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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), IMP  
 Subj: 1ST MARINES SITREP 130 as of 31 May 1966  
 Ref: (a) 1st MarDivO 3480-1  
 Enccl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines SITREP as of 31 May 1966  
 (2) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines SITREP as of 31 May 1966  
 (3) Consolidated Operations Summary  
 (4) After Action Report for 1st Bn, 5th Marines Operation CHEYENNE

1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4) are submitted herewith.
2. CHEYENNE II terminated and all elements from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to their TAOR at 311840H. See Special Division SITREP for details.

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1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES SITREP #17 AS OF 310001H MAY TO 312400H MAY 1966

1. Narrative

a. Late Entry

(1) Negative

b. Contact Narrative

(1) At 310945H, Co D received information from two Vietnamese the location of tunnel. A Sgdn (Rein) was dispatched to the coord BT 416153 the tunnel's dimensions were four ft by four ft by 100 ft. reinforced with wood. The tunnel was destroyed with demolitions.

(2) 311400H, Co D at coord BT 416153 located another tunnel. This tunnel was found after destroying an earlier tunnel at the same coord. The dimensions are 200 meters by four meters by four meters. The tunnel will be destroyed 1 June 1966 as soon as the engineers arrive.

(3) At 311645H, Co D at coord BT 456161 apprehended one VC who was identified by Popular Forces when he was observed standing in sick call line. The VC was sent to gain information about Co D's position by VC organizer LE GIA. VC is being interrogated by interpreters and will be sent to ITP tomorrow.

c. Operation CHEYENNE TWO terminated 311840. For details see 1st Marine Division Special SITREP Operation CHEYENNE TWO.

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## OPERATIONS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION:        BN        REGT        TAOR

DATE

PERIOD:        01Z        TO        00Z

DATE

TYPE	ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY / NIGHT	SQUAD DAY / NIGHT	PLATOON DAY / NIGHT	COMPANY* DAY / NIGHT	BATTALION*
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)		A B				
LISTENING POST (LP)		C D				
AMBUSH (AMB)		E F	G H	I J		
RECON PATROL (REC)		K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)		C R	S T	U V		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)			W X (COMBAT PATROL)	Y Z	AA BB	CC
CLEARING (CLR)		EE FE	GG HH		II JJ	KK

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## PLANS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION:        BN        REGT        TAOR  
PERIOD:        01Z        TO        00Z

DATE

Type	Action	Fire Team Day/Night	Squad Day/Night	Platoon Day/Night	Company* Day/Night	Battalion* Day/Night
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)						
LISTENING POST (LP)						
AMBUSH (AMB)						
RECON PATROL (REC)						
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)						
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)						
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DAY PATROLS FOR 010600H TO 020600H JUNE 1966

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD/POR</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
A-1	FT	PALL MALL	0630	1130	488103	SEC
A-2	FT	LUCKY STRIKE	0500	0730	511119	SEC
A-2	FT	MARLBORO	0730	1800	515155	SEC
A-(CAS)	SQD	SPRING	1330	2115	477144	SEC
B-1	FT	GIN	0600	0730	393144/398144	SEC
B-3	SQD	BRANDY	0800	1630	395145	SEC
C-1	FT	GOLD	0545	0700	396145/393145	SEC
C-2	SQD	STEEL	0745	1600	397146/393145	SEC
D-1	SQD	LINCOLN	0930	1415	436161	SEC
D-1	FT	MO	0730	1200	436161	SEC
D-2	FT	SPRITE	1200	1430	436161	SEC
D-3	FT	FORD	0600	0800	417153	SEC

