

## **Part B -- The View from the Ground** (July 14 - July 15, 1967)

**Author's Note:** *What follows is based on my personal recollections with input from Leo R. Jamieson, Lt. Colonel, USMC Retired (Commanding Officer of "A" Co. and the field commander for 1st Amtracs in Hickory II) and several fellow participants who are listed in the sources at the end of this narrative, both refreshed and enhanced by the official USMC records of the Operation, including especially the Command Chronology of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, the most relevant parts of which are the S-2/S-3 logs and messages (written by P. Martin Johnson, Lt. Colonel, USMC Retired, who was the Battalion S-3 Officer and later Commanding Officer of "A" Co).* **In writing this narrative, it is my hope that others who participated in Hickory II will offer their recollections so that a more complete and accurate narrative can be written of our first major operation as "AmGrunts" in Vietnam. The Forum Section for AmGrunts has a topic for Operation Hickory II where you can post your recollections or corrections.**

*Throughout the text are numbers in brackets: [1]. These refer to the numbers added to the left margin of the attached Command Chronology pages that link the chronology events to the corresponding numbers overlaid on the map of the area in which our part of Hickory II was conducted. The links to the map and the selected pages from the Command Chronology appear at the end of this narrative.*

### **The First Day**

At 0845 on July 14th, nearly half of 1st Amtracs Bn departed our CP at Cua Viet on Operation Hickory II. Then-Captain Leo R. Jamieson led this interesting collection of troops and vehicles into battle. "A" Co. served as the infantry, with 95 men on the ground, leaving the 4th Platoon (which were still operating as an Amtrac platoon) behind at the Battalion CP as the reserve force (they would later be called into action). The operation initially included a total of 32 LVT's (AmTracs). "B" Co. supplied 26 LVTP-5's and an LVTR-1, while "H&S" Co. supplied an LVTP-5 and 2 LVTE-1's. To give us more firepower in the field, 2 LVTH-6's from 3rd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Tractor Co. (who were also based at Cua Viet) accompanied us on Hickory II. (Thank God.) Beyond our M-14 rifles, the other weapons available to us were the 30-cal. machine guns atop the tractors (one may have had a 50-cal. machine gun) or carried by teams on the ground, 2 M-79 grenade launchers, and our infamous Indochina-war vintage 60mm mortar that didn't even have a base plate. (I don't think we had gotten the two M-60 Machine guns at that point, but someone can correct me if I'm wrong.) Although the official reports from Hickory II refer to our part of the Operation as being conducted by the 1st Amtrac Battalion, in the field this "Battalion" was actually about 225 Marines, about one-third of the entire Battalion (which had a total of 723 enlisted men and officers) and even smaller in strength (and weapons) than the average 3rd Marine Division infantry company. (Each Marine infantry battalion participating in Hickory II had an average strength of over 1,200 men in July '67.)

The start to the Operation was slow. Crossing the Cua Viet River was a time-consuming proposition for a large group of Amtracs. Because we were only equipped to rescue a single Amtrac at a time should one get disabled crossing the river, each Amtrac had to complete the river crossing before the next one could start. Thus, we spent the first 60-90 minutes just crossing the river. Thanks to good planning, no vehicles hit mines and none were attacked or otherwise disabled during the crossing. (Captain Jamieson had sent a small force across the river the night before to secure the northern banks and provide security for the next morning's crossing.)

The relative boredom associated with the river crossing was short-lived. The force was split in two for our advance north, with about half of the Amtracs moving through the treeline and the rest moving in the surf along the beach (to minimize our potential losses from land mines). No sooner had we started the sweep north along the tree line when the NVA began a series of hit and run attacks using small groups to hit us with sporadic small arms fire then quickly retreat northward and repeat the process. (Perhaps this was a rear guard action meant to delay our movement northward to provide time for a larger force to retreat north into the DMZ or west to where there was better cover.) By 1100, we had swept through the remnants of the villages that dotted the coast of the South China Sea (Ha Loc, the resettled Ha Loi Trung, the resettled Giem Ha Trung 1 and 2, and Ha Loi Tay). About half way between Ha Loi Tay and the original (destroyed) Giem Ha Trung, at the very northern edge of the Battalion's TAOR (Tactical Area Of Responsibility), our first notable contact took place.<sup>[1]</sup> The tree line had a grassy opening of about 100 meters (north to south). As we started to cross the open terrain, we came under attack by small arms fire, mortars and Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs). Two Amtracs (B-20 and B-29) were hit by RPG rounds and another (B-44) hit a 40-60 lb. antitank mine. Artillery and air strikes were called in (controlled by one of the Forward Air Controllers/Artillery Observers (FAC/AO) supporting us on the Operation (call sign Trail 63). Once the strikes had been completed, we med-evac'd the 3 Marines who had been wounded by the enemy attack. At 1145 we spotted a uniformed NVA with a carbine to the north across the open space in the tree line. We took good advantage of the HOW-6's, with Combine Charlie 33 firing 7 rounds of 105mm direct fire. Then another airstrike was called in.

The last airstrike is still a vivid memory. Although Leo Jamieson initially remembered it as a Navy jet, he doesn't disagree that it could have been a Marine jet, which is what I remember. He is certain it was an A-4E Skyhawk. When we set off the smoke grenade to mark our position for the pilot, he said "You're pretty close, you better keep your heads down." This pilot came in at treetop level to drop his load. We were so close we could see the writing on his helmet. The noise at such close range was nearly deafening. My recollection is that he came through with a second pass using his 20mm cannon to strafe the area. This guy was amazing. He came in there without any knowledge as to the size or capability of the enemy force and took it to them up close and personal.

