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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) August 1970 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines 1-31 August 1970

COMMANDER

LtCol. R. P. ROSE

SUBORDINATES UNITS

H&S Co.	1-31 August 1970
A Co.	1-31 August 1970
B Co.	1-31 August 1970
C Co.	1-31 August 1970
D Co.	1-31 August 1970

1stLt. R. B. MCKITTRICK
1stLt. D. M. LOHR
1stLt. D. D. CRITCHFIELD
Capt. D. W. PICKERSGILL
Capt. E. M. STCLAIR

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1970: Quang Nam Province, RVN.

STAFF OFFICERS

ExO	Maj	FREEMAN, R. A.	1 August 1970
	Maj	SLACK, P. D.	2-31 August 1970
SgtMaj	SgtMaj	JONES, W. R. Jr.	1-31 August 1970
S-1/Adj	CWO-2	EVELAND, W. L.	1-14 August 1970
	2ndLt.	EDWARDS, S. B.	15-31 August 1970
S-2	Capt.	ENRIGHT, P. S.	1-31 August 1970
S-3	Maj	HEMINGWAY, T. E.	1-31 August 1970
S-4	Capt.	CHRISTY, D. E.	1-31 August 1970
S-5	1stLt.	FITZHUGH, D. M.	1-31 August 1970
CEO	Capt.	ALGOSA, A. A. Jr.	1-31 August 1970
FAC	1stLt.	YATES, J. D.	1-31 August 1970
ALO	1stLt.	ZELLER, D. F.	1-31 August 1970
Chaplain	LCdr	MORITZ, J. D.	1-31 August 1970
Surgeon	Lt.	KERNER, S. P.	1-31 August 1970

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
39		1153	2		54

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Co "A"; 1stBn 1stMar	6	199	0	0
Co "B"; 1stBn 1stMar	5	199	0	0
Co "C"; 1stBn 1stMar	6	242	0	0
Co "D"; 1stBn 1stMar	5	203	0	0
H&S Co, 1stBn 1stMar	17	305	2	54

b. Casualties

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>SERIOUS</u>	<u>MINOR</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
0	8	0	1	0	2	1

c. Replacements Received

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
12	159	0	10

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
7	144	0	4

5. LEGAL AND DISCIPLINE

	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
NJP	8	13	6	4	8
SCM(COMPLETED)	0	0	1	0	0
SCM(PENDING)	0	0	0	0	0
SPCM(PENDING)	0	0	0	0	0
SPCM(COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0	0
CCM(COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0	0
CCM(PENDING)	1	0	0	0	0
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	1	0	1	1	1
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	0	0	1	0	0

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6. R&R PROGRAM

	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
BANGKOK	1	1	3	2	3
SYDNEY	6	2	3	2	2
TAIPEI	8	2	2	2	2
HAWAII	7	2	4	2	3
TOKYO	0	1	1	0	1
HONG KONG	3	1	1	1	0
OKINAWA	1	1	0	1	2

7. AWARDS

(a) The Following awards were recommended to members of this Battalion during the month of August 1970.

(1) Silver Star	1
(2) Bronze Star	6
(5) Navy Commendation	8
(4) Navy Achievement	6
(5) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Silver Star	11
(6) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star	2

(b) The following promotions were effective within the Battalion during the month of August 1970.

(1) GUNNERY SERGEANT	0
(2) STAFF SERGEANT	0
(3) SERGEANT	4
(4) CORPORAL	163
(5) LANCE CORPORAL	102
(6) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	13

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. INTELLIGENCE

A. There was a total of 26,200 piasters disbursed during August 1970 in support of the Volunteer Informant Program (VIP). This was an increase of 9,850 piasters over that disbursed in July 1970. All payments were made in exchange for ordnance.

B. Operations taking place in "Mortar Valley" and western slopes of "Charlie Ridge" are currently in progress with numerous sightings and contacts taking place. These contacts substantiate intelligence reports that the enemy is preparing lines of communications for the rice collection efforts in the Battalion Eastern TAOR. Three enemy have been killed as a result of these operations. Operations through 31 August 1970 have resulted in the capture of 200 lbs of rice and three 122mm rockets.

C. Sensor maintenance has been relatively minor with the present Radio Frequency (RF) sensor string located in this TAOR. All Balance Pressure system (BPS) sensors in the Danang Anti-Infiltration System (DAIS) have been removed as well as the SCAMP read-out stations on Hill 10 and 41. Presently the RF sensors in this TAOR are being "Read-Out" at OP Reno.

D. Close coordination and exchange of intelligence information was effected with the Hieu Duc District Intelligence Operation Center, Reconnaissance Battalion S-2, 1st Marines S-2 and the 3rd CIT.

E. The Battalion Scouts during the reporting period, were assigned various intelligence oriented tasks. Battalion Scout operations were in support of a 3rd CIT controlled VCI elimination effort, and surveillance within the Battalion TAOR by the PPS-6 radar. Patrol activity was minimal due to the loss of 50% of the Scout Section through normal rotation. Battalion scouts are presently recruiting personnel from line companies to fill the vacant billets.

