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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: 1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-) (Rein), Command Chronology October 1966

Ref: (a) LGO 5750.2  
(b) DVO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, October 1966

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1st Reconnaissance Battalion October 1966

## 1. Organizational Data:

a. Location: Detachment, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein) CHU LAI, Republic of Vietnam and 1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein) DA NANG, Republic of Vietnam.

b. Period covered in this report: 1-31 Oct 1966

c. Name and grade of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief subordinates:

(1) Commanding Officer	LtCol D. N. McKEON
(2) Executive Officer	Major F. RINEY
(3) Commanding Officer Co "A"	Capt E. J. CONNOLLY
(4) Commanding Officer Co "B"	Capt A. K. DIAON
(5) Commanding Officer Co "C"	Capt T. J. GERAGHTY
(6) Commanding Officer Co "D"	Capt R. A. CARNES
(7) Commanding Officer H&S Co	Capt L. K. NELSON
(8) Adjutant/S-1	2ndLt D. J. COLLINS
(9) S-2 Officer	1stLt R. S. ROBERTS Jr
(11) S-3 Officer (Chu Lai)	Capt G. R. JOHNSTON
(12) Assistant S-3 Officer	1stLt G. W. JONES
(12) S-4 Officer	1 October to 13 October 1966
	2ndLt J. P. EMMI
	13 October to 31 October 1966
	1stLt C. D. MADDEN
(13) Supply Officer	2ndLt J. D. LITTLEJOHN
(14) Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt J. P. EMMI
(15) Communications Officer (Chu Lai)	Capt L. K. NELSON
(16) Battalion Sergeant Major	SgtMaj W. C. DAVIS

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(17) S-3 Officer (Da Nang)

3 October to 31 October 1966

Capt G. M. WILKINS

(18) Communications Officer (Da Nang)

10 October to 31 October 1966

2ndLt R. B. SMITH

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events:

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a. Personnel. Replacement of highly trained and experienced personnel will continue to be an area of great concern throughout the next month. During October, 27 personnel rotated out of the Battalion, including 2 Officers. A critical shortage of Supply Personnel and Cooks still exist.

b. Administration. The Battalion Commander held office hours three times this month. Twice for violation of Article 113 and once for violation of Article 123.

c. Intelligence. Intelligence information disseminated by the 1st Marine Division has been the major factor in the employment of reconnaissance units. The information provided by special reports, by defectors and captured personnel, by aerial photographs, and by the sightings of the Battalions own patrols is utilized. A determined effort is made to extract the maximum intelligence information from the elements of this Battalion. This data is immediately forwarded to Division for action and further dissemination to significant units.

d. Training. Instruction in explosives and demolition was conducted by EOD personnel. Seven members of the Battalion are enrolled in Scuba training school in Sulu Bay, Philippines Islands. One member from the S-2 section is attending Vietnamese language school in Da Nang.

3. Miscellaneous. On 1 October 1966, Major General H. Nickerson Jr. made his orientation visit to the battalion upon assuming command of the 1st Marine Division.

#### 4. Operations.

(a) The 1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-)(Rein) in general support of the 1st Marine Division maintained its elements deployed outside the periphery of the Chu Lai TACB. Additionally, deep reconnaissance was conducted in the Tien Hoa area of Quang Ngai Province. There were no direct support missions conducted during the past month.

#### (b) General Support Missions.

(1) During the reporting period 39 platoon size patrols were conducted resulting in 123 sightings totaling 980 VC/VCS. 34 VC were confirmed KIA's, 11 VC KIA probable, 5 VC WIA probable, and 1 VC captured. 12 USMC were wounded and 3 USMC were killed during the period.

(2) Appendix B contains the patrol reports for the reporting period.

(3) During the period 1 to 31 October 1966 one platoon conducted ground reconnaissance in support of the Special Forces Camp at Minh Long- from 1 to 6 October 1966, 2nd Platoon, Company "B"; from 6 to 13 October 1966, 2nd Platoon, Company "C"; from 13 to 19 October 1966, 2nd Platoon, Company "A", from 19 to 24 October 1966, a 4 man relay from Company "A" and from 24 to 31 October 1966 1st Platoon, Company "D".

(4) During the period 12 to 31 October 1966, 1st squad of 1st Platoon, Company "A" provided security at Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp.

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(5) During the period 12 to 25 October 1966, 2nd sqd of 1st Platoon, Company "A" provided security at Tra Bong Special Forces Camp.

(6) During the period 24 to 25 October 1966, 3rd Platoon, Company "A" assessed the damage of an Arc Light strike vicinity BS 3663.

(7) During the period 27 to 28 October 1966 and from 28 to 29 October 1966, Company "A" Headquarters, 2nd squad of 1st Platoon, Company "A", 3rd Platoon, Company "A" and 3rd Platoon Company "C" assessed the damage of 2 Arc Light strikes. A photographer accompanied the patrol and took pictures of the strike area vicinity BS 3876 and BS 4179.

5. Communications. A list was compiled of call signs, frequencies and mike designators of all artillery in the Chu Lai enclave. A copy was given to each patrol to assist them in getting artillery support. In addition, patrol leaders now make personal liaison with artillery before going on patrol.

6. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. This Battalion in conjunction with the 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion continues to provide an adequate Civil Affairs Program. Once a week (on Monday) the Civil Affairs Officer, Doctor and Corpsman coordinate their efforts with the village chief of Hai Ninh to provide a timely and efficient Civil Affairs Program. In this connection reconnaissance elements have established cordial relations and provided a corpsman with medical support in the Ha Thanh and Minh Long Special Forces Camps.

