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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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COMBAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 1st Marines LtCol C. G. LITTLE 1-31 May 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1stLt	LOHR, D. M.	1-2 May 1970
	Capt	PICKERSGILL, D. W.	3-31 May 1970
Co "A"	Capt	CHRISTY, D. E.	1-2 May 1970
	1stLt	LOHR, D. M.	3-31 May 1970
Co "B"	1stLt	LAW, A. E.	1-31 May 1970
Co "C"	1stLt	LAMB, R. H.	1-31 May 1970
Co "D"	Capt	STOCKMAN, J. A.	1-10 May 1970
	Capt	ST. CLAIR, E. M.	11-31 May 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970: Quang Nam Province, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

EKO	Maj	FREEMAN, R. A.	1-31 May 1970
S-1	2ndLt	SCHUETTE, W. R.	1-24 May 1970
	CWO-2	EVELAND, W. L.	25-31 May 1970
S-2	Capt	ST. CLAIR, E. M.	1-15 May 1970
	Capt	ENRIGHT, P. S.	16-31 May 1970
S-3	Maj	MARKS, D. E.	1-2 May 1970
	Capt	CHRISTY, D. E.	3-31 May 1970
S-4	Capt	CORLINS, E. M.	1-31 May 1970
S-5	1stLt	FITZHUGH, D. M.	1-31 May 1970
CommO	Capt	ALOGOSO, A. A.	1-31 May 1970
SupO	1stLt	ALBERTS, D. C.	1-31 May 1970
MFO	1stLt	DECANIO, R.	1-31 May 1970
ALO	1stLt	BENNETT, G. S.	1-2 May 1970
	1stLt	RIDDELL, O. J.	3-30 May 1970
	1stLt	YATES, D. C.	31 May 1970
PAC	1stLt	RIDDELL, O. J.	1-2 May 1970
	1stLt	DELONG, J. S.	1-20 May 1970
	1stLt	YATES, D. C.	19-30 May 1970
	1stLt	ARNOLD, J. W.	20-31 May 1970
Bn Chaplain	Lt (CHC)	MCCLURE, R. N.	1-31 May 1970
Bn Surgeon	Lt (MC)	GOLDSTEIN, E. R.	1-25 May 1970
	Lt (MC)	THOMPSON, J. A.	26-31 May 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
43	1107

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	50

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OTHER	
OFF	ENL
2	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. PERSONNEL

a. Replacements. During the month of May 1970 the Battalion received the following replacements:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	40

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	1

b. Losses due to rotation:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	62

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	1

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c. Losses other than rotation:

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) Inter Division Transfer	2	9	1	0
(2) Transfers within West Pac	3	0	0	0
(3) Moved out of RVN	0	31	0	0
(4) Twice/Thrice Wounded	0	0	0	0

d. Casualties

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) KIA	0	0	0	0
(2) WIA	0	7	0	0
(3) WIA&L	0	0	0	0
(4) VEC	0	8	0	0
(5) LOW	0	0	0	0

e. Rest and Relaxation. The following personnel were assigned R&R quotas to the location indicated.

(1) HAWAII	23
(2) AUSTRALIA	15
(3) MANILA	2

(4) OKINAWA	7
(5) TOKYO	7
(6) TAIPEI	9
(7) HONG KONG	12
(8) HANOI	16

f. Legal and Disciplinary. The following proceedings were conducted within the Battalion during the month of May 1970.

(1) NJP AWARDED	22
(2) SCM (COMPLETED)	0
(3) SCM (PENDING)	2
(4) SPCM (COMPLETED)	3
(5) SPCM (PENDING)	8
(6) GCM (COMPLETED)	0
(7) GCM (PENDING)	0
(8) INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	1
(9) INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING) (ARTICLE 32)	0

g. Awards.

(1) The following awards were recommended to members of this Battalion during the month of May 1970.

(a) SILVER STAR	0
(b) BRONZE STAR	3
(c) NAVY COMMENDATION	4
(d) NAVY ACHIEVEMENT	4
(e) VIETNAMESE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	1
(f) VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY	11

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(g) VIETNAMESE CIVIL ACTION
MEDAL

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(2) The following awards were presented to members of this Battalion during the month of May 1970.

(a) NAVY COMENDATION	2
(b) PURPLE HEARTS	5

h. Promotions. The following promotions were effective within the Battalion during the month of May 1970.