About an hour had passed, it was 1245 and we had crossed the opening to sweep the northern treeline that had been hit by the HOW-6 fire and airstrike. We found 2 NVA KIA (one by small arms fire and one by the airstrike).<sup>[2]</sup> (I remember the one who

looked like he had been shot by the 20 mm cannon - he had a round hole above his heart that was over an inch in diameter.) We recovered the following NVA equipment: 1 RPG launcher, 1 RPG round, 1 AK-47 with 7 magazines, 2 ChiCom grenades, and various other gear and documents.

After moving closer to the DMZ, we came across a new, but recently used rocket site. The aiming stakes were set at an azimuth of 138 degrees - toward the Battalion CP. [3] We stayed there long enough to destroy the sites and, thus, deny the enemy ready use of the site for future attacks. Departing at 1355, we proceeded quickly north to the DMZ, reaching Phase Line White, our Limit of Advance (LOA) at 1430 (based on 3rd Mar Div message traffic). According to Leo Jamieson, common practice would have had us stopping about 100 yards shy of the actual DMZ southern boundary line so as not to accidentally enter the DMZ. From there, the OpPlan said we were to move in a southwesterly direction along the DMZ boundary.

No mention of enemy contact is made (nor remembered) for the movement along the DMZ. As we got closer to the western edge of the "desert" (the sand dunes that comprised much of the coastal plain in our northern TAOR), the unit headed due south towards Objective A (Hill 31, which later became the A-1 Strong Point). A long sand dune ridge extended to the north from Hill 31 and marked the western edge of the desert. To the west of the desert, the terrain had vegetation and was dotted with a few small (abandoned) villages adjacent to "Jones Creek," the unnamed rivulet that ran from the Ben Hai River (the actual border between North and South Vietnam) all the way south to the Cua Viet River. It met the Cua Viet River at the village of Mai Xa Chanh (also known as Mai Xa Thi). Jones Creek also marked the western boundary of our Battalion's TAOR and the area west of Jones Creek was the TAOR for the 1st ARVN Division, who were operating to our right flank as we headed south from the DMZ during Hickory II. It was along this western series of dunes about a kilometer NNW of Hill 31 and 2 kilometers south of the DMZ that our first major engagement with a large NVA force occurred, at around 4pm on the first day of Hickory II. [4]

As the force headed south from An My, it came under heavy attack from the dune line to the west. The tractor with the command elements (Leo Jamieson, along with two radio operators and the tractor crew) had stopped, while the rest of the force pulled back, as they came under RPG, mortar and small arms fire, unaware that the command tractor was being left in front of friendly lines. *[Leo Jamieson and I would really like to hear from anyone who might remember why the command tractor stopped when we came under attack. Perhaps it became disabled from a mine, mortar or recoilless rifle fire or maybe it just had mechanical problems. If any of the crew of that tractor are out there reading this, we'd like to hear from them.]* We were taking heavy small arms, recoilless rifle, sniper and mortar fire from the ridge line to our right front (west southwest). We found ourselves totally pinned down. We jumped off of the tractor and ran to the back, huddling behind the engine for cover as we tried to establish communications with the rest of the force and with the AO. There were 4 or 5 of us behind the tractor. Leo, myself, Sgt. John C. "Butch" Yates, and someone who had a minor wound in his arm or shoulder (perhaps

one of the crewman). There could have been a fifth person, a Staff Sgt., with us as well. Two feats of heroism kept our little group alive for the next 20-30 minutes.

"Butch" Yates had previously been the Communications Chief for "B" Co., but, after joining "A" Co., he took on the role of a field radio operator for Hickory II, as part of the leadership team on the command LVTP-5, handling communications with the Battalion CP for Captain Jamieson. (I was the radio operator handling communications between Leo and the platoons, as well as communications with the AO, gunships and fixed wing air support). About 14 months after Hickory II, Butch Yates would be awarded the Navy Cross and promotion to 2nd Lt. (posthumously) for his heroism in trying to rescue a wounded crewman from a burning LVT. For his actions on the afternoon of July 14th, however, Butch would be nominated for and awarded a Silver Star. His Silver Star Citation provides excellent detail (a couple of corrections are made based on my recollections):

SERGEANT JOHN CHARLES YATES  
SILVER STAR MEDAL  
CITATION:



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Butch Yates' actions kept us alive until one of the HOW-6's got there about 20 minutes into the attack.

The two HOW-6's accompanying "A" Co. on Hickory II comprised one section of the 3rd Platoon of The First Armored Amphibian Tractor Co. Although this Company was part of the 11th Marines, 3rd Platoon was OP-CON (under operational control) to the 12th Marines, who were the artillery support for the 3rd Marine Division in northern Quang Tri Province. They acquitted themselves extremely well during this Operation. In addition to the support provided during the first contact on the morning of the 14th, the HOW-6 section helped save the leadership team on the command LVT that afternoon. According to the 1st Armored Amphibian Co.'s command chronology:

One section from the 3rd Platoon, located at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, participated in Operation HICKORY II, just south of the DMZ. The leading element of Company A, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 3rd Marine Division was hopelessly pinned down by heavy automatic fire from a ridge [line]... The section proceeded to destroy the enemy emplacements which enabled A Company to evacuate their wounded and seize the ridge line. We received one WIA who was medevac'd and 4 WIA's. The section was credited with 4 confirmed KIA's

and 2 probable KIA's. The section chief has been recommended for the Silver Star for his actions in the encounter....

One of the prettiest sights I've ever seen was that HOW-6 moving back and forth in front of the ridge line destroying the NVA who had us trapped. Our helpless little group would certainly have all been killed had it not been for the courageous actions of both Butch Yates and the HOW-6 crew.