#### APPENDICES:

A - References

B - Patrol Reports (ref. to each patrol)

C - Daily Summary of Significant Events

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REFERENCESUNIT DIARY

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NOTE: These messages were applicable to 1st Recon Bn - only

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## Appendix B to Enclosure (1) to Commanding Officer 1st Recon Bn

Annex 1	(Div Frag Order 16-66)
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Annex 4	(Bn Frag Order 32-66)
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Annex 8	(Patrol Report of 2 October 66 - 3/C)
Annex 9	(Patrol Report of 2 October 66 - 3/A)
Annex 10	(Patrol Report of 4 October 66 - 2/B)
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Annex 12	(Patrol Report of 6 October 66 - 3/D)
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Annex 15	(Patrol Report of 7 October 66 - 1/D)
Annex 16	(Patrol Report of 7 October 66 - 1/B)
Annex 17	(Patrol Report of 9 October 66 - 1/A)
Annex 18	(Patrol Report of 9 October 66 - 3/A)
Annex 19	(Patrol Report of 10 October 66 - 1/C)
Annex 20	(Patrol Report of 10 October 66 - 2/C)
Annex 21	(Patrol Report of 11 October 66 - 2/B)
Annex 22	(Patrol Report of 13 October 66 - 3/C)
Annex 23	(Patrol Report of 13 October 66 - 3/B)
Annex 24	(Patrol Report of 15 October 66 - 2/D)
Annex 25	(Patrol Report of 15 October 66 - 3/D)
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Annex 29	(Patrol Report of 19 October 66 - 3/A)
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Annex 31	(Patrol Report of 23 October 66 - 3/D)
Annex 32	(Patrol Report of 23 October 66 - 3/B)
Annex 33	(Patrol Report of 23 October 66 - 1/A)
Annex 34	(Patrol Report of 25 October 66 - 3/A)
Annex 35	(Patrol Report of 27 October 66 - 2/B)
Annex 36	(Patrol Report of 27 October 66 - 1/B)
Annex 37	(Patrol Report of 29 October 66 - Hq/A w/attachments)
Annex 38	(Patrol Report of 29 October 66 - 3/D)
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Annex 40	(Patrol Report of 31 October 66 - 1/B)
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## DAILY SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (Chu Lai)

1 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay and survl of surrounding area vic BS 635506. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. Co "A" Cmd Grp cont to maintain radio-relay and Cmd Grp at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of BT 066226.

(a) 012010H suspect VC around our position vic BT 066226. Hearing drums beating, also noises in bushes. Called arty on plotted concentrations. Neg results.

4. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of BT 391052 and survl of surrounding area.

(a) 011745H 15 VC moving E on trail vic BT 399078, khaki, blk PJ's, and camouflage materials. Carrying packs, rifles (type unk). FM called, arty split VC into two groups, cont FM on 2 VC moving E on trail. 3/5 is in contact and is physically pursuing VC. Neg results fm FM.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to maintain OP on Hill 302 vic of BT 313109 and survl of surrounding area.

(a) LATE ENTRY 302315H 2nd Plt, Co "C" position probed by estimated 8 to 10 VC, grenade to small arms exchange. Neg friendly casualties, enemy casualties unk.

(b) 010415H visual contact with 5 VC with exchange of grenades and small arms west side of this position vic BT 313109. Neg friendly casualties, VC unk.

(c) 010605H 1 VC seen crawling away from this position toward N taken under small arms fire; 1 VC KIA (prob). At same time contact made with 2 VC NE end of this position. VC casualties unk. Investigated area, found several sets of body drag marks.

6. 1 Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co "C" cont to maintain OP at AN HOA vic of BS 474864 and survl of surrounding area.

(a) 010915H unk number of VC ambushed RF patrol vic Bs 448875. RF patrol broke contact and returned to RF camp vic BS 474864. 3rd Plt, Co "C" called FM on ambush site and results were, 4 VC KIA (conf). Good coverage on target.

7. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 519561. Neg sightings dur pd.

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2 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay and survl of surrounding area vic BS 635586.

(a) 021835H 2 VC walking W on trail vic BS 660576, blk PJ's, rifles.

(b) 021836H 5 VC running N to boats vic BS 657573, blk PJ's and shorts. 2 rifles and large bundles.

(c) 021840H 3 VC walking W on trail vic BS 661573, blk PJ's, coolie hats, rifles.

(d) 021840H 1 VC running down trail vic BS 646573, green shirt, white shorts, coolie hat, large pack.

(e) 021848H 1 boat heading for radio-relay's side of river vic BS 651573. No FM called.

2. Three man radio-relay tm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 021315H after 54 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic of BT 066226. 5 sightings were made with a total of 13 VC reported. 3 FM were called resulting in 3 KIA's probable. 1 HUE strike was called resulting in unk results.

(a) 020630H 1 VC in khakies; spot sighting.

(b) 021100H 3 VC approaching patrol's position, khakies, no covers, short hair. Patrol fired small arms, 1 VC KIA conf, VC returned fire with grenades, small arms and automatic weapons. Fire fight lasted 10 minutes. 10 rounds 60mm mortar fired vic BT 063229. Called FM with unk results. 1500's strafed and rocketed area. 20-30 VC in attack.

4. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 021530H after 69 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic of BT 391052. 4 sightings were made with a total of 72 VC reported. 2 fire missions were called resulting in unk VC casualties. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 020700H to conduct grd recon/obser vic of Hill 395 BT 251063. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 020630H to conduct grd recon/obser vic of Hill 410 BS 452931.

(a) 020755H 1st Plt, Co "C" found rice storage approx 1,000 lbs. Destroyed.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 021530H after 70 1/2 hrs of maintaining OP and survl of BT 313109 and the surrounding area. 13 sightings were made with a total of 86 VC reported. 11 FM were called with unk results.

(a) 020120H 5 VC NE side of perimeter. Taken under fire 3 VC KIA (conf), 3 VC fired on OP fm NE also 5 to 7 VC fired on OP fm N side. FM called, excellent coverage on target. Results not observed.

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(b) 020250H to 020445H 2nd Flt, Co "C" position cont probed approx by 15 to 20 VC. FM called, fired small arms. 2 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC WIA (prob).

8. 1 Sqd, 3rd Flt, Co "C" cont to maintain OP at AN HOA vic of BS 474864 and survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

9. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

10. 2nd Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 519561. Neg sightings dur pd.

