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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Encl: (1) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 series L701 Sheet 6658 IV
(2) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 series L701 Sheet 6659 III

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), the following Command Chronology with supporting documents attached is submitted herewith:

a. Organizational data, including attachments:

(1) Designation/locations

(a) Battalion Command Post (AT947725)

(b) Headquarters and Service Company/Headquarters Commandant (AT947725)

(c) Alpha Company (AT954666)

(d) Bravo Company (AT971730)

(e) Charlie Company (AT922734)

(f) Delta Company (AT942717)

(g) Mike Company, 4th Marines (AT935664)

(2) Period covered by this report 1-30 September 1965.

(3) Name and Rank of Commanding Officers and Staff or principal subordinates, including T/O billet assignments:

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(a) Commanding Officer, LtCol D. V. MCCLOSKEY, 12-27-63 to 1965
Maj H. A. HATCH from 28 Sep 1965

(b) Executive Officer, Major G. J. GEORGE

(c) S-1/Adjutant, Capt J. G. HART, III

(d) S-2, Capt C. G. DRAKE

(e) S-3, F. W. M. WOODBROW, JR

(f) S-4, Capt D. L. CARTWRIGHT

(g) Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company/
Headquarters Commandant, Capt J. L. THROCKMORTON

(h) Commanding Officer, "A" Company, Capt J. A. MAXWELL

(i) Commanding Officer, "B" Company, 1stLt D. W. CLINGMAN

(j) Commanding Officer, "C" Company, Capt R. G. NEAL

(k) Commanding Officer, "D" Company, Capt J. C. MILLER

(4) Average effective monthly strength during the period was:

Marine Corps Officers: 37 Marine Corps Enlisted: 1044

Navy Officers: 3 Navy Enlisted: 48

(a) Sequential listing of significant events, especially as
they relate to:

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(1) Personnel.

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(a) This battalion arrived in the DeNang Enclave Tactical Area of Responsibility with 40 Marine Officers, 1068 Marine Enlisted, three Navy Officers and 51 Navy Enlisted.

(b) Two Marine Officers and three Marine Enlisted were received from the 3rd Marine Regiment and the 3rd Marine Division.

(c) Casualties sustained during September were nine killed in action and 53 wounded in action.

(d) the non-battle casualties were one dead and 49 to sick.

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(2) Administration

(a) This organization has published the following orders: Assumption of Command Order; Procedure for Processing and Handling of U.S. Mail; Helicopter Landing Zone Procedure; Transportation Schedule for Administrative Runs; Civil Affairs/Civil Action Fund Drive Order; Safety Regulations for Individual Firearms; Safety Regulations for Hand Grenades; Regulations Governing Unauthorized Explosives; Pyrotechniques; Operating Procedures (SOP) for Sentries; Procurement and Possession of Other Than T/O Weapons.

(b) Company Administration has been consolidated at the Battalion level. The Companies have retained their records and administration and reporting unit codes while operating under the supervision of the Battalion S-1/Personnel Officer.

(1) This permits closer supervision of the administrative function of the company. It relieves the company commander of routine administrative duties and enables him to concentrate more on his company's mission. The retention of the Reporting Unit Code enables the company to function as a separate unit both administratively and tactically should they be deployed outside effective utilization of the battalion administrative system.

(c) Legal

(1) During the month of September this legal department became involved in eight investigations - accidental discharges providing the most significant source of trouble -, assisted in the disposition of nine battalion office hours, which were dominated by sleeping on post violations, arranged for two summary courts, and processed two unsuitability discharges.

(2) The most significant legal departmental efforts were directed toward the speedy disposition of all courts, which includes battalion office hours. It is mandatory that under wartime conditions where witnesses are often unavailable, memories short, and a constant state of flux prevails, that the legal department maintain an efficient system for handling courts. This Battalion's legal policy is to pursue each case until final disposition.

(3) The legal department has always been involved in processing investigations dealing with varied subjects. The legal policy in this Battalion is to define pertinent issues, gear investigations to the production of facts that will resolve the issues, and let the opinions and recommendations flow logically and reasonably from the findings. We are having much success in this area by talking with the investigating officers before they conduct the investigations, thus giving the department a chance to share ideas, define issues, and take part in establishing the tenor of the investigation.

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(3) Intelligence

(a) The following is a summary of incidents during the month of September. As this Battalion arrived in RVN on 28 August, there is no previous data to compare the incident rate with at this level. The month of September has been divided into 10 day periods for comparison purposes.

Sept	Sniper Incidents	Booby Traps/Mines	ACTIVITY	
			Enemy Initiated	Friendly Initiated
1-10	18	1	5	4
11-20	25	6	9	5
21-30	27	4	6	3

(b) Sporadic sniper incidents were main enemy activity during the period and were of little more than harassment.

(c) Booby traps/mines have been employed throughout our TAOR and has been the most significant enemy activity during the month. There were three instances of electrically detonated devices controlled by an observer, two on the road vicinity LA CHAU #2 (AT 944677).

1. The majority of the sniper and booby trap/mine incidents have occurred in two general areas. The most active has been oriented along the road (AT 943687) to (AT 943660) from 500 meters west of the road, east to the SONG YEN RIVER. Most incidents were centered around LA CHAU #1, #2, #3, and PHUOC NINH #1 (Grid Squares 9367, 9467, 9468, 9567, 9568).

2. The second area of major enemy activity was along the SONG TUY LOAN river from vicinity (AT 875706) to (AT 916710) generally on trails and villages within 500 meters of the river. Activity in this area was centered around GIAO TRI #1, #2, #3, and BINH THAI (Grid squares 8870, 8871, 8970, 8971, 9070, 9071).

(d) Enemy Losses: Four KIA (recovered), six VCC, one SMG, one O3, one 7.72 Chinese carbine, approximately 650 pounds of rice.

(e) Miscellaneous. Large percentage of Booby traps were U. S. M-26 grenades. All electrically detonated charges used U. S. batteries or parts thereof for power source. There were two incidents in which the VC had recovered dud 105mm arty shells and booby trapped them with trip wire devices, removing the nose fuse and inserting a pull actuated detonator. On 14 September vicinity (AT 907711), recovered grenade from body of dead VC was manufactured in Jan 1965. (Recent re-supply or new unit recently moved into area). On 19 Sep vicinity (AT 898672), recovered gear from two dead VC taken by ambush included 43 rounds of M-1 ammo of which one clip of 8 rounds had been modified to dum-dups by cutting off approximately 3/16 to 1/4 inch of the tip.

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(4) TRAINING.

a. The training conducted by the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during the month of September was directed towards the utilization of lessons learned and subjects which could be directly applied to the situation in which the Marines of the Battalion were now confronted with. When the tactical deployment of the individual rifle companies permitted, training was conducted.

b. A total of 134 hours of training were conducted within the battalion during the month of September. In addition, 116 men attended a two (2) day mine and booby trap school conducted by the 3rd Engineer Battalion.

c. The following is the breakdown by subject and hours of training:

	A	B	C	D	M	H&S
60mm Mortar	3		6	6	2	
Radio Opn. & Pro.	2	2	2	3		5
Mines & booby traps	1		1	5	1	1
Patrols & Ambushes	2	6	2	2	2	
Vietnam		1	1	1	1	1
V.D.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fire EX.	2	4		1	2	1
F. O. Pro.				2		5
PT				30		
Lessons learned	6	4	5	5	4	3
Mine & booby trap School	20	17	16	31	0	32

* Company M, 3/4 was attached to this battalion after the school had been conducted.

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(5) COMMAND AND CONTROL

a. General On 31 August 1965 this battalion conducted a relief of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and assumed the responsibility of an assigned TACR. During the reporting period, no problems were encountered in the area of Command and Control. The assigned TACR is approximately one hundred and fifty two (152) square miles, with rifle companies occupying seven thousand (7000) meters along the HLR; one Company (-) defends a beach site; the remaining two rifle companies occupy three thousand meters on Phase Line Orange which is positioned five thousand meters forward of the assigned HLR. From the above mentioned positions combat patrols operate deep to cover up to thirteen thousand meters from the HLR and in dense vegetation. With this unit separation, communication was maintained throughout the entire reporting period.

b. To facilitate positive control, the operations tent contains the S-3, S-2, as well as the ABCC. This has proven to be successful. With communications of supporting arms located in the S-3 tent, a built-in communication is readily available, without moving to a separate ABCC location.

c. Radio Communication. Rifle companies use G/RC-10 radios for their Company tactical net. Due to the nature of the terrain and the dense vegetation in most areas, the G/RC-6 radio has not proven to be worthy of use on patrols. All patrols use G/RC-10 radios, and constant communication has been the result.

d. Observation Post. The battalion has established an Observation Post that permit the commander to control and maneuver the battalion from a vantage point that affords observation over critical areas of the TACR.

e. Control Measures. Tactical control measures were used, and will be used, to maximum extent. Phase lines have proven extremely beneficial during sweep operations. Check points provided a positive means of control for combat patrols, and aided patrol leaders in reporting information by referencing check points instead of using shackles sheets forward of the HLR.

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(6) Communications

a. Since arriving in South Viet Nam the communications Platoon has provided normal communications for an Infantry Battalion. The following items are of significant importance:

1. Radio: The Battalion Tactical Net, utilizing PRC-10 radio, has been successful beyond all expectations. Operating ranges over ten miles in rough terrain are not uncommon. The Set AN/PRC-6 has proved ineffective and the battalion must depend almost entirely on PRC-10 for company communications. Several times a communication team employing PRC-41 and PRC-47 radios has been attached to units on patrol for air communications as a back-up communications for the Battalion Tactical Net. There was no necessity to use this back-up communications due to the excellent performance of the PRC-10. This radio team is attached for large patrols or operations.

2. Wire: Wire lines were installed to all companies. All companies utilize switchboard SB-22 which eliminates several phones in the CP's. A wire line was laid to the Battalion on our left flank and makes coordination between adjacent units easier. A line was also laid to District Headquarters to facilitate coordination between this battalion and ARVN forces.

3. Message Center: The Battalion Message Center operates a covered KW-7 land line circuit with Regimental Headquarters with good success.

4. Due to the fact that this battalion is operating in a front-line position and a semi-garrison position, the battalion has a requirement for an allowance of telephones (EE-8/TA312). Also since the radio set AN/PRC-6 is ineffective, an additional requirement of 36 radio sets, AN/PRC-10 is necessary in order to establish and maintain constant communications.

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(7) CLOSE COMBAT

a. General.

During the reporting period, a total of 218 night ambushes and 110 combat patrols were conducted by this battalion. The ambushes were established at critical choke points throughout the assigned TAOR, covering avenues of approach with a mission to destroy Viet Cong and curtail enemy movement.

b. Observations.

While enemy contact was gained daily during this reporting period, close combat as such was conducted on three or possibly four separate occasions. The enemy was able to break contact most effectively by utilizing tunneling systems, networks of trenches and by locating their positions on heavily vegetated terrain features. Significant observations during the month of September were that the VC would not fight, except on terrain or specific points of their choosing. When small arms fire and/or supporting arms were brought to bear on the VC, the enemy would not stand and engage in close combat. In contrast to the above, whenever the VC were encountered at night by Marine ambushes, they would invariably remain in the local area to remove their wounded and dead. On numerous ambush positions, bodies were observed being hit by fire, however, upon searching the area, only blood or other evidence was found to indicate that anyone had become a casualty. Fire was maintained in the area of the encounter to insure that the VC would not recover their dead and wounded, yet they managed to remove them in spite of this fire. On one hand they evaded close combat and on the other hand they remained in the encountered area to remove their dead, wounded and weapons.

The enemy utilized mines/booby traps to cover withdrawals and to harass this battalion's application of pressure, necessitating platoon size sweeps that were time consuming. When directed to advance to Phase Line Orange (Bn Opn O 126-65) this battalion together with its adjacent unit (9th Marines) moved thirty-five hundred meters in five hours. The operation was unopposed. However, as soon as the battalion had assumed its defensive positions, the VC resumed their harassing tactics.

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Taking full advantage of excellent observation the Viet Cong were willing to engage in fire fights provided the initiative was theirs and avenues of escape were readily accessible. The VC were always careful to select areas for close combat which precluded and/or limited full employment of Marine supporting arms. For example, the VC would fire on patrols from populated villages, knowing the reluctance of Marines to risk the lives of friendly civilians by firing into these villages.

c. Action Taken.

