRE AT (YD 05107546), (YD 06217421) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) 261013H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 85 RDS OF UNK CAL ARTY. REF FIRE AT (YD 05107546), (YD 06217421), (YD 050725), (YD 073767) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) 261406H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 94 RDS OF 152MM ARTY, 24 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE. REF FIRE AT (YD 115723), (YD 092684), (YD 05267462), (YD 039733), (YD 06587744) WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) 260855H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 134646) REC 2 RDS OF M10511 ARTY FIRE IN 5600 MILLS. 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
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WMS: 0/0
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES PER OPN KENTUCKY AS OF 261800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1108
  2. DETAINEES 105
- |          |        |             |           |          |         |
|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| PW(NVA)/ | PW(VN) | REMER(NVA)/ | REMER(VN) | CIV DTP/ | INN CIV |
| 37       | 2      | 2           | 1         | 10       | 53      |
3. WMS CAPTURED 184; 140/44

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINE

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 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES  
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 1ST AMTRAC BN  
 15TH CBT  
 7TH CBT  
 YCB 5  
 MAG 36-A

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1. NINTH MARINES INVEST NR 117, OVN KENTUCKY
2. 261800H - 271800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY  
 10 INCIDENTS: 4 PW INFLATED, 3 MORT/ARBY, 1 MTT/BQ, 1 TRA
  - A. GROUND FORCES
    1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 (a) 271045H, 3/4 ROAD SWEEP AT (YD 133624) DISCOVERED A  
 BEST 2 MINES OF UNK SIZE. MINES WERE OFF SIDE OF TANK TRAIL, WERE  
 NOT NORMALLY SWEEP.
    2. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES  
 (a) 270950H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 133645) OBS 2 NVA AT (YD 091 4  
 CALLED ARMY MSN AND REQUESTED AO. AO REC HVY MG FIRE FM (YD 089 3)  
 AO CALLED 1/S WITH UNK RESULTS.
    3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES  
 (a) DELAYED ENTRY. 261715H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REC 10  
 BBS OF 6000 MORT FM UNK LOC. FIRED MORT MSN AT (YD 102700) WITH  
 UNK RESULTS.

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(b) 261955H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 114702) FRC 1 RD OF 60MM FORT FIRE BY UNK LOC.

(c) 270140H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS SECONDARY FIRE WITH APPROX 8 NVA ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH AT (YD 157704). AT 0132H OBS LIGHTS MOVING IN SAME AREA. FIRED ARMY MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(d) 270205H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 114702) DETECTED 6 NVA AT (YD 110896) WITH PWS-6 RADAR. FIRED MSN WITH UNK RESULTS.

(e) 270245H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 114702) SAW 2 TPO'S AT (YD 15737404) RESULTING IN 26 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(f) 271540H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 114702) FRC 3 RD OF 82MM MORT FIRE. RET FIRE AT (YD 123724), (YD 115719) WITH UNK RESULTS.

(g) 271030H, 2/1 HELMS AT (YD 095605) DISCOVERED 1 NVA HOOD CONTAINING MED SUPPLIES, 1 VC HELMET, SEVERAL 7.62MM ARMO GNS CONTAINING RICE, 2 M-98 RIFLES, 1 QMBASBON M-19, 1 BOX 7.62 ARMO, 1 7.62 DRUM TYPE MAG, 3 MAGS POUCHES, BEST HOOD AND RICE, MED SUPPLIES. FWD WEPS AND ARMO TO PW CP.

#### 4. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 264440H, 3/3 HELMS AT (YD 157725) OBS 12 NVA RUNNING INTO TREE LINE. ENGAGED WITH MORT, M-79, AND OTHER SAW 3 NVA MOVING NORTH OF TREE LINE. 1 NVA WAS OBS CARRYING ANOTHER. 1 NVA JUMPED INTO BOMB CRATER, A 3.5 PRM WAS FIRED INTO CRATER, UNK RESULTS.