NIGHT PATROLS FOR 010600H TO 020600H JUNE 1966

A-1	FT	DIANNE	1930	2330	488102	SEC
A-1	FT	WANDA	0240	0615	488102	SEC
A-1	FT	WANDA (a)	0240	0615	488102	AMB
A-2	FT	SUSIE	1800	0500	511120	SEC
A-(CAS)	FT	ANN	2130	0300	477144	SEC
A-(CAS)	FT	BARBARA	2100	0200	477144	SEC
A-(CAS)	FT	ASPARAGAS	2100	0200	477144	AMB
A-(CAS)	FT	PATRICIA	1800	0600	477144	SEC
A-(CAS)	FT	SQASH	1800	0600	477144	AMB
B-1	SQD	PORT	2400	0545	395145	SEC
B-1	SQD	VOODKA	2400	0545	395145	AMB
B-2	FT	RUM	0200	0315	397144	SEC
B-3	FT	PRIMO	2000	2300	394144/397144	SEC
C-1	FT	SILVER	2000	2130	398146	SEC
C-2	FT	ALUMINIUM	0030	0300	395145	LAYOUT
C-3	SQD	LEAD	2330	0400	394144	SEC
C-3	SQD	COPPER	2330	0400	394144	AMB
D-1	FT	FALCON	2000	0100	436161	SEC
D-1	FT	RIVIERA	2000	0100	436161	AMB
D-2	FT	HEALY	0200	0600	436161	SEC
D-3	FT	TRIUMPH	2000	2330	417153	SEC
D-3	FT	JAGUAR	2000	2330	417153	AMB

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ISLAND DAY PATROLS  
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THE BATTLE SHIP **657** IN (1,50,000)  
THE BATTLE SHIP **739** IN (1,50,000)

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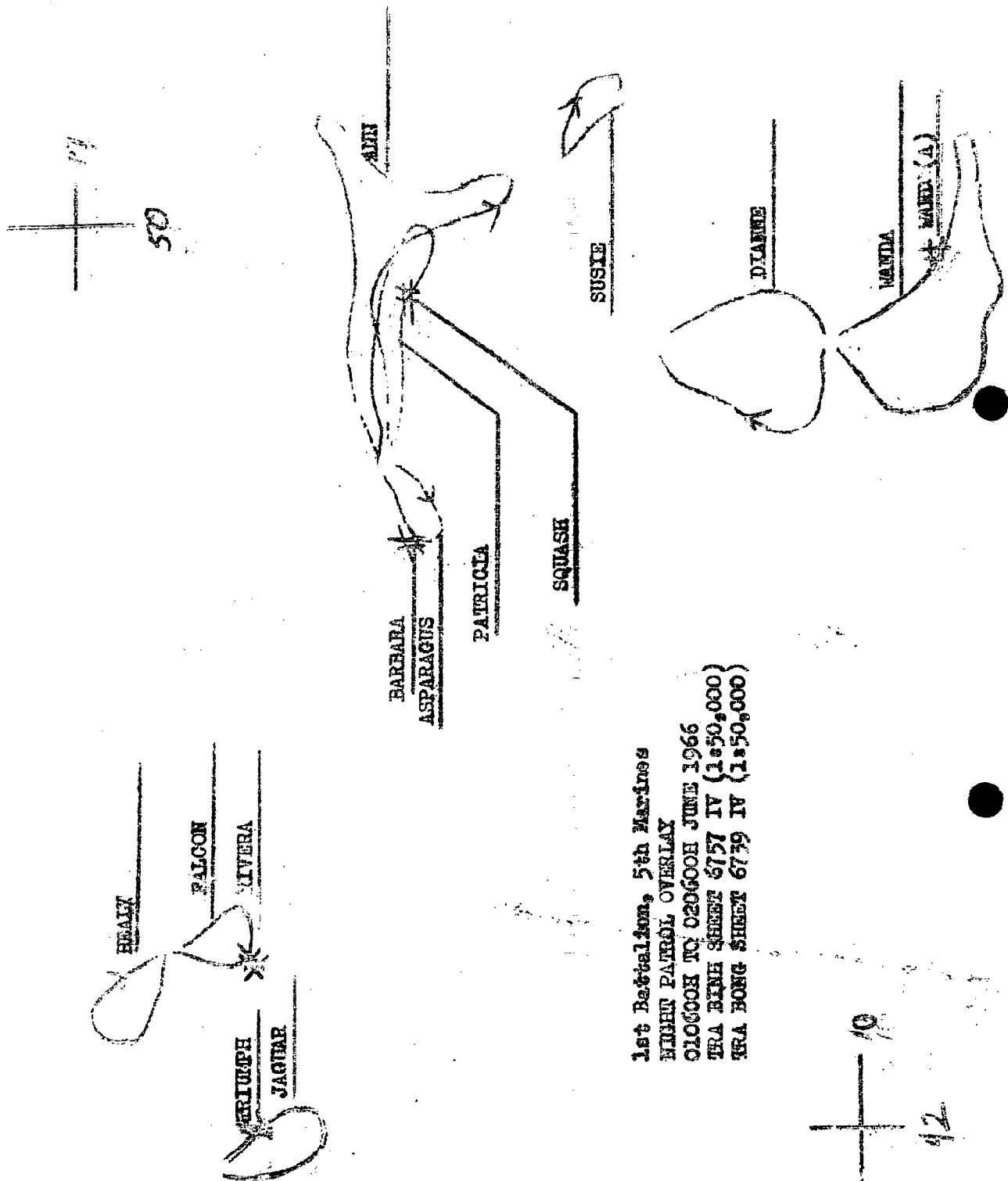
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
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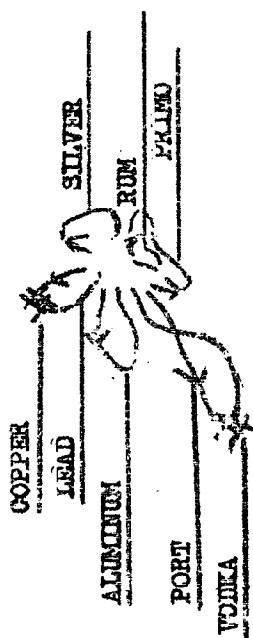
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
EIGHT PATROL OVERLAY  
010000 TO 020600H JUNE 1966  
TRA B14H SHEET 6757 IV (1:50,000)  
TRA B16H SHEET 6739 IV (1:50,000)