To counteract the excellent observation afforded the VC in daylight hours by the terrain features located in this battalions TAOR and to remove the initiative from the VC and pressure them into the open, night patrols, coupled with squad sized night ambushes have proven effective. Saturation patrolling and search and clear operations are denying the VC freedom of movement and access to friendly defensive positions.

When encircled or trapped, the VC sought shelter in caves, tunnels, spider holes and various other types of cover and concealment. If necessary they would remain there several days. Recent experiments involving the use of a smoke generator which pumps smoke into caves and tunnels may prove to be an effective means of forcing the enemy out of their concealed positions. It also has provided an excellent means of locating concealed entrances, exits and other tunnels.

d. The following are the engagements of close combat experienced by this battalion during the month of September.

(1) On 2 September 1965 the 1st Platoon (Rein) of Company "D" was on a combat patrol in the vicinity of AT 8969. At 080800H, the platoon was located in an ambush position (AT 899698) from which they opened fire on a group of VC with an estimated strength of 30 to 35 men. A fire fight ensued and lasted throughout the night. During the fire fight, which involved the entire platoon firing from 3 squad positions, the platoon commander estimated the enemy casualties to be 23 WIA and 3 KIA. A flare plane supported the platoon for four hours, dropping 190 flares. The plane arrived on station one hour after contact was made. During that one hour period, although the area was covered by fire, it is believed that the VC bodies were removed. At first light the next morning, the platoon was still receiving sniper fire.

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They returned fire and observed one sniper falling out of a tree into dense vegetation. They were unable to retrieve the body due to hostile fire and the dense vegetation. There were no friendly casualties as a result of this entire action.

In retrospect, the platoon commander feels if they had waited longer before opening fire, more enemy casualties would have been sustained. The VC were able to take cover in a nearby tree line and to retrieve their casualties. Had illumination been preplanned and executed when required, the platoon would have been able to deliver fire more effectively, thereby assuring more enemy casualties.

(2) At 120115H, September a squad outpost from Company "C" received heavy small arms fire in the vicinity of La Chau (3) (AT 956677). The fire fight lasted approximately one hour. During the action about ten hand grenades were thrown by the VC, wounding two Marines. A medical evacuation by helicopter was requested and both men were evacuated. The Company Commander of Company "C" dispatched a squad to reinforce the engaged unit. In the fire fight two (2) U.S. rifles M14's and one 3.5 rocket launcher were damaged by grenades. There were no confirmed enemy casualties.

(3) At 181030H, September, the 1st Platoon (Rein), Company "C", while on a patrol in the vicinity of (AT 858652), began receiving heavy sniper fire. One USMC was immediately WIA. As a fire fight ensued, Lt. John GUTTER maneuvered to aid the wounded man. After reaching the man, GUTTER carried him from an open area into a covered area and began to administer first aid. While working over the man, LT. GUTTER was wounded. Both men were helicopter evacuated. PFC. PETERSON, the first WIA later died of wounds. The platoon aggressively maneuvered on the VC causing them to withdraw. There were no enemy confirmed casualties.

From this incident, it is evident that the VC will not stand and fight unless they are cornered. Therefore, aggressive action should always be the first action taken when fired upon by the VC.

(4) On 18 September a platoon from Company "G", 2/9 was engaged in fire fight at (AT 964678) with an estimated VC platoon. At 181630H September they contacted this Battalion and requested reinforcements. Company "C" was ordered to provide a reinforcing element of two squads (Rein) to aid Company "G". At 1700, the reinforcing element came under intense fire when they approached La Chau (3) (AT 957678). They began to fire and maneuver against the VC who appeared to be firing from the east and west side of the Song Yen River.

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Movement under fire was slow due to mines and booby traps in the area. Lt. Walter LEVY tripped a booby trap and sustained a severe leg wound. Hn Harold BIRD moved to aid him and was wounded himself enroute. Once arriving at LEVY's side BIRD fell, LEVY attempted to aid him, and was himself, again wounded. Helicopter evacuation was requested and air support was required to secure the LZ. UH-1E's made strafing and rocket runs. Fixed wing aircraft did not fire due to the nearness of friendly troops but did make simulated strafing and bombing runs. Both men were evacuated. Lt. LEVY and Hn BIRD died of wounds sustained in this action. The unit persisted in their advance to the river bank and held the ground in that area. Enemy casualties were not confirmed.

(5) At 211845H September, Company "C" reported a wireman, PFC. G.W. MANN assigned to their company, was missing in action. Patrols were sent to search the area in which he was last seen, with negative results. On 22 September a patrol from Company "C" searching the west bank of the Song Yen River at (AT 968665) spotted a body in the water. Further investigation indicated that it was the body of PFC. MANN. A member of the platoon retrieved the body from the water. The body was clothed with boots, trousers and the utility shirt on one arm. The feet were bound with heavy twine and drawn up behind the back. The right arm was bound to the body. The eyes were open and intact. There were bullet holes in the back, lower chest, left arm, right hand, lower leg and testicles. The body was evacuated to C&C where doctors estimated that it had been in the water for over 24 hours.

An investigation was conducted and it was apparent that MANN had disobeyed a directive from the "C" Company Commander, and existing battalion directives by going out alone to repair the wire line.

An intelligence report from native informers reported that MANN was taken under fire by 4 or 5 VC. He was wounded as he returned fire. The report also stated the PFC MANN killed one VC and wounded another VC before he was taken prisoner.

(6) At 192020H September the 3rd Platoon (Rein) Company "D" was in a PPB (AT 902671). The perimeter security observed 6 or 8 VC and opened fire. Artillery illumination was fired and this enabled the patrol to retrieve two (2) bodies, one (1) rifle belt, ammunition, grenades and various other items of personal gear.

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The patrol then continued its combat mission. A search of the area disclosed that other VC had been wounded or killed.

(7) On 25 September the 2nd Platoon (Rein), Company "D" was operating in the Binh Thy/Giao Tri area conducting a sweep and clear mission. At (AT 900705) they discovered approximately 600 lbs of rice. A fire team and the Platoon Sergeant were left as security with the rice until ARVN forces arrived to take custody of it. The remainder of the platoon continued its mission. At 1705, the 2nd Platoon (Rein) encountered an electrically detonated mine of the directional Claymore type (AT 898704). Seven men were WIA by this explosion, two later died of wounds. As the mine exploded, an estimated VC platoon opened fire from a position north of the river (AT 897707). The remainder of the platoon, under the command of the Right Guide deployed and returned fire against the VC. At the same time the 2nd Platoon (Rein) (-) Company (1) was alerted to be helicopter lifted to the area from which the fire was being received. Artillery was fired (188 rounds) at the VC and to clear the LZ. Upon completion of the fires, the 2nd Platoon of Company "D" was landed in the secured area and commenced to search and clear the village of Giao Tri (2). During the search of the village four (4) Marines became casualties, one KIA and three (3) WIA. These casualties were inflicted by UH-1E's while providing close air support. The search and clear of the village continued during the hours of darkness until 2300H, by utilizing a flare plane. This enabled a limited search of the village to be completed. At first light, the village was reswept and thoroughly searched. There were no confirmed enemy casualties. Numerous caves and tunnels were found in the village area and destroyed. A total of 52 villagers were apprehended and evacuated as VCS's for screening.

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(8) Fire Support and Fire Coordination

a. Air Support General

(1) During the period 1 September to 30 September 1965, TACP, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines had the following activity:

(a) 63 medical evacuations with an average time of 17 minutes from start to completion of mission.

(b) 10 recon missions were completed.

(c) 12 VCS and 44 civilians were evacuated by helicopter from secured LZ's.

b. Artillery (Period 1 September to 30 September 1965)

(1) Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines provided direct support artillery fire for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

(2) Approximately 467 Harrassement and Interdiction fires were fired with an approximate expenditure of 400 rounds of ammunition.

(3) Due to lack of suitable targets only seven (7) fire missions were fired.

(4) On 2 September, 106 rounds of illumination were fired from 0015H to 0600H with a total of 119 illumination rounds fired during period covered.

(5) At 251825H, three batteries fired 188 rounds of HE in preparation of a helicopter landing zone.

(6) A new defensive fire plan was drawn up and submitted.

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(9) LOGISTICS

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(a) Supply

Upon arrival of this battalion in South Vietnam, a periodic resupply routine was established to all outlying companies. A trained helicopter support team is functioning within the supply section with the mission of helicopter direction and helicopter resupply delivery.

(1) An updating of inventory control data was effected at the close of the first fiscal quarter. Past usage data proved inaccurate as a result of increased end item usage. The administrative deadline program in effect in CONUS provided inaccurate usage data on the 708 cards necessitating a thorough re-evaluation of "In Country" usage which is presently in effect.

(2) An "In Kind" issue clothing program was established and is functioning with limited success due to shortages primarily in the common clothing and boot sizes. BA-279's and wire has remained at a critical level throughout this month and remains critical at this time.

(b) Motor Transport.

During the month of September much difficulty has been experienced with the upkeep of organic vehicles. This was primarily due to the operational terrain over which the vehicle had to traverse causing excessive stress and strain on the equipment. The road net in this unit's TAOR are undesirable for heavy vehicular traffic and road conditions have contributed to the deadlining of a large number of vehicles. The lack of second echelon spare parts also created a problem by hindering attempts at keeping the organic equipment in an operational status.

(c) Mess.

This unit feeds approximately 1400 persons including an attached company from the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines as well as engineers, tanks, ontos, and an artillery battery. Five separate messes are in operation with two outlying areas supported by the E&S company mess. All messes operated smoothly with the only difficulty being the lack of ingredients such as spices, baking materials and some basic dry stores. Three hot meals a day were served to all units on the MLR. One hot meal a day was prepared and delivered to two (2) companies positions located forward of the MLR.

(d) Main Supply Route.

A supply point was established at the battalion command Post with unit distribution points established at six different locations. All supply/distribution points are located on the MSR. All units were supplied by vehicle or by helicopter. The MSR consists of dirt roads with many bridges. During rainy

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(10) Combat Air Support

a. At 020100H Smoky Orange aircraft was employed for illumination for a period of five hours during a tactical move and was airborne in 35 minutes.

b. At 031100H 120 men were lifted to coordinates (AF 892680) and (AF 855726). Landing was unopposed.

c. At 101400H two (2) UH-1's and two (2) F-4's suppressed enemy sniper fire while evacuation eight (8) men was in progress.

d. At 131600H 60 troops were lifted from (AF 847718) to LZ Goose. Landing was unopposed.

e. At 160730H 56 troops were lifted from LZ Goose to (AF 878695). Landing was unopposed.

f. At 160730H 60 troops were lifted from LZ Whipporwill to (AF 887658). Landing was unopposed.

g. At 181125H two (2) UH-1's were used for an airstrike at (AF 950635) in support of platoon patrol.

h. At 181630H two (2) F-4's were used for CAS mission at (AF 955631). No strike results.

i. At 220800H 56 troops were lifted from LZ Whipporwill to (863655). Landing was unopposed.

j. At 220820H 56 troops were lifted from LZ Goose to (AF 848720). Landing was unopposed.

k. At 252100H Smoky Orange dropped flares for two hours during an assault on a village. Aircraft was airborne within 30 minutes from time of request.

l. At 252130H five (5) UH-34's covered by 2 UH-1's made an emergency lift of 60 men to (AF 895705).

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periods, many portions of the road become impassible and resupply had to be conducted by helicopter. The MSR to the two companies forward of the MLR is the most critical portion of the road because of its vulnerability to hostile fire, mines and booby traps. This portion of the road contains 14 bridges including one pontoon bridge (Recently completed) over the Song Tuy Loan river. At one time during the reporting period, the road was impassable for one week due to heavy rains, making resupply by vehicle virtually impossible. Engineers were requested but were limited by the lack of heavy equipment. Upon completion of the pontoon bridge, heavy equipment could be moved to the critical portion of the road. The engineers have completed most of the bridges and the road is in good condition.

(e) Water.