F. Aerial Photo coverage was requested and provided in the form of a 1:5000 scale vertical strip photograph of the Battalion TAOR. Extra copies of prints were also provided and will be distributed down to the company/platoon level.

G. Support of the Battalion training program continued with classes being provided for newly assigned personnel. Indoctrination consisted of classes on enemy units, tactics, and weapons, with emphasis placed on enemy booby trap emplacement techniques. Assistance for this instruction was provided by the Battalion Kit Carson Scouts.

H. A total of three (3) special area intelligence studies were provided for use in planning proposed operations in the Battalion TAOR.

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I. Recapitulation of enemy activities during the month of August 1970:

(1) Sightings and Contacts	38
(2) Small arms harrassing fire	25
(3) Grenade attacks	03
(4) Booby-Traps found and destroyed	10
(5) Booby-Traps detonated	04
(6) Mines found and destroyed	02
(7) Mines detonated	01

J. Recapitulation of enemy personnel and equipment losses for August 1970:

(1) AK-47	01
(2) AK-47 Magazines	02
(3) KIA	03
(4) WIA	0
(5) Detainees	119
(6) POW's	03
(7) Fighting holes, caves, and bunkers	03

2. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

A. OPERATIONS

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

(a) Conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations within the assigned TAO to locate and destroy enemy forces and logistical installations. Primary emphasis was placed on these forces and bases which pose the greatest threat on GVN control of important centers, and to the security of friendly installations.

(2) TASKS. From 1-31 August 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the following tasks.

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

(b) Provide security for OP's located on Hill 270, vic AT865681, and OP RENO, vic AT884746.

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- (c) Occupy and defend Hill 41, vic, AT934663
- (d) Provide security for engineer projects within the TAOR to include daily nine sweeps along lines of communication.
- (e) Be prepared to employ a vertical assault company for platoon size operations.
- (f) Occupy and defend Dai La Pass, vic, AT939753.
- (g) Conduct offensive operations in coordination and cooperation with Hieu Duc District to prevent interference with National Senatorial Elections.
- (h) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for relief of the Hieu Duc District Headquarters and/or Combined Action Company 2-1 (CACO 2-1) or elements thereof (CLP).

B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- (a) 1-27 August 1970, Company "A" conducted rocket/mortar launch site denial "BO BAN" area, vic, AT955665.
- (b) 8 August Company "A" in cooperation/coordination with Regional Forces (RF's) from Hieu Duc District and CACO 2-1 conducted "County Fair" operations in the village of Phu Son (1), vic AT946452 (Ref, Frag Order 022-70, TAB A Encl (1)).
- (c) 28-31 August 1970, Company "A" (Reinforced) conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations in "Mortar Valley" to interdict enemy routes of communication and infiltration. Area of Operation was bounded by UL AT8366, LR AT9062.
- (d) 1-6 August 1970, Company "B" conducted rocket/mortar launch site denial operations in "Mortar Valley" vic, AT875675, and the "Sherwood Forest" Area, vic, AT882685.
- (e) 6-7 August 1970, Company "B" with a detachment of swimmers from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, a detachment of Mine Dogs from 3rd Military Police Battalion, and a detachment of Engineers from 1st Engineer Battalion, conducted a detailed search of the Tuy Loan River from AT865706 to AT909709. The search area included the river, tributaries thereto, river banks, and the immediate surrounding area. (Ref Frag Order 021-70, TAB B Encl (1)).
- (f) 8-31 August 1970, Company "B" reestablished rocket/mortar launch site denial operations in "Mortar Valley" vic, AT875675, and the "Sherwood Forest" Area, vic AT882685.
- (g) 28-31 August 1970, Company "B" was assigned the additional responsibility of providing rocket/mortar launch site denial operations in "Bo Ban Area", vic AT955665.

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(h) 1-31 August 1970, Company "C" conducted rocket/mortar launch site denial operations in the "Northern Area" with the Song Tuy Loan River forming Southern boundary

(i) 10-31 August 1970, Company "C" received an addition to their A.O.; to provide security for "Dai La Pass" AT940754. (Ref, Frag Order 024-70, TAB C to Encl (1)).

(j) 1-31 August 1970, Company "D" continued to fulfill the responsibility of occupying, defending, and maintaining the "Fixed Positions" located at Hill, 41, vic, AT934663, Hill 270, vic, AT865581, and maintaining a platoon at Hill 10, vic, AT924690, for reaction purposes for Hieu Duc District Headquarters, CA00 2-1, and elements thereof (CAPS).

(k) 27-30 August 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, in cooperation/coordination with Hieu Duc District Forces provided external security for National Senatorial Elections conducted within 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, assigned TAOR. (Ref, Frag Order 25-70, TAB D to Encl (1)).