The lead command elements and the rest of the main force reconnected and were assembling at the base of the sand dune to begin an assault on the ridge line when a helicopter gunship (that I remember as being an Army chopper, Alley Cat 4, who was just itching to join the fight) came over the radio and kept asking if he could make a strafing run on a group of enemy that was in plain sight. He was so persistent that I finally gave him the go ahead. He then proceeded to make a strafing run at us! Luckily, he wasn't a very good shot. No one got hit. One of the two AO's on station at that point in the Operation (Trail 64 and 65) interceded and directed his actions after that. (The Alley Cats were part of the Army's 282nd Assault Helicopter Company. They provided support and resupply to the 1st ARVN Division and were called in to provide support to other units throughout I Corps. The AO's were Forward Air Controllers (presumably, from the Air Force 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron) flying the O-1 Cessna Bird Dog).



After the area was worked over by the gunship, 3 fixed wing airstrikes and some artillery missions, we assaulted the ridge line and then thoroughly searched the undulating dune complex to make sure there were no active enemy still hiding there. We ended the battle with 25 NVA KIA (confirmed), 8 of these being confirmed by Alley Cat 4 (the 2nd gunship was Roseann A/C, likely a C-47 equipped with high-speed 6,000 RPM mini-guns). Two of our tractors had been damaged during the engagement, a P-5 hit a mine and an R-1 got hit by mortar fire. We captured a 75MM Recoilless Rifle with 2 rounds, a light machine gun, 5 AK-47s with 12 magazines, 1 ChiCom carbine with bag of ammo, and various documents and other gear. One interesting weapon captured was a sniper rifle. It was bolt action with a scope and rather unusual looking. Leo Jamieson later was told that it was of Czech manufacture. [While numerous documents were recovered from enemy dead, Leo Jamieson says that a trove of documents discovered on one of the NVA KIAs indicated that he was likely an NVA intelligence officer. This collection of captured documents was quickly transported to Division Intelligence.]

After med-evac of 16 (4 serious) of our 29 WIAs suffered during the encounter, evening was upon us and we set up in defensive positions about a kilometer to the east in the desert, providing us a view of both the dune ridge line and Hill 31 to the southwest.[5]

*[If anyone reading this was a participant in the ground activities that first afternoon, we'd appreciate their recollections.]*

One of the 3 fixed wing airstrikes that afternoon was an Air Force jet. What was different about the Air Force support vs. the Navy/Marine fixed wing support was their altitude. The Air Force pilot was coming in so high for his bombing run (probably 10-12,000 feet) that Captain Jamieson was afraid he would miss his target so badly that his load would end up on us. You could barely make out this tiny silver dot way up in the sky. If it wasn't for the sun reflecting off of the wings, you couldn't have seen him at all. Luckily he didn't hit us (or the enemy either, for that matter) and, when he radioed back about making a second run, Leo just responded, "No, that's all we need."

### **The Second Day**

Out in the desert in the middle of the night, around 3:15 a.m., they opened up on us with about 10 rounds of artillery from the DMZ. The NVA apparently had a Forward Observer on Hill 31 who had watched us move into the desert that evening. A fire mission from Combine Charlie (the rest of the 3rd Platoon of 1st Armored Amphib. Co that was still emplaced at the Battalion CP) and a subsequent Naval Gun Fire mission at 4 a.m. quieted the enemy artillery.

A couple hours later (around 6:15 a.m.) as we were moving southwest to begin the assault on Hill 31, they opened up on us again with artillery from the DMZ. [6] A different AO (Sacred Lima) controlled fire on the active artillery positions. At 7 a.m., we spotted 4 NVA on Hill 31 and called in a fire mission to Combine Charlie. An hour later, part of Co. "B" located on the beach between the two Giem Ha Trung villages started taking incoming artillery from the DMZ. A 3rd gunship (Rainbelt 44) came on station, firing on the active enemy artillery position and the same AO (Sacred Lima) adjusted return artillery fire (from Potsville) on the enemy artillery positions.



At about the same time, around 8:30 a.m., we had begun our assault on Hill 31, first sweeping the area where the 4 NVA had been spotted earlier, which had received the prep fires from Combine Charlie. [7B] We found 9 NVA KIA, one body having been booby trapped. We also captured 2 Soviet T-41 Anti-Tank mines, a ChiCom carbine and a number of documents at this point. [10] After disarming the booby trap and AT mines, it was about 9:30 before we could resume our assault to the top of Hill 31. [11] We started taking incoming mortar fire from about 600-700 meters to the west-northwest and sniper and small arms fire as we climbed the Hill. After fighting our way to the top, the leadership group went to the edge of the western ridge and looked down at the village below, and watched the NVA heading to the village south of their current position. We

took a few pot shots at them with small arms, which brought on more mortar fire and, then, serious artillery fire from the north. (This was the point at which Lt. W. J. DiBello got his free ticket home - a tiny piece of shrapnel in his arm got him his 3rd Purple Heart.)

As we continued our assault through Hill 31, the incoming mortar, artillery and sniper fire intensified. [12] We took some more serious casualties (our buddy Tom Nusbaumer, along with the two brothers we lost that day, Spencer and Ritzchke) from the incoming enemy fire. From about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the assault resulted in another 12 NVA KIA and the capture of a Medium Machine Gun, 2 AT Mines, 27 Chi Com grenades and assorted gear before securing Hill 31 (referred to as Objective A in the Op Orders for Hickory II). After clearing the hill of enemy, we moved off of Hill 31 to the southeast to allow room for numerous air and artillery strikes, which ran from about 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., and to tend to our 14 friendly WIAs. [13] (Leo Jamieson recalls the machine gun as having black-spoked, hard rubber wheels.)