3 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay and survl of surrounding area vic BS 635586.

(a) 030930H 2 VC walking E on trail vic BS 646573, 1 green shirt, 1 blk shirt and shorts w/white coolie hats. Carrying rifles (type unk), packs. No FM called.

2. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHUOC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 2nd Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 395 BT 251063.

(a) 031445H 1 VCS running across trail vic BT 214051, blk PJ's, equip unidentified.

(b) 031513H 2 VCS ran into tree line vic BT 256074, blk PJ's, equip unidentified.

4. 1st Flt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 410 BS 452931.

(a) 031030H 5 VC moving NE vic BS 447943, blk PJ's, white coolie hats. Carrying rifles (type unk) and packs. VC were moving as if they suspected observation. No FM, VC out of sight.

5. 1 Sqd, 3rd Flt, Co "C" was extracted at 031000H BS 474864 after 285 hrs of maintaining OP and surveillance of AN HOA and the surrounding area. 2 sightings were made with a total of 20 VC reported. 2 FM were called resulting in 4 VC KIA (conf), 3 VC KIA (prob).

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 1st Flt, Co "D" was inserted at 030815H to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 388035. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 2nd Flt, Co "D" was reinserted 0700H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 519561.

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(a) 031030H 2 VC obse, OP and harbour site, sniping at both vic BS 552463, green utilities. Carrying 1 rifle (type unk), 1 carbine (U.S.) and cartridge belt. Returned fire with small arms, 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 031145H and inserted at MINH LONG.

9. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 030900H to conduct grd recon/obser of the DONG DANG valley vic BT 281119. Neg sightings dur pd.

4 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co was extracted at 041445H after 455 3/4 hrs of maintaining radio-relay and survl of surrounding area vic BS 635586. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUIC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 040730H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 241. 1st Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 041830H after 11 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 241.

(a) 040815H 2 VC in house vic BS 467724. One fled, one captured. Blk PJ's, unk equip on VC that fled. Five 10 gal cans of rice, much clothing, 2 packs, communist propaganda leaflets. 25 gals of water, 200 ears of corn. Destroyed as much as possible. Prisoner bit corpsman.

(b) 041100H 1 VC walking south on trail vic BS 455719, full khaki and white pith helmet, rifle, cartridge belt and pack.

(c) 041205H 3 VC walking north on trail vic BS 458711, 1 grey uniform, 2 blk PJ's, 2 pith helmets, 1 coolie hat, 2 rifles, 3 packs.

(d) 041226H 1 VC walking north on trail vic BS 458711, blk PJ's, white coolie hat, pack and rifle.

(e) 041245H 6 VC walking S on trail vic BS 459709, blk PJ's, white coolie hat. 1 had camouflage over coolie hat and pack. 3 packs.

(f) 041255H 2 VC walking NW towards river vic BS 458703, 1 blk PJ's, 1 blue shirt/blk bottoms. 2 pith helmets, 2 cartridge belts, 1 rifle, 1 automatic rifle.

(g) 041334H 2 VC walking SE on trail vic BS 464703, 1 grey uniform, 1 blk PJ's, 2 rifles.

(h) 041326H 1 VC walking N on trail vic BS 458711, blk PJ's, white hat, 1 pack.

(i) 041345H 1 VC walking N on trail vic BS 461702, blk PJ's, 1 pith helmet, 1 rifle and cartridge belt.

(j) 041400H 8 VC walking SE on trail vic BS 461714, mixed grey and blk uniforms, pith helmets, 8 rifles.

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(k) 041525H 1 VC walking south on trail vic BS 455716, blk PJ's, 1 pack and rifle.

(l) 041535H 1 VC walking N on trail vic BS 455716, khaki shorts and shirts, pith helmet, 1 rifle and pack.

(m) 041645H 8 VC in tree line vic BS 467715, firing fm 50 meters. Patrol returned fire. Fixed wing aircraft, bombed, strafed and napalmed with excellent effect. H-34's extracted patrol under heavy SA and AW fire. Neg obser enemy casualties.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 041530H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 395, BT 251063. 2 sightings were made with a total of 3 VC reported. No FM were called.

5. 3rd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 040630H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 488 vic BT 132197. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 041600H after 58 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 410 BS 452931. 1 sighting was made with a total of 5 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

8. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 380035.

(a) 041415H 14 VC running into bush vic BT 366067, 3 khaki, 11 blk PJ's, 2 packs, 3 rifles. At 041420H saw 6 VC enter house at BT 366067, when first round hit 14 VC were observed coming fm house and entering brush near by. On second round, 2 VC ran out of brush-fired for effect. Good coverage of target. No other VC seen as yet.

(b) 041750H 4 VC milling about bmrnt house vic BT 360565, blk PJ's, 4 rifles, 4 packs. FM called.

9. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was reinserted at 041400H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 559514.

(a) 041825H 1 VC checking position vic BS 560510, blk PJ's, equip unk.

10. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to maintain grd recon/obser of the DONG DANG valley vic BT 281119.

(a) 041305H 8 VC crossed paddy and went into bush NW end vic BT 281115. 7 w/blk PJ's, 1 in khaki, rifles.

(b) 041840H 27 VC obser position vic BT 277115, blk PJ's, 27 rifles. Unable to contact arty.

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5 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 3rd Flt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 488 vic BT 132197. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 1st Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 388035.
  - (a) 051425H 6 VC milling around burnt house vic BT 365065, blk PJ's, 3 rifles, 3 packs. FM cancelled due to fog.
  - (b) 051500H 3 VC moving N on trail vic BT 370064, 1 khaki, 2 blk PJ's, 1 pack, 2 rifles. FM called, excel coverage, 1 VC KIA (prob).
5. 2nd Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 559514. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 3rd Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic DONG DANG valley vic BT 281119.
  - (a) 051145H 3 VC in house vic BT 278117, blk PJ's, rifles. FM called, excel coverage, house destroyed.