#### 4A. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

##### A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 0
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WPS: 3/0 SEE PARA 4.3.(g)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A.3.(g)
  - (c) FACILITIES: NEG

##### B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OWN KENTUCKY AS OF 271800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1108
  2. DETAINEES 105
- | PW(NVA)/PW(VN)/RUNNER(NVA)/RUNNER(VN)/CIV DEPT/INN CIV |    |
|--|----|
| 27   | 53 |
| 2  | 1  |
| 2  | 10 |

5. - 15. NEG

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SECTION S-2 9TH MARINES

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1. NINTH MARINES INTSUM NR 118, OPN KENTUCKY
2. 271800H - 281800H FEB 68
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY
  - 11 INCIDENTS; 5 EN INITIATED; 2 MORT/ARTY; 1 MINE/BOOBY TRAP  
 2 SNIPER/PARASSING
  - A. GROUND FORCES
    1. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES
      - (a) DELAYED ENTRY. 271650H, 3/4 SWEEP AT (YD 167612) TO (YD 170604) DISCOVERED APPROX 15 SMALL FIGHTING HOLES ON SW SIDE OF ROAD, POSS EN AMBUSH SITE APPROX 6-7 DAYS OLD. THE VILLAGE OF ZOM-DO ADJACENT TO AMBUSH SITE WAS BURNED. VILLAGE HAD BUNKERS, 1 PER HUT. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
      - (b) 272100H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 143615) REC SNIPER FIRE BY (YD 143613). RET FIRE WITH TANKS, SENT SQD TO CHECK AREA, NEG RESULTS.
    2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES
      - (a) 281000H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 162718) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2 CHICOM GRENS AND 1 82MM MORT RD. ALSO DEST 4 BUNKERS AT (YD 163713). BUNKERS WERE 2 TO 4 MONTHS OLD.

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(b) 281125H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 163710) DISCOVERED AND DEST 1 BOOBY TRAPPED CUCUM GREEN.

(c) 281230H, 3/3 SWEEP AT (YD 165705) DISCOVERED AND DEST 2-25LB SATCHEL CHARGES, 50 BLOCKS OF TNT, 2 DI-10 FUSES.

(a) 281155H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 170723) REG 32 RDS OF 105MM ARTY FM AZIMUTH OF 6155 MILLS AT RANGE OF 8000M. RDS IMPACTED AT (YD 175717), (YD 174722). NEG FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS.

### 3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) 271945H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REG 1 RD OF 60MM MORT, 1 RD OF 82MM MORT FM (YD 121711). FIRED MORT MSH WITH UNK RESULTS.

(b) 280500H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) REG 3 GREENS OUTSIDE WIRE FM UNK LOC. CHECKED AREA WITH STARLIGHT SCOPES, NEG RESULTS.

(c) 281207H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114702) OBS 4 ACTIVE ARTY PIECES AT (YD 136801). FIRED ARTY MSH WITH 4 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 1 GUN DEST.

### 4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 271550H, 1/4 ELMS AT (YD 135614) OBS APPROX 20 NVA AT (YD 132645) MOVING NE. CALLED ARTY MSH WITH UNK RESULTS. AD ONS BUNKERS IN SAME AREA.

(b) 280830H, 1/4 KILLER TEAM AT (YD 102643). REG S/A FIRE WHILE MOVING TO ALBUSH SITE. FIRE FIRED WITH AM, M-79 RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (CONF). SEARCHED AREA AND DISCOVERED BUNKERS COMPLEX, ALSO FOUND 1 RD LIGHT MG, 1 REG-2 HIT LAUNCHER, 1 60MM MORT TUBE, 3 REG-2 RDS, 6 82MM MORT RDS, 6 60MM LIGHT MRS. FWD WNS TO REGT S-2.

### 4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

#### A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 2/0
2. DETAINEES 0/0/0/0/0
3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED
  - (a) WNS: 0/3 SEE PARA A.4.(b)
  - (b) EQUIPMENT: NEG
  - (c) FACILITIES: SEE PARA A.2.(a)

#### B. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN KENTUCKY AS OF

281800H FEB 68:

1. ENEMY KIA 1110
2. DETAINEES 105
 

PW(NVA)/PW(VG)/RENSE(NVA)/RENSE(VG)/CIV DEF/INN CIV					
37	2	2	1	10	53
3. WNS CAPTURED 187: 140/47

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(d) 290810H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 148604) REC 5 TO 6 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE NW. REC FIRE WITH S/A. SNIPER FIRE CEASED.