*[If anyone reading this was a participant in the ground assault of Hill 31 that second day, we'd appreciate their recollections.]*

I was atop the command group tractor observing (through binoculars) the enemy in the village about 700 meters to the west of our position (which was just south southeast of Hill 31 on the desert's edge). Through my binoculars I could see a few NVA pushing or pulling around an unusual looking wheeled gun, which could have been a heavy machinegun, an antiaircraft weapon, or some time of small cannon. I remember thinking we were at a safe enough distance from the enemy only to be nicked in the hand with a bullet fragment after a round hit the command group tractor. Their snipers were good. In any event, we didn't recover the wheeled weapon during our assault on the village that evening, so my guess is that the peculiar-looking weapon was wheeled away by the NVA prior to our assault.

The airstrikes were scheduled to run from 2pm to 5:15 pm. It was apparently during this time that a chopper arrived to take Captain Jamieson to a pow-wow with the ARVN leadership to plan the combined assault of the village of Nhi Thuong. Leo said that our Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. A. R. Bowman, was at the meeting along with the Marine Captain who was the Advisor for the 2nd Battalion, 2nd ARVN Regiment (Call sign Nickle Wind Up). What he remembers most, though, was the ice cold can of Pepsi they gave him. It really hit the spot after nearly two days of combat.

Around 3:30 that afternoon A Co.'s reserve platoon (4th Platoon) was called out to resupply us, arriving towards the end of the series of airstrikes. They were then employed to provide additional support for the joint ARVN/AmGrunt sweep through the village of Nhi Thuong. This moved our strength back near the original 225 Marines, as well as 34 Amtracs, 2 more than we started out with. The ARVN unit was the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division, whose TAOR covered the area from Jones Creek west to Route 1, and from the Cua Viet River to the DMZ ). They had a Marine Captain as their advisor. When they showed up, many of the ARVNs had chickens strapped to their

backpacks. Around 6 pm we began the joint sweep. According to the oral history tapes, with the addition of A Co.'s 4th Platoon, we had a total of 34 tractors on line. We started moving forward toward the enemy and literally pushed the NVA out of their positions. After progressing about 800 meters, the ARVNs (who were covering our left flank - southeast of us) failed to keep pace with us and fell behind about 100 meters. Leo paused the assault and reformed the line. We were within a grenade's throw of the village as we resumed the assault, but, as the pace of enemy mortars, artillery and small arms fire picked up, the ARVNs dropped out of the assault as evening fell and began running away to the southeast. (The last view we had of them was of their backs with the chickens attached. How appropriate!) We continued on, sweeping through Nhi Thuong, but, thanks to the ARVNs, there was ample opportunity for the NVA to escape our final thrust. During the sweep through Nhi Thuong, we accounted for the final 6 NVA KIA and captured 2 light Machine Guns, an AK-47 and 6 Chi Com grenades. We suffered an additional 8 friendly WIA (non med-evac) during the assault, largely due to our exposed flank. [14]

We then attended to our wounded, regrouped and started back to the Battalion CP at Cua Viet. The final casualty in Hickory II occurred at the very end of the operation when B-53 hit a mine at 11:55 pm on the way back to camp. They had made it almost all the way home, hitting the mine on the beach barely 500 meters from the north shore of the river.

In addition to Butch Yates and the section chief from the HOW-6 section, then-Captain Leo Jamieson was also recommended for the Silver Star for his outstanding performance during Hickory II. The medals resulting from Hickory II were not limited to the command group and HOW-6 section. Those who were truly on the ground -- the company's line platoons -- faced some serious action. Another example of the brotherhood of the AmGrunts is Richie Haeg, who like so many others put himself in the line of fire to save his brothers. His Bronze Star citation appears below.

CORPORAL RICHARD AUSTIN HAEG  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
CITATION:



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[If others have copies of award citations earned during Hickory II, we would love to include these in this history of the operation. Please contact me (Hugh Connelly) in the Forum section of this web site.]

Some time after the Operation, Captain Jamieson was told that we were facing an entire NVA regiment during Hickory II. The intelligence reports included in the Operation Order (#39-67) for Hickory II indicated that the 31st Regiment of the 341st NVA Division (with an estimated strength of 1,620 men) was probably operating in the general area of grids 2382. The order also noted that recent reinfiltration of NVA units from the DMZ had brought their force levels in the areas around Con Thien and Gio Linh up to between 3 and 4 Regular NVA Regiments. The Battalion Command Chronology lists several relevant intelligence reports covering enemy troop movements in the area in the days leading up to Hickory II:

July 1: Received agent report from Coastal Group II with B-2 rating that 1 VC Bn moved from Thuy Khe to vic (YD 270726), (YD 270720) and (YD 260749). Mortar base located at vic (YD 262736) and (YD 265726.) Mission to attack Gio Linh Sub Sector HQ.

July 2: Agent intelligence report rated C-3 by Coastal Group II that 500 rds of 140 MM rockets and 1000 rds of 82 MM mortar was moved across the Ben Hai river to vic (YD 259758). In 2 or 3 days civilians will be used to move it to Quang Tri Province.

Agent intelligence report. No rating. 1 VC Bn located at vic (YD 272720, YD 275725, and YD 273726) and the Gio Linh Sub Sector was under attack.

July 7: Elmore Raids 7 India (Quang Tri HQ) passed agent report number one that one NVA Bn spread out along (YD 250750), (YD 260756), (YD 268715), (YD 278721). Rated B-2. Report number two, one NVA Bn moved from (YD 236766) to (YD 257751). Mission unknown. C-2 rating.