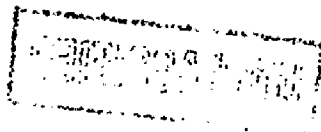
This battalion utilized four (4) 400 gallon water trailers to support five rifle companies and H&S company. A water point was established at the battalion command post consisting of a water pit, a 3000 gallon purifying tank and a 3000 gallon storage tank. Water for this unit depends mainly on rain and the water point generally dries up after three to four days without rain and water usage has to be limited to galley use and for drinking. An engineer team has been requested to determine the feasibility of drilling a well or setting up another 3000 gallon storage tank to be filled by a water tanker when the water point dries up.

(f) Tentage.

This battalion deployed directly to Vietnam and all of the new encampment/garrison tentage which was aboard another ship went to Okinawa. This unit received encampment/garrison tentage from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines. The tentage had been utilized for approximately 6 months and the tents are in poor condition. Replacement tentage has been requested.

(g) Construction.

Construction has begun on the cantonment program and at present four (4) structures have been completed and five (5) are under construction. Future plans call for 140 more structures to be built.



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(11) Medical and Dental Support

a. Organization

Medical facilities were established ashore on arrival in this country on 29 AUGUST 1965. Organic medical personnel consists of two (2) medical officers and fifty one (51) enlisted hospital corpsmen. The Medical Department is broken into the following groups: Battalion Aid Station group with two (2) medical officers and nineteen (19) hospital corpsmen. Each of four companies has eight (8) enlisted hospital corpsmen. Medical personnel replacements are received from the Division Surgeon's Office in accordance with needs and availability of personnel.

b. Mission

The primary mission of the Medical Department has been accomplished with assistance from "C" Med, where all hospitalized patients receive treatment. To date there have been sixty two (62) combat casualties including nine (9) KIA's. Twenty (20) of the above have been treated and returned to duty and thirty three (33) were evacuated to other medical facilities. Twenty (20) heat casualties were treated and returned to duty and courses of rabies vaccine were administered to five (5) men all bitten by the same dog.

c. Supplies

Medical supplies brought ashore consisted of the organic medical block and routine sick call items and supplies. Resupply has been accomplished in an adequate amount from Fleet Logistic Support Group.

d. Sanitation

Sanitation has presented some problems primarily in the area of food service where proper facilities have not been available for food preparation and dishwashing. Water supply has created a problem as the number of water trailers available has not been adequate. Corrective measures have been taken to alleviate these problems. Living spaces, although crowded, have been sufficient.

e. Preventive Medicine

Malaria prophylaxis has been carried out each week with tablets taken on Wednesdays. Water purification and salt tablets are carried by all personnel. Daily inspection of berthing, messing and head facilities is accomplished by unit corpsmen and corrective measures initiated.

f. Administration

Routine administration has been accomplished with minimal obstacles. The greatest problems have been lack of transportation to make administrative type runs and for patients to and from "C" Med. Communication with "C" Med also presents a problem

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in as much as twenty four hours elapse before a report returns.

g. Dental Support

A dental screening sick call is held twice weekly by a visiting dental officer from "C" Med. Personnel requiring further treatment or dental emergencies are referred to "C" Med.

h. Evacuation

Combat casualties and seriously ill patients are evacuated primarily by helicopter directly to "C" Med after emergency treatment given by the unit corpsmen.

i. Civil Affairs

Vietnamese civilians are treated through a "People-to-People" program. Supplies for the program have been received through the U.S.O.M. and treatment carried out by two or three visits weekly to various prescheduled villages and by unit corpsmen on contact. A total of approximately 3000 civilians have been treated by battalion facilities since arrival.

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(12) Chaplain's Report

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a. Protestant services are conducted by Chaplain CRAVEN of the 12th Marine Regiment. The Chaplain holds services on Saturday and Sunday. This enables him to reach each Company within this battalion.

b. Catholic services are conducted each afternoon on weekdays in the Battalion CP and on Sunday. The Catholic Chaplain, Lieutenant SCANLON, holds Mass at all Company CP's on a rotation basis. During the period of this report the Chaplain conducted 12 Sunday and Holyday Masses, distributed 183 Holy Communion. He further conducted 25 Weekday Masses and distributed 80 Holy Communion.

c. Jewish Services are conducted on High Holy Days by Rabbi REINER at the III MAF.

d. Hospital visits were made as opportunity presented.

e. In the second week of September by the kindness of Madame Nam, Vietnamese resident of Da Nang, 1,000 small Vietnamese Republic Flags were obtained by the Chaplain for distribution to the children of liberated villages. Another 1,000 were obtained in the last week of September. These were distributed by the Civil Affairs Officer.

f. The Chaplain visited the Bishop of Da Nang at the Cathedral and was able to make arrangements for Vietnamese Catholic Priest to come to the Village of Duong Lam for Mass on September 26 and October 3. The priests at Da Nang (Catholic) felt they would try to come out for Mass every week, if possible. On the 26th of September some 65 natives attended and about 30 on 3 October.

g. The Chaplain and his assistant visited the front lines on a number of occasions traversing terrain impassable to any but Marines. Various mudbaths and danger of capsizing accompanied these trips through rice paddies. Noteworthy, was the Sunday 19 September, when a mine was blown up by a mine on the road we had to travel to Hill 22. Also noteworthy, was Sunday, 26 September, when a fire fight took place during Mass not far from tent where Mass was being celebrated. That day we humped our 25lb Mass kit a mile and a half through roads impassable to vehicles. This road was fired on immediately after we arrived. Due to impassable roads south from Duong Lam, the Chaplain had to abandon his attempt to reach Hill 22 on 26 September.

h. On numerous occasions when helicopters were really needed to reach positions, they were unavailable or were revoked at the last minute leaving men without Sunday Services.

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(13) Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. During the month of September, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines advanced south across the MLR to Phase Line Orange. In doing this, several hamlets which had previously been under Viet Cong control for as long as four (4) years came under USMC/ARVN control. These hamlets included Bo Ban (1) (AT 957685); La Chau (2), (AT 947675); La Chau (3), (AT 957678); La Chau (4), (AT 951667); La Chau (5), (AT 965665); Phuoc Ninh (1), (AT 941673); Duyen Son (1); (AT 940663); and Duyen Son (4), (AT 943662).

b. Upon moving to Phase Line Orange, Marine/ARVN forces met relatively light resistance except for some sniper fire and several booby traps and mines. There are virtually no males between ages of 17-40 in the above hamlets. At present, the hamlets contain only old men, women, and children. The Battalion Civil Affairs Team, in conjunction with Hieu Duc District Chief, followed behind the advancing forces and immediately conducted sick call utilizing the Battalion Surgeon. Food and soap were distributed to the needy families in the area.

c. The villagers of the above hamlets were able to see a doctor, for many of them, the first time in their lives. To the best of the District Chief's knowledge, no doctor had ever been in the area.

d. The District Chief also stated that many of the people had very little food because of the poor rice crop during the past two years and because the people were poor. With this in mind, the CA Team distributed over a seven day period, 1200 kilos of rice, 15 cases of canned food, 5000 bars of soap and some clothing.

e. The people in this area were very receptive and friendly toward USMC/ARVN. The District Chief states that the majority of the people here favor GVN, but that they would support the VC for fear of reprisals. The District Chief further stated that once the villagers could be guaranteed permanent protection from the VC, they would readily give information regarding VC activities in the area.

f. The CA Team began a weekly sick call at Hill 22 (AT 954666) and at La Chau (1), (AT 944685) for the villagers of that area.

g. Each Company Executive Officer has been assigned the additional duty as Company Civil Affairs Officer. He coordinates all Civil Affairs Activities within the Company TAOR with the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer.

h. Each rifle company holds daily sick call at their Company Aid Station for villagers. Each company has been treating an average of 10 persons daily.

or his representative
i. The Battalion Surgeon holds sick call daily in each of the company TAOR's for the villagers. On two occasions a dentist has accompanied the Battalion Surgeon on sick call to the village of Hoa Think (AT 947702). To date this battalion has treated more than 3,000 villagers at sick call.

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j. On 8Sep65, 1,000 Vietnamese flags were given to the Hieu Duc District Chief for distribution to the children throughout the district to help celebrate children's Tet. On 9Sep65 500 children paraded with the Vietnamese flags along the road from La Chau (1) (AT 944685) to Duong Ham (AT 946699).

k. Hieu Duc District Chief, Captain Truong, ARVN, and USMC/RF/PF have commenced a program to protect rice from the VC during the Harvest. RF/PF will assist villagers in harvesting rice. USMC will provide security/transportation as required.

1. Artillery A&I fires are fired on rice fields not being harvested by loyal farmers. Fires are lifted when these farmers are ready to harvest the fields. Because of these activities by USMC, it is estimated by the District Chief that the VC are getting only a third of the rice they normally get.

2. Documentation.

a. Documents to substantiate the events reported herein are attached herewith.

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- ✓ Encl 1. OpO 126-65, 122300H Sept 65
- ✓ Encl 2. OpO 127-65, 282000H Sept 65
- ✓ Encl 3. FragO 6-65
- ✓ Encl 4. FragO 7-65, 211000H Sept 65
- ✓ Encl 5. FragO 5-65, 060800 Sept 65
- ✓ Encl 6. Frag O 1-65, 302100 Aug 65
- ✓ Encl 7. Weekly Opns Overlay Report 4-65, 181200H - 251200H Sep w/overlay
- ✓ Encl 8. " " " " 3-65, 111200H - 181200H Sep w/overlay
- ✓ Encl 9. " " " " 2-65, 051200H-111200H Sep w/overlay
- ✓ Encl 10. " " " " 1-65, 210801 Aug - 041200 Sep 65 w/over
- ✓ Encl.11. AMS Map, Indochina 1:50,000, AMS L701 Sheets 6659 III and 6658 IV.

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Operation Order 126-65

- Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA; 1:50,000 AMS L701 Sheets 6659III and 6658IV
(b) 3rd Marines Operation Plan 327-65
(c) 3rd Marines Regt O 3120.1
(d) Battalion Order 3000.1B (SOP for Operations)

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. No change. See current ISUMS and PIRS
- b. Friendly Forces.
- (1) 2nd Bn, 9th Marines. Advance in zone on right flank to PL ORANGE.
 - (2) 12th Marines (-) (Rein). Supports the attack in ZA.
 - (3) 1st MAW. Supports the attack in ZA.
 - (4) Plt, Co "A", 3rd AT Bn. Direct Support.
 - (5) Plt (-), Co "A", 3rd Engr Bn. Direct Support.
 - (6) Plt (-), Co "A", 3rd MT Bn. Direct Support.
 - (7) Plt (-), 3rd Tank Bn. Direct Support.
- c. Attachments and detachments. No change.

2. Mission. Commencing at H-Hour on 14 Sept 65 advance to Phase Line ORANGE and establish defensive positions. Search, clear and destroy Viet Cong forces in area uncovered.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operations. At H-Hour on 14 Sept 65 Company "C" (Rein) with one plt (Rein) Company "B", one heavy section Ontos, and one light section tanks, cross LD and with three platoons up and one back, maneuver to PL ORANGE; occupy defensive positions, and search and clear terrain uncovered from LD to PL ORANGE. See overlay.

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b. Company "C" (Rein).

- (1) With operational control of one plt (Rein) of Company "B", cross LD at H-Hour, advance to PL ORANGE, occupy defensive Positions and search and clear terrain uncovered.
- (2) Left flank plt maintain contact with right flank of Company "G", 2/9.
- (3) See enclosure (1) (Operation Overlay).

c. Company "D" (Rein).

- (1) Provide one sqd for tank protection.
- (2) Provide two sqds to maneuver to VIC (AT 929689) on order.
- (3) Provide one plt (Rein) with capability of reinforcing any committed unit within ten minutes. Move by trucks when ordered.

d. 81mm Mortar Plt (-), H&SCo.

- (1) Direct support of Company "C" (Rein).
- (2) Be prepared to displace one section to VIC PL ORANGE on order.

e. 1stBn (-), 12 Marines.

- (1) Provide prep fires H-5 to H-Hour VIC Hill #41 in ZA.
- (2) Be prepared to support attack within ZA. D/5.

f. Plt. Company "A", 3rd AT Bn. Direct support of Company "C".

g. Plt (-), Company "A", 3rd Engr Bn. Direct support of Company "C".

h. Plt (-), Company "A", 3rd Tank Bn. Direct support.

i. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) H-Hour is 0630H
- (2) Contact is right to left
- (3) LD is present position
- (4) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (5) Annex B (Fire Support Plan)
- (6) Reports. Ref (d) (SOP for operations)

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(7) Rules of engagement. Reference (d)

(8) Every effort will be made to avoid incidents with civilians.

