From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn: AC of S, G-3)
      (2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
      (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
     (b) FMF PACO 5750.8
     (c) DIVO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology

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

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Reconnaissance Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October to 31 October 1968

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### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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### SUBORDINATE UNITS

- **H&S Company**
  - ISTLT R.M. HARDEN 19 AUG 68-31 OCT 68
- **Company A**
  - ISTLT C.W. KING 24 AUG 68-29 OCT 68
  - ISTLT G.L. JOINER 29 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
- **Company B**
  - ISTLT A.W. NOSAL 19 OCT 68-24 OCT 68
  - ISTLT J.P. BUCHLI 24 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
- **Company C**
  - CAPT B.E. DAVIS 19 SEP 68-31 OCT 68
- **Company D**
  - CAPT J.H. COURTIER 29 SEP 68-31 OCT 68
- **Company E**
  - ISTLT C.W. MILLYMAKI 28 JUL 68-02 OCT 68
  - ISTLT R.O. WEDDELE 02 OCT 68-16 OCT 68
  - ISTLT T.E. WATSON 16 OCT 68-31 OCT 68

### ATTACHED UNITS

- **3d Force Reconnaissance Company**
  - CAPT W.F. SNYDER 10 MAY 68-31 OCT 68

### LOCATION

1-31 OCT 68 - Quang Tri - 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company

### OFFICERS

- **Executive Officer**
  - LTCOL J.L. FOWLER 10 SEP 68-23 OCT 68
- **Operation Officer**
  - MAJOR F.L. GOULD 23 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
- **Intelligence Officer (S-2)**
  - ISTLT J.F. BUCHLI 29 SEP 68-20 OCT 68
- **S-4 Officer**
  - CAPT V.F. MAHER 19 AUG 68-30 OCT 68
- **Adjutant**
  - WO H.E. ENOS 29 JUL 68-31 OCT 68

### Average Monthly Strength

- **USMC**
  - OFFICERS 27
  - ENLISTED 900
- **USN**
  - OFFICERS 1
  - ENLISTED 48

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A. During the reporting period, Company A conducted 29 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 6.8 men per patrol. The company made 11 sightings of 40 enemy and 6 contacts with 49 enemy resulting in 6 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC WIA. The company also captured numerous documents. The company fired 10 artillery missions of 115 rounds. The company also utilized 4 air strikes.

Co. B. During the reporting period, Company B conducted 24 patrols averaging 3.2 days with an average of 7.6 men per patrol. The company made 16 sightings of 42 enemy and 7 contacts with 18 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC WIA. The company captured some documents and munitions. The company fired 8 artillery missions of 125 rounds. The company also utilized 3 air strikes.

Co. C. During the reporting period, Company C conducted 27 patrols averaging 3.5 days with an average of 7.6 men per patrol. The company made 13 sightings of 73 enemy and 6 contacts with 8 enemy resulting in 4 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. The company fired 9 artillery missions of 481 rounds. The company also utilized 6 air strikes.

Co. D. During the reporting period, Company D conducted 23 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 6 men per patrol. The company made 5 sightings of 9 enemy and 6 contacts with 8 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C) and 1 NVA P.O.W. There was 1 USN WIA. The company captured numerous documents. The company fired 8 artillery missions of 186 rounds. The company also utilized 3 air strikes.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period, 3d Force Recon Company conducted 16 patrols averaging 3.9 days with an average of 5.8 men per patrol. The company made 18 sightings of 45 enemy and 7 contacts with 59 enemy resulting in 10 enemy KIA(C). The company fired 24 artillery missions of 733 rounds. The company also utilized 8 air strikes.