(1) SERGEANT	4
(2) CORPORAL	189
(3) LANCE CORPORAL	73
(4) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	8

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2. INTELLIGENCE

a. There were a total of 22,360 VN\$ expended during May 1970 in support of the V.I.P.; a decrease of 18,537 VN\$ from last month's expenditures.

b. Intelligence coordination with Hieu Duc DIQCC, Recon Battalion S-2 and 1st Marines S-2 was accomplished as needed to exchange mutual information.

c. Aerial photo coverage of the Tuy Loan and Song Yon River network within our TAOR was provided. Hand-held photo coverage of the same area was also made available.

d. River reconnaissance and search operations were conducted by "D" Company with support from a team of Reconnaissance Battalion divers. The operation uncovered a few abandoned caves which apparently had not been used for quite some time.

e. The Battalion S-2 scouts attended a two week Reconnaissance Indoctrination Program with five graduating. These Marines are now capable of conducting reconnaissance missions as required within the TAOR.

f. Sensor maintenance was conducted on the Danang Anti-Infiltration System by the Division SCAMP Unit. It was noted that a considerable amount of sensor cable was purposely cut and possibly can be attributed to enemy sabotage activity.

g. FPS-6 radar sets were effectively employed on Hill 41 and Hill 10, utilizing them independently as back-up read-outs for DAIS sensor activity. **PSR-1s** were utilized as back-up sensor devices for areas where the FPS system was under repair. In all cases fire missions were called on activations which were obviously enemy movement. No confirmed enemy casualties have been reported as a result of the sensor employment. An X-M63 firing device was obtained from Division SCAMP. Employment of this device proved noteworthy and it is presently being employed in the field by "D" Company.

h. Special Area Studies have been prepared for possible operations in the western sector of this Battalion TAO and the two major rivers in our area.

i. Classes on Combat Intelligence were presented as part of the Battalion's Training program.

j. Enemy initiated attacks during the month of May 1970:

(1) Sma31 arms harrassing fire	1
(2) M-26 and ChiCom grenade attacks	0
(3) Booby traps detonated	4
(4) Booby traps found and destroyed	9
(5) Mines detonated	1
(6) Mines found and destroyed	0

k. Enemy Personnel and Equipment losses for May 1970:

(1) AK-47	1
(2) LAMW	1
(3) 82mm Mortar Rounds	4
(4) ChiCom grenades	4
(5) Homemade Booby traps	9
(6) 140mm Rockets	1
(7) AK-47 magazines	2
(8) M-3A1 Submachine gun Magazines	1
(9) Homemade Bangalore Torpedo's	3
(10) Enemy personnel losses	0

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3. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. OPERATIONS

(1) MISSION. From 1-31 May 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, was assigned the mission to:

(a) Conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations within the TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces and logistical installations with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.

(2) REMO. From 1-31 May 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, was assigned the following tasks:

(a) Occupy and defend Hill 10, vic. AT924690.

(b) Provide security for OP on Hill 27C, vic AT865681 and OP REMO vic. 884746.

(c) Occupy and defend Hill 41, vic. AT924663.

(d) Provide security for engineer projects within the TAOR, to include road mine sweeps.

(e) Operate, maintain and defend that portion of the Daring Anti-Infiltration System (DAIS) within TAOR.

(f) Be prepared to employ a vertical assault company (code name "BALD EAGLE") or elements thereof (code name "SPARROW HAWK") for platoon size operations.

(g) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for relief of the Hieu Phuc District Headquarters and/or Combined Action Company 2-1 elements.

b. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) 1-10 May 1970, Company "A" provided security for OP 270, operations and maintained OP REMO, and provided a reactionary force for the Battalion OP.

(2) 1-10 May 1970, elements of Company "A" provided security for G-2 SCAMP detachment emplacing and repairing sensors in the DAIS.

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(3) 1-10 May 1970, Company "B" provided rocket and mortar launch-site denial operations and conducted interdiction activities along known enemy infiltration routes in the BO BAN/LA CHAU/PHU SON areas.

(4) 1-10 May 1970, Company "C" conducted rocket and mortar launch-site denial operations within Company Area of Operation by conducting active day and night patrolling and ambushing of known infiltration routes.

(5) 1-10 May 1970, Company "D" provided security for Hill 41, via AF93466, and rocket and mortar launch-site denial operations within Company Area of Operation by conducting active day and night patrolling and ambushing known infiltration routes.

(6) 11 May 1970, 1st Battalion 1st Marines conducted an operation for major redeployment of forces. The TAOR is occupied as follows: "B" Company the northern portion of the TAOR with a requirement to provide security for the two major CPs; "D" Company the north central portion of the TAOR; "C" Company the central portion of the TAOR with a mission of Battalion Reserve; "A" Company the southern portion of the TAOR to include Hill 41.