(e) 291015H, 3/4 ELMS OBS 2 ENEMY MOVING DOWN HILL AT (YD 172630). TOOK UNDER FIRE, SEARCHED AREA BUT FOUND 1 VC/NVA LAYING ON GROUND WITH WPN. 1 VC PW, 1 PPS-43 SUB MG. FWD TO REGT S-2.

(f) 291110H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 143614) OBS ENEMY OP OF S-6 MINE AT (YD 106624). FIRED MORE MSE WITH UNK RESULTS.

(g) 291145H, 3/4 CO "K" AT (YD 188618) APPREHENDED 2 MALE DEFAINEES, CO "I" APPREHENDED 1 FEMALE DEFAINEE AT (YD 173613). TURNED DEFAINEES OVER TO USZF.

(h) 291200H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 174608) DISCOVERED AND DEST 100 LBS OF RICE.

(i) 291240H, 3/4 ELMS AT (YD 177608) DISCOVERED AND 50 (100 LB) BAGS OF CEMENT AND ASSORT TOOLS. FWD CEMENT AND TOOLS TO BN CP.

2. THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES

(a) DELAYED ENTRY. 292100H, 3/3 ELMS AT (YD 197710) SEARCHED AREA OF LAST NIGHT'S CONTACT AND FOUND 4 NVA BODIES (PREVIOUSLY RPTD), 12 NVA BAGS AND 5 INDIV WPN. ADD 5 WPN TO KENTUCKY TOTALS.

3. SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES

(a) 291015H, 2/1 ELMS AT (YD 114707) REC 12 RDS OF 60MM POINT FIRE SW (YD 116722). FIRED MORE PSM AND 4.2 MSW WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES

(a) 280830H, IN REF TO SPT RPT 280830H PARA A-40(b) 9TH MDR'S IPI SUM NR 148 ADD 1 NVA KIA (CONF).

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL LOSSES

A. ENEMY LOSSES FOR 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD

1. ENEMY KIA 1

2. DEFAINEES 0/1/0/0/0/0

3. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(a) WPN: 6/0 SEE PARA A-20(a), A-10(e)

(b) EQUIPMENT: SEE PARA A-1.(1)

(c) FACILITIES: N/C

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D. CUMULATIVE ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPN BIKINUCKY AS OF  
291800H FEB 68:

- 1. ENEMY KIA 1119
- 2. DETAINEES 106

	<u>PW(NVA)</u>	<u>PW(VC)</u>	<u>RTNERS(NVA)</u>	<u>RTNERS(VC)</u>	<u>CIV DOW</u>	<u>INN CIV</u>
	37	3	2	1	10	53

- 3. WPS CAPTURED 191: 142/47

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Operation Plan 3-68 (Anti-Infiltration/Interdiction Plan)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I  
 and 6442 IV.  
 (b) 9th Mar Regt O 3000.2 (SOP for Operations and Training)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current Intelligence Summaries
- (3) Anticipate accelerated enemy effort to interdict LOC's in 9th Marines AO

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3rd Marine Division

(a) In coordination with 1st ARVN Division, establish 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.

(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. To protect lines of communication within 9th Marines AO and to impede enemy infiltration.

### 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation - - Annex D (Concept of Operation).

b. A-4 Battalion

- (1) Protect Route 561 against interdiction by mines or ambush within AO, in accordance with basic concept, (Annex D). Coordinate with C-2 Battalion to ensure day and night saturation coverage of LOC by patrols, outposts, and ambushes.
- (2) Swoop Route 561 daily from A-4 to C-2 for mines and/or ambushes. Also sweep parallel tank road for tracked vehicle traffic.
- (3) Ensure appropriate security measures are employed for all convoys heading south, i.e., proper security on trucks,

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vehicles dispersed, required number of vehicles in convoy.

c. C-2 Battalion

(1) Protect Route 561 against interdiction by mines or ambushes within AO, in accordance with basic concept. Coordinate with A-4 and C-3 Battalions to ensure day and night saturation coverage of LOC by patrols, outposts and ambushes.

(2) Defend C-2 Bridge.

d. C-3 Battalion.