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
010600Z TO 020600Z JUNE 1966  
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NIGHT PATROL OVERLAY

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2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES SITREP 47 AS OF 310000H MAY 10 312400H MAY 1966

1. Narrative

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a. A patrol from Company 6 at 074200H received 100 rds S/A and A/W fire from the vicinity 3 houses at 074200H. Patrol returned fire with 300 rds S/A and A/W fire, 2 LAW's and 3 3.5 WP rds resulting in the burning down of 2 houses. 81mm Mortar fire requested. Request cancelled when enemy ceased fire.

Patrol proceeded to sweep area, as the patrol approached burning houses a secondary explosion occurred and small arms rounds heard off-camera off. 3 VCS were extracted from the burning houses and 1 VC KIA was found also expended .30 caliber ammunition casings. On search of the other houses it was found to be abandoned but booby trapped with a bottle filled with explosives, and a pull type friction fuse. Patrol destroyed house by demolitions. VCS evacuated to ITC. No further contact made.

b. Miscellaneous

(1) At 310505H, 1st Plt Company E, assigned OPCON 1st Bn, 5th Marines. At 311815H, 1st Plt Company E released from OPCON 1st Bn, 5th Marines and returned to OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

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LISTENING POST (LP)	C D				
AMBUSH (AMB)	E F	G H	I J		
RECON PATROL (REC)	K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	C R	S T	U V		
SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)		W X (COMBAT PATROL)	Y Z	AA BB	CC
CLEARING (CLR)	EE FE	GG HH	II JJ		KK

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<b>LISTENING POST (LP)</b>		C D				
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HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

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31 MAY 1966

MEMO:

FROM: CO, 2/5

TO: CO, 1ST MARINES

SUBJ: PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES FOR 1 JUNE 1966

## 1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DAYLIGHT PATROLS FOR 1 JUNE 1966:

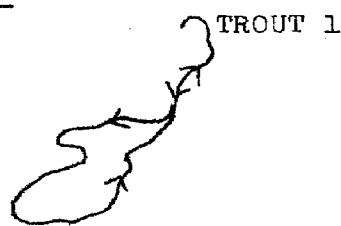
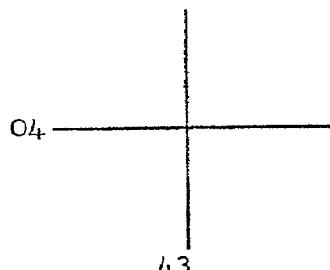
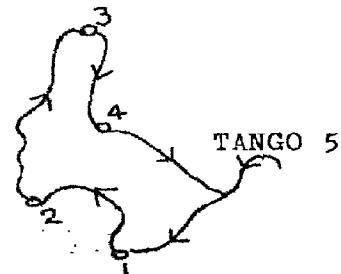
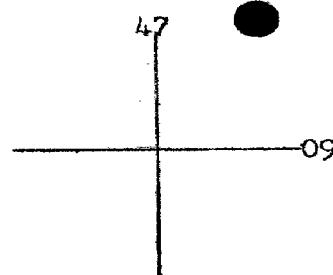
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H&S Co	2 FT	TANGO 5	011300	011630	SEC
Co F	SQD	TROUT 1	010915	011200	S&D
Co F	PLT	MARLIN	BN RESERVE-OPERATION	INCINERATOR	
Co G	Co (REIN)		OPERATING-OPERATION	INCINERATOR	
Co G	Co (REIN) (-)		OPERATING-OPERATION	INCINERATOR	