July 10: Received reports from Coastal Group II with C-1 rating that 2 NVA Bn located at vic (YD 253733, YD 260742, YD 287705 and YD 273697). Also 1 VC Co. located at vic (YD 283706 and YD 281711) mission unknown, type weapons unknown.

Intelligence report from Quang Tri Advisor that 1 NVA Bn located vic (YD 255750, YD 275705, YD 270730). Mission to mortar Gio Linh sub sector and possible Cua Viet Port Facility. B-2 rating.

Years later, at the 2002 AmGrunt Reunion, Lt. Col. Jamieson would hear from Marine General Wiese (of those "Magnificent Bastards" fame) that an NVA officer had disclosed that the area near Hill 31 and Jones Creek was home to a vast 3-story underground complex that provided a ready means by which outgunned NVA forces could suddenly "disappear."

**Sources: (USMC Historical Division, Archives Section Vietnam CDs)**

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1st Armored Amphibian Tractor Co. Command Chronology, July 1967 - VNCD-OpFiles - Operation Hickory II, VNCD-064

3rd MarDiv Command Chronology July 1967- VNCD-028 and 029

3rd MarDiv Unit Journal July 1967- VNCD-029

Conversations with Lt. Col. Leo R. Jamieson, USMC Ret., Lt. Col. Poindexter M.

Johnson, USMC Ret., former Cpl. Richard A. Haeg, former Cpl. Nicholas Bianchi, Cpl.

Thomas W. Nusbaumer, USMC Ret., and former Sgt. T.J. Smith

**Summarized from source materials by Hugh Connelly.**

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In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT JOHN CHARLES YATES

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Radio Operator with Company A, First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On 14 July 1967 during Operation Hickory II, Company A was advancing toward Hill 31 in Quang Tri Province when it came under intense enemy small arms, mortar and recoilless rifle fire from enemy positions in a tree line [*ed. Note: it was a ridgeline on a sand dune, not a tree line*] only thirty meters to its front. Under the initial barrage of enemy fire, Sergeant YATES and the command group were forced to disembark their amphibian tractor and move to a covered position. As enemy fire increased, the company moved back leaving the command tractor in front of company lines. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant YATES gave his radio to a companion and, braving heavy machine gun fire, ran twenty meters to the damaged command tractor. With complete disregard for his own safety, he fearlessly climbed to the top of the vehicle and manned the machine gun. Subsequently forced to abandon his position because of the intense enemy fire, Sergeant Yates threw a 60 mm mortar tube to the ground, obtained four boxes of ammunition and disembarked the beleaguered vehicle. Retrieving the mortar, he returned across the exposed area to his former position, held the weapon in his bare hands and commenced to direct accurate suppressive fire against the enemy. When the mortar became hot, he wrapped a cloth around it [*ed. Note: the cloth was actually the green towel from around his neck*] and continued to fire at the enemy, pinning them down until their positions were destroyed by an air strike.

His daring actions in the face of extreme danger inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in saving many Marines from death or serious injury. By his courage, bold initiative and selfless devotion to duty, Sergeant YATES upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

FOR THE PRESIDENT

V. H. KRULAK  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC  
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In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL RICHARD AUSTIN HAEG

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as a Grenadier with Company A, First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division. On 14 July 1967, during Operation Hickory II, Corporal HAEG's squad was temporarily pinned down by intense enemy automatic weapons fire while conducting a search and clear mission south of Hill 31. In the initial moments of the fire fight, his unit sustained several casualties. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Corporal HAEG unhesitatingly exposed himself to the heavy volume of fire and delivered effective M-79 grenade fire against the enemy positions to cover the evacuation of one of the casualties. Then, continuing to disregard his own safety, he repeatedly maneuvered across the fire-swept terrain to assist other wounded Marines to positions of relative safety and supervise their evacuation. His heroic and timely actions in the face of extreme personal danger were an inspiration to all who observed him and saved the lives of several Marines. Corporal HAEG's courage, bold initiative and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service

Corporal HAEG is authorized to wear the Combat "V"

FOR THE PRESIDENT

V. H. KRULAK  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING

Attachment "A"



S-4, 3 Section  
 HEADQUARTERS  
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 3d Marine Division (Rein), 3rd  
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96302  
 14 0001R July 1967  
 to  
 14 2400R July 1967

Time		REG Number	PTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken Remarks Status Priority Index
In	Out				
0001		1	140001	Journal opened.	SF
0530		2	140530	S&S Co roving patrol returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
0600		3	140600	Co "A" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
	0845	4	140845	Elements of 1st AmTrac Bn departed CP in connection with Operation Hickory II.	SF
	1100	5	141100	Elements of Co "A" made contact with unknown size enemy force vic (YD 298744). Enemy fired SAF, mortars, and rockets. 1 LVT (B-20) hit by rocket fire. 1 LVT (B-44) detonated 50 to 60 lb mine, pressure type. Arty and airstrikes called and controlled by AO (Trail 63) 3 WIA. 3 MED-EVAC.	
	1145	6	141145	Elements of Co "A" sighted 1 NVA wearing kaki uniform and carrying carbine in tree line. Called in airstrikes. Combine Charlie 33 fired 7 rds 105 MM direct fire. Results unknown at this time.	SF
	1200	7	141200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	SF
	1245	8	141245	Elements of Co "A" found 1 NVA KIA (conf) by SAF vic (YD 278754). 1 NVA KIA (conf) by airstrikes vic (YD 278754). NVA equipment recovered, 1 rocket launcher, 1 RPG round, 1 AK-47, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 canteen, 7 AK-47, assorted documents and propaganda material.	SF
	1355	9	141355	Elements of Co "A" found enemy rocket site. Positions consisted of 6 rockets	