3. AIR SUPPORT

(a) During the month of August, 33 flights of fixed wing air support from MAG 11, and 13 were flown in support of the Battalion. The aircraft expended a total of 256,500 lbs of bombs, 51,500 lbs of napalm, 6 pods of 2.75 rockets and 1,525 rds of 20mm ammunition. The damage accomplished was as follows:

(a) 1625 meters of tree line destroyed, and 3 secondary fires, 1 cave destroyed and 3 secondary explosions of unknown origin.

(b) OV10A Bronco aircraft from VMO-2 amassed 19 hours of flight time in aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended 4 pods of rockets and 1520 rds of 7.62 ammunition.

(c) Helicopter support of combat operations in the TAOR amassed a total of 14 helicopter medevac sorties which resulted in medevacs for 8 Emergencies, 6 Priorities, and 1 Routine. CH-46 and CH-53 aircraft flew three sorties lifting and extracting 196 troops. A total of 6hrs flight time was amassed by "Cobra" gunships which expended 4 pods of rockets and 10,000 rds of 7.62 ammunition. Visual reconnaissance was flown for a total of 27 hrs and 05 mins, flight time which was accumulated as the result of 27 missions. Administrative runs accounted for 5 missions with a cumulative total of 2 hrs. Resupply missions to OP RENO, Hill 270 and tactical units in the field required 13 missions to be flown, lifting a total of 557,318 lbs of cargo.

4. ARTILLERY

a. During the month of August 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, Batteries "D" and "F" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided reinforcing fires for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, and "A" and "C" platoons of 1st 8" Battery fired in general support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. Forward observers in the field requested 70 fire missions for a total of 507 rounds expended. The I.O.D. on Hill 270 requested 12 fire missions for a total of 244 rounds expended. There were 890 unobserved fire missions consisting of preemptive, intelligence, and counter-rocket/mortar missions.

5. LOGISTICS

a. Continuing emphasis has been placed on preparing the cantonment for the coming monsoon season. The engineers, augmented by work forces from this unit, have continued to lay culvertings for drainage, improve natural easements, and are continuing to apply a layer of crushed rock on the roads. Battalion personnel have proceeded with plans to repair their cantonment buildings, by repairing roofs and constructing monsoon awnings. This phase of the monsoon preparation is almost complete.

b. Unit personnel and engineers have continued to work on the cantonment defenses of Hill 10. The berm defenses on Hill 10 has been moved back from the tactical wire to afford better fields of fire. Primary positions have been relocated and sandbagged to afford better fields of observation. Drainage has been installed in all defensive positions. Secondary positions have also been constructed. Fields of fire for all defensive positions have been delineated and marked.

c. Approximately 557,318 lbs of supplies, munitions and equipment were flown out of LZ 495 during the month of August 1970. These supplies went to the OP's and individual companies operating in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR.

d. Battalion Supply has commenced to move the bulk of their outdoor storage to a covered warehouse, Butler Building #87, adjacent to 11th Motor Transport Battalion. The section of this building allocated to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines has total of 6912 cubic feet of storage area. Thus, most of the equipment and supplies which Battalion Supply currently has in the outdoor storage will be under shelter during the impending monsoon season.

e. It is realized that with the coming of the monsoon season, the constant dampness that ensues creates ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes and other insects. To counter this, a massive clean-up campaign has been instituted to eliminate breeding places. General cleanliness of all fixed positions have come under close command inspection with all positions retaining only the necessary construction equipment and supplies. Excess supplies are returned to the Battalion Supply.

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f. Numerous engineer construction projects have been initiated. These projects are construction of sixteen (16) "Sea Huts", preparing two vehicle dismount areas, draining and surfacing the Motor Transport parking area and the 81mm mortar gun area, enlarging the messhall, installing a messhall grease trap, and construction of a shower for the Hill 270 outpost. A new 20 head shower at Hill 10 (Coords AT924690) was completed this month.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

During the month of August all sections in the Communications Platoon functioned normally and efficiently with the following highlights for each section:

A. RADIO

(1) The radio section during the month of August supported the Battalion with 100% reliable communications on all functional nets.

(2) During this period 673 incoming and 561 outgoing messages were processed through the Combat Operations Center.

(3) On 29 August 1970 this section received three AN/PRC-75's; this is a new radio destined to replace the AN/PRC-41 that the tactical air control party uses.

B. TECH SHOP

(1) During the month of August the following pieces of communication electronics equipment were processed through the Tech shop:

(a) Pieces turned in	269
(b) Pieces to FSR	70
(c) Pieces from FSR	64
(d) Pieces to DX	69
(e) Pieces from FSR	62
(f) Pieces out of shop	255
(g) Total pieces in shop	001

(2) Maintenance support from higher echelon continues to be excellent with the exception of the RT-841/PRC-77. A slow turn around on this item can be expected due to the increased use through out the Division. All other items at DX receive almost immediate turn-around.

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C. WIRE

(1) During the month of August, the wire section continued to maintain a high state of wire communications for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Major work projects during this period included the following:

- (a) Replaced and rewired the positions on OP-RENO and Hill 270
- (b) Removed the cable system left by the SCAMP platoon
- (c) An unusual amount of trouble has been encountered during this period with radio relay.
- (d) Cable repair and replacement continues due the dump trucking of rock and dirt on both the berm road and on main roads throughout the contonment.
- (e) The switch board handled approximately 16,000 calls during this period.