6 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHOUC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. Two man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co was inserted to establish radio-relay at TRA BONG vic BS 345880. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 3rd Flt, Co "A" was inserted at 061620H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 323 BS 352898. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Flt, Co "B" was extracted at 061030H after 52 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 483 vic BT 132197. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" was inserted 061215H to establish radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 2nd Flt, Co "C" was inserted at 061200H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 559514. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" was extracted at 061215H after maintaining radio-relay vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to maintain scety and survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

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8. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH Valley vic BT 388035.

(a) 060940H 15 VC on trail walking SE vic BT 378043, all blk PJ's. Carrying 16 rifles (type unk), 4 packs. FM called ; good coverage. No movement in area seen afterwards.

9. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 061215H after 218 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 559514. 2 sightings were made with a total of 3 VC reported.

10. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 060945H after 72 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic DONG DANG Valley BT 261119. 3 sightings were made with a total of 40 VC reported. 1 FM called resulting in 1 house destroyed.

(a) 060940H received 10-20 rds sniper fire upon extraction vic BT 289189. Fire appeared to be coming fm 3 different positions, vic BT 290125, BT 291122 and BT 286122.

7 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TIEN PHUOC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings du pd.

2. Two man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TRA BONG vic BS 343882. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 070700H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 100 BT 329131.

(a) 071115H 2 VC walking NW on trail vic BT 323121, 1 khaki, 1 blue, 1 pack, 2 rifles. No FM called.

(b) 071250H 2 VC walking SE on trail vic BT 329115, 1 blk PJ's, 1 blue PJ's. Carrying 1 rifle (type unk), 2 packs. No FM called.

(c) 071410H 2 VC walking W on trail vic BT 332121, 1 blk PJ's, 1 white PJ's. Carrying 2 rifles (type unk), 1 pack. No FM called.

(d) 071615H 1 VC walking SE into village vic BT 326119, dark green, cochie hat. Carrying 1 pack with vine camouflage.

(e) 071625H 2 VC walking SE on trail vic BT 329117, dark green uniform, 2 rifles and packs. FM called, unable to observe results.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 323 BS 352898. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "E" was inserted at 070630H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 257 BS 411771. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 071930H after conducting 13 hrs of grd recon/obser of Hill 257. There were 14 sightings made for a total of 92 VC reported. There were no FM called.

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(a) 070815H 25 VC moving NW along trail vic BS 393800, blk PJ's, khaki, white helmets, rifles, large packs.

(b) 070830H 4 VC moving E on trail vic BS 413792, blk PJ's khaki, 2 rifles.

(c) 070840H 6 VC moving NW along trail vic BS 396798, khaki, heavy packs.

(d) 070900H 6 VC moving NW along trail vic BS 393800, khaki, packs.

(e) 070915H 4 VC moving NW along trail vic BS 396798, khaki, packs.

(f) 070940H 5 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 413792, blk PJ's, khaki, rifles, packs.

(g) 071015H 7 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 414793, khaki, 1 pack, 2 rifles.

(h) 071025H 5 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 396798, blk PJ's, 1 khaki, packs.

(i) 071050H 4 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 414793, 2 blk PJ's, 2 khaki, packs.

(j) 071133H 6 VC moving SE on trail vic BS 413792, blk PJ's, khaki, packs and rifles.

(k) 071150H 6 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 393798, khaki, heavy packs.

(l) 071415H 6 VC walking NW on trail vic BS 395798, blk PJ's. Carrying packs, no FM called.

(m) 071545H 3 VC moving SE on trail vic BS 395798, blk PJ's. Carrying rifles (type unk). No FM called.

(n) 071600H 1 VC observing patrol; then 2nd man, then 3rd man joined together, 120 meters from patrol; 2 more joined them for a total of 5. 071750H drew fire, small arms and carbine-fire fight took place as men on point returned fire, 2 screams indicated at least 2 VC KIA's. VC broke contact. Fixed wing arrived and strafed and bombed area. It was determined that there were 15 VC from reports of weapons. Upon extraction helo's took fire fm S. 1st Plt, Co "B" between the hrs of 070630H and 071930H had a total of 14 sightings of 92 VC.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to maintain a patrol base at MINH LONG vic BS 535515 and to carry out patrolling operations. Neg sightings du pd.

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8. 1st Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 071615H after 128 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KILACH Valley vic BT 388035. 8 sightings were made with a total of 53 VC reported. 7 FM were called resulting in 1 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC KIA (prob).

(a) 070715H 5 VC standing on trail vic BT 365065, blk PJ's, 4 rifles, FM called, 1 VC KIA(conf).

(b) 071055H 3 VC milling around burnt house vic BT 367065, 1 khaki, 2 blk PJ's, 3 rifles, 1 pack. FM called, good coverage, 1 VC KIA(prob).

(c) 071220H 2 VC milling around dead body vic BT 365064, blk PJ's, 2 rifles.

8 October 1966

1. Three man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co was extracted at 080900H after maintaing radio-relay at TIEN PHUOC vic BT 108142. Neg sightings du pd.

2. Two man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay at TRA BONG vic BS 343882. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 100 BT 329131.

(a) 081255H 2 VC walking E vic BT 326134, blk PJ's, white helmets, 1 pack, 1 rifle. No FM called.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 323 BS 352898. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 080645H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 526 BS 396931.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "C" cont to maintain a patrol base at MINH LONG vic BS 555515, and to carry out patrolling operations. Neg sightings du pd.

9 October 1966

1. Battalion Cmd Grp Forward was inserted at 090630H vic BS 343882 to control Battalion operations out of CIDG camp TRA BONG.

2. 1st Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 091545H after 56 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 100 BT 329131. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 091500H after 71 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 323 BS 352898. Neg sightings du pd.

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4. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 090730H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 338813.

(a) 091205H 5 VC moving E vic BS 351807, green ponchos could not obser wpns, but seemed to be carrying them under ponchos. Have packs, notified County Fair.