H&S Co. During the reporting period, the Scuba section conducted 15 Scuba missions in support of the 3d Marine Division, 1 mission in support of 2 Army LCU's, and 1 mission in support of the Vietnamese Popular Forces, Quang Tri. For the sixth consecutive month, this section cleared and helped defend the Quang Tri River Bridge by maintaining a three man Scuba team continuously at the Bridge. The company reactionary force conducted 1 sweep along the Quang Tri River. They captured numerous medical supplies. The reactionary force was called out once when heavy contact was made by a Recon team in the Quang Tri area.
a. **Combat Missions Assigned.** The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and the attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance operations, Stingray Operations, and other operations as directed within the Division Area of Responsibility (3d MarDiv 1-67).

b. **Significant Operations Conducted.** Units of this Battalion have participated in operations Kentucky, Lancaster II, Napoleon/Saline, Scotland II, Nanking, and Trousdale North/South. Units of this battalion have also participated in operations Rich, Pioneer I, Pioneer II and Vernon in support of the 1st Bde 5th Mech Inf Div, USA.

c. **Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.** During this reporting period, there were 25 enemy KIA(C). The Battalion captured numerous documents, munitions, and medical supplies, and 1 NVA P.O.W.

d. **Casualties Sustained.** The Battalion sustained 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA, and 1 USN WIA, during this period.

e. **New Techniques Employed.** Nothing Significant to report.

f. **Command Relations.** Nothing Significant to Report.

g. **Equipment.** Nothing Significant to Report.

h. **Logistics.** Nothing Significant to report.

i. **Civic Action.** All personnel joining the Battalion were given a class in the Personal Response program by the Battalion Sergeant Major.

j. **Administration.** Nothing Significant to Report.

k. **Personnel.**
   - 2 October 1968, 1STLT R.O. WEDDLE, USMC assigned duty as Company E, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT C.W. MYILMAKI, USMC.
   - 16 October 1968, 1STLT T.B. WATSON, USMC, assigned duty as Company E, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT R.O. WEDDLE, USMC.
   - 20 October 1968, 1STLT R.D. WEBB, USMC, assigned duty as S-2 Officer, vice, 1STLT J.F. BUCHLI, USMC.
   - 23 October 1968, MAJOR F.L. GOULD, USMC, assigned duty as Brn Executive Officer, vice, LTCOL J.L. POWLER, USMC.
   - 26 October 1968, 1STLT J.F. BUCHLI, USMC, assigned duty as Company B, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT A.W. NOSAL, USMC.
   - 29 October 1968, 1STLT G.L. JOINER, USMC, assigned duty as Company A, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT C.W. KING, USMC.
1. **Weather.** During the month of October, the weather for the most part was fair with a small decrease in temperature and a significant increase in precipitation. The temperature ranged from a low of 70°F to a high of 100°F. Wind velocity decreased from September to an average of 15 knots. Operations during the middle of the month were hampered by the increased precipitation.

2. **Fire Support.** The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams directed 67 fire missions for a total of 1,742 rounds.

3. **Air Support.** The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams utilized 24 air strikes on targets of opportunity. (This does not include the fixed wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an insecure zone).

4. **Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation.** Nothing significant to report.

5. **Training.** Training was conducted on a continuous basis. Newly joined personnel are instructed via the Battalion Training and Familiarization School in all aspects peculiar to reconnaissance, weapons, demolition, artillery, etc. An informatory orientation class on Vietnam is conducted by the Battalion Sergeant Major. The M-16 Rifle is fired and zeroed during the period. Company training is conducted along these same lines, but on a more detailed level pursuant with the experience gained in combat. Eleven personnel graduated from the U.S. Navy Scuba School in the Philippines. Ten Personnel graduated from the U.S. Army Recondo School in Nha Trang, Vietnam, during the reporting period. Schools were conducted at the location given:

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6. **Communication.** The following Radio Relay sites are being manned by the Battalion during this reporting period:

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r. Intelligence Summary.

Enemy activity decreased substantially during the month of October in the Northern I Corps area. Reconnaissance patrols continued to make significant sightings. Reconnaissance patrols continue to make numerous sightings and contacts around Gio Linh and Cua Viet. Activity north of Ca Lu continues to increase as does activity in the Khe Sanh area. The Khe Sanh activity indicates an increase in enemy infiltration from Laos with Route 926 as a major infiltration route. There also has been an increase in activity in the Da Krong Valley. Reconnaissance sightings and contacts west of Quang Tri Combat Base also indicates a continued increase of enemy activity in this area.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

OpO 1112-68 (1C3) 020945H Oct 68 (040359Z). Team sighted approximately 24 enemy in the treeline and around the HLZ. Team and crew fired SAF and the mission was aborted.