(9) Particular attention will be given to booby-traps, mines and tunnels throughout ZA.

(10) Handling and treatment of personnel captured or apprehended, will be in accordance with current orders and directives.

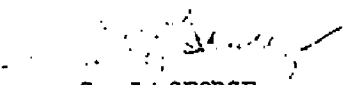
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

a. Air panels will be taken.

b. Be prepared to net radios with LZ control net.

c. Report locations of CP's when established, and give coordinates.

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1st Battalion, 1st Marines
282000H Sept. 1965
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Operation Order 127-65. (Operation MUSKRAT)

Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, AMS L701; Sheets
6659 III and 6658 IV
(b) RegtO 3000.6
(c) BnO 3000.1B (SOP for Operations)

Encl: (1) Operation overlay to Operation Order 127-65

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current ISUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines will operate on East flank, and conducts simultaneous sweep of river on East bank.

(2) "A" Btry, 1st Battalion (-), 12th Marines,
D/S 1/1.

(3) 1st MAW provides CAS and Helicopter support.

(4) Light section, 1st AmTrac Battalion, D/S 3/9.

(5) Det, 3rd Engineer Battalion, D/S 1/1.

(6) Platoon, 3rd Recon Battalion, D/S 3/9.

c. Attachments and Detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. Commencing at H-hour on 30 September 1965 Company "A" provide one platoon (Rein) to conduct four day sweep of West bank of Song Yen River in coordination with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, from (AT 959658) to (AT 965700). Search, clear and destroy Viet Cong forces, equipment, positions, and obstacles in ZA.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. At H-hour on 30 September 1965 Company "A" provides one platoon (Rein) to sweep West bank of Song Yen River from (AT 959658) to (AT 965700).

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Advance up the West bank will be coordinated with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines and executed in conjunction with their sweep of the east bank of the SONG YEN River. The operation will be conducted over a four day period and will progress by phase lines. Upon reaching each PL, sweeping units will establish a mutual perimeter, tying in with adjacent unit on opposite bank of river, and establish night ambushes. During daily sweep, a collection point will be designated, and all VC and VCS will be processed and evacuated on order. All VC equipment will be confiscated, and all positions and/or obstacles will be destroyed. See enclosure (1) (Operation overally to OpnO 127-65).

b. Company "A" (Rein)

(1) Commencing at H-hour on 30 September 1965 provide one platoon (Rein) to sweep west bank of SONG YEN River from (AT 959658) to (AT 965700).

(2) Sweep simultaneously with adjacent unit on east flank, coordinate movement, holding up advance at each PL.

(3) Upon reaching PL, and on order, establish a coordinated defense with adjacent unit, occupying 180° perimeter-type defense oriented westward on river.

(4) Be prepared to establish night ambushes on order.

(5) Destroy and/or capture all VC encountered, and capture all VCS encountered. Destroy all VC positions and obstacles encountered, and evacuate all VC equipment found.

c. Det, 3rd Eng. Bn. Provide two demolition teams and two mine detector teams in direct support of Company "A".

d. 81mm Mortar Plt., H&S Company. Direct Support.

e. Flame Sec., H&S Company. Direct Support.

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Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-hour is 300800H
- (2) Contact is left to right.
- (3) ZA is bounded by west bank of river and boundary 100 meters west of river. (See overlay).
- (4) Reports. See reference (a) (SOP for operations).
- (5) Rules of engagement. See reference (b).
- (6) Particular attention must be given to booby traps, mines and tunnels throughout ZA.
- (7) See reference (c) (SOP for Opns).
- (8) Handling and treatment of personnel captured or apprehended, will be in accordance with current orders and directives.
- (9) See Encl (1) (Opn Overlay to OpnO 127-65)
- (10) Operational code name is MUSKRAT.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Two days of MCI's will be issued prior to time of attack.
- b. Basic allowance of Class V will be issued and taken on operation.
- c. Two days supply of batteries for all radios on operation will be taken.
- d. Resupply at PL Two at 020700H. Resupply at other times as requested.
- e. Uniform and Equipment. Utilities, helmet, normal arms and equipment, body armor (upper torso), with sufficient haversacks per fire team to carry rations.
- f. Two full canteens of water will be carried. Resupply will be by locally available means. Adequate supply of water purification tablets will be carried.

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g. One (1) smoke generator will be carried to be utilized for finding exits and entrances to caves and tunnels.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Two AN/PRC-10 radios will be taken.

(1) One AN/PRC-10 to net with Company "A" TAC net.

(2) One AN/PRC-10 to net with Company "M", 3/9, TAC net. (Frequency 54.2) Call sign Polish M.

b. Wire and telephones will be taken. Wire will be laid to adjacent unit each night while in perimeter defense.

c. Air panels will be taken.

d. A minimum of four flashlights will be taken.

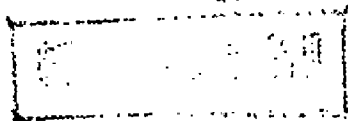
e. Yellow and/or green smoke will be carried for marking LZ's.

f. Be prepared to net radios with LZ common net.

g. Report coordinates of platoon CP's when established.

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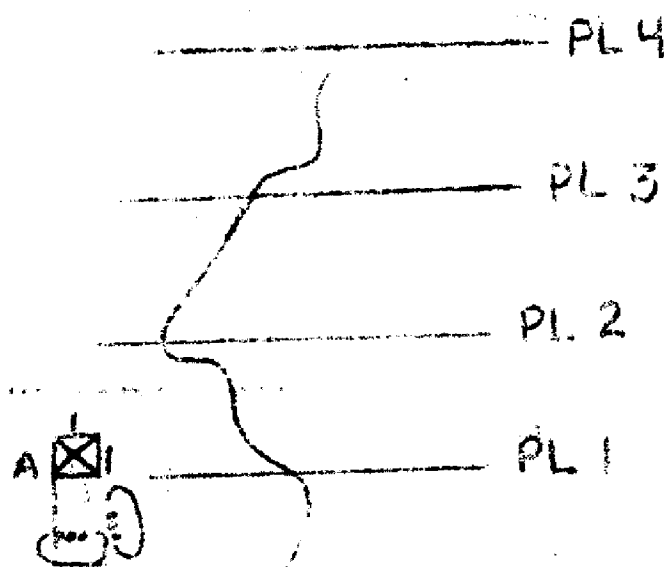
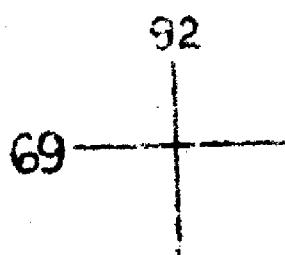
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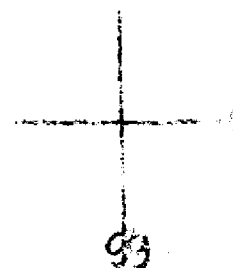
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Note:

Wes. boundry is
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of river bank



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ENCLOSURE
(1)

Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, AMS L701 Sheets 6629
III and 6658 IV
(b) Battalion Order 3000.1B (SOP for Operations)

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. No Change
- b. Friendly Forces. No Change
- c. Attachments and Detachments.
 - (1) One ARVN platoon.
 - (2) One Engineer Squad (-).
 - (3) One TACP.

2. MISSION. At H-hour on 12 September 1965, Company "D" (Rein) with one platoon ARVN, surround village of KHUONG MY (2) (GS 9169), block all routes of escape; on order, and in coordination with ARVN teams, search KHUONG MY (2) capture or destroy all VJ, their equipment, and/or supplies. On order, withdraw to MLR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. At H-14 one platoon (Rein) Company "D" moves into platoon patrol base vicinity (AT905703). H-4 move platoon from patrol base to position west of KHUONG MY (2) to screen village. With two platoons Company "D" move to vicinity (AT929689) via truck at H-2; move to position south and northeast of KHUONG MY (2) to screen village and block exits. With one platoon ARVN, Company "D" search teams, and Engineer squad, clear and search village. On order, withdraw to MLR. See overlay.

b. Co. "D" (Rein).

- (1) See Overlay

(2) At H-14 move one platoon to PPB (See overlay) and from there, infiltrate to blocking position to west of village. Be in position by H-3. At H-hour block routes of withdrawal from KHUONG MY (2). Destroy or capture all VC in sector. On order, withdraw to MLR.

(3) At H-2, move two platoons in trucks from MLR to vicinity (A1929689). Move to blocking positions (See overlay), and at H-hour, send search teams into village. Upon completion of search, and on order, withdraw to MLR.

c. Engineer Squad (-). Direct support Company "D" (Rein).

d. ARVN Platoon. Direct support Company "D" (Rein).

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-hour 0700 (Tentative).

(2) Particular attention will be given to booby traps, mines and tunnels throughout the area.

(3) ~~Handling and treatment of personnel captured, and apprehended, will be in accordance with current orders and directives.~~
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Each Marine will be issued one MCI prior to departing MLR.

b. Basic allowance of Class V will be issued and taken on operation.

c. Adequate supply of batteries will be taken (Radio and flash light).

d. Body armor, upper torso will be worn.

e. Two full canteens of water will be carried by each Marine. Resupply of water will be by locally available means. Adequate supply of water purification tablets will be carried.

f. Yellow and/or green smoke grenades will be carried by each platoon for marking LZ's.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Air panels will be taken.

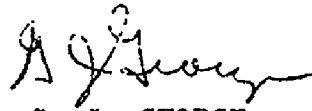
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b. PRC 10's w/each platoon on Company TAC Net. Platoons net with their Company TAC net, but be prepared to change to Battalion TAC net or alternate Bn TAC net. CO will be on Bn TAC net. TAC nets will be activated at H-2.

c. Be prepared to net radios with LZ control net.

d. Report establishment of CP when established, and give coordinates.

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FRAG ORDER 7-65

Ref: Maps: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, AMS E701; Sheets 6659 III
and 6658 IV

Encl: (1) Operation overlay to Frag Order 7-65

Time Zone: II

1. Situation. No change.

2. Mission. Commencing at 230700H Sept. 65, Company "H", with two squads (Rein), two tanks, and one team of engineers, conduct a tank-infantry combat patrol to An My (4) and An My (3), search villages, capture and/or destroy all VC encountered, and return to present position on order.

3. Execution. At 230700H with two tanks and two squads (Rein), move on axis of advance, search villages of An My (4) and An My (3), capture and/or destroy VC encountered and return to present position on order. (See overlay).

4. Administration and Logistics

- a. Take two MGI's on patrol.
- b. One BA of CL V to be taken.
- c. Two canteens of water w/purification tablets will be taken.

5. Command and Communication-Electronics

- a. Two PRG-10's will be taken. Net w/company.
- b. Be prepared to enter LZ control net.
- c. Air panels and yellow smoke will be used when supported by aircraft.
- d. Keep this Headquarters (3-3) informed of patrol activity with spot reports and sitrops every thirty minutes.

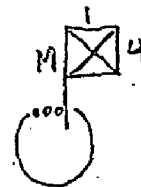
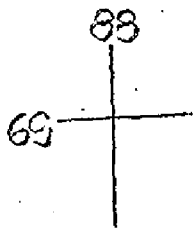
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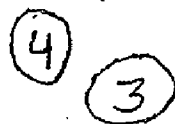
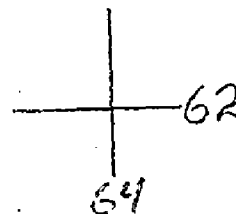
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AXIS OF ADVANCE



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WEEKLY OPERATIONS OVERLAY REPORT 4-65

Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000; AMS L701, Sheets 6659 III and 6658 IV.