(b) 091330H 2 VC moving N along trail vic BS 349807, khaki with khaki hats. Carrying 2 submachine guns, packs, cartridge belts with canteens. No FM called.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 090630H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 515 BS 368852. Neg sightings du pd.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

7. 1st Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 526 BS 396931. Neg sightings du pd.

8. 2nd Plt, Co "C" was reinserted at 090830H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 580535.

(a) 091030H to 091330H 16 VC crossing river on ferry boat E to W, vic BS 613524, uniforms mixed. Carrying rifles and packs. Remarks: Ferry crosses E to W carries 4 VC per load, returns empty. VC landed on E side and concealed in small tree line approx. 1750 meters from BS 568482. No FM called.

(b) 091515H 5 VC moving E to W on trail vic BS 600514, blk PJ's. Carrying rifles and belts. No FM called.

(c) 091415H to 091645H 9 VC crossing river on ferry E to W, vic BS 613524, white PJ's, carrying rifles and cartridge belts. No FM called.

10 October 1966

1. Bn Cmd Grp Forward cont to control Bn Oper out of CIDG Camp TRA BONG vic BS 343882. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 338813.

(a) 091826H 9 VC walking N on trail vic BS 345803, blk PJ's, khakis, carrying packs and rifles (type unk). LATE ENTRY.

(b) 100925H 15 VC moving W on trail vic BS 348806, blk PJ's, khakis, carrying packs and rifles (type unk).

(c) 101245H 3 VC moving W on trail vic BS 345804, khaki, blk shorts. Carrying ruck sacks, cartridge belts, canteens. No FM called.

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(d) 101255H 2 VC moving S on trail into bushes vic BS 345804, green shirts, green shorts, khaki shorts, blk shorts, and coolie hats. Carrying packs, cartridge belts. No FM called.

(e) 101455H 15 VC moving E on trail vic BS 353808, mixed blk shorts, and khaki. Carrying packs. No FM called.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 515 vic BS 368852. Neg sightings du pd.

4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), -1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 101600H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 526 BS 396931. Neg sightings du pd.

6. 2nd Plt Co "C" was extracted at 101500H after 99 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 580535. 1 KIA, 9 WIA, details will follow later.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 100630H to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH Valley vic BT 387035. Neg sightings du pd.

11 October 1966

1. Bn Cmd Grp Forward cont to control Bn Oper out of CIDG Camp TRA BONG vic BS 343882. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 111530H after 56½ hrs of maintaining grd recon/obser vic BS 338813.

(a) 110810H 4 VC moving NW on trail vic BS 348808, 3 blk PJ's, khaki, carrying 1 M-1, 1 carbine (U.S.) all had packs, 3 had helmets, 1 carrying 2 large cooking pots. No FM called.

(b) 110855H 13 VC moving W on trail vic BS 349807, blk PJ's, khaki, light green shirts. Carrying large ruck sacks, some cartridge belts with canteens, some have large sacks strapped on their backs, no rifles. No FM called.

(c) 111055H 8 VC moving E on trail vic BS 349807, blk PJ's, khaki, carrying packs, 2 rifles, helmets. No FM called.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 111615H after 57 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 515 vic BS 368852. Neg sightings du pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 110630H to establish OP vic BS 432853 and maintain survl of surrounding area in support of 2/7 conducting sweep.

(a) 111250H 2 VC moving W then E in rice paddy vic BS 445841, blk PJ's, coolie hats, no equip observed. Rice paddy uncultivated. No FM called.

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5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. LATE ENTRY 2nd Flt, Co "C" was extracted at 101600H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 580535.

(a) 2nd Flt, Co "C" was located in an OP at BS 593517. At 101350H the patrol moved out west toward their extraction LZ. The patrol was hit by approx 30-50 VC almost immediately; the VC were on line N to S at BS 590518 firing semiautomatic and automatic weapons, and throwing grenades. The VC were wearing green and khaki uniforms, and some blk PJ's. Soft covers were observed on several VC. Also observed was a cheap material patch with 37-B on it pinned on the arm sleeve. The VC carried weapons of all types, wore canteens and cartridge belts, and two types of shoes-indigenous sneakers and a buckle type boot. The fire fight lasted 15 min; tactical air controller airborne arrived and directed fixed wing and strafing runs. H-34's arrived to extract patrol, and fixed wing then worked over the entire area. 2nd Flt, Co "C" reported 16 VC KIA (conf), friendly casualties were 1 Marine KIA, 10 Marine WIA (one serious).

7. 3rd Flt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 387035. Neg sightings dur pd.

12 October 1966

1. Bn Cmd Grp Forward was extracted at 121130H after 77 hrs of controlling Bn Operations out of CIDG Camp TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" was inserted at 121000H to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" was inserted at 121000H to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Flt, Co "B" cont to maintain OP vic BS 432853, and survl of surrounding area in support of 2/7 conducting sweep. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Flt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 387035. Neg sightings dur pd.

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1. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

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2. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 3rd Flt, Co "A" was inserted at 130800H to provide scety at CIDG Camp MINH LONG vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Flt, Co "B" was extracted at 131530H after 57 hrs of maintaining OP and survl of BS 432853 and the surrounding area in support of 2/7 conducting sweep. 1 sighting was made with a total of 2 VCS reported. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "C" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 3rd Flt, Co "C" was extracted at 131600H after 81½ hrs of conducting grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 387035. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 1st Flt, Co "D" was inserted at 131600H to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 387035. Neg sightings dur pd.
8. 2nd Flt, Co "D" was inserted at 130700H to establish OP on Hill 508 vic BS 327857 and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
9. 3rd Flt, Co "D" was inserted at 130630H to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHU THO valley BT 310015. Neg sightings dur pd.

14 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 1 Sqd, 1st Flt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Flt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at CIDG Camp vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 1st Flt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the PHUOC KHACH valley vic BT 387035.
  - (a) 140920H 2 VC moving W on trail vic BT 368069, blk PJ's, carrying 1 pack. No FM called.
  - (b) 141000H 1 VC hiding in treeline vic BT 365065, khakies, 1 pack. No FM called.
  - (c) 141030H 3 VC moving NW on trail vic BT 367066, 2 blk PJ's, 1 blk PJ bottom, khaki top, 3 rifles. Outstanding coverage. Obser 1 VC running NW 100m from last FM. 2 VC KIA (prob).