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				launching sites with bamboo aiming stakes at azimuth of 138 degrees, also found 8 fighting holes and 4 control holes, 1 carrying bag. New sites but have been used. Destroyed sites.	SF
1645		10	141645	Co A (-) on search and destroy mission with attached units of Co B (-), elements of H&S Co and 2 LVTH-6 from 1st Armored AmTrac Co in direct fire support role. Received heavy small arms fire and sporadic mortar, recoilless rifle and sniper fire. 1 LVT hit mine, 1 LVTR-1 hit by mortar. Called in 3 fixed wing airstrikes controlled by AO's (Trail 64 and 65) and gunships (Alley Cat 4 and Roseann A/C). Combine Charlie indirect fires controlled by AO. When enemy fire ceased Co "A" with attached units continued advance to ridge line vic (YD 265740). 17 enemy KIA (conf) plus 8 additional confirmed by Alley Cat gunship. Enemy equipment captured: 1 75 MM RR with 2 rds, 5 AK-47 with 12 magazines, 1 bolt action rifle with sniper scope, 12 ChiCom grenades, 1 light machinegun, 1 ChiCom carbine with bag of ammo and assorted 782 gear and documents. 29 friendly WIA. 16 Med-Evac. 4 serious. 13 Non Med-Evac.	SF
	2000	11	142000	H&S Co patrol/ambush departed CP.	SF
	2100	12	142100	Co "A" roving patrol departed CP.	SF
2100		13	142100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
	2400	14	142400	SitRep to 3d Mar Div.	SF
2400		15	142400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Co "A" (-) as infantry in Operation Hickory II supported by Co "B" (-) 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn, (-) and elements of H&S Co 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn. 26 LVTP-5 and 1 LVTR-1 Co "B" D/S Co A (-), 1 LVTP-5 and 2 LVTE-1 H&S Co D/S Co "A" (-), 2 LVTH-6 from 1st Armored Amtrac Co attached in direct fire support role with Co "A" (-). Bn continues to run day and night patrols and ambushes in TAOR.	SF
				Journal closed	

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In	Out				
0001		1	150001	Journal opened.	SF
0215		2	150215	Co "B" post #7 and Combine Charlie watch tower observed large fire on beach vic (324719). Swift Boat proceeded to location. Two explosions observed by Combine Charlie tower watch. Cause of explosion unknown.	SMF
0323		3	150323	Co "A" with attached units in vic (YD 278/37) received 10 rd's artillery from azimuth of 350 degrees, possible 120 mm or 122 mm. Called Combine Charlie and request Naval Gunfire be fired as suppression fire. Advised Parkgreen 22. Jrnal #35.	SMF
0500		4	150500	Co "A" roving patrol returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
0600		5	150600	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
0645		6	150645	Co "A" (-) with attached units moving in vic (YD 279732) received unk no of artillery rd's from GS (YD 2485 and YD 2383). A. O. (SACRES Lima) controlled fire on active artillery position vic (YD 257811) results unk. Jrnal #36.	SMF
0715		7	150715	Co "B" vic (YD 280740) observed 4 MVA vic (YD 268732) called fire mission to Combine Charlie. Good Coverage on target. Results unknown at this time. Jrnal #37.	SMF
0815		8	150815	Co "B" vic (YD 318725) received long range artillery fire from unk enemy position. Gunship on station (Rainbelt 44). AO (Sacred Lima) on station adjusting artillery from potsville on active artillery position. Results unknown at this time. Jrnal #44.	SMF

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Time		Serial	DTG	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number			
0830		9	150830	Co "A" with attached units swept area, prep fires by Combine Charlie. Found 9 freshly KIA NVA. 1 body booby trapped. Explosive device removed by demolition personnel. Found 2 Soviet T-41 AT mines, 1 Chi Com Carbine. AT Mine disarmed. Jrnal #45.	SNF
0930		10	150930	Co "A" elements vic (YD 268734) received mortar fire from vic (YD 263733) while taking hill 31. Fire mission called to Combine Charlie. AO (Trail 69) on station adjusting fire on active mortar position. Sniper and NVA moving into village vic (YD 265727) sniper fire and other small arms suppressed.	SNF
1000		11	151000	Co "A" with attached units vic (YD 269732) secured objective A. 12 NVA KIA (Conf) captured 27 Chi Com Grenades, 1 AK-47, 1 Medium MG, 2 AT mines, plus assorted 782 gear.	SNF
	1200	12	151200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1540		13	151540	Co "A" with attached units from 151100 to 151540H vic (YD 266745) and (YD 273728) moved through objective A while receiving small arms fire and sporadic mortar and artillery fire. While on objective continued to receive mortar fire from unknown enemy position North of MA position. Called airstrikes and artillery and direct fire from attached Combine Charlie Units. Moved off of objective to desert to allow room for airstrikes and artillery. 11 friendly WIA's from artillery from inside DMZ. Heavy airstrikes called in area to be attacked from 151400 to 151715H. Jrnal #44.	SNF
1805		14	151805	Co "A" with attached units and 2d ARVN Bn on left flank crossed LOD to Southwest from (YD 271732) to (YD 274727). Co "A" advanced abreast with 2d ARVN for approximately 300 meters. Co "A" (-) encountered SAF and Machine Gun fire. 6 NVA KIA (Conf) captured 2 light Machine Guns, 1 AK-47, 6 Chi Com Grenades. Co "A" (-) had 3 WIA's Non Med-Evac. ARVN on left flank could not advance and Co "A" (-) and attached units pulled back 100 meters to straighten line. Due to darkness and imminent heavy artillery attacks ARVN decided to discontinue attack.	SNF