OpO 194-D-68 (1C1) 031400H Oct 68 (040407Z). Team observed 4 enemy approximately 75 meters North/East of LZ. Team also observed fighting holes and bunkers in the area. Team was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 197-D-68 (2C2) 051050H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team sighted approximately 75 enemy running from bunkers and firing SAF at the Helo. Team and crew fired SAF and mission was aborted.

OpO 195-D-68 (3C3) 031335H-051445H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team observed 2 NVA moving towards their position. Team initiated contact with SAF. Team was extracted with gunships, receiving SAF during extraction.

OpO 1120-68 (2C1) 031630H-061500H Oct 68 (080301Z). Team heard large amount of movement and engaged with M-79 and grenades. Team was extracted with negative fire incident.

OpO 1161-68 (2D1) 110830H-131130H Oct 68 (161157Z). Team captured 1 P.O.W. and then heard a larger amount of movement in the surrounding area. Team initiated SAF and was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 216-D-68 (1C3) 141500H-181500H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team made contact with approximately 3 NVA. A Reaction Force was sent to aid the team, and the Reaction Force received a large amount of SAF. Team returned to VCB.

OpO 1174-68 (3B3) 201630H Oct 68 (230705Z). Team while being inserted, received SAF/AWF from a 360º around helo. Team estimated fire to be an NVA Flatto. Team and crew returned fire and mission was aborted.

OpO 2020-68 (3A2) 211330H Oct 68 (250307Z). Team while being inserted; received AWF/SAF while about 300 ft off the ground. Helo climbed up and mission was aborted.

OpO 2035-68 (3B3) 261400H-270840H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team received one sniper round and 1 burst of an AK-47, resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Team was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 2041-68 (3A3) 271630H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team heard movement of approximately 6 enemy. Team received SAF from around them. Gunships and Fixed Wing came on station. After runs were made, team was extracted. Helo took SAF on extraction.

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OpO 206-D-68 (2C2) 280930H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team after being inserted heard running toward team. Gunships came on station and received SAF. Team was extracted and saw numerous muzzle flashes on the side of the hill upon extraction.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Patrol Order 1112-68 of 040359Z October 68 (1C3)
2. Patrol Order 194-D-68 of 040407Z October 68 (1C1)
3. Patrol Order 197-D-68 of 061700Z October 68 (2C3)
4. Patrol Order 195-D-68 of 061700Z October 68 (3C3)
5. Patrol Order 1120-68 of 080301Z October 68 (2C1)
6. Patrol Order 1161-68 of 161157Z October 68 (2D1)
7. Patrol Order 216-D-68 of 061700Z October 68 (1C3)
8. Patrol Order 1174-68 of 230705Z October 68 (3B3)
9. Patrol Order 2020-68 of 250307Z October 68 (3A2)
10. Patrol Order 2035-68 of 061700Z October 68 (3B3)
11. Patrol Order 2041-68 of 061700Z October 68 (3A3)
12. Patrol Order 206-D-68 of 061700Z October 68 (2C2)
ACTION: INQUIRY
INFO: ROUTING

DEG 040359

TO: 23RD TACT DIV
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AV CAV DIV USA
SECOND AV BATTLESHEIP LIP USA
TASK FORCE HUNDRED
FOURTH AIRBORNE
TWELFTH AIR FORCE
MAS THREE HILLS
PROVINCIAL ADVISOR QARI TRI
THIRD FORCE REICH CO

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RECON (DANG) REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: BADRCHI 133
SPOT REPORT IN LIDI OR PHASED REPORT


COMMENTS: THE PARCEL LEADER SAID THAT THE HOLE LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN CUT BY HAND. HE DEALT BELIEVE IT AND EXPOSE THE JOB OF CLEANING THE HOLE. THERE ALSO WAS A TOE IL IN THE CENTER OF THE HOLE THAT LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN DUG BY 2 TOOLS.