(7) 10-31 May 1970, Company "A" occupied and defended Hill 41, provided rocket and mortar launch-site denial operations and conducted interdiction activities along known infiltration routes within the Company Area of Operations.

(8) 10-31 May 1970, Company "B" provided security for CP 270 and CP RENO and conducted aggressive day and night patrolling and ambushing of likely infiltration routes within the Company Area of Operations.

(9) 10-31 May 1970, Company "C" provided reaction force for Bn CP and conducted rocket and mortar launch-site denial operations and interdicted known infiltration routes within the Company Area of Operations.

(10) 10-31 May 1970, Company "D" conducted active patrolling and ambushing throughout Company Area of Operation with emphasis on the Tuy Loan River Basin to interdict enemy infiltration.

(11) 10-31 May 1970, elements of Company "D" provided security for G-2 SCAMP Detachment replacing and repairing sensors in the DALS.

(12) 25-27 May 1970, Company "B"(-) reinforced by 3rd Platoon, "I" Company was OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines participating in a cordon and search of YEN NE/LE SON area.

(13) 27-30 May 1970, "D" Company (-) reinforced with a team of divers from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and one RF platoon provided by HIEU DUC District Headquarters conducted combined offensive operations to locate and destroy enemy forces, tunnel/cave complexes and material caches along the TUY LOAN River.

4. AIR SUPPORT

a. During the month of May 1970, 41 flights of fixed wing from MAG 11, 12, 13 were flown in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. The aircraft expended a total of 389,000 lbs. of bombs, 43,000 lbs. of napalm and 9,000 rounds of 20mm ammunition. The damage assessment was as follows: 7 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1,150 meters of treeline damaged, 850 meters of trenchline damaged and 6 secondary fires.

b. OV10A Bronco aircraft from VMO-02 amassed 9 hours of flight time in aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended 3 pods of rockets and 5,000 rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

c. In support of combat operations in the TAOR a total of 34 sorties, 11 emergency, 12 priority and 13 routine medevacs were flown. Also 15 sorties were flown by CH-46D and CH-53 lifting and extracting 267 troops. A total of 30 minutes flight time was flown by "CORRA" gunships. They expended 10 pods of rockets and 200 rounds of 7.62 ammunition. 32 visual recon missions were flown with a total of 30 hours and 35 minutes flight time. 92 resupply mission with a total weight of 716,000 lbs. were flown.

5. ARTILLERY

a. During the month of May 1970, Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 11th Marines continued to give priority of fires in support of 1st Battalion 1st Marines. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided reinforcing fires for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Battery "WY" fired in a general support, reinforcing role. Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and platoon of 8" howitzer located at NAC fired in general support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. Forward observers in the field requested 131 missions for a total of 1,539 rounds. Sensor readout stations on OP 270 and Hill 41 requested 6 missions for a total expenditure of 50 rounds. Artillery observers utilizing the IOD on OP 270 requested 12 missions for a total of 210 rounds. There were 1,098 unobserved targets fired during the month with a total expenditure of 11,248 rounds. The unobserved fires consisted of preemptive and intelligence targets.

6. TRAINING

a. Forty-one replacement received indoctrination training conducted in accordance with 1st Marine Division policies.

b. Personnel of this Battalion attended the following schools during the month of May 1970:

(1) Land Mine Warfare School	44
(2) NCO Leadership School	7
(3) SNCO Leadership School	1
(4) Reconnaissance Indoctrination Course	5
(5) 16mm Projectionist School	2
(6) I Corps Generator School	2
(7) Light Infantry Weapons Repair Course	1
(8) Basic Arms Tech Course	1

7. LOGISTICS

a. During the month of May 1970, continued emphasis was placed on improving the defensive and living conditions of the Battalion's static positions. A Navy CB utilities team commenced work in the latter part of the month to revamp the Hill 10 electrical power supply system. A Command Material Management Inspection was conducted on the 17th and 18th, and work is progressing satisfactorily to correct discrepancies.

b. LZ-495 continued to be the major focal point for resupplying the Battalion's field units. There was a total of 716,000 pounds of supplies hoisted from LZ-495 during May. Truck support from "B" Company, 1st Motor Transport Battalion provided for the Battalion's land transportation requirements...

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

a. During the month of May all sections in the Communications Platoon functioned efficiently with the following highlights for each section:

(1) RADIO

(a) Supported the Battalion with 100% operation on all functional nets.

(b) JOC processed 305 incoming and 107 outgoing messages.

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(c) On 4 May 1970 the Battalion 81's COF net was covered with noster equipment.

(d) Sent one additional man to each company making a total of two Battalion operators and one T.A.C.P. operator with each company.