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D. Generators

1. Electrical work in the Battalion during this period included the following:

- (a) Set in and wired the East end of the Hill with 10 flood lights and approximately 3500 yards of number eight electrical cable.
- (b) The generator section, (Two electricians) completed 55 work orders on minor work to living quarters and working areas during this period.
- (c) One generator (100 KW) was turned around during this period due to a wiring problem in the operators panel.

E. ADMINISTRATION

1. On 29 August 1970 Msgr A. T. HALL reported to the Battalion and was assigned duties as Battalion Communications Chief.

2. On 30 August 1970 Captain T. A. FARLEY reported to the Battalion as the relief for Capt. A. A. ALGOSA Jr. and is awaiting assignment as Communications Officer.

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F. COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

1. Total messages processed for this period:

(a) Total messages outgoing	51
(b) Total messages incoming	953
(c) Total messages processed	1004

2. Down time for this period is approximated at 56 hours:

(a) Radio Relay	50 hours
(b) Camp Power	1 hours
(c) Communications equipment	0 hours
(d) Others	5 hours

(1) Others can be broken down into several small categories, however, the biggest percentage of this down time was due to equipment problems in the First Marines Communications Center. This equipment is specifically the teletypewriter set AN/TGC-29.

3. Training is continued on security procedures.

4. Future Plans. Continue to support the Battalion in its Mission with reliable, secure, teletype communications.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRSA. PUBLIC WORKS

(1) Provided 100 ammunition boxes to be used in the re-construction of houses at Cam Toai Tay (AT930688).

B. WELFARE

(1) Distributed tools to all the villages within our CAAR.

C. EDUCATION

(1) Negative report for this month

D. HEALTH

(1) The Battalion treated 390 civilians at our Battalion Med-Cap.

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E. AGRICULTURE

(1) This Battalion performed maintenance work on water pump located at AT965691.

F. SOCIAL

(1) Provided transportation for nine (9) civilians requiring medical treatment to various area hospitals.

(2) The Battalion Commander visited the Provincial Hospital at Danang.

(3) The commanding Officer attended to the distribution of tools to the villages within our CMAOR.

G. SECURITY

(1) A three man HB team promoting ordnance turn-in was employed throughout our CMAOR. An "Early Word" aircraft was employed for one (1) hour to broadcast Chieu Hoi messages to an NVA unit.

H. PERSONAL RESPONSE

(1) Gave one class on personal response to new arrivals to the Battalion. On 10 August 1970, ten Officers and SNCO's from this Battalion attended the Personal Response Symposium held by Division G-5.

I. SOLATIUM PAYMENTS

(1) Four Solatium Payments were made.

J. MEDICAL

A. PERSONNEL: 1 Medical Officer, 1 Chaplain, 54 Hospital Corpsman (27 HM's assigned to BAS, 27HM's assigned to line companies.) During the month of August the following changes in personnel were effected:

(1) Officers-Gain	None
(2) Enlisted-Gain	9
(3) Hospitalizations	3

B. Facilities: The Battalion Aid Station consists of 7 buildings, which are utilized for storage, sleeping quarters, sickcall, and supply purposes.

C. DAILY ACTIVITIES: Sickcall is held daily from 0800 to 0900 and 1300 to 1400. Emergencies are seen anytime.

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(1) A total of 481 military personnel were seen during the month of August. Ailments are broken down as follows:

(a) FUO	08	(g) Consultations (including N. P. Ortho, ENT)	41
(b) URI	53	(h) Diarrhea	35
(c) Skin Disorders	126	(i) UGI	06
(d) Venereal Diseases	23	(j) Misc	114
(e) Malaria	08	(k) Physicals	60
(f) Lacerations	11		

(2) Transportation is provided for the patients referred to other medical facilities. The BAS ambulance is utilized for emergencies as required. Medical evacuation by Helicopter is used when time in transporting the patient is vital.

(3) A total of 627 immunizations were given in the month of August 1970.

(4) 852 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the MEDCAP Personnel.

D. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sanitation inspections of the contonment and necessary facilities are conducted at regular intervals.

9. BATTALION CHAPLAIN

A. There were 54 Protestant services conducted for the Battalion during the month of August 1970. The total attendance was 1533. The number receiving communion was 1231.

B. There were 17 services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 229. The number receiving communion was 182.

C. There were 10 Catholic masses conducted for the Battalion by other Chaplains. The total attendance was 110.

D. Thirty men were visited in the hospital. Eleven men were visited in the brig.

E. Two Division Chaplain's meetings were attended.

F. Four men of the Battalion were notified regarding their Red Cross cases.

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G. There were 176 men that received private counseling by the Battalion Chaplain

H. There were 4 Bible classes held with 22 in the total attendance

I. There were two memorial services held with a total attendance of 78

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

022045H While in their ambush position, B-133 heard movement approximately 100 meters to their South, vic, AT905673. The unit opened fire and swept the area immediately. The sweep provided negative results.