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INFO ROUTINE

DND 0440 7 OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD M AR DIV
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DEV USA
FIRST BAG FROM LCH ZIF USA
TASK FORCE ROGUE
NORTH M ARINES
TWELFTH M ARINES
THIRD M ARINES
MAR THREE N IN
PROVINCE A Forces USA
THIRD FORC E RECON CO

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RECON BRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM FARMED 101.
SPOT REPORT IN LINE OF PROBE REPORT:

040034 ON 75-100 MILES 10 OF 150 EMAT MORE GREEN UTILITIES BUT WE COULD NOT
OBSERVE ANY LOCAL GEN OR WEAPONS BECAUSE № WAS IN FIGHTING HOLE
AREA BY THE ROGUE TRAIL 3 N WAS EXAMINED WITH NEGATIVE FIRE INCIDENTS.
THERE IS ALSO A BUNKER LOCATED AT NTS POSTION:

040407 2 OCT

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ACTION-IMMEDIATE
INFO: ROUTINE

DTG: ___ 2 OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
    CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
      FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA
      TASK FORCE HOTEL
      NINTH MARINES
      TWELFTH MARINES
      FOURTH MARINES
      MAG THREE NINE
      PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
      THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: AMERICAN BEAUTY 2C2 (10 MEN) OPO 197-D-68
   O51050H TEAM WAS BEING INSERTED AT (XD910563) WHEN ABOUT 6' FT OFF THE
   GROUND, ABOUT 7 NVA JUMPED UP FROM BUNKERS, AND FIRED SMALL ARMS. IT APPEARED
   TO BE AN OLD INFANTRY POSITION THAT THE NVA HAD MOVED INTO. THE ENEMY WERE WEARING
   GREEN UTILITIES WITH UNKNOWN WEAPONS. TEAM AND CREW, RETURNED FIRE, MISSION WAS
   ABORTED.

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OPO 197-D-68

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ACTION-IMMEDIATE
INFO: ROUTINE

DTG: Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR Cav DIV USA
FIRST BLU FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA
TASK FORCE HOTEL
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
MAG THREE NINE
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: MOLE SKIN 2C, 3 MEN OPO 195-D-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 031335/051445H (49 HRS)
3. ROUTE: FM (X084481) TO (X082482) TO (X087484) TO (X0826483)
UL 8249 LR 8447
4. TERRAIN: ELEPHANT GRASS 4-6 FT. CANOPY 20-35 FT ALONG THE STREAM, STEEP HILLS
5. HLZ'S: ENTIRE GRIP CAN BE USED AS HLZ.
6. ENEMY: 051120H TM AT (X0828482) RECEIVED A BURST OF SMALL ARMS FIRE, TM
HEARD VOICES TO THEIR WEST.
051230H TM AT (X0827184) SPOTTED 4 NVA/VC HEADING WEST ON A TRAIL. NVA
STARTED MOVING TOWARDS THE TM, AO CAME ON STATION AND THE ENEMY SCATTERED.
ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, HEAVY PACKS AND UNKN TYPE OF WEAPON. AO MADE
STRAFING RUNS OVER THE AREA AND TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE.
051350H TM AT (X0827484) SPOTTED 2 NVA MOVING UP A HILL, TM INITIATED FIRE WITH
K-79 AND K-16. TM WORKED UP A FIRE AND RELAYED THIS INFO TO ROMEO TO HAVE IT
FIRED AFTER EXTRACTION, EXTRACTION HEL'S COME ON STATION AND EXTRACTED THE TEAM.
GUNSHIPS RECEIVED FIRE.
7. OTHER INFO: TM BELIEVES THAT THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA FEELS SECURE.

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OPO 195-D-68

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70 OTHER TRIP 0400150O HEARD A TABLE ENGINE WITHIN 1000 METER TO THE
300 MOUTH POSITION AND AT YD046635.
003000 HEARD AT YD046635 HEARD A TABLE ENGINE RAGING A PROX 1000
METERS TO THE 300 MOUTH POSITION IN A VALLEY THE ENGINE RAN FOR 15 MINUTE
PERIODS ALL NIGHT.
06070000 HEARD A TABLE ENGINE FOR 30 MINUTES TO THE SW OF
THIS POSITION, HABITATION.
YD047657 FOUND 32 HUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES, BUNKERS WERE COVERED WITH
SMALL LOGS AND 6-12 INCHES OF MUD, THEY SEEM TO BE APPROX 2 WEEKS
OLD, MEX IS ALSO USING OLD INFANTRY POSITIONS FOR NINTE CAMPS.
YD053625 TO FOUND A COMPANY SIZE CAMP SITE IN AN OLD INFANTRY POSITION,
TENTS WERE BOTTLED COVERED AROUND THE AREA WITH HUBBER STOPPERS, WHICH MAY
HAVE BEEN BODY TRASH.