(2) TECH SHOP

(a) During the month of May the following pieces of Comm-Elect equipment were processed through the tech shop:

- 1 285 Pieces of equipment turned in
- 2 58 Pieces of equipment sent to DX
- 3 42 Pieces of equipment picked up from DX
- 4 16 Pieces of equipment still at DX
- 5 34 Pieces of equipment sent to FSR
- 6 27 Pieces of equipment picked up from FSR
- 7 7 Pieces of equipment still at FSR
- 8 6 Pieces of equipment awaiting repair in Tech Shop

(3) WIRE

(a) During the month of May routine PM of wire equipment, and routine trouble-shooting was required and accomplished to maintain effective communications within the Battalion.

(b) A new "hot line" between Hill 10 and Hill 41 is presently under construction.

(c) The Battalion switchboard handled approximately 15,000 calls during month of May 1970.


(4) COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS

(a) Total messages processed for period 1-31 May 1970:

- 1 Total messages outgoing 62
- 2 Total messages incoming 1163
- 3 Total messages processed 1225

a Approximately 27 of the total incoming messages required services initiated by Regiment or higher headquarters.

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b 2 outgoing messages required services initiated by this communication center

(b) Down-time for this period was approximately 154 hours with the following breakdown of total time:

1 Radio Relay	50 hours
2 Camp Power	40 hours
3 Communications Equipment	50 hours

a 90% of the problems with crypto equipment, were major, requiring the equipment be taken to the crypto repair facility, NSA, for repair. The major cause of problems in the past was due to the fluctuating camp power.

4 Others	14 hours
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a This category can be broken down into several smaller categories, however the largest percentage of this down-time was due to equipment problems in the 1st Marines Communications Center.

9. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. PUBLIC WORKS

(a) Provided 20 sheets of tin, 30 pieces of 2"x4" lumber and 20 sheets of plywood to DUYN SON (4) (AT924663) to continue the building of a school.

b. WELFARE

(1) Negative report this month.

c. EDUCATION

(1) Negative report this month.

d. HEALTH

(1) The Battalion treated 946 civilians at CP Med-Cap and 738 civilians during the four mobile Med-Cap within our CAACOR.

e. AGRICULTURE

(1) Assisted TUY LOAN (2) (AT928698), CAM TOI TAY (AT929689) and DUONG MY (AT927687) to increase their irrigation capabilities by dredging a canal at the base of Hill 10.

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f. SOCIAL

(1) Provided transportation for five sick civilians to various area hospitals.

g. SECURITY

(1) A three man HB Team promoting ordnance turn-in was employed in the LA CHAU (4) (AT951671) and DAI LAI (AT919741) areas.

(2) Prepared Chieu Hoi leaflets for hand dissemination by squad size patrols.

h. PERSONAL RESPONSE

(1) Arranged for Division Personal Response Team to lecture retraining platoons.

i. SOLATIUM PAYMENTS

(1) No solatium payments were made during this reporting period.

10. MEDICAL

a. PERSONNEL. One Medical Officer, 1 Chaplain, 47 Hospital Corpemen (18 BAS, 29 Rifle Company Corpemen). During the month of May one HM arrived from CONUS. Joined one Medical Officer by Inter-Division transfer, transferred one Medical Officer by Inter-Division transfer.

b. FACILITIES. The BAS consists of 7 buildings, which are utilized for sick-call, administration, laboratory, pharmacy, supply, medical records, shot clinic, and living quarters. Other facilities consist of 1 emergency treatment bunker located next to the Battalion landing zone.

c. DAILY ACTIVITIES. Sickcall was held from 0800-0900 and 1300-1400 daily including Sundays. Emergencies were seen anytime.

(1) A total of 1339 patients were seen at sickcall. A breakdown of complaints are as follows: FUO-32; URI-20; Dermatology-73; Diarrhea-18; V.D.-30; Malaria-2; other complaints consisted of headaches, strains, sprains, etc.

(2). 631 shots were given.

(3). A total of 946 civilians were seen at CP Med-Cap.

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d. DAILY ACTIVITIES. Sanitation inspection of the contonement and messing facilities are conducted at routine intervals.

11. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

a. Twenty Protestant services were conducted for the Battalion during the month of May. The total attendance was 328. Forty-six received communion.

b. One Memorial Service was conducted. The attendance was 45.

c. Nine Protestant services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 64. Twelve received communion.

d. Fourteen Catholic Masses were conducted for the Battalion. The total attendance was 180.

e. Forty-seven men were visited in the hospitals. Nine men were visited in the III MAF Brig.

f. One lecture was given in the troop indoctrination on the religions of Voietnam. The attendance was 42.

g. Four Division Chaplain's meetings were attended.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 011330H 0-1 while on combat patrol vic. AT883703 detonated booby trap resulting in 2 USMC KIA. The device was a homemade grenade approximately 1 foot above the ground beside trail. The booby trap was detonated by a pull-friction fuze triggered by a trip wire across the trail. The wounded were medevaced as priority medevacs.
- 011915H 0-2 discovered the remains of eight bodies near their PFB vic. AF883703. Fragments of clothing remaining on the bodies were identified as NVA green uniforms. The NVA appeared to have been killed by artillery and hastily buried.
- 020800H Elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were inserted by helicopter as call into the box, upper left AT8870 lower right AT9167 to conduct a detail search. The unit were acting in a pacifier capacity and the insertion was requested by 1st Battalion, 1st Marines to exploit intelligence information. No contact was made with enemy forces and the units were extracted at 021010H.
- 030710H 0-33 while returning from an ambush patrol discovered a 140mm rocket vic. AT902558. The rocket was in a launch position and appeared to be armed. The unit searched the surrounding area with negative results.
- 061115H An explosive device of unknown type exploded in a parked trailer vic. AT546701. The trailer belonged to a Detachment of the 7th Engineer Battalion working in the area. The explosion resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA both from 7th Engineer Battalion, also 2 Vietnamese were killed and 1 wounded. The wounded were medevaced by U.S. Army helicopters called by U.S. Advisor Team at HILL DMC District Headquarters.
- 071820H 0-2 while on combat patrol detonated a booby trap vic. AT903734 resulting in 1 USMC WIA who was emergency medevaced.
- 111820H The 100 on OP 270 vic. AT863660 observed 2 VC/NVA vic. AT858759. A fire mission was called resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA (unconfirmed).
- 150557H 0-2 in a combined operation with a Vietnamese Regional Force Co. assumed position as blocking force from vic. AT942685 to AT920678. The unit remained in position until Regional Force concluded their sweep at 151800H. No enemy were encountered during the operation.
- 151705H 1 Co. while in position vic. AT934663 applied first aid and called an emergency medevac for 2 VN children who had been seriously injured by an enemy booby trap.

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191050H A-32 while on combat patrol discovered a wounded VN civilian who had detonated an enemy booby trap vic. AT928673. The unit administered first aid and medevaced the civilian as an emergency medevac.

191125H A-2 sustained 1 USMC KIA from a booby trap detonated near their PPB vic. AT950647. The device was pressure activated and from fragments found nearby appeared to utilize a "C-ration" can as a container. The wounded man was medevaced as a priority medevac.

192120H D-2 while in a night position observed a large tiger approaching their position. The unit engaged with small arms fire resulting in 1 tiger KIA.

241346H 100 on OP 270 observed 5 VC/NVA vic. AT870629 moving from west to east. A fire mission consisting of 18 rds of 105mm HE/VT resulted in 1 unconfirmed enemy KIA.

251428H 100 on OP 270 observed 2 VC/NVA vic. AT868628. A fire mission consisting of 40 rds of 105mm HE and 5 rds of 8" HE resulted in 2 VC/NVA KIA. Body was not recoverable due to distance from friendly units.

261200H B Co. (-) reinforced by 3rd platoon "I" Co. passed JPCON to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for a cordon and search of the YEN NE/LE SON area. Returned to control of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines 271200H.

272000H A rocket launch vic. AT865766 was observed by OP 270 and OP BENO. A fire mission consisting of 54 rds of 105mm HE was fired. Two rockets were observed in the initial launch, no further activity was noted.

280800H D Co. began combined sweep operation of TUY LOAN River, from vic. AT858702 east. D Co. (-) worked in conjunction with a team of divers from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and a platoon of Regional Force soldiers from HIEU DUC District Headquarters.

291800H D Co. concluded sweep of TUY LOAN River vic. AT905706. Sweep resulted in the discovery of 1 bunker, 1 cave with underwater entrance, 2 bangalore torpedoes, 4 82mm mortar rounds and misc. ordnance.

312000H A-23 while setting into ambush position vic. AT896664 detonated a booby trap wounding 2 Marines who were medevaced.

312140H A-1 (-) while moving to ambush positions encountered VC/NVA vic. AT934666, small arms fire was exchanged and the enemy fled to the North. The unit pursued and again exchanged small arms fire, one enemy was observed as bullets struck him. Efforts to maintain contact and recover the body failed. The unit continued to

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sweep and at 312205H detonated an enemy mine via. AT930667
wounding 1 Marine who was emergency evacuated. A sweep of the
area at first light produced negative results.

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