031545H The I.O.D. on OP 270 observed enemy moving West to East, vic, AT867630. The enemy carried packs, no weapons were observed. A fire mission consisting of thirty-six rounds of 105mm HE was fired with negative surveillance of the target.

051930H Company "A" in coordination/cooperation with Regional (RF) from Hieu
Due District commenced night ambush patrols

050605H B-37 while in ambush, observed enemy moving West to East approximately 50 meters from their position vic. AT905705. The unit reported sighting the enemy but did not initiate contact, hoping the enemy would move into the killing zone. No further sightings of the enemy were made. No contact initiated.

051415H Brigadier General MILLER, Chief of Staff of 3rd MAF, visited OP 270 to observe an artillery demonstration.

061620H- Co. B. while on a 2 day Rein Co sweep along the Song Tuy Loan vic.
071420H- AT886708, B-3 found 1 AK47 with loaded magazine lying in the river.
The unit confiscated the weapon and turned it over to S-2. River
boats were stopped and searched; swimmers and dogs were utilized.
See TAB B.

072140H While in an ambush position, A-23 observed movement approximately 100
meters to their West, vic, AT937678. The unit opened fire and pursued
the enemy. The enemy returned fire with small arms. A-23 chased 1
enemy into the tree line where the enemy escaped. Negative results.

081015H Company "A" (Rein) in coordination/cooperation with RF units from Hieu Duc District and CACO 2-1, commenced "County Fair" operation 080115H with a total of 641 VN civilians being screened with 16 VN held as detainees. The breakdown was 67 adult males, 189 adult females, 190 male children and 195 female children screened. 4 VN males identified as VC/VCI, 12VN males did not belong in Hamlet. All detainees processed by Hieu Duc District.

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UNCLAS: Ensigns General WILSON, Chief of Staff of 3rd MAF, visited OF 270
 to observe a military demonstration. Enclosure

On 12-1-68, while on a 2 day boat patrol along the Ford Bay, ~~SECRET~~
 42000700, S-2 found a ~~SECRET~~ with head and arms lying in the river.
 The unit retrieved the weapon and turned it over to S-2. Later
 on 12-1-68, the vessel stopped at a small island and some other islands.
 See 12-1-68.

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- 081910H The I.O.D. on OP 270 observed 1 enemy moving from East to West vic, AT869681. The enemy had a weapon and a pack. A fire mission was fired with negative surveillance on the target. No assessment possible due to darkness.
- 132050H A-2, while in an ambush position, observed 1 enemy in the tree line to their North approximately 100 meters from their position, vic, AT965694. The unit opened fire and pursued the enemy. The enemy returned fire resulting in 1 Marine being priority medevac. No further sightings of the enemy were made. No known enemy casualties.
- 150930H The I.O.D. on OP 270 observed 8 enemy without weapons moving from West to East in vic, AT864629. A fire mission was fired with negative surveillance of target. No assessment possible.
- 160440H C-32 involved in a friendly on friendly situation with Kilo Co. 3/1. Incident was the subject of an S.I.R. Main causes were; lack of direct communication between C-3 and Kilo 3/1 and a failure by C-3 to challenge by radio prior to initiating fire. Results two USMC WIA from Kilo 3/1.
- 161435H Lt. GENERAL WIDDECKE, CG, 1st Marine Division, visited OP 270 and conversed with the Marines providing security for IOD.
- 170015H C-23 and C-24 while moving to night ambush sites in vic, AT864681 were involved in a friendly on friendly situation. C-23 and C-24 were enroute to ambush positions when C-23 became disorientated. C-23 observed movement and immediately fired at the movement. The movement was subsequently identified as C-24, a friendly activity. The action resulted in 1 emergency medevac. Casualty died of wounds. This incident was the subject of a SIR. investigation. Main causes were improper briefing, poor land navigation, and a negative attempt to challenge.
- 171045H S-5 while returning on a M274 mule from fixing VN pump in vic, AT945690, hit one box mine, resulting in 3 WIA routine medevacs.
- 192216H C-2 in night PFB vic, AT883722, received incoming M-79 rds, RPG rds, and small arms fire approximately 75 meters North of PFB. Returned fire and swept area under illumination. No enemy sightings were made.
- 211745H D-3 on OP 270 observed 2 enemy going into bunker vic, AT866692. A fire mission of 22 rounds of 105mm HE resulted in excellent coverage of target areas, however, due to smoke as a result of a secondary fire that was started, no further enemy sightings were possible. No assessment possible.
- 221544H The I.O.D. on OP 270 observed 2 enemy with packs and rifles moving East to West vic, AT864669. A fire mission of 36 rounds of 105mm HE resulted in excellent coverage with negative surveillance on the target.