(1) Protect Route 561 and when directed, Route 9, against interdiction by mines or ambushes within AO, in accordance with basic concept.

(2) Sweep Route 561 daily from C-2 to junction of Route 9 and Route 561 for mines and ambushes. Also sweep parallel tank road along 561 for tracked vehicle traffic.

(3) Establish traffic control point at CAM LO to coordinate movement and security of all north bound traffic. Ensure appropriate security measures are employed for all convoys.

(4) Defend CAM LO Bridge.

e. A-3 Battalion.

(1) Provide security for construction of Route 566.

(2) When completed for use, protect Route 566 against interdiction by mines or ambush within AO, in accordance with basic concept.

(3) Ensure appropriate security measures are employed for all convoys on Route 566.

f. Dong Ha Company.

(1) Sweep Route 9 from Dong Ha to Cam Lo daily for mines and ambushes.

(2) When directed, sweep Route 1 from Dong Ha to Gio Linh.

(3) When directed, in coordination with CAP and local RF/PF forces, protect assigned portion of Route 9 from interdiction by mines or ambushes.

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(4) When directed, in coordination with local CAP unit, defend CAP III (YD 178587).

(5) Be prepared to provide reaction force from uncommitted elements to assist road sweep/security units that require assistance on Route 1 or 9.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Road sweeps will be conducted in accordance with reference (b), insuring that infantry security sweeps to sides of roads for possible ambushes in advance of engineer sweep teams. Sweep teams must have FO and FAC capability.

(2) Conduct extensive H & I program, day and night, along likely avenues of approach.

(3) Use on call fires for support of all road sweeps and convoys in the event of enemy contact or reconnaissance by fire.

(4) Make maximum use of sensor/surveillance equipment to detect enemy movement near LOC's during periods of reduced visibility.

(5) Ensure reaction force is prepared to provide immediate relief of any unit ambushed within assigned AO.

(6) Traffic on LOC's subject to ambush will adhere to the following minimum requirements.

(a) Four or more vehicles with at least two security personnel armed and ready to shoot in body of each vehicle.

(b) 150 meters between vehicles.

(c) Such additional requirements as may be directed to meet increased enemy threat.

(7) Helicopters (preferably gunships) or observation aircraft will make visual sweeps of roads before ground sweep whenever possible.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Order 1-68.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS -ELECTRONICS. Annex E.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓A - Task Organization
- ✓B - Intelligence
- ✓C - Supporting Arms
- ✓D - Concept of Operations
- ✓E - Command and Communications -Electronics
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Headquarters Company, 9th Marines

A-4 Battalion (Reinf)

C-2 Battalion (Reinf)


C-3 Battalion (-)(Reinf)

A-3 Battalion (Reinf)

DONG HA Company (Reinf)

Regimental Reserve Battalion

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 3-68 (Anti-Infiltration Road Interdiction Plan)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV  
 (b) Regt O P3800.1\_ (Intelligence SOP)  
 (c) Regt O 3820.1\_ (Intelligence After Action Reports)

Time Zone: H

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

- a. See current INTSUMS
- b. Special Intelligence Studies as issued

2. Essential Elements of Information Anti-Infiltration/Road Interdiction

- a. Determine location, identity and strength of all VC/NVA units and infiltration groups within 5 KM of MSR's.
- b. Determine location of potential enemy ambush sites/choko points, avenues of approach and withdrawal routes located along the MSR's.
- c. Determine the types of weapons, mines and barriers used by VC/NVA units and their methods of employment.
- d. Determine the enemy's probable course of action upon ambush.
- e. Determine enemy's location of supplies and ammo caches within 5 KM of MSR.
- f. Determine if mines, ammo, are prestaged prior to employment in an ambush.

3. Reconnaissance and Observation

- a. Orders to subordinate units
  - (1) Conduct the necessary reconnaissance to locate and exploit potential ambush sites and data relating to the EEI's.

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(2) Conduct necessary reconnaissance to determine friendly reinforcement routes.

b. Request to higher, adjacent and supporting units.

(1) Provide as requested, aerial photography of the routes of communications.

(2) Provide current and predicted weather information that would adversely affect operations.