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(d) 141430H 5 VC carrying 1 VC wounded N from vic BT 387052, 5 blk PJ's, 1 camouflage uniform. Carrying 1 rifle (type unk), 1 pack. FM called, 2 VC KIA (conf), 3 VC carrying wounded VC moved into treeline, unable to observe results of FM because of foliage.

(e) 141535H to 141540H 7 VC walking NE crossing rice paddy vic BT 348072, 6 blk PJ's, 1 light clothing, no covers. Carried rifles (type unk). Remarks: 3 VC crossing at 5 min intervals. 4 VC crossing opening at a run. No FM called.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 327857. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic PHU THO valley AT 310015. Neg sightings dur pd.

15 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scty at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scty at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scty at CIDG Camp vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "C" departed CHU LAI detachment 1st Recon Bn at 150330H aboard LST enroute to DA NANG 1st Recon Bn.

6. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 387035, PHUOC KHACH valley.

(a) 151530H 2 VC on trail vic BT 346081, uniform unk, 2 packs. No FM called.

(b) 151321H 3 VC milling around burnt house vic BT 367065, 1 light clothing, 2 PJ's, 3 rifles. FM called, good coverage. Unable to obser results due to heavy foliage.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 150900H after 50 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 327857.

(a) 142130H 1 man fm 2nd Plt, Co "D" was checking perimeter and lost way in darkness. He wandered outside perimeter and tried to make his way back, men near him challenged, with no reply, he opened fire believing movement was VC.

8. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 151530H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 317010. Neg sightings dur pd.

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16 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at CIDG Camp vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 160800H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 352898. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 160630H to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 257 BS 413775. Neg sightings dur pd.
7. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 387035.

(a) 160800H 10 VC milling around 1 shack in tree line vic BT 348076, 1 blue PJ's, 5 blk PJ's, 4 khaki clotning, 4 packs, 4 rifles (type unk). FM called, outstanding coverage of target area, couldn't determine effect on target because of foliage.

17 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.
2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.
3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.
4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at CIDG Camp vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.
5. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 352898. Neg sightings dur pd.
6. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 171430H after 32 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 413775.

(a) 171200H 2nd Plt, Co "B" received 8 rds, small arms fire vic BS 402755.

(b) 171300H received 20-30 rds S/A and A/W fire into their positions vic BS 404769. Returned fire and moved to LZ fm which they were extracted.

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7. 1st Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 171615H after 56 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BF 387035. 8 sightings were made with a total of 31 VC reported. 4 FM were called, resulting in 2 VC KIA (conf), 2 VC KIA (prob). Neg sightings dur pd.

18 October 1966

1. 4 man ra dio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 180800H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 555480.

(a) 181520H 3 VC moving toward our position vic BS 554475, camouflage util unk equip. Used M-16 mine on them. Believe outstanding effect.

5. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 181700H after 58 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 352898. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 180700H to establish OP vic BS 432853. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was inserted at 180630H to conduct grd recon/obser of upper PHUOC KHACH valley (THON HAI) vic BF 362089. Neg sightings dur pd.

19 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 191500H after 15 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 555480. 5 sightings were made with a total of 156 VC reported. 2 fixed wing strikes were called resulting in unk results.

(a) 191035H 3 VC at a time being ferryed across river vic BS 612513. Uniforms unk, packs and possible rifles. Air strike req. Appears to be VC unit getting across river, est 15 already across, more coming.

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(b) 191230H 10 VC or more approached 3rd Plt, Co "A" OP vic BS 556476, from the E; received S/A fire and grenades, returned S/A fire and VC broke contact. 1 VC KIA (conf).

(c) 191330H Est plt of VC firing at OP vic BS 556476 with S/A fire and A/W, plus grenades. Returned fire with S/A and claymores. 1 Friendly WIA.

(d) 191500H 3rd Plt, Co "A" extracted.

5. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 532853. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser of the upper PHUOC KHA CH (THON HAI) valley vic BT 362089.

(a) 191500H 2 VC walking on trail vic BT 362069, PJ's, blue top, blk bottoms, carrying packs. Unable to call FM because target moved out of sight.

20 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide acty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide acty at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide acty at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 436850. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 3rd Plt, Co "C" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BT 362089, upper PHUOC KHA CH (THON HAI) valley. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 200700H to conduct obser of the SONG TRA BONG river valley vic BS 393888. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 200730H to conduct obser of the SONG GIANG River valley and trail network vic BS 351608. Neg sightings dur pd.

21 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide acty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide acty at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide acty at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

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4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 436850. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 3rd Plt, Co "C" was extracted at 211600H after 8 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BT 362069. No FM were called. 1 sighting was made with a total of 2 VC reported. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct obser, of the SONG TRA BONG river valley vic BS 393888. Neg sightings dur pd.

7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct obser of the SONG CLANG river valley and trail network at vic BS 351808. Neg sightings dur pd.

22 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 436850. Neg sightings dur pd.

(a) 1 friendly KIA, details to follow

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct obser of the SONG TRA BONG river valley vic BS 393888. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct obser of the SONG CLANG river valley and trail network at vic BS 351808. Neg sightings dur pd.

23 October 1966

1. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "A" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 3rd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 231230H after 125 1/2 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 436850.

(a) LATE ENTRY: one USMC KIA by M-26 hand grenade. Grenade had been

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set as booby trap in defense of perimeter and Marine was disarming it in preparation for move from OP. Grenade detonated during or shortly after disarming. Investigation being conducted.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 231300H after 78 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 393888. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 231330H after 78 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic BS 351808. Neg sightings dur pd.