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- 222145H While in an ambush position vic, AT902678, B-366 observed 3 to 5 enemy moving Southwest along stream vic, AT902678. Unit saturated area with fragmentation grenades and swept area under 81mm mortar illumination with negative sightings/findings. No known enemy casualties.
- 222220H C-15, while in an ambush position, observed 5 enemy moving North to South in civilian clothes vic, AT893747. No weapons observed. Unit opened fire with small arms and claymores and immediately swept area. The sweep provided negative results. No known enemy casualties.
- 242145H D-1 observed 1 enemy carrying lantern in hamlet vic, AT934663. Checked out area with searchlight. Negative surveillance. Enemy moved into hamlet.
- 250230H B-36 while in an ambush position, observed 35 to 40 enemy moving East to West approximately 15 meters from their position vic, AT896667. Unit opened fire could not check out area because of enemy counter ambush movement. Reinforced by B-3 checked out area resulting in 3 enemy KIA's.
- 251730H C-213 while conducting a reconnaissance patrol observed 1 enemy fleeing to the North vic, AT887726. Unit opened fire and swept area but no further sightings of enemy were made.
- 271145H Colonel RUDIZ, CO 11th Marines visited OP 270 and conversed with Marines.
- 271610H Colonel ZAUDTKE, Colonel AVAN, and Major CHOANG from Nationalist China Marine Corps visited OP 270.
- 302143H While in their ambush position, C-35 observed 3 enemy moving North to South approximately 40 meters from their position vic, AT894707. Unit opened fire with small arms and immediately swept area. The sweep provided negative results.
- 311200H A-1 while changing PFB heard VN voices on high ground above unit vic, AT857633. A-1 initiated contact with small arms and immediately assaulted through position. Unit found 01 VC rice carrier KIA and observed 03 others disappear into dense under growth.
- 311400H A-1 while providing CP security observed 01 VC rice carrier who was walking in stream bed, vic, AT854633, approach position. Enemy failed to respond to challenges and was killed by small arms fire as he attempted to escape.

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- 311500H A-31 while occupying a "Stay Behind" ambush, vic, AT854635 observed 02 VC rice carriers moving along flank. A-31 initiated small arms fire and swept area with negative findings.
- 311530H A-1 while conducting search operation vic, AT854633 found 03 122mm rockets with rocket motor separated from warhead which indicates weapons were in transport status.
- 311600H A-1 while establishing day ambush site vic, AT854633, unit was engaged by accurate small arms fire from 01 NVA/VC resulting in 01 USMC requiring medevac. Marine died upon arrival at hospital facilities. Negative enemy casualties.
- 311930H A-32 while in ambush vic, AT854633 observed 01 VC approach within killing zone of claymore being employed by ambush unit. Claymore was activated resulting in 01 VC rice carrier KIA.

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TAB A

FRAG 0 022-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
TO: A,B,C,D, H&S

INFO
1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 022-70

A. OPN OVERLAY 022-70

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1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: SUSPECT ENEMY SQUAD IS MOVING INTO PHU SON (1) AFTER DARK AND MOVING OUT BEFORE LIGHT. SEVERAL KNOWN VC SYMPATHIZERS LIVE IN VILLAGE.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) CAGO 2-1 PROVIDES 02 CAP'S TO ASSIST IN SEARCH PHASE.
- (2) HIEU DUC DISTRICT PROVIDES 02 RF COMPANIES; 370/RF AND 466/RF, AND 01 PF PLATOON, PF/198, FOR CORDON AND SWEEP FORCES, AND OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE SWEEP, SEARCH, AND "COUNTY FAIR" PHASES OF OPERATION.
- (3) LOCAL NATIONAL POLICE FORCES TO WORK WITH CAGO 2-1 FORCES DURING SEARCH.
- (4) QUANG NAM PROVINCE PROVIDES RECON UNIT FOR SPECIAL SECURITY AT COLLECTION POINT.
- (5) MAT TEAM FROM HIEU DUC TO PROVIDE 02 TEAMS TO COORDINATE LINKUP OF RF, PF, AND USMC FLANKS.
- (6) 01 DETACHMENT; 02 SWIMMERS FROM 1ST RECON BN.

2. MISSION: TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM LEAVING PHU SON (1), AND "DISTRICT COUNTY FAIR AREA" BY ESTABLISHING A CORDON IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: 01 USMC COMPANY, 02 RF COMPANIES, 370/RF AND 466/RF FROM 1/27 RF, MOVE INDEPENDENTLY TO LINKUP AND ESTABLISH CORDON AROUND PHU SON (1) BY 080330H AUG 70, WITH RF ACTING AS CORDON FORCE COMMAND.

B. ALPHA CO:

- (1) OPCON 01 DETACHMENT; 02 SWIMMERS FROM 1ST RECON BN.
 - (2) CANCEL NIGHT ACTS SCHEDULED AFTER 072330H
 - (3) CANCEL DAY ACTS SCHEDULED FOR 08 AUG.
 - (4) MOVE BY FOOT MARCH VIA PROPOSED ROUTE TO LINKUP POINTS X,Y
- (SEE ENCL 1)

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(5) COORDINATE WITH MAT TEAM FROM HIEU DUC HDQTS AT LINKUP POINTS X,Y FOR TIE IN WITH RF.