Time Zone: HOTEL

181200H September to 251200H

1. At 191115H, Company "M" patrol while clearing La Chau (1) (AT 944683) reported they received small arms fire from their left rear (AT 942682). 1st platoon, Company "M" searched the area for snipers. Negative results. 1st platoon, Company "B" assisted in this search.
2. At 191029H, Company "M" reported that their morning patrol captured a VCS (AT 923665). The VCS with guards were returning to CP when the VC attempted to escape and was shot. The VC body was returned to Company "M" and delivered to Crowd 6 in person.
3. At 190810H, Company "M" reported that a mule while on a water resupply run was hit by mortars. It was later determined that a "M" Company was ambushed and an electrically detonated mine was detonated in front of it. Men on mule were thrown off by the blast. Several grenades were thrown by VC and small arms fire was received from a VC ambush site. VC withdrew to the north. VC were observed and taken under fire by members of 81mm mortar section who were on a mule approximately 200 meters south of ambush site. There were no casualties or damage to the mule. (AT 944675).
4. At 182245H, Company "M" reported to have spotted 3 VC northwest of position. Three grenades were thrown. The VC retreated in a northwesterly direction. Negative results. No friendly casualties.
5. At 182200H, Company "C" received 3-4 sniper rounds on hill 22 (AT 954666). Fired 3 rounds of 60mm mortar rounds. Negative enemy contact. No friendly casualties.
6. At 182100H, Company "D" reported that in front of the 1st platoon, 3 rounds of illumination were fired from 60mm mortar. Two persons were seen. 2 rounds were fired at them in the vicinity of (AT 954666). Negative results and no friendly casualties.
7. At 182025H, Company "C" reported they received one sniper round from the vicinity of (AT 955661) on hill 22 (AT 955666). No friendly casualties.

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8. At 181705H, Company "C" reported during a fire fight with VC across the river (AT 950681), 2 USMC WIA, 1 USN WIA, and 1 VC WIA. Helo evacuated was completed.

9. At 192020H, the 3rd platoon (rein) of Company "D" (AT 902671) made contact with 6 to 8 VC in a fire fight. Two VC KIA's and one VC WIA. During Arty illumination VC bodies were brought into PPB. Bodies contained one weapon, cartridge belt w/ammo, grenades, packs, and personal hand written books. Bodies and equipment were helo evacuated. Patrol continues on combat patrol mission of clear and sweep of the village of Phouc Ninh (6).

10. At 200900H, the 3rd platoon of Company "C" reinforced with a platoon (-) of Company "C" recon battalion, a team of Engineers, a team of EOD, and two squads of F1 men, continued to sweep and clear the west bank of the Song Yen river in coordination with Company "G", 2/9, sweep and clear of the east bank. At (AT 962677) a booby trap was tripped and one USMC WIA resulted. WIA was helo evacuated. One 105 rounds was discovered that was booby trapped. Engineers disarmed 105 snell. Man trenches and fortifications were blown during search.

11. At 200700H, 3rd platoon, Company "D" ~~saprounded~~ the village of Phouc Ninh (6). Squads moved into village to conduct search (AT 903675), resulted in obtaining 5 VOS. No friendly casualties. VCS helo evaced to Crowd.

12. At 200740H, 3rd platoon, Company "D" reported being probed by two attacks. Fired 5-6 rounds at each individual, received no incoming rounds. Last round fired suspected to have hit VC, after hearing cries. No friendly casualties, no VC body found.

13. At 200005H, 3rd platoon, Company "D" reported their PPB was being probed, requested arty illumination. Fire was exchanged. No friendly casualties.

14. At 192055H, Company "C" reported that the 2nd platoon was attacked by 3-4 VC using grenades and small arms fire at the vicinity of La Chau (2) (AT 943672). One friendly WIA. Negative enemy results.

15. At 192045H, Company "D" reported the 3rd platoon PPB in fire fight with 4-8 VC. Search of area with arty illumination revealed two VC KIA. A third VC WIA was seen entering Phouc Ninh (6). Two bodies taken to 3rd platoon PPB. Bodies were searched and three foreign grenades, cartridge belts with ammo and seapons, two packs, wine, books, papers and diary with address were found. All gear and VC KIA's were helo evacuated

at 00900H. No friendly casualties. Patrol also reported finding elephant tracks and prepared craters (12ft deep, 30ft wide) (AT 861655). Uncharted trails were discovered and two large caves were sighted.

16. At 202230H, Post #10 CP security (AT 952722) received incoming fire from their left front. Returned fire after seeing approximately five to seven men. No friendly casualties.

17. At 202235H, Company "D" reported they received fire to six rounds of small arms fire in the vicinity of their Company CP. One round from (AT 934720) other round from (AT 942722). No friendly casualties.

18. At 202215H, Company "D" reported incoming small arms fire from (AT 948721). Company "D" did not return fire as it would have been in the direction of Bound CP. Tank was moved to position to bring area under illumination. Search team was sent out. No targets were sighted. No friendly casualties.

19. At 202135H, Company "D" reported seeing two men (AT 950721). Targets were not fired on.

20. At 201905H, Company "D" heard five rounds of small arms fire possibly carbine from vicinity of (AT 943722). No friendly casualties.

21. At 201905H, Post #8 CP security (AT 949719) received five to six rounds of small arms fire from their right front estimated range of approximately 1000 meters. No friendly casualties.

22. At 201905H, a squad (rein) from 2nd platoon, Company "D" established ambush at coordinates (AT 929638). At 212230H, the ambush opened fire on 2 VC. They suspect that they killed one. A search of the area produced no body, but they did find blood stains. Another search was conducted at first light with negative results. No friendly casualties. Arty fired battery four volleys then patrol returned to ambush site to search a second time. Negative results except for blood stains.

23. At 220900H, a mine traveling north on road (AT 944676) that a series of charges electrically detonated. Four Marines were evacuated by helo. One Marine was processed through BAS and then to C&C for examination. No confirmed enemy casualties. Sniper fire was received and returned. A platoon (rein) from Company "H" a platoon (rein) from Company "D" were sent to the area. A squad (rein) from Company "C" was also sent. All civilians were evacuated to a collection point and questioned. La Chau (1) and La Chau (2) and surrounding hamlets were searched. Holes, caves, and trenches were blown.

24. At 220345H, Company "D", 2nd platoon (AT 939721 reported explosion and activity at Whippoorwill LZ (AT 935719). Area search conducted. Fired a burst of machine gun fire, no fire returned, and no friendly casualties.

25. At 212300H, Company "B", 2nd platoon heard noise of digging under position (AT 929638). Loudest noise coming from beneath a tomb at platoon OP. Search at first light produced no evidence. No contact.

26. At 211845L, two squads from Company "C" picked up two VCS between hill 22 (AT 954667) and (AT 959658) while searching for missing Marine.

27. At 211935H, Company "H", 1st platoon, ~~Company~~ reported finding a 105 dud (AT 931695) requested permission to destroy dud. Permission granted. It was destroyed at 211905H.

28. At 222220H, A squad (rein) from 1st platoon, Company "C" enroute to ambush site at (AT 945662), saw four or five VC and fired. They received fire from the VC, several rounds were exchanged. A search of the area revealed nothing. The patrol then moved toward the MLR. By an alternate route they moved back toward the vicinity of the original site and reestablished the ambush. They returned to the MLR at first light with no further contact. No friendly casualties.

29. At 230830H, Hieu Duc District Chief reported his agent in La Chau (5) has been killed by VC. This is the 3rd agent lost in this hamlet. (AT 962667).

30. At 222025H, 2nd platoon, Company "C" reported seeing an object floating in the Song Yen River at (AT 965664) vicinity of La Chau (5). Further investigation by platoon commander indicated that it was a body. The body was retrieved by a member of the patrol who swam out to it. It was removed from the river at (AT 968665). It was identified as the body of PFC. O. W. MAHIN, who had been previously reported as being MIA by this unit. The body was clothed with boots, trousers and the utility jacket partially on. The feet were bound with

heavy twine and drawn up behind the back. The right arm was bound to the body. It was not open and intact. There were bullet holes in the back, lower chest, left arm, right hand and right testicle. The body was evacuated to C&C.

31. At 222035H, Company "C" listening post at La Chau (2) (AT 945672) sighted four to five men to their front. The listening post was withdrawing to the platoon position when a grenade was thrown. Fire was returned by the listening post. Two Marines received slight wounds in the lower portion of their legs. Both Marines were evacuated at 222120H. No confirmed enemy casualties. A patrol from Company "C" en-route to their ambush site checked the area.

32. At 231840H, Company "D", 1st platoon on combat patrol mission found evidence of one elephant's tracks and fresh dung (AT 854663). No evidence of any people in area. Company "A", 3rd platoon operating on combat patrol missions bounded by (AT 8273), (AT 8673), (AT 8668), and (AT 8268) reported negative enemy contact. No friendly casualties occurred from either patrol. Both patrols continued to search and clear their AOR's. The 3rd platoon, Company "A" returned to the MLR at 241400H. The 1st platoon, Company "D" is scheduled to return to the MLR by 251500H.

33. At 240845H, Sierra reported that Binh Tay reported one platoon of VC (20-25 men) at Phu Hoa (AT 948703). VC moved in at 240300H. They had a fire fight with popular forces. Popular forces withdrew to vicinity of (AT 946699). VC withdrew at 240314H to the east along the Son Tun Loan, destination unknown.

34. At 240300H, Company "D", 3rd platoon reported incoming fire from the vicinity of Son Tay Loan (1) (AT 945104). Some burst of automatic fire were received and some thought to be carbine. The fire was hitting in the platoon position. The fire was not returned. No friendly casualties resulted.

35. At 232300H, Company "D", 3rd platoon located and spotted a VC with a sniper scope 150-200 yards to the right front of their position (AT 941719). The rifle misfired and the VC disappeared.

36. At 232255H, Company "D", 3rd platoon (AT 941419) received two rounds of fire from (AT 944728). Ten minutes later from probably a carbine six more rounds were received from same coordinates. The distance was too great to return effective fire. What seemed to be a rock or grenade was thrown into the platoon position. There was no explosion. After search of area no enemy or dud grenade could be found. No friendly casualties occurred.

37. At 232050H, Binh Tay reported a villager gave information that a Marine (assumed Marine to be PBC. MANH previously reported MIA at 211844H and now reported KIA at 230805H from this unit) saw VC approaching, fired and killed one VC before he was wounded and captured. The same report gave information that sixty two VC were in vicinity of (AT 955650). This is an unconfirmed agent report and no further information at this time.

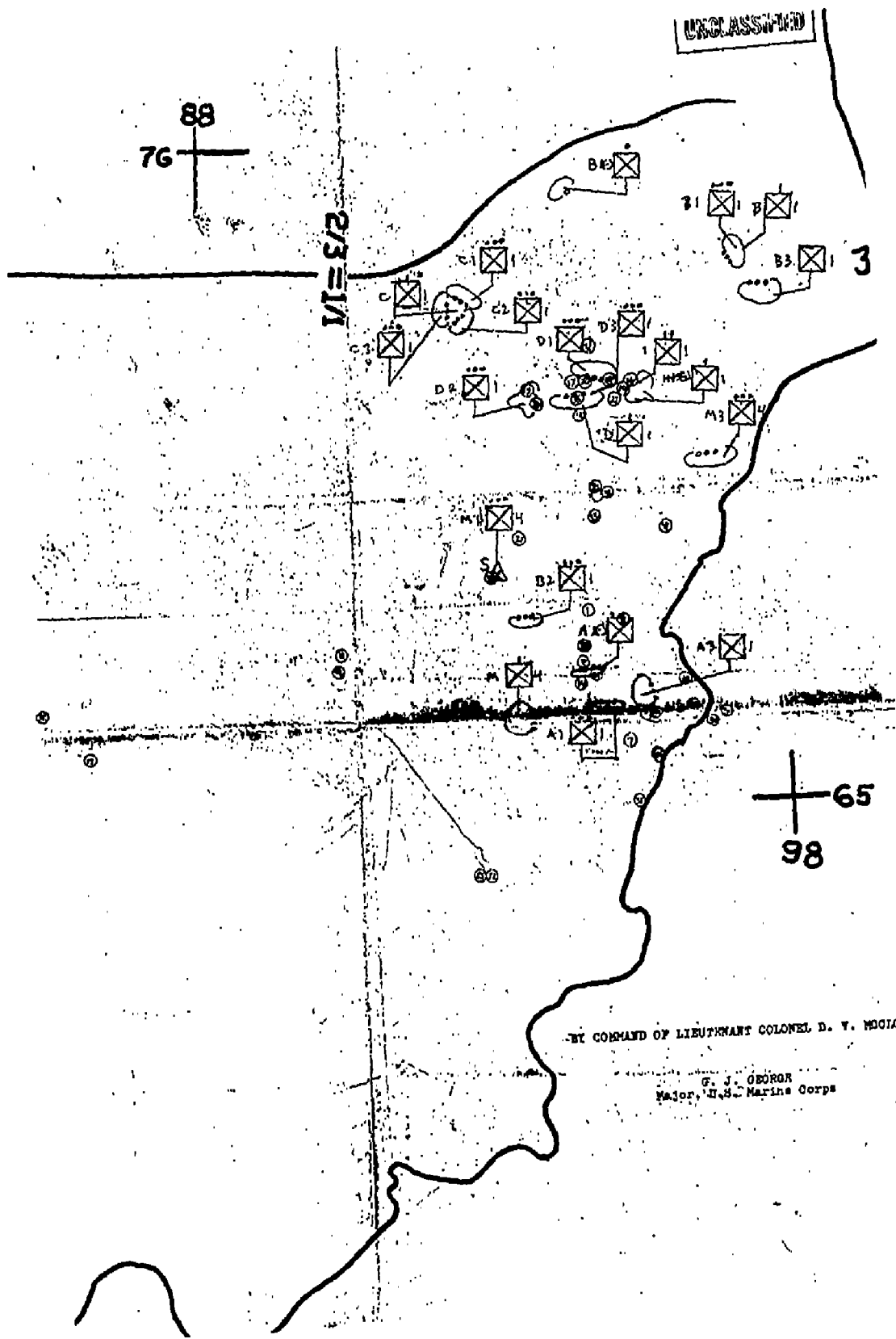
38. At 241955H, Sierra (AT 929689) reported ARVN soldier was bitten by a snake. ARVN soldier was evacuated.