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1. Recon Comp Spor 7/21 3pm 2201 (7 Flm) OPC 11016
2. Date Begun/End 110208/2/1313H (16 Hrs)
3. Recon: S/W (Y007511) To (Y007519) To (Y007510) To (Y007495) To (Y007496) To (Y007497)
4. Termination: LDR Rolling Hills Trunk Hwy 8-10 FT. HIGH GOOD COVER AND GOOD LARGE, GOOD OF SHEET (Y007510) S/W OFFERS A 3600 VIEW.
5. High 3600 S/W WILL ACCOMODATE 2 CH-46S AT COOR.
(Y007496) BSE APPROACH 3606.
6. S/W 120074 32 TC (Y007497) WAS LOADING S/W. WHEN POCKET IS 8 OBSERV N FLAT SHAPED BUNKER APPROX. 10 FT. DEEP AND 6 FT. DIA. 12-15 FT. LUG WITH FRESH FORTIFICATIONS AROUND IT. FUTURE POINT THEN OBSERVED A FL. OF SMOKE BEHIND A BUNKER AT NORTH GRID. THE FT. THEN LIFTED A LADDER LOADING UP INTO THE TREE AND IN A SETTING ON A PLATFORM 20 FT OFF GROUND ON THE TREE LOOKING NORT. ONE POCKET CALLED TO THE NW TO COME OUT OF THE TREES. NWA DENTALLY TROSSES HANDS BEHIND HIS HEAD AND BEND TO YELL TO NS TO HELP AND ALL AROUND THEM SHOUT CALLED TO THE TREES AND THERE BURNED THE TREES WITH SAP AND FOG AND POLES MOVED BACK AND CAME UP 3606 SP (Y007496) TO TAKE OBSERV AND 2 MON SFT TR ZT. HIM S/ AND ONE S/ OF THE POST SHOT THE EAGLES AND OTHER SHOTS TO FUN THE LEG. SAID TO BE IN JANUARY.
7. FORT: 0 CH 0 CAGE OF FORTION AND WAS THE SAME
8. 13 HORN TRUCKS NO S #9, CALLED ON STATION AND TO WAS
9. 1900 2000 ND WITH WESTERN IMPACTS.
7. OTHER INFO: TM FOUND BOoby TRAPped 105514 AND AT
(Y0095609) AND WAS HIT AND HAD A BLASTING CAP
INSERTED INTO THE TIP OF HAD WITH WIRE RUNNING INTO
BUSHES. TM AVOIDED BOoby TRAP AND CONTINUED MISSION.
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: BARRISTER 1C3 (6 MEND) OPO 216-D-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 141500H/181500H (120 HRS)
3. ROUTE: PX (YD008486) TO (XD985469) TO (XD998469) TO (XD002481)
4. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS, 4' - 12' ELEPHANT GRASS, HEAVY SCATTERED TREE LINES.
5. HLZ'S: NONE
6. ENEMY: 151130H, AT (XD982468) TEAM OBSERVED 3 NVA, WHO WERE OBSERVING WITH FIELD GLASSES AND WRITING NOTES. ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS, AND TROUSERS, NO COVERS, AND NO WEAPONS. ENEMY THEN MOVED INTO TREE LINES, FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED, WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF THE AREA.
ABOUT 15 MINUTES LATER, AT (XD982468) TEAM CAME IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY, RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA.
7. OTHER INFO: 171340H, TEAM OBSERVED AT (XD967468) 1 DUG IN MORTAR TUBE, AND NO PERSONNEL, ABOUT 1455H, TEAM OBSERVED 3 NVA, AROUND THE TUBE, FIRE MISSION CALLED, RESULTS, UNKNOWN.
MANY BOOBY TRAPS, IN THE AREA, AROUND (XD980475)

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ACTION-IMMEDIATE
INFO-ROUTINE