24 October 1966

1. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was inserted at 241100H to conduct ARC LIGHT assessment damage vic BS 3683. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 241145H to conduct and maintain OP vic Hill 410 BT 389034. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" was inserted at 240800H to replace Co "A" at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 240800H to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

25 October 1966

1. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 251430H after 316 1/2 hrs of providing scy at TRA BONG vic BS 343880. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" want to provide scy at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 3rd Plt, Co "A" was extracted at 250800H after 22 hrs of conducting grd recon of ARC LIGHT Assessment damage, vic BS 3683.

(a) 2 VC harbor sites were located vic BS 371839 and BS 368839. One received direct hit. Found blood on 4 trees. Low hammocks made from vines, dishes bottles and clay pots. These sites had been used recently.

4. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 250700H to establish OP vic Hill 410 BS 447928. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to maintain OP vic Hill 410 BT 389034. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay vic MINH LONG 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

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7. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

26 October 1966

1. 1 sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scty at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings du pd.

2. 1st Plt, Co "B" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 410 BS 447928.

(a). 261455H 3 VC moving E along river vic BS 441947, blk and khaki PJ's, coolie hats, packs.

3. 2nd Plt, Co "B" cont to maintain OP Hill 410 BT 389034. Neg sightings du pd.

4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scty and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

(a) At 262100H plt will establish ambush and survl trail junction vic BS 510515.

27 October 1966

1. Co "A" with 1 sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A", 3rd Plt, Co "A", 3rd Plt, Co "C" and 1 photographer fm Div was inserted at 270700H to conduct grd recon/damage assessment for ARG LIGHT vic BS 382765.

(a) 270747H 5 VC moving S along stream vic BS 378761, 1 blk PJ's, carrying packs, canteens, cartridge belts. 1 VC KIA(conf) with equip engaged with small arms. Pack contained 2 grey uniforms, transistor radio, many official looking documents in diary form. Diamond patch with sides about 2 ins, with inscription "TANG IM HONG". Remarks: Gear in excellent condition, many toilet articles. Believe PJ's cover for NVN soldier.

2. 1 sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scty at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings du pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 271600H after 57 hrs of conducting grd recon/obser vic Hill 410 BS 447928. 1 sighting du pd with a total of 3 VC reported.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 271530H after 76 hrs of maintaining OP on Hill 410 vic BT 389034. Neg sightings du pd.

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5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515.

(a) At 262100H plt established ambush and survl of trail junction vic BS 510515.

(b) At 271530H plt arrived at BA "D" position; BS 535515.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 271500H to conduct OP Hill 410 vic BT 389035. Neg sightings du pd.

28 October 1966

1. Co "A" Hq with 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A", 3rd Plt, Co "A" and 3rd Plt, Co "C" was reinserted at 281600H to continue same mission on second Arc Light vic BS 416793.

(a) 280830H 4 VC moving SW along stream bank vic BS 365772, blk PJ's, carrying 2 rifles (type unk), 2 cartridge belts, packs, and pith helmets, No FM called.

(b) 281430H Co "A" Hq's with attachments was approaching LZ BS 385756 to be extracted and sighted 40 VC moving on trail through LZ. VC were wearing blk PJ's and green utilities, carrying packs, rifles (type unk) and every third one carried automatic weapons. Patrol called HULE escort who called fixed wing air strike and acted as TAC (A). After air strike helo extracted patrol fm LZ. Air strike casualties unk.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct OP Hill 410 vic BT 389035. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was inserted at 280630H to establish OP vic Hill 417 vic BS 495716 and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

29 October 1966

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co was inserted at 290630H to establish and maintain radio-relay vic TIEN PHOUC BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

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2. Co "A" with 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A", 3rd Plt, Co "A", 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 291615H after 57½ hrs of conducting grd recon/damage assessment for Arc Light vic BS 416793.

(a) 290745H 4 VC walking NW to river vic BS 418797, blk PJ's, carrying packs, no FM called.

(b) 290855H 3 VC going E on trail vic BS 429809, blk PJ's, 1 rifle (type unk), no FM called.

(c) 290910H 1 VC walking E along trail vic BS 437798, blk PJ's, 1 pack, no FM called.

(d) 291240H 2 VC walking E on trail vic BS 437798, blk PJ's, coolie hats, utilities, carried 2 packs, 1 rifle (type unk), no FM called.

(e) 291250H 2 VC walking E on trail vic BS 447798, blk PJ's, carried 2 baskets, no FM called.

(f) 291255H 1 VC walking E on trail vic BS 446798, blk PJ's, and coolie hats, carried 1 submachine gun (type unk), no FM called.

(g) 291256H 5 VC going E on trail vic BS 449792, 2 grey uniforms, 3 blk PJ's, carried 2 carbines (type unk), no FM called.

3. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

5. 1st Plt, Co "D" was reinserted at 290630H to cont same mission of grd recon/obser vic BS 559516.

(a) 290940H 7 visible VC moving towards OP vic BS 564517, blk PJ's, carrying rifles (type unk) and automatic weapons (type unk). Called Fm, good coverage, unable to assess damage. Remarks: believe VC to be a point of larger element moving up fm NE. Heard considerable noise on N side of OP. Request extraction.

(b) 291008H patrol reported seeing 2 VC and receiving automatic fire vic BS 564517, also received intermittent semi-automatic wpns fire approx 200 meters SW of vic BS 564417, unable to determine number of VC.

(c) 1st Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 291200H into MINH LONG vic BS 535515.

(d) 1st Plt, Co "D" will walk out of MINH LONG vic BS 535515 and conduct grd recon/obser vic Hill 234 BS 523485 at 292200H.

6. 2nd Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct OP Hill 410 vic BS 389035. Neg sightings dur pd.

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7. 3rd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 291600H after 33½ hrs of maintaining OP vic Hill 417 BS 495716. 3 sightings were made with a total of 22 VC reported. 2 FM were called.

(a) 281700H LATE ENTRY 8 VC harboured in house vic BS 478721, blk PJ's, carried rifles (type unk), no FM called.

(b) 290915H patrol received 15 to 20 rds sniper fire vic BS 4971. FM called, results unk.