39. At 242015H, Company "D", 3rd platoon reported receiving small arms fire in three round bursts at Tay Loam (1) (AT 945709). No friendly casualties.

40. At 242045H, Post #6 (AT 943718) CP security reported receiving automatic fire 600 meters South of position. No friendly casualties.

41. At 242100H, Company "D", 3rd platoon reported receiving small arms fire from Tay Loam (2) (AT 945704). Estimated to be 50 rounds of BAR (Caliber 30). No friendly casualties.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

111200H September to 181200H

1. At 111830H, a sniper fired 6 rounds at vehicle (mite) proceeding in an easterly direction, vicinity AT 922736. this action was observed by an OP located in the vicinity of AT 920792. No friendly casualties.

2. At 111920H, Company "C" received 8-10 sniper rounds fired from two or three VC from the vicinity of AT 957676. Six rounds of 81mm mortar rounds were fired. Sniper fire ceased. No friendly casualties.

3. At 112050H, H&S Company (Battalion CP) received 1-3 rounds sniper fire from the vicinity of AT 954718 and AT 950718. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties.

4. At 112200H, H&S Company (Battalion CP) security post observed what appeared to be a man dragging a body in the vicinity of AT 954716. The VC was fired upon and fire was returned. Sniper fire was sporadic and ceased about 2345. Illumination called and fired by 81mm and 60mm mortars. No friendly casualties. Area search was conducted with negative results.

5. At 120115H, Company "C" (squad outpost) received heavy small arms fire and approximately 10 grenades from 10-12 VC in the vicinity of La Chau (3), AT 956677. The fire fight lasted approximately 1 hour. 2 WIA were helo evacuated. 2 U. S. WIA's resulted from grenades exploding in fighting hole. 2 U.S. rifles and one 3.5 rocket launcher were damaged in fire fight. The Company Commander reinforced the squad at 120230H.

6. At 120915H, Company "D" (2nd platoon) shot and wounded one VC in the vicinity of AT 908696. Area was searched and one Mauser rifle with five rounds was recovered; VC was not located. No friendly casualties.

7. At 121035, Company "C" received four U.S. WIA's from a booby trap in vicinity of AT 957680. Two WIA's were from Company "C" and the other two WIA's were from engineer search team. WIA's inflicted when a gate was opened. Three WIA's were helo evacuated at 121115H.

8. At 132035H, Company "A", 2nd platoon reported a fire fight from the village of Phoc Hong in the vicinity of AT 916727. Six rounds were fired. Rounds were not fired into friendly positions. District Headquarters notified.

9. At 132105H, Company "D" reported 3 VC in the vicinity of AT 939721 used hand illumination. VC move out of range of hand illumination. No friendly casualties.

10. At 132116H, Company "C" received one hand grenade

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9. At 132105H, Company "D" reported 3 VC in the vicinity of AT 939721 used hand illumination. VC move out of range of hand illumination. No friendly casualties.

10. At 132116H, Company "C" received one hand grenade into defensive positions from vicinity of AT 958665. No friendly casualties.

11. At 140110H, Company "C" received 2-5 hand grenades in defensive positions from the vicinity of La Chau (2) AT 945674. One U.S. WIA inflicted from fragments of the grenade. WIA was evacuated. Area search conducted with negative results.

12. At 140152H, Company "C" received small arms fire from vicinity of La Chau (2) AT 945677. No friendly casualties. Fire team searched area with negative enemy contact.

13. At 141845, Company "D" reported 2-3 sniper rounds coming from west of the 3rd platoon, Company "D" in the vicinity of AT 921719. No friendly casualties.

14. At 140850, Company "A", Platoon (Rein) encountered sniper fire (2 rounds) from the village of Binh Thai as they approached from vicinity of AT 885715. The rounds were fired from a house in the vicinity of AT 883710. No friendly casualties. Patrol conducted search with negative results.

15. At 141000H, Company "A" Platoon (Rein) patrol encountered sniper fire during the search for the sniper. a tunnel was found and a grenade was thrown into the tunnel. Negative results. A booby trapped gate was blown with a line attached to the gate. No friendly casualties.

16. At 141110H, Company "C", 2nd platoon began moving to La Chau (5). They received small arms fire from vicinity of AT 958665. Fire was returned and the platoon moved to the area of small arms fire.

17. At 141315H, 3rd platoon (Rein), Company "A" while on combat patrol sighted four VC in rice paddy AT 907711. VC were fired on and maneuvered upon. One wounded VC in his attempt to escape threw a grenade in the vicinity of a fire team wounding 3 friendly, two VC escaped. Three friendly WIA, one friendly died in route to hospital. One VC KIA. One VC weapon was taken.

18. At 141323H, Company "C", 1st platoon swept through La Chau (4) 2 VC in village with man, wife and son. VC threw grenade and killed wife and son then escaped. No friendly casualties. The dead VC helo evacuated.

19. At 141425H, Company "A" reported one woman gave alarm to 4 VC. Uncovered tunnel in hut of woman who warned VC. Found one booby trap, three bear traps in the village of Ninh Am (2) during sweep of village.

20. At 150645H, Company "C", 1st platoon is now sweeping La Chau (5). Are running into many caves. Have taken 2 civilians whom we believe to have false documents.

21. At 150955H, Company "C" 1st platoon came to a cave that was booby trapped with a hand grenade. Booby trap was destroyed during the sweep through the village of La Chau (5). No friendly casualties. Area search continues.

22. At 151325H, Company "M", 1st platoon received fire from a carbine approximately 50 meters from a house in zone of operation. The platoon maneuvered on the house. No enemy contact. One friendly WIA resulted from panji trap coordinates AT 925685. in the vicinity of Khurong My (1) No medical assistance is necessary

23. At 151710H, Company "B", 1st platoon while in the sweep of Duyen-Son saw a man throw a grenade from a cave. Two grenades were thrown into the cave. The cave was sealed off. The man was not killed. He was removed from the cave as Marines opened the entrance. Hysterical woman tried to retrieve him. Both the man and woman were delivered to Crowd CP. No friendly casualties. Coordinates of the cave AT 932667.

24. At 151950H, Company "D" reported that at 151500H, popular forces fired upon from La Chau (3). VC fled across the river. Estimated 8-9 VC fired on popular forces from vicinity of AT 959680. Some of the rounds fired by the VC entered Marine positions AT 954669. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties. One of Bieh Thai's informers was wounded in the leg. He was helo evacuated.

25. At 152027H, Company "C" reported 6 rounds fired by a unit of their left flank at a figure of a man. Also one grenade was thrown by this unit on hill 22. Negative results.

26. At 152210H, Company "D" reported OP in the vicinity of AT 941721 heard movement. They opened fire. Negative results. No friendly casualties.

27. At 160838H, Company "C" had blown a gate at La Chau (5). It was found to be free of booby traps. Sniper fire was received from La Chau (5). Area searched.

28. At 161830H, 2nd platoon Company "A" reported having found possible intelligence paper in Vietnamese language with Chinese symbols, yellow flag with red strips and red star in the middle. While making sweep of Phuc Ninh (1), it was noted that only women and children were in this village. Negative enemy contact in this vicinity.

27. At 160838H, Company "C" had blown a gate at La Chau (5). It was found to be free of booby traps. Sniper fire was received from La Chau (5). Area searched.

28. At 161830H, 2nd platoon Company "A" reported having found possible intelligence paper in Vietnamese language with Chinese symbols, yellow flag with red strips and red star in the middle. While making sweep of Phuoc Ninh (1), it was noted that only women and children were in this village. Negative enemy contact in this vicinity.

29. At 161930, 1st Platoon Company "D" reported finding sleeve patch with green background and parachute, 3 bolts of lighting and a tigers head. This patch was picked up AT 881653. In the southwest corner of the AOR. AT 875645. Found graph papers with figures written on it. At Phuoc Ninh (2) 3 bound notebooks found hidden under a bag of nuts, on which was stamped Viet Nam Cong-Whoa.

30. At 161915H, 1st platoon Company "M" reported a grenade type booby trap 300 meters NorthWest of Sierra's position. The booby trap was disposed of by engineers from Sierra's position. The trap was AT 927690. The grenade was U.S. made.

31. At 162100H, 3rd platoon Company "C" reported that they received one round of sniper fire, but couldn't ascertain where the round came from. No friendly casualties.

32. At 162345H, Company "C" reported one man was injured when a VC threw a grenade into his foxhole. The grenade was thrown in the vicinity of AT 957660. Medical evacuation was effected.

33. At 170010H, Company "D" reported sentry fired 6-8 rounds at VCS 35 meters to his front AT 938719. Results not known. No friendly casualties.