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE AMBUSHES/NIGHT PATROLS FOR 1 JUNE 1966:

UNIT	SIZE	NAME	TOD	TOR	MISSION
Co E	FT	ECHO LP 1	012100	020500	LP
Co E	SQD (-)	ECHO 1	012000	020530	AMB
Co E	SQD (-)	ECHO 2	012030	020600	AMB
Co F	SQD	TROUT 1	012045	020830	AMB
Co F	TBD	SHARK 1	01TBD	02TBD	AMB
Co F	SQD	SHARK 2	01TBD	02TBD	AMB
H&S Co	SQD	TANGO 1	012015	012400	PATROL
H&S Co	3 MEN	TANGO LP 1	012045	020600	LP

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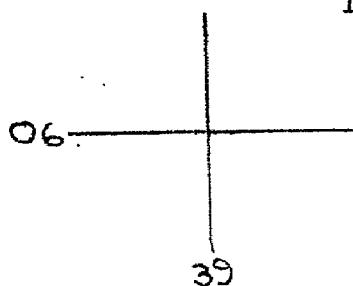
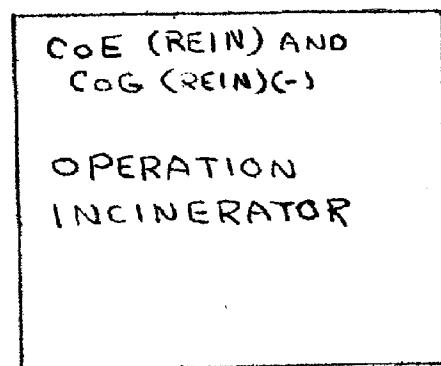
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DAYLIGHT PATROLS  
2ND BN, 5TH MARINES  
1 JUNE 1966

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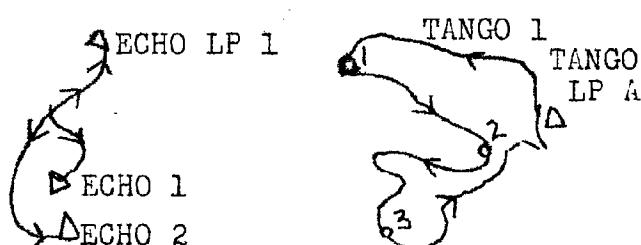


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PERIOD: \_\_\_\_ 01Z \_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_ 00Z \_\_\_\_

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 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF  
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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 3480  
 27 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment  
 Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report; submission of  
 Ref: (a) Verbal order from Commanding Officer, 1st Marines  
 (b) Maps: AMS Series L701, Sheet 6739 IV TRA BINH (1:50,000)  
 AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6757 IV TRA BONG (1:50,000)

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay D-Day

1. Code Name. Operation CHEYENNE.
2. Date of Operation. 25 May 1966.
3. Location. Ly Tin District, Quang Ngai Province, Ky Chanh Village.
4. Command Headquarters

CO, 1st Bn, 5th Mar

LtCol H. L. COFFMAN

CO, Company C

1stLt C. W. J. STANAT

CO, Company D

Capt J. F. KREBS

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

1stLt R. H. BELKNAP

Btry D, 2/11

1stLt L. J. SCHUMACHER

5. Task Organization

1st Battalion, (-)(Rein), 5th Marines

LtCol H. L. COFFMAN

H&S Company (-)

Det, Btry D, 2/11

Det, ARVN Interpreter Tm

Company C (Rein)

1stLt C. W. J. STANAT

Company C

Det, H&S Company

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, ARVN Interpreter Tm

Company D (Rein)

Company D  
 Det, HQ Company  
 Det, Med Plat  
 Det, Comm Plat  
 Det, ARVN Interpreter Tm

6. Supporting Armsa. Air Support

(1) Helicopter Support. Two trooplifts were accomplished during the operation using 16 MAG 36 aircraft for each lift. The first lift moved Company C and the Command Group from Hill 54 to BT 443168. The second lift moved Company C and the Command Group from BT 385238 to Hill 54 and Company D from BT 383232 to BT 436161.