(c) 290945H 14 VC harboured in 2 houses vic BS 478721, blk PJ's and soft covers, carried rifles (type unk) and U. S. carbines. FM called, 1 house partially destroyed, 1 hut completely destroyed. 2nd house not hit. No casualties observed, but excellent coverage.

30 October 1966

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay vic TIEN PHOUC BT 111141. Neg sightings dur pd.

2. 1 Sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide sety at HA THANH vic BS 395700. Neg sightings dur pd.

3. 1st Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 300945H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 356 vic BT 119236. Neg sightings dur pd.

4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was inserted at 300830H to conduct grd recon/OP on Hill 434 vic BT 089245.

(a) 301130H 20 VC moving W vic BT 070240, blk PJ's, no FM called, requested AO.

(b) 301515H 5 VC in house vic BT 079248, blk PJ's, ponchos, packs and rifles. FM called, 1 WIA (conf), 1 house destroyed, H&I will be fired here.

(c) 301631H 3 VC walking N into house vic BT 079249, khaki cover, blk PJ's, carried packs, poncho, automatic wpn with large magazine (type unk).

5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at MINH LONG vic BS 535515. 1 Sqd (Rein), 1/7 cont to provide sety and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings dur pd.

6. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser vic BS 535515.

(a) 300040H Patrol received sniper fire fr 3 sides after leaving vic BS 522496. Patrol cont in a Southerly direction to vic BS 527487 where patrol came under semi-automatic wpns fire from the E and SE. Patrol withdrew and set up a hasty defense, approx company size VC force surrounding his position. Patrol engaged enemy with small arms fire, M-79, LAW, and machine gun fire. Mort spt from Minh Long gave outstanding coverage. Contact broken at vic BS 525496. Patrol returned to Minh Long vic BS 535515 at 301600H with 1 USMC WIA.

7. 2nd Plt, Co "D" was extracted at 301600H after 73 hrs of conducting OP Hill 410 vic BT 389035. Neg sightings du pd.

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31 October 1966

1. 3 man radio-relay tm fm H&S Co cont to maintain radio-relay via Tien Phouc BT 111141. Neg sightings du pd.
2. 1 sqd, 1st Plt, Co "A" cont to provide scy at Ha Thanh via BS 395700. Neg sightings du pd.
3. 1st Plt Co "B" was extracted at 311445H after 29 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 356 via BT 119236. 1 sighting was made with a total of 2 VC reported. 1 FM called.
  - (a) 311120H Received small arms automatic fire approx 50 rds, called FM, results unk, good coverage.
  - (b) 311125H Observed 2 VC moving W from position. FM called, unable to assess FM damage. Excellent coverage.
4. 2nd Plt, Co "B" was extracted at 311415H after 29 3/4 hrs of conducting grd recon/OP on Hill 434 via BT 089245. 5 sightings were made with a total of 32 VC reported. 3 FM were called.
  - (a) 310400H Patrol report 3 to 5 incoming mort rds also 1 hand grenade was thrown into defensive perimeter. Patrol engaged enemy with hand grenades, enemy broke contact.
  - (b) 310240H 2 VC firing into position via BT 105250, unk uniform, 1 semi-auto wpn, 1 grenade.
  - (c) 311230H 2 VC moving S toward pos via BT 105259, unk uniform, 1 rifle.
  - (d) 311240H Patrol received 5 to 10 rds AW fire and 1 hand grenade, Req extraction.
5. 4 man radio-relay tm fm Co "D" cont to maintain radio-relay at Minh Long via BS 535515. 1 sqd(Rein), 1/7 cont to provide scy and maintain survl of surrounding area. Neg sightings du pd.
6. 1st Plt, Co "D" cont to conduct grd recon/obser via BS 535515. Neg sightings du pd.

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion(-) (Rein)  
DaNang, RVN, 011600H November 1966

Daily Summary of Significant Events (Da Nang)

1. 1st Recon Bn(-) (Rein) assumed OPCON 3rd Recon Bn(-) at Da Nang on 101400H Oct66 Reference CG III MAF Msg 061012Z(NOTAL).

2. FragO 28-66 Change One dtd 22 Oct 1966 from CG FirstMarDiv(Rein) list task Orgn as follows at DaNang:

First Recon Bn(-) (Rein)

Det H&SCo

Det H&SCo Third Recon Bn

CoA(-) (Rein) Third Recon Bn

CoA(-)

1st Plat, CoC, First Recon Bn

CoC(-) (Rein) Third Recon Bn

CoC(-)

2d Plat, CoA, Fifth Recon Bn

CoD(-) (Rein) Third Recon Bn

CoD(-)

1st Plat, CoA, Fifth Recon Bn

3. First Plat, CoC, 1st Recon Bn(-) (Rein) departed Chu Lai detachment at 150330H Oct66 aboard LST and arrived DaNang 18Oct66 and was attached to CoA, 3rd Recon Bn(-), 1st Recon Bn(-) (Rein).

4. 1st Plat, Co C redesignated as 2nd Plat, CoA for operational purposes, was inserted at 210930H to conduct grd recon/obser via AT944374.

A. 211000H 15 VC via AT937372 moving 20 meters from patrol's position; blk PJ's, unknown equipment. Neg contact.

B. 211030H 4 VC moving NE via AT933373, 1 khaki, 3 blk PJ's and coolie hats, 2 pole baskets, possible packs; 1 VC in khaki went into hut via above coord and the other 3 VC continued E down trail.

C. 211230H 15 VC 20 meters from patrol's position via AT937372.

D. 211400H UH-1E gunship arrived and conducted strafing runs and one rocket run on request of patrol leader into suspected VC location.

E. 211515H - 211620H patrol lost comm with Bn. UH-1E returned to patrol's position and conducted two more strafing runs.

F. 211730H, patrol was extracted.

5. Second Plat, CoA was inserted to establish radio relay and security at Dong Den via AT042468 on 24 Oct thru 31Oct. Neg sightings during period.

Enclosure

Appendix 1 to Appendix C

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