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	1900	15	151900	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
2100		16	152100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2355		17	152355	Co "B" LVT (B-53) returning from HICKORY II Operation hit unknown type mine vic (YD 338706), mine estimated 40 to 50 lbs. Undetermined damage to vehicle. 1 USMC WIA (Non Med-Evac).	SMP
	2400	18	152400	SitRep to 3d Mar Div.	SF
2400		19	152400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: Elements of 1st AmTrac Bn continued operations HICKORY II. Bn continues to run day and night patrols and ambushes in TAOR.  Journal closed.	SMP

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0001		1 1	160001	Journal opened.	SF
0500		2	160500	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
0500		3	160500	"A" Co roving patrol returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
0800		4	160800	Informal relief of command conducted. LtCol A. R. BOWMAN relieved as Bn CO. Maj A. C. RISHIEL new Bn CO.	STF
	1200	5	161200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
	2000	6	162000	"B" Co patrol/ambush North departed CP.	SF
	2000	7	162000	"A" Co roving patrol departed CP.	SF
2100		8	162100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2100	2100	9	162100	H&S Co patrol/ambush South departed CP.	SF
	2400	10	162400	SitRep to 3d Mar Div.	SF
2400		11	162400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: 4th Plat Co "B" 5th AmTrsc Bn released from D/S of 2d ARVN Regt. Bn continues to run day and night patrols and ambushes in TAOR.  Journal closed.	SME

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		71	140001	Journal opened.	S
		72	140800	CPL W. F. SCHUPAY and one (1) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	
141430		73	141100	CPL F. J. KLINTWORTH WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right leg and fractured right arm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Gua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
141430		74	141100	LCpl S. GREENHILL WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in right leg and arm, also in left arm and hand from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Gua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
141430		75	141100	SSGT S. M. MANCARI WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left shoulder, left arm and right hand fractured from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Gua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
	141730	76	141730	Called in casualty reports on F. J. KLINTWORTH, S. GREENHILL, S. M. MANCARI to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CRCC.	S

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142330		77 141600	LCpl J. J. WALTON WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left forearm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
142330		78 141600	LCpl G. E. RADIL WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left hand from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
142330		79 141600	LCpl J. W. RAY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right arm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
142330		80 141600	PFC S. A. STEVENS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left shoulder from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
142330		81 141600	PFC D. A. CIANFRANI WIA: Received bullet wound on right arm as a result of sniper fire, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S

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142330		82	141600	PTC R. A. MEYER WIA: Received shrapnel wound in right leg from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
142330		83	141600	LCpl J. A. GUENZEL WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on face and upper body from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med. Evaced to USS Repose.	S
142330		84	141600	SGT J. J. WARGO Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left thumb from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
142330		85	141600	LCpl R. D. TOOLE WIA: Received multiple shrapnel wounds in face and upper body and bullet wound in left shoulder while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
142300		86	141600	PTC T. H. EWING WIA: Received bullet wound through right and left leg as a result of sniper fire, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S

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142300				87	141600	Page fourteen (14) b of journal continued.	
		150800		88	150800	SGT P. N. GARSWELL WIA: Received multiple shrapnel wounds on face, arms, legs and upper part of body from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Cuu Viet area. Med Evaded to USS Repose.	S
				89	152400	Called in casualty reports on numbers 77-88 to 3d Marine Division CRCC.	S
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		90	150001	Journal opened.	S
		91	150800	CPL L. A. SMIDER dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
150830		92	141645	SSGT L. L. SHERRILL WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right elbow from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
150830		94	141700	EM2 J. G. KELLY WIA: Received gunshot wound in right leg and back, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S
150830		95	141645	LCpl L. P. MURREN WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in nose from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
150830		96	141645	LCpl J. M. PAYNE WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
150830		97	141645	PFC R. G. CHOINIERE Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in back and burns on arm from an enemy explosive device while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S

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150830				98	141645	PFC J. G. BRADY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in right leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
150830				99	141645	PFC R. E. LYONS WIA: Received bullet wound in left knee as a result of sniper fire, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S
150830				100	141645	PFC F. J. G. TOWART Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on forehead from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
150830				101	141645	PFC L. A. TENNY WIA: Received bullet wound in left leg as a result of sniper fire, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S
		151200		102	151200	Guard carried casualty reports on numbers 92-101 to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CRCC.	S
151415				103	141600	CPL G. T. KITCHENS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in left shoulder and arm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to <small>USP Hospital</small>	S

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151415		104	141600	PFC R. D. HURLEY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in back from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
151415		105	151000	LCpl R. A. RANES WIA: Received bullet wound in the neck from an enemy sniper fire while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S
	151500	106	151500	Called in casualty report on LCpl R.A. RANES and guard carried reports on G. T. KITCHENS and R. D. HURLEY to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CRCC.	S
		107	151500	Major A. C. RISHEL reported for duty.	S
152100		108	141645	PFC J. H. SPENCER KIA: Received bullet wound in head, while engaged in action against hostile forces during operation Hickory II in the Quang Tri Province.	S
152100		109	141645	PFC T. W. NUSBAUMER WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in both legs, buttocks and amputation of left leg from an enemy mortar attack, while engaged in action against hostile forces in Operation Hickory II in the Quang Tri Province. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S

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152100				110	151100	PFC D. A. RITZCHKE KIA: Received shrapnel wounds in head and right arm during an enemy mortar attack while engaged in action against hostile forces during operation Hickory II.	S
		152230		111	152230	Called in casualty reports on J. H. SPENCER, T. W. NUSBAUMER, and D. A. RITZCHKE to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CRCC.	S
				112	151600	Received Award of Gold Star in lieu of second Purple Heart Medal, for: G. E. COVE, T. L. HERBER and C. S. ALLEN.	S
151530				113	151000	SGT G. E. SMITH WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on bridge of nose from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
151530				114	151000	LCpl W. D. TRIPLETT WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right hand and arm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated at BAS and returned to duty.	S
151530				115	151000	PFC R. L. BURNS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right hand and arm from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S