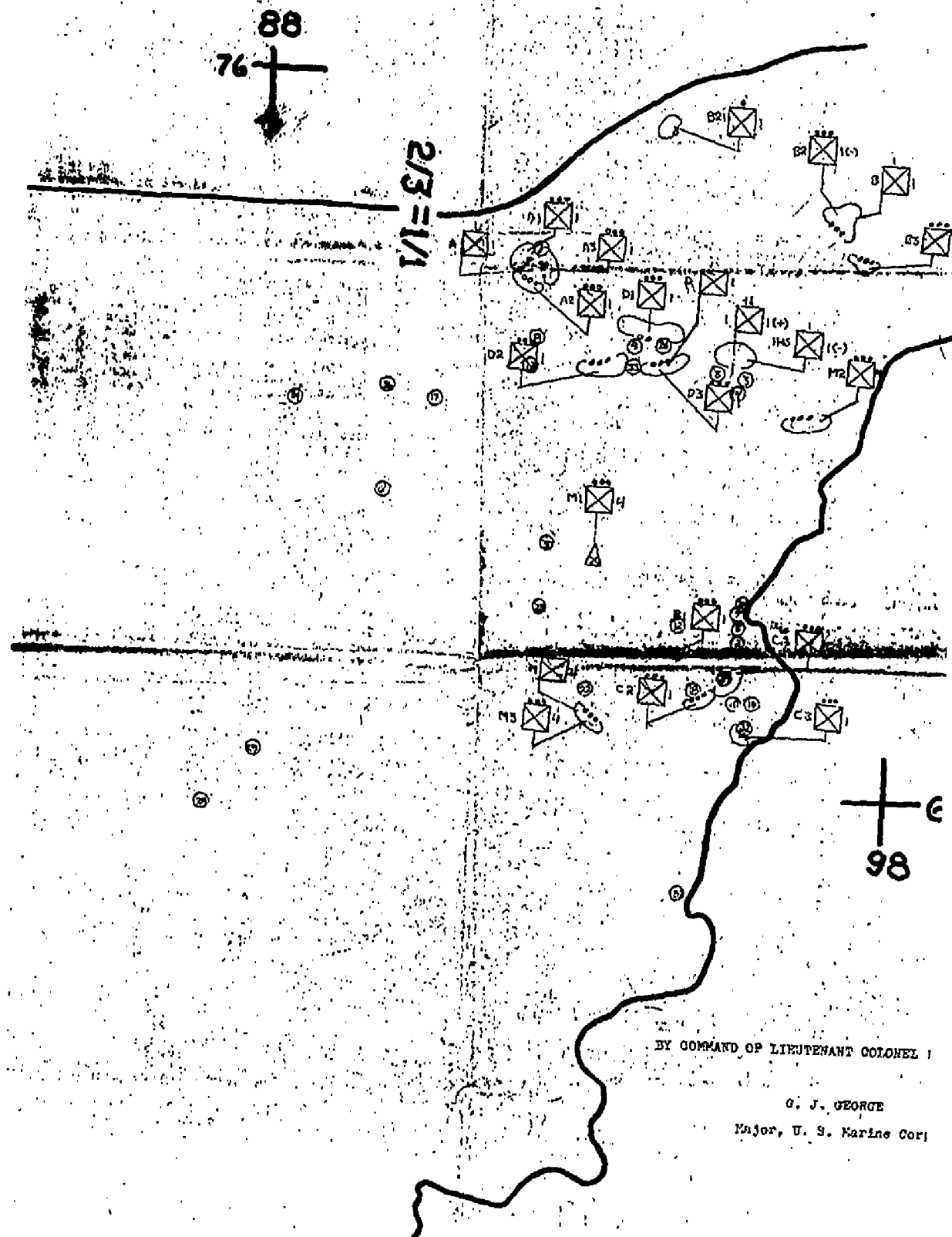
34. At 170335H, Company "C" reported receiving fire from there left front AT 955667. 10 rounds were received. Fire was returned with negative results. No friendly casualties.

35. At 170800H, 2nd platoon Company "A" patrol captured two VCS in the village of Binh Thai (1). Age of the two suspects are 50 and 22 years of age. Request that the two VCS be helolifted back to Crowd. No friendly casualties.

36. At 180640H, Company "A" reported as A-2 patrol was returning from its PPB. The point of the patrol hit a wire which detonated a booby trap possibly two. 3 friendly casualties. A second booby trap was found and detonated in place. At coord AT 900713 WIA's were helo evacuated.

37. At 181030H Company "C" reported the first platoon have recieved small arms fire AT 950635 are returning fire. As result of this action 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA. The WIA was helo evacuated.

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051200H Septebmer to 111200H

1. At 051615, Company "A" (PPB) received sniper fire from 3 different directions in the vicinity of AT901711. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties.
2. At 051515, Company "B", Squad foot patrol conducted a recon down the road to the vicinity of AT937637. One WIA was suffered in the vicinity of AT937636 from a directional type mine. Sniper fire was received as the patrol returned from the vicinity of AT943660, AT953653, AT955656, and AT942670. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties from sniper fire.
3. At 060130, Company "D" received 2-3 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity of AT946714 and AT944726. Fire was returned. No friendly casualties.
4. At 060235, Company "A" fired 20 rounds at 1 VC in the vicinity of AT915732. Area search was conducted with negative results. No friendly casualties.
5. At 06235, Company "C" had 1 WIA in vicinity of AT943683 inflicted as one man moved from one position to another and was mistaken for a VC. The WIA was helo evacuated at 070030.
6. At 070320, Company "D" observed 3 or 4 VC in the vicinity of AT945711. They were taken under fire and an area search was conducted with negative results. No friendly casualties.
7. At 070915, Company "D" received 1 round sniper fire from the vicinity of AT937716. Two fire teams searched area with negative results. No friendly casualties.
8. At 062130, Company "C" established a squad sized ambush in the vicinity of AT943674. One VC with a weapon was observed in La Chau (2) but the VC disappeared before he could be fired upon. VC was not observed again. As the ambush squad returned at 070700, a M-26 fragmentation grenade was discovered. The booby trap was not armed and was delivered to battalion S-2. No further enemy contact. No friendly casualties.
9. At 072345, Company "D" CP security at a road block in the vicinity of AT940717 properly challenged 3 men. Negative reply so they were fired upon. One round was returned. Area search by fire team with sniper scope, negative results. No friendly casualties.
10. At 080110, Company "C" received 7-8 rounds small arms fire from across the stream in the vicinity of AT954682. Area searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.
11. At 081845, Company "C" (CP) received 5 rounds sniper fire from the

9. At 072045, Company "C" received 3 rounds small arms fire in the vicinity of AT940717 properly challenged 3 men. Negative reply so they were fired upon. One round was returned. Area search by fire team with sniper scope, negative results. No friendly casualties.

10. At 080110, Company "C" received 7-8 rounds small arms fire from across the stream in the vicinity of AT954682. Area searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.

11. At 081845, Company "C" (CP) received 5 rounds sniper fire from the cemetery in the vicinity of AT946679. Fire was returned and an area search was conducted with negative results. No friendly casualties.

12. At 082315, Company "C" received one round sniper fire in the vicinity of AT955681. Fire was not returned. No friendly casualties.

13. At 090630, Company "C" (CP) received 2 rounds sniper fire from the vicinity of AT953673. Fire was returned. Shortly afterwards 3 explosions were heard. Area was searched and one small crater was found. Opinion was that the sniper possibly tripped a VC booby trap. No friendly casualties.

14. At 090700, Company "A" squad ambush captured 2 VC in the vicinity of AT850725. The 2 VC's were helo evacuated to Crowd Headquarters.

15. At 091720, Company "C" Fire team with engineer team received 8 rounds sniper fire from vicinity of AT953676. The fire team pursued and snipers entered the village of La Chau (3). One Marine was slightly wounded in the hand.

16. At 092040, Company "D" received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT931717. Fire was returned. Area search conducted with negative results. No friendly casualties.

18. At 092200, Company "D" (PPB) received sniper fire in the vicinity of AT869712. Area was searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.

19. At 092300, Company "D" received fire from the vicinity of AT932717. Fire was returned and the area was searched with negative results. One Marine was slightly wounded when his arm was cut by a sniper round.

20. At 100715, Company "C" (Rein) with one platoon of ARVN made a sweep of La Chau (2) in the vicinity of AT945676. They encountered booby traps and small arms fire from the village. The village was searched and VC documents and I.D. cards were found in a cache. Booby traps and mines were retrieved. Extensive tunnel network was found. Engineers and Company "C" closed same. 1 Marine WIA, 3 ARVN KIA.

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21. At 10802, Company "D" (PFB) received two rounds sniper fire in the vicinity of AT885685. Fire was returned. Area was searched and several empty cartridges were found, believed to be 8mm. No friendly casualties.

22. At 101155, Company "A" platoon was returning from patrol and suffered 3 heat casualties. Medical evacuation aircraft on station with armed escort at 101240. During the medical evacuation the patrol received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT885713. The medical evacuation aircraft strafed the area and were relieved by armed UH-1E's. UH-1E's were relieved by a section of F4's. Air strikes were conducted in the vicinity of AT885725 and AT885713. Patrol searched area with negative results. No friendly casualties.

23. At 092155, Company "D" squad ambush in the vicinity of AT882678 fired at 2 VC believed to be carrying an automatic rifle and a carbine. The VC fled in an easterly direction. Area search was negative. No friendly casualties.

24. At 091905, Company "D" squad ambush received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT898691. Fire was returned and the area was searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.

25. At 101830, Company "C" received 3 rounds sniper fire from the cemetery in the vicinity of AT946679. Fire was returned and the area was searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.

26. At 102237, Company "C" received several rounds small arms fire from Hill 22 in the vicinity of AT934667. Fire was returned and 81mm mortars fired a concentration on Hill 22. No friendly casualties.

27. At 110910, Company "A" (Patrol) received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT880713. Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.

28. At 1101120, Company "A" (Patrol) received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT887713. Fire was returned and VC was observed falling from a tree. Area being searched. No friendly casualties.

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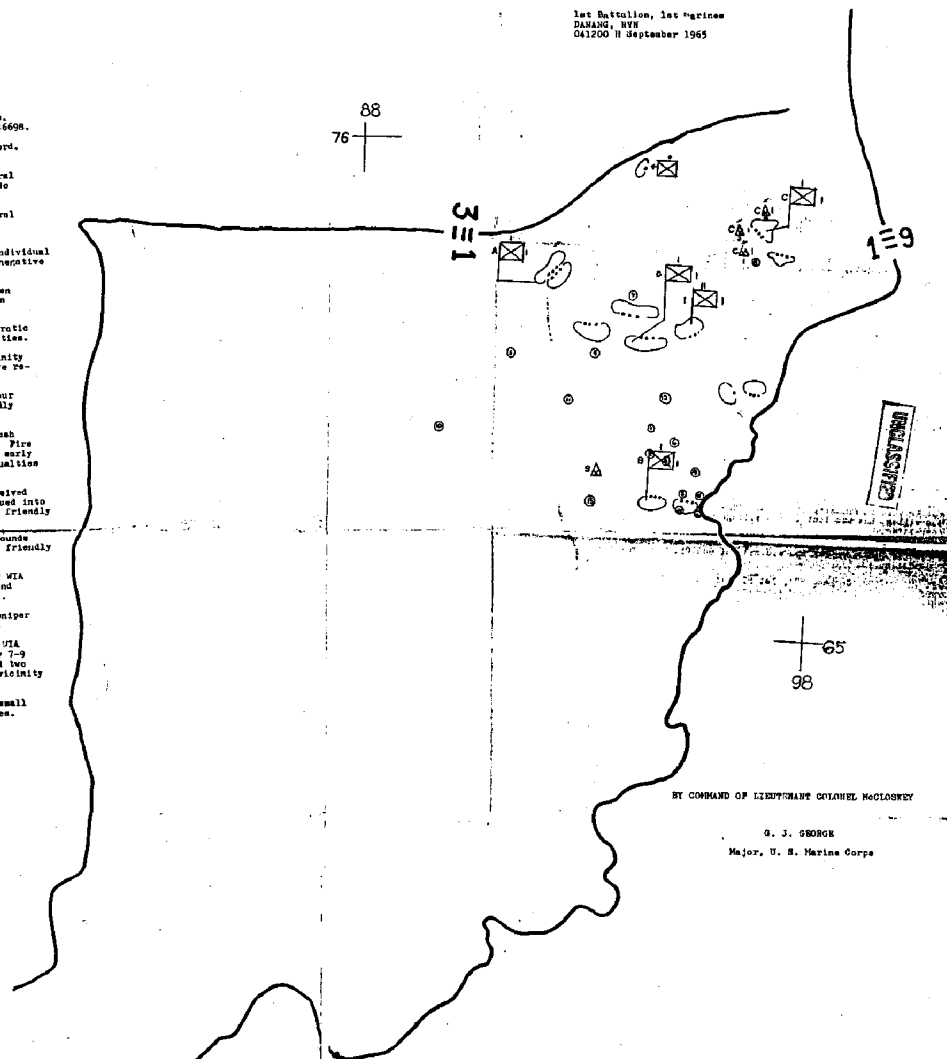
110001 August to 041200 September 65

1. At 310020, 1st Platoon, Company "B" received sniper rounds in vicinity of 946432. No friendly casualties. Six blood stains found leading to village vicinity 946609.
2. At 311000, Pioneer Bravo 6 reported boobytrap at coord. 949691. Request BDD to blow same.
3. At 312130, 2d Platoon, Company "B" received several rounds of small arms fire from vicinity of 953604. No friendly casualties.
4. At 312247, Company "B", 3d Platoon received several rounds of small arms fire from vicinity 932714. No friendly casualties.
5. At 312335, Company "B", 3d Platoon fired on an individual running at vicinity 913714. Investigation produced negative results.
6. At 010015, Company "B", 1st Platoon fired on 3 men in a rice paddy in vicinity of 950694. Investigation produced negative results.
7. At 010110, Company "B", 1st Platoon received sporadic rifle fire from vicinity 940725. No friendly casualties.
8. At 010230, Company "C" fired at four men in vicinity of 967736. Fire team investigation produced negative results.
9. At 012110, Company "B", 1st Platoon received four rounds sniper fire in vicinity of 955608. No friendly casualties.
10. At 020013, Company "B", 1st Platoon at an ambush site in vicinity of 949600 opened fire on 40-45 VC. Fire fight ensued and continued throughout the night and early morning. No friendly casualties. Estimated 70 casualties 20 KIA (unconfirmed).
11. At 021550, Company "D", 1st Platoon Patrol received sniper fire in vicinity of 927704. The VC was pursued into the village but was lost in the village market. No friendly casualties.
12. At 020950, Company "B" road block received 4 rounds of sniper fire from Phu Hoa vicinity of 949705. No friendly casualties.
13. At 042400, Company "C", 1st Platoon suffered 2 KIA when one Company "C" ambush squad came up upon second ambush squad from Company "C" in vicinity of 932681.
14. At 040200, Company "B" CP received one round sniper fire from vicinity 951600. No friendly casualties.
15. At 040145, Company "B", 3d Platoon suffered 3 KIA (two evacuated). Four hand grenades were thrown by 7-9 VC infiltrators. Two of the grenades detonated and two died. The VC infiltrated from south Phu Hoa area (vicinity 955605).
16. At 040442, Company "B", 3d Platoon repulsed a small probe in vicinity of 955601. No friendly casualties.