DIA 236705 Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
FIRST BNE FIFTH MECH INF USA
TASK FORCE HOTEL
NINTH M. KINGS
TWELFTH MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
HAG THREE NINE
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: BIG SHOT AND GARDEN VALLEY 383 AND 3B3
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT OPO'S 1174-1175

201630H TK, WHILE BEING INSERTED AT (TDO23667)
RECEIVED SAP/AWF FROM 360 AROUND HELO. TK ESTIMATED THAT FIRE CAME FROM AN NVA PLT. HELO ALSO RECEIVED FIRE FROM ONE CREW SERVED WEAPON (MACHINEGUN). TK AND CREW RETURNED FIRE AND MISSION WAS ABORTED.

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INFO ROUTINE

DTG 250307 Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
CG XXV CORPS

DEFOs FIRST AIR Cav DIV USA
FIRST BDE FIFTH REGT INF USA
TASK FORCE HOTEL
NINTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
NAM THREE NINE
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUAN TRI
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM DESERT SAND 542 (7 MAN) OP 2020-68
2. SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT

24113Z HR MILE WHILE BEING INSERTED AT 1D 555455 RECEIVED 3AP/AA FROM A TRENCHES AROUND THE HILL, TRANSPORT HELO WAS APPROX 300FT OFF THE GROUND. GUNSHIPS MADE STRAFING RUNS ON ENEMY POSITIONS AND MISSION WAS ABORTED

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: BIG SHOT 3B3 (6 MEN) OPO 2035-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 261400H/270840H (18HRS)
3. ROUTE: FM. (YD 090510) TO (YD 093512) TO (YD 108498)
   UL 0951 LR 1149
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS, 3'-10' ELEPHANT GRASS,
   GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT. OP. SITE (YD 108498)
   OBSERVE E.
5. HLZ'S AT (YD 108498) SITE WILL ACCOMODATE 4 CH-46's,
   SITE IS VALLEY, BEST APPROACH N.-S., TERRAIN OBSTACLES
   TREES.
6. ENEMY: 270730H AT (YD 108498) TEAM RECEIVED ONE
   SNIPER RND. AND 1 DURST OF AK-47, RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.
   TEAM RETURNED FIRE AND HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE N.
   TEAM CONTINUED FIRE UNTIL EXTRACTED AT 0840.
7. OTHER INFO: 261700 AT (YD 108502) TEAM FOUND BASE CAMP,
   WITH NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLEs. BUNKERS WERE
   5'x5'x4'. TEAM ALSO FOUND A BIG DRUM MADE FROM A
   HOLLOW TREE, 10' LONG, AND 3' IN DIAMETER. AT (YD 109
   501) TEAM FOUND A BIG HOUSE ABOUT 20' WIDE 30' LONG,
   WELL CAMOFLAGED. THIS AREA ALSO HAS MANY PNJi PITS.

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ACTION IMMEDIATE
INFO ROUTINE