(3) Provide current intelligence not available to this command on a continuing basis.

(4) Provide observation aircraft for visual reconnaissance and surveillance as requested.

(5) Provide fixed wing aircraft and helicopter support for reconnaissance missions.

(6) Provide reconnaissance teams as requested.

c. Coordinating Instructions. When any route of communication is interdicted, the area will receive first priority of all reconnaissance teams available to this command if not otherwise covered by elements organic to the Regiment.

4. Measures For Handling Captives, Captured Documents And Captured Material

a. Captives, detainees and Chieu Hoi, see ref (b).

b. Captured material, documents and war trophies, see ref (b).

5. Counterintelligence. See reference (b).

6. Reports. See reference (b) and (c).

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Annex C (Fire Support) to 9th Marines Op Plan 3-68

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) Current intelligence estimates predict continued interdiction of LOC's within 9th Marines AO by enemy elements of varying size. (See current INTSUMS)

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 2d Bn, 12th Marines provides direct support artillery fires to 9th Marines.
- (2) 1st MAW provides air support to 9th Marines for aerial observation, close air support, medevac and resupply.

2. MISSION. To protect lines of communications within 9th Marines AO and to impede enemy infiltration.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Annex D (Concept of Operation).

b. Artillery Support. Permanent on call targets have been established (See Appendixes 1 and 2 to this Annex) at probable ambush sites along Routes 1, 9, 561, and 566. Units conducting road sweeps and patrolling activities along these routes will be prepared to initiate requests for fire at these locations or other points of contact. Additional on calls will be provided upon request to 9th Marines FSCC.

c. Air Support. In event of ground interdiction along the main supply route, air is available on an on-call emergency basis. Fixed wing aircraft will be scrambled upon notification by the DASC. UH-1E gunships will respond from Quang Tri as required by the situation.

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The routes of approach and egress are targeted according to the counter attack plan and will be attacked as requested upon enemy contact. (See Air Support Section of Reinforcement of Anti-Infiltration Sites to Operation Plan 1-68 and attached target list).

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Requests for fire should be directed to 2d Bn, 12th Marines on the units conduct of fire not in accordance with normal SOP.
- (2) Requests for fire in populated areas are subject to the limitations imposed by the normal local rules of engagement. A unit can direct observed fire into a populated area only when it is actually drawing fire from that area and the unit commander judges that his unit is endangered by the fire being received.
- (3) Requests for on call fires listed in appendix 1 will be cleared by this headquarters.
- (b) Requests for air support will be directed to this headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Order 1-68

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex E.

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Appendixes:

- 1 - Target List
- 2 - Pre Planned/On Call Artillery Fire Overlay

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Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex C (Fire Support) to 9th Marines Operation Plan 3-68.

1. Target list of permanent anti-infiltration/ambush on call fires.

<u>Target Number</u>	<u>Grid</u>
BY 0520	192586
BY 0521	187592
BY 0522	183591
BY 0523	173581
BY 0524	162584
BY 0525	160596
BY 0526	147582
BY 0527	136584
BY 0528	131635
BY 0529	136657
BY 0530	135660
BY 0531	135687
BY 0532	199719
BY 0533	192722
BY 0534	195727
BY 0535	192728
BY 0536	168720
BY 0537	162726
BY 0538	227625
BY 0539	225635
BY 0540	213639
BY 0541	215665
BY 0542	213691
BY 0543	211719
BY 0544	115685
BY 0545	098692
BY 0546	092697

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 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV  
 (b) 9th Mar Regt O 3000.2 (SOP for Operation and Trng)  
 (c) 3d Mar Div Op Order 416-66 (Rough Rider)

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION. To protect Lines of Communication within 9th Marines AO and to impede enemy infiltration.

2. CONCEPT.

a. Operation will be directed at preventing enemy interdiction of LOC's by mines or ambushes. A related objective will be the interdiction of enemy infiltration operations.

b. It is envisaged that counter ambush/mine operations will take place in three depth levels.

(1) Deep Operations, 1000 meters or more from LOC's. These operations will normally involve company or larger sized forces and will be directed at engaging larger enemy elements and preventing enemy build up of fortified positions in close range to LOC's. Supporting arms will be used to the fullest extent.