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1. 310920, 1st Platoon, Company "B" received sniper rounds in vicinity of 946692. No friendly casualties. Six blood stains found leading to village vicinity 946698.
2. 311000, Pilsner Bravo 6 reported boobytrap at coord. 949691. Request EOD to blow same.
3. At 312130, 2d Platoon, Company "B" received several rounds of small arms fire from vicinity of 953684. No friendly casualties.
4. At 312247, Company "D", 3d Platoon received several rounds of small arms fire from vicinity 932714. No friendly casualties.
5. At 312335, Company "D", 3d Platoon fired on an individual running at vicinity 913714. Investigation produced negative results.
6. At 010015, Company "B", 1st Platoon fired on 2 men in a rice paddy in vicinity of 950694. Investigation produced negative results.
7. At 010130, Company "D", 1st Platoon received sporadic rifle fire from vicinity 940725. No friendly casualties.
8. At 010230, Company "C" fired at four men in vicinity of 967736. Fire team investigation produced negative results.
9. At 012110, Company "B", 1st Platoon received four rounds sniper fire in vicinity of 955688. No friendly casualties.
10. At 020013, Company "D", 1st Platoon at an ambush site in vicinity of 899698 opened fire on 40-45 VC. Fire fight ensued and continued throughout the night and early morning. No friendly casualties. Estimated VC casualties 20 WIA 3 KTA (unconfirmed).
11. At 021530, Company "D", 1st Platoon Patrol received sniper fire in vicinity of 927704. The VC was pursued into the village but was lost in the village market. No friendly casualties.
12. At 020930, Company "B" road block received 4 rounds of sniper fire from Phu Hoa vicinity of 949705. No friendly casualties.
13. At 042400, Company "C", 1st Platoon suffered 2 WIA when one Company "C" ambush squad came up upon second

11. At 021530, Company "D", 1st Platoon Patrol received sniper fire in vicinity of 927704. The VC was pursued into the village but was lost in the village market. No friendly casualties.

12. At 020930, Company "B" road block received 4 rounds of sniper fire from Phu Hoa vicinity of 949705. No friendly casualties.

13. At 042400, Company "C", 1st Platoon suffered 2 WIA when one Company "C" ambush squad came up upon second ambush squad from Company "C" in vicinity of 932681.

14. At 040200, Company "B" CP received one round sniper fire from vicinity 951680. No friendly casualties.

15. At 040145, Company "B", 3d Platoon suffered 3 WIA (Two evacuated). Four hand grenades were thrown by 7-9 VC infiltrators. Two of the grenades detonated and two duds. The VC infiltrated from south Bo Bon area (vicinity 953683).

16. At 040442, Company "B", 3d Platoon repulsed a small probe in vicinity of 955681. No friendly casualties.

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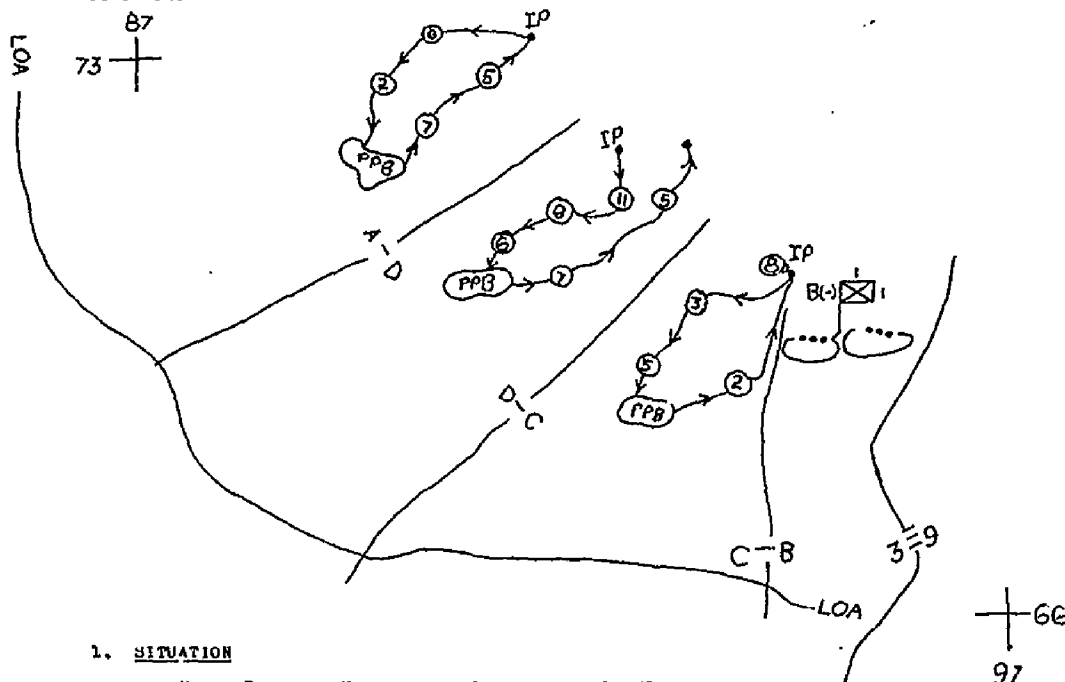
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Frax Order #1-65

Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000; AMS 1701, Sheets 6659 III and 6659 IV

Time Zone: H



1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. No change. See current ISMRs.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. Commencing at 311300 H August designated Plts (Rein) from Co's A, C, and D will occupy assigned PPB's, establish OP's, conduct recon patrols, establish ambush sites, and return to respective present positions by 021600 H September. On order, be prepared to displace assigned PPB's to new location.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. (As shown on overlay)
- b. Co. "A" (Rein). (See overlay)
- c. Co. "C" (Rein). (See overlay). Left boundary of 2A is exclusive of road. Move by vehicle to VIC 947690. Maintain constant ln with OP 28. One light section of tanks and one light section of Ontos will be in direct support.
- d. Co. "D" (Rein). (See overlay)
- e. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Plt's reinforced with one NG Sgd, one 3.5 rkt Sgd, two radio operators w/PGC-10, ARVN LN Personnel, two corpomen and one Blmm FO Tn.
 - (2) Report to this Hdqtrs (S-3) when closing each check point.
 - (3) Report to this Hdqtrs (S-3) the coordinates of each OP and Ambush site (eight digits).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Two meals and two canteens of water will be carried by each rsn.
- b. Resupply by helicopter. Prepare LZ's at each PPB.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. All radios will be on Battalion Patrol Net.
- b. Report CP positions as soon as they are established.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL D. V. McCLOSKEY

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1st Bn, 1st Marines
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060800H Sept 1965

FRAG ORDER 5-65

Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, AMS L701, Sheets 6659 III and 6658 IV
(b) Battalion Order 3000.1B (SOP for Operations)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. No change.
- b. Friendly forces. MAG 16 (-) provide tactical helilift and resupply.
- c. Attachments and detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. Commencing at 080630H Sept 65 one plt (rein), Co. "B" and one plt (rein), Co. "C", helilift into assigned LZ in designated platoon AOR's (area of responsibility), establish PPB's, conduct aggressive patrols throughout AOR, and establish nightly ambushes to destroy enemy in AOR. At 101800H Sept helilift return to company area within the MLR area.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operations. Co. "B" and Co. "C" will each helilift one plt (rein) into separate LZ's within two separate AOR's establish PPB's, patrol assigned routes, establish night ambushes (location to be announced) and be helilifted to present positions within MLR area NLT 101800H. See Overlay.

b. Co. "B" (Rein) Co. D (Rein)

- (1) With one Plt (Rein), land at L-hour in LZ HAWK and secure LZ.
- (2) Establish PPB #1 in vicinity 881677.
- (3) Conduct combat/recon patrol as designated (See Overlay).
- (4) Establish night ambush at site compatible with results of combat/recon patrol.
- (5) At 110700H displace to PPB #2 Vicinity 887688. Conduct combat/recon patrol shown on overlay. Establish night ambush site that is compatible with results of patrol.
- (6) Establish LZ vicinity PPB #2 and be prepared to helilift out of AOR when directed afternoon 10 Sept 65.

c. Co. "C" (Rein)

- (1) With one Plt (Rein), land at L-hour in LZ CROW and secure LZ.
- (2) Establish PFB #1 Vicinity 858724.
- (3) Conduct combat/recon patrol as designated (See overlay).
- (4) Establish night ambush at site compatible with results of combat/recon patrol.
- (5) At 110730H displace to PFB #2 vicinity 868716. Conduct combat/recon patrol as shown on overlay. Establish night ambush site that is compatible with results of patrol.
- (6) Establish LZ vicinity PFB #2 and be prepared to helilift out of AOR when directed afternoon 10 Sept 65.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) L-hour 0700H
- (2) Be prepared to select and utilize an alternate LZ.
- (3) Report situation reports to this Headquarters hourly and spot reports when situation changes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Each Marine will be issued ^{one} ~~two~~ MCI's prior to departing MLR.
- b. Basic allowance of Class V will be issued and taken on Operation.
- c. Adequate supply of batteries will be taken (radio and flash light).
- d. Body armor, upper torso will be worn.
- e. Pay particular attention to possible mines and booby traps throughout areas of responsibility.
- f. Two full canteens of water will be carried by each Marine. Resupply of water will be by locally available means. Adequate supply of water purification tablets will be carried.
- g. Resupply of rations and other needed items will be by helicopter on morning of 9 Sept 65.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Air panels will be taken.

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- b. Two PRC-10 radios will be taken. Patrols net with their Co. TAC net, but be prepared to change to Bn TAC net or alternate Bn TAC net.
 - c. Be prepared to net radios with LZ control net.
 - d. Report establishment of OP's and ambush sites as they occur, and give coordinates.

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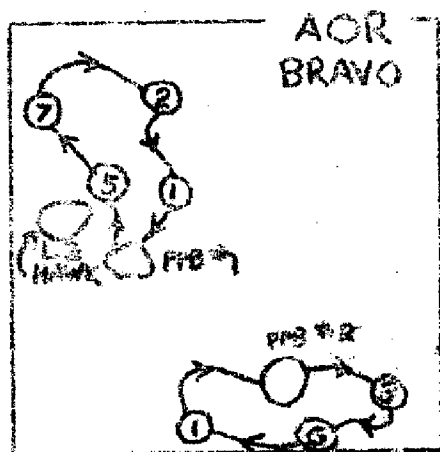
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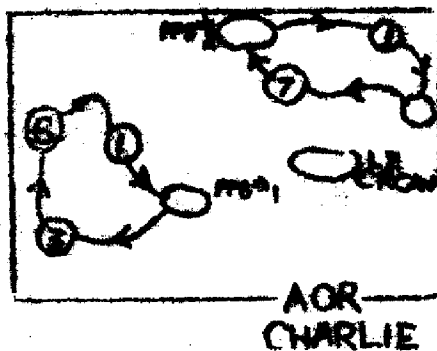
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