DIT: ____________ Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA
TASK FORCE HOTEL
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
NAG THREE NINE
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: DEERFERN: SPOT REPORT MADE IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT.
271400H TEAM AT (YD160428) TEAM WAS SETTING INTO AN OP SITE, WHEN 1 OF
THE TEAM MEMBERS OBSERVED IVC/NVA, AT (YD153424) ENEMY WAS MOVING E. TOWARDS THE
TEAM, WEARING KHAKIS, BUSH DOVER, NO WEB GEAR, AND CARRYING AN UNKNOWN TYPE
WEAPON. TEAM ALSO OBSERVED 4-5 MORE ENEMY BEHIND THE FIRST ENEMY, THESE PEOPLE
MOVED TO A STREAM BED AT (YD157426). TM COULD NOT OBSERVE ENEMY AT STREAM BED
BECAUSE OF HEAVY CANOPY. TM ATTEMPTED TO CALL IN A FIRE MISSION BUT COULD NOT
BECAUSE OF JAMMING ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FREQUENCIES.
271600H TM AT (YD160428), HEARD MOVEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 6 ENEMY, 50 METERS
TO TM'S E, TM MOVED TO (YD159429) AND Began TO RECEIVE SAF/AWF FIRE, FROM TEAMS
SW TM RETURNED, FIRE. TM THEN OBSERVED MUZZLE FLASSES AT (YD153424), OF 5-7
WPNS, TM CALLED A FIRE MISSION BUT WAS CHECKFIRE BY A.O. TM CONTINUED TO RECEIVE
FIRE, ENEMY THEN SPREAD OUT AND ATTEMPTED TO ENCIRCLE THEM. A.O. RECEIVED SAF,
FIXED Wing AND GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION, AND TM CEASED TO RECEIVE SAF. FW MADE
BOMB AND NAPALM RUNS. GUNSHIPS RECEIVED AWF FROM (YD160428) AND PROCEEDED TO
MAKE ROCKET AND STRIKING RUNS ON ENEMY POSITION, TRANSPORT HELOS CAME ON STATION
AND RECEIVED SAF/AWF WHILE EXTRACTING TM.
271230H TM AT (YD157428), OBSERVED A LARGE CLEARED AREA ALONG THE SIDE OF A STREAM.
AREA 20 METERS IN LENGTH AND 15 METERS IN WIDTH AND COULD ACCOMMODATE 30 PEOPLE.
THERE WERE TWO SMALL TRACKS LEADING N. AND W. FROM THE AREA, AREA HAD NOT BEEN
USED RECENTLY.
ACTION—IMMEDIATE
INFO—ROUTINE

DTG: ___________ Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
    CG XXIV CORPS

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: AMERICAN BEAUTY 2C2 OPO 206-D-68 SPOT REPORT MADE IN LIEU OF
   PATROL REPORT.
   28093OH AT (X814534) TM AFTER BEING INSERTED HEARD MOVEMENT COMING TOWARD THEM.
   TEAM CALLED GUNSHIPS ON STATION, TEAM THEN HEARD A BURST OF AK-47'S, FIRE AT THE
   GUNSHIPS. EXTRACTION HELO THEN CAME IN AND PICKED UP THE TEAM. AT THIS TIME THE
   TEAM LEADER AND RADIO MAN OBSERVED MANY MUZZLE FLASHES, FROM THE SIDE OF HILL
   AIMED AT THE HELO. MISSION WAS ABORTED.

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ACTION

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FOR: THIRD RATION
TO: CG THIRD UAR DIV
CG XXV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AM EARLY USA
FIRST BUR:FEB 16TH LS USA
TO SK FORCED
SECOND HARVEST
TYPICAL HARVEST
MAY TIDE: HIGH
PROVING AMENITIES HURR PUL
THIRD FORCED GAP

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RECON DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

1. D.B.K. 9050000 06 00: 3-3
   (4 REM) - OPO 099
2. D/FB 06050000 04 00: 27 00000 04 00000
   (120 RECS)
3. ROUTE FL (YD 265555) TO (Y 251651) TO (Y 261655)
4. TERRAIN: SANDY, HILLS, JUNIPER, AND LAVENDER, NUMEROUS OASIS
5. HILLS: FURTHER EXPLOITATION WILL REVEAL
6. ENEMY: YD 235000 BE OBSERVED (5) Amnesty TO ENEMY. TF HAD BEAR
   FIRE 300 CALLS. TF HAD 1 MAN BEREAVEMENT RESULTS. TF WAS EXPLOITED
   AND CALLS FIRE ABATED WITH TYPICAL RESULTS. BEFORE EXTRACT, TF
   OBSERVED (2) HILLS RETURN TO YD 261655 WHERE TF FIRST OBSERVED TF
   (5) ENEMY.
7. OTHER INFO: TF WOULD TRADE HARBOR MADE OF FOUR PIECES OF DRY BRUSH
   AT YD 254655
   TO OBSERVE 30 TROLL LANDING TO TF FROM YD 251657 TO YD 261655
   03 26500 OBSERVATION DIVING AT YD 231656 MAN STAYED 1 HR
   FOR APPROX 45 MIN. NO SIGHTS AND TF DID NOT INVESTIGATE FURTHER. SINCE MAN
   APPEARED TO BE A HILARIOUS

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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn: AC of S, G-3)

Subj: Task Organization (Report symbol Div - 3100 - 6)

Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1D

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