(2) Fixed Wing Support. Fixed wing aircraft were requested and provided for HLZ prep in the vicinity of BT 443168 and one air strike was requested on Phu Ngoc (2) (BT 372262). Two A4 aircraft conducted the air-strike under the control of a TAC(A).

b. Artillery Support. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was given direct support by Battery D, 2/11. Artillery fire was not utilized.

c. Naval Gunfire Support. Naval Gunfire fired eight rounds into Phu Ngoc (2) (BT 372262)

## 7. Intelligence

a. Estimate of VC strength, Location and Disposition in the Objective Area

(1) No intelligence information was supplied to this unit due to short term planning for Operation CHALENNE.

(2) The objective of the operation was to sweep from south to north from grid line 17 to 24 on the east side of the Truong Giang inland waterway to destroy any VC units in the assigned area and to locate and confiscate or destroy VC food and arms caches.

b. VC Strength and Situation Actually Found as Operation was Conducted. With the exception of one VC suspect who was captured by Company C, and turned over to Dai Uy accompanying Company C, no solid contact was established with the enemy during this operation.

c. VC Units Identified

(1) The 6th ARVN Regiment, with supporting elements of Armored Cavalry, one company of Popular Forces and one company of Regional Forces operated jointly to the north of this Battalion's zone of operation and made contact with elements of the 72d Main Force unit in the vicinity of BT 326285. The unit was positively identified through interrogation, by Popular Forces, of wounded VC captured in the vicinity of BT 326285.

d. Significant Intelligence Gained

- (1) Populace of all hamlets were exceptionally friendly with no apparent fear of Marine Units.
- (2) Hamlets were not fortified with trenches, but did have individual family shelters near houses. Villagers appeared to be cleaner and better organized than those previously encountered by this unit.
- (3) Tunnels and Caves. Family shelters only.
- (4) Demolitions Required. None.

e. Terrain

- (1) Critical Terrain Features. The terrain throughout the area of operation was a gently rolling type with no critical terrain features.
- (2) Observation and Fields of Fire. Terrain was interrupted by occasional hedge rows and offered excellent fields of fire for defender and attacker.
- (3) Cover and Concealment. Both cover and concealment were sparse except for areas covered by hedge rows.
- (4) Obstacles. No major obstacles were encountered.

8. Mission. 1st Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines conducted search and destroy operations in a northerly direction in the Ky Trung Village area between grid lines 17 and 24 in conjunction with ARVN operations moving above grid line 26.

9. Concept of Operations. On order, Headquarters and Company C moved via helicopter to LZ in vicinity of BT 443168, moved to vicinity of BT 430178. Company D moved via LVTP-5's to vicinity of BT 421178. Made contact with Company C and conducted search and destroy operations within ZOA.

10. Chronological Sequence of Events

- a. D-Day - 24 May 1966: At approximately 0730, two platoons from Company G, 2/5 replaced Company D in position. At 0630, Battery D arrived at the Battalion CP (BT 397145) for a direct support role. At 0726, the first wave landed in the assigned LZ, at 0825, Company D was enroute to its splash point, and at 0840, both companies had visually linked up in the vicinity of BT 427178 and BT 423178.
- b. Both companies moved in a northerly direction without contact to the east-west grid line 24. During this drive, numerous personnel were interrogated and released.
- c. At 1630, helicopters began lifting units back to their respective CP's, Battery D returned to its parent unit, and by 1730, all phases of Operation Cheyenne were completed.

11. Resultsa. Enemy Losses

- (1) VC KBA - 16
- (2) VC KBA (POSS) - 10
- (3) VCC - 1

b. Friendly Losses

- (1) None

12. Administrative Matters

- a. Supply and Maintenance. No resupply missions were called.
- b. Casualties. There was no evacuation of USMC personnel.
- c. Communications. Excellent throughout.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

14. Commander's Analysis. The expeditious use of intelligence resulted in surprising the enemy. Although no contact was made in 1/5's ZOA, it was clear that the Viet Cong had been sealed off from escaping south. They were forced to stand and fight against the ARVN units.

  
H. L. COFFMAN

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