(6) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PORTION OF THE CORDON DESIGNATED BY THE OPN OVERLAY.

(7) PROVIDE 01 SQUAD TO 1/1 S-5 TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP "COUNTY FAIR" TENTS AT 080630H.

(8) AT APPROX 080700H, PULL ONE PLT FROM CORDON AND WITH SWIMMERS, MOVE TO VIC AT959658 AND SEARCH SONG YEN RIVER, SOUTH OF DAM.

C. BRAVO CO - UNCHANGED

D. CHARLIE CO - UNCHANGED

E. DELTA CO - SCHEDULE 02 NIGHT AMBUSHES IN BO BAN AREA FOR NIGHT OF 07 AUG.

F. H&S CO -

(1) PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(2) PROVIDE MEDCAP, DENTCAP, AND COORDINATE PSYOPS ASSETS WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT, TO ACT IN SUPPORT OF "COUNTY FAIR" OPN.

(3) PROVIDE DETAINEE INTERROGATION CAPABILITY.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) TAKING OF PRISONERS HAS TOP PRIORITY. FIRE WILL ONLY BE INITIATED BY INDIVIDUALS IN IMMINENT DANGER. IN SUCH CASES, SHORT RANGE WPNS (ie; HAND GRENADES, SHOTGUNS) WILL BE USED TO PREVENT THE INJURY OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(2) USE CHALLENGE AND PASSWORD PUBLISHED BY 1ST MARDIV FOR 07 AUG 70.

(3) SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

080115H - CO A ARRIVES AT IP "A"

080200H - HIEU DUC FORCES DEPART.

080215H - CO A ARRIVES AT RP

080330H - CORDON ESTABLISHED.

080600H - SEARCH COMMENCES.

080700H - CO A RELEASES ONE PLT FROM CORDON AND WITH SWIMMERS, SEARCH SONG YEN RIVER, SOUTH OF DAM VIC AT959658.

(4) POW COLLECTION POINT WITH CAPTURING UNIT UNTIL 080600H, THEREAFTER VIC AT946658.

(5) CEASE FIRE SIGNAL WILL BE GREEN STAR CLUSTER.

(6) IF OPERATION IS COMPROMISED BEFORE CORDON IS ESTABLISHED, AND THE NEED FOR STEALTH IS NO LONGER REQUIRED, ILLUMINATION WILL BE PROVIDED AND CORDON IS TO BE SET ASAP THEREAFTER.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS:

A. CO A - CARRY 01 DOS & 01 BLA

B. CO A - CARRY 04 STARLIGHT SCOPES.

C. CO A - CARRY MAXIMUM PRS BINOCULARS.

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5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:

- A. ALL MAT TEAMS TO BE ON CO A INTERNAL FREQUENCY (73.10) FROM 072200H.
- B. NET CONTROL IS 1/1, C/S "DEER LODGE"
- C. CO A - CHANGE TO BN SECONDARY FREQUENCY, COVERED, 072200H.
- D. C/S OF LINKUP POINTS:
 - (1) CHECK POINT X - MIKE TANGO ALPHA.
 - (2) CHECK POINT Y - MIKE TANGO BRAVO.
- E. REPORT CP DISPLACEMENTS, PASSING OF ALL CHECK POINTS, AND CP LOCATION WHEN REMAINING STATIONARY FOR LONGER THAN 30 MIN TO BOTH "DEER LODGE" AND LINKUP POINTS.
- F. REPORT WHEN CORDON AND LINKUP ESTABLISHED.

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TAB B

FRAG O 021-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
TO: A,B,C,D, H&S

INFO
1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 021-70

A. OPN OVERLAY 021-70

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1. SITUATION:A. ENEMY FORCES:

- (1) CURRENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES ROCKETS ARE BEING TRANSPORTED WEST TO EAST VIA THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER.
- (2) RECENT FINDINGS BY PF FROM HIEU DUC DISTRICT INDICATE STORAGE CACHES.
- (3) THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER IS A SUSPECTED ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTE.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) 01 DETACHMENT; 01 SWIMMERS FM 1ST RECON BN.
- (2) 02 TEAMS MINE DETECTOR DOGS.
- (3) 02 ENGINEER TEAMS W/ MINE DETECTORS.

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCT A 02 DAY, ONE COMPANY DETAILED SEARCH OPERATION, OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS CACHES, AND GATHER INFORMATION AS TO HOW HE TRANSPORTS HIS ROCKETS DOWN THE RIVER.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: ON DAY 01, WITH ONE PLATOON, ESTABLISH A CHECK POINT AND BLOCKS ON THE RIVER. SEARCH FROM VIC AT865706 TO INTERSECTION OF DAIS AND SONG TUY LOAN, UTILIZING 01 PLATOON ON EACH, THE NORTH AND SOUTH, BANKS. ON DAY 02, CONTINUE CHECK POINT AND SWEEP EAST TO VIC AT928710.