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151530		116	151000	LCpl L. E. TOOMBS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right hand from an enemy explosive device, while participating in an operation against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
151530		117	151000	POC D. R. KINSLER WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right forehead from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
	151200	118	151200	Guard carried casualty reports on G. E. SMITH, W. B. TRIPPLETT, R. L. BURNS, L. E. TOOMBS and D. R. KINSLER to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CRG.	S
		119	152400	Journal closed.	S

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		120	160001	Journal opened.	S
160900		121	151015	1stLt. W. J. DIBELLO WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left upper arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
160900		122	151500	SSGT R. DELOSSANTOS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left leg and twisted ankle from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
160900		123	151645	SSGT W. M. JVEY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on both legs from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S
160900		124	151645	CPL G. E. THOMPSON WIA: Received bullet wound on right lower leg as result of sniper fire, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and on 16 July 1967, sent to D-Med for X-rays.	S
160900		125	151645	LCpl J. A. JANTZEN WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to A-Med.	S

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160900				126	151645	LCpl T. L. HAMPTON WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on back of neck from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated at ACo sick bay and returned to duty.	S
160900				127	151645	LCpl P. J. SHINE WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left hip and arm and leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to A-Med.	S
160900				128	151645	PFC J. J. ARAZOSA WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on buttocks from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
160900				129	151645	PFC A. REGO WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left arm and hip from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to A-Med.	S
160900				130	151645	PFC T. L. HOWARD WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right lower leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to A-Med.	S
160900				131	151645	PFC D. V. QUINTANA WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right ankle from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S

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160900		132	151645	PFC D. F. PARKER WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on head and elbow and right arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in ACo sick bay and returned to duty.	S
160900		133	151645	PFC R. E. DAVIS WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right foot and amputation of 3d and 4th toes from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to A-Med.	S
160900		134	151645	PFC R. E. COUNTS WIA: Received shrapnel wound on back of right thigh from a mortar, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to D-Med.	S
160900		135	151645	PFC S. M. MOVEY WIA: Received shrapnel wound in cheek from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
160900		136	151645	PFC R. L. ALLEY WIA: Received bullet wound on right lower leg as a result of sniper fire, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S

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160900		137	151920	PFC J. E. COLE WIA: Received shrapnel wound on right upper arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
	161200	138	161200	Guard carried casualty reports on numbers 121-137 to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CROC.	S
161300		139	151030	SSGT A. MALDONADO WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Cua Viet area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161100		140	151100	HM3 J. B. HENRY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right shoulder and hand from an enemy explosive explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		141	151100	PFC M. L. WARRINER WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on inner left thigh from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evaced to USS Repose.	S

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161300		142	151030	SGT E. R. JACKSON WIA: Received shrapnel wound on left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		143	151500	SGT R. E. FRENCH Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wound on right leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		144	151500	SGT J. PETROS WIA: Received shrapnel wound on right arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		145	151500	CPL R. S. STANLEY WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right side of buttock from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		146	151500	LCpl V. SMITH Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on right and left leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S

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161300		147	151500	CPL T. E. COOK WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left shoulder from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		148	151500	CPL J. R. DAILY WIA: Suffered sprained ankle while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		149	151500	CPL B. L. FORCEA WIA: Received shrapnel wound on left leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		150	151500	LCpl L. J. SWEDLER Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wound in left and right arm from an enemy explosive device while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		151	151500	LCpl G. W. COOPER WIA: Received shrapnel wound on right elbow from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		152	151500	PFC L. J. WASHINGTON WIA: Received shrapnel wounds in left fore arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S

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161300		153	151500	PFC D. R. RUST WIA: Received shrapnel wounds on left ear from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		154	151500	PVT G. J. FELSOCI WIA: Received shrapnel wound on right hand from an enemy explosive device while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161300		155	160115	Cpl R. G. GATES WIA: LVT hit a mine in the Dong Ha area, while engaged in action against hostile forces. Suffered punctured right ear drum. Treated at BAS and returned to duty.	S
	161330	156	161330	Called in casualty report on numbers 139-155 to 3dMarDiv (fwd) CRCC.	S
162100		157	151645	SSgt T. E. TRAVERS WIA: Received shrapnel wound behind left shoulder and broken left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Med Evac'd to USS Repose.	S
162230	162230	158	162230	Called in casualty report on J. E. TRAVERS to 3dMarDiv (fwd) CRCC.	S
161700		159	141500	CPL J. R. STEELE WIA: Received minor shrapnel wounds on right hand and left arm from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field returned to	S

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161700		160	150300	POC P. J. RYAN WIA: Received shrapnel wound on nose, right eye, and lower left leg from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161700		161	151000	POC P. B. MASTERS WIA: Received minor shrapnel wounds on arms and chest from an enemy explosive device while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161700		162	151300	CPL R. A. HEAG WIA: Received shrapnel wound on left arm and right eye from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
161700		163	151300	LCpl P. RAPACZ WIA: Received shrapnel wound on left hand from an enemy explosive device, while engaged in action against hostile forces in the Dong Ha area. Treated in field and returned to duty.	S
	171200	164	171200	Guard carried casualty reports on J. R. STEELE, P. J. RYAN, P. B. MASTERS R. A. HEAG and P. RAPACZ to 3d Marine Division (fwd) CHCC.	S
		165	160800	CPL B. F. PERMENTER dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		166	162400	Journal closed.	S

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