(2) Intermediate Operations, 300-1000 meters from LOC's.

(a) These operations will consist primarily of day and night saturation ambushes and close-in patrolling to interdict enemy patrols. Imagination is essential to achieve desired results. Ambushes with snipers, FO's, hunter/killer teams, and moving sites must be inserted under cover of darkness or by drop off from larger patrols to achieve surprise. Vary patrol routes and techniques. Merely sending out one patrol along a single route has almost no likelihood of surprising the enemy. Maximum supporting arms will be intergrated into the intermediate operations.

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(b) Ambushes and outposts within the intermediate zone should have presclected, alternate blocking positions to cut off enemy withdrawal routes once an enemy element is discovered inside the intermediate line.

(3) Close in Operations, 0-300 meters from LOC's. Close in security will be directed at preventing ambushes, road mining and/or providing immediate counter action if ambush is effected. Close in operations will include the following activities:

(a) Day and night ambushes along immediate approaches to LOC's, particularly draws, depressions, and vegetated areas offering concealed approaches to the LOC's.

(b) Maximum employment of sensor/surveillance devices to detect enemy movement along LOC's at night.

(c) Establishment of strong points/OP's on key terrain offering maximum observation of LOC's. Constant visual reconnaissance of LOC's will be maintained. Reaction forces built around tanks, ontos, dusters or quad 50's should be in constant readiness at each strong point to provide immediate counter ambush fire and rapid relief of ambush.

(d) Road patrols with dog teams to detect enemy infiltrators hidden in ambushes close to the road. Patrols should be conducted daily at irregular intervals.

(e) AO coverage of roads prior to road sweeps and at intervals throughout the day.

(f) Full integration of supporting arms with close in security operations.

c. Convoy control and security measures will be carried out in accordance with references (b), (c), and this order. Alert, organized security, fully trained in immediate action techniques, is essential. Convoy control check points are listed in Appendix 1.

d. Specific security measures taken to protect LOC's will vary depending on the particular section of road involved and the enemy situation.

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- c. Appendix 2 contains overlay of most likely ambush sites.

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Appendixes:

- ✓1 - Overlay of Traffic Control Points
- ✓2 - Overlay of Most Likely Points of LOC Interdiction

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Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 3-68

Ref: (a) Div O 2000.2E (COI)  
 (b) Div O 2000.4C (SOP)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 3-68
- (2) The enemy has the capability to --
  - (a) Insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel.
  - (b) Salvage communication - Electronics equipment, especially batteries.
  - (c) Jam or monitor any communication channel.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) See Operation Plan 3-68
- (2) Command Post
  - (1) Headquarters Company 9th Marines -Dong Ha Combat Base
  - (2) All participation units report command post when established

2. MISSION

a. Communications Platoon, Headquarters Company 9th Marines

- (1) Be prepared to establish communication with the counter ambush/mine force(s) on Reg Tac 1
- (2) Be prepared to provide radio operator with AN/PRC-25 1 KAC-QX numerical code, and one field message book if a Counter Ambush/Mine Force Command Group is organized from Headquarters, 9th Marines.

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SECRETb. Counter Ambush/Mine Force

(1) On order establish communications with this Headquarters on Regimental Tac Net 1.

(2) Be prepared to establish communications to the Battalion in whose TAOR the force is operating.

(3) Provide TACP/Arty communications as required.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Tactical call signs and frequencies in accordance with reference (a).

(2) KAC-QX will be used for numerical code and authentication.

(3) Visual signals in accordance with Reference (a).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Basic Order.

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CG, 1st MAW	1
12th Marines	1
2d Bn, 12th Marines	1
3d Marines	1
4th Marines	1
Task Force ROBBIE	2
2d Bn, 1st Marines	2
2d Bn, 9th Marines	2
1st Bn, 4th Marines	2
3d Bn, 4th Marines	1
3d Bn, 3d Marines	2
11th Bn r Co	1
Co A, 3d Tank Bn	1
Co C, 3d AF Bn	1
Co G, 3d Amph Bn	1
9th MT Bn	1
Co E, 2d Bn, 4th Marines	1
Rept'l Position Files (1 ca)	10
File	5

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