B. ALPHA CO - AT 060600H, ASSUME THAT PORTION OF BRAVO CO AO SOUTH OF THE 68 GRID LINE AND MOVE 01 PLATOON IN THAT AREA TO CONDUCT PATROLLING ACTIVITIES.

C. BRAVO CO:(1) TASK (SEE REF A)

(A) ON DAY 01 MOVE BY FOOT MARCH FROM PRESENT PPB'S TO VIC AT904708 AND ESTABLISH CHECK POINT NOT PRIOR TO 061000H.

(B) ESTABLISH OP'S VIC AT898708, AT899702.

(C) CONDUCT DETAILED SEARCH OF SONG TUY LOAN AND 50 TO 75 METERS NORTH AND SOUTH OF RIVER FROM AT865706 TO INTERSECTION OF DAIS AND SONG TUY LOAN, COMMENCING NOT PRIOR TO 061000H.

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(D) DURING NIGHT OF DAY 01, CONDUCT AMBUSHING ACTIVITIES WITHIN AO, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON AMBUSHING ALONG SONG TUY LOAN.
 (E) ON DAY 02, CONTINUE SWEEP/SEARCH OPNS TO VIC AT928710.
 (F) UPON TERMINATION OF SWEEP/SEARCH OPNS, BE PREPARED TO MOVE BY FOOT MARCH TO NORMAL AO AND CONDUCT REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES.

(2) TASK ORGANIZATION

- (A) OPCON 01 DETACHMENT; 04 SWIMMERS FM 1ST RECON BN.
- (B) OPCON 02 TEAMS SENTRY DOGS.
- (C) OPCON 02 TEAMS MINE DETECTOR DOGS.
- (D) OPCON 02 ENGINEER TEAMS W/ MINE DETECTORS
- (E) OPCON 01 SNIPER TEAM.
- (F) OPCON 03 SCOUTS FM S-2.
- (G) OPCON 02 INTERPRETERS FM S-2.

D. CHARLIE CO - ADJUST PATROLLING ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH AO EXTENSION.

E. DELTA CO - OPCON TO BRAVO CO 01 SNIPER TEAM AND 02 SENTRY DOG TEAMS.

F. H&S CO:

- (1) OPCON TO BRAVO CO 03 SCOUTS FM S-2.
- (2) OPCON TO BRAVO CO 02 INTERPRETERS FM S-2.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) OPCONS EFFECTIVE 051800H.
- (2) AO EXTENSION EFFECTIVE 060600H.
- (3) AO EXTENSION TERMINATES 071800H.

(4) ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECK POINT AND COMMENCING OF SEARCH OPNS TO BE MADE BY 061030H.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS:

- A. CO B - CARRY TWO DOS.
- B. CO B - CARRY ONE BLA.
- C. ENGR TMS W/ BRAVO CO CARRY SUFFICIENT BATTERIES FOR MINE DETECTORS FOR DURATION OF OPERATION.
- D. ENGR TMS W/ BRAVO CO CARRY REQUIRED EXPLOSIVES FOR CACHES DESTRUCTION.

5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS:

- A. CO B - REPORT CHECK POINT ESTABLISHED.
- B. CO B - SUBMIT SITREP EVERY 04 HOURS FROM 061000H TO 071800H AND AS REQUIRED.
- C. CO B - CP LOCATION VIC AT904708.

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TAB C

FRAG O 024-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

TO: A, B, C, D, H&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER: 024-70

REF: (A) 1ST BN OPN ORDER 6-70 (AS ISSUED)

(B) 1ST BN FRAG ORDER 023-70

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1. SITUATION:A. ENEMY: NO CHANGEB. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGEC. ATTACHMENTS/DETACHMENTS: TWO PLATOONS PREVIOUSLY OPCON TO FIRST MARINES RETURN OPCON TO 1ST BATTALION.2. MISSION: AS STATED IN REFS: (A) & (B) ADD; IN COOPERATION WITH FIRST MARINES PROVIDE SCREENING FORCE IN AND NORTH OF DAI LA PASS.3. EXECUTION:A. CONCEPT OF OPN. ONE CO ASSUMES ALL FIXED POSITIONS W/IN 1ST BN TACOR EXCEPT HILL 10. ONE COMPANY (REIN) PROVIDES SCREENING FORCE FOR 1ST MARINES AND CARRIES OUT ITS ASSIGNED MISSION IN THE NORTHERN AO REMAINDER NO CHANGE.B. A CO. BE PREPARED TO MOVE 1 PLATOON TO ASSUME B CO AO AND MISSION ON ORDER.C. B CO. NO CHANGED. C/CO.

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION ON NORTHERN AO

(2) IN MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH 1ST MARINES, MAN DESIGNATED POSITIONS NORTH OF DAI LA PASS WITH ONE PLATOON.

(3) IN MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH 1ST MARINES, WITH A REIN SQUAD MAN THE CONTROL POINT AND POSITIONS IN DAI LA PASS TO INCLUDE ONE POSITIONS SOUTH SIDE OF ROAD.

E. DEIPA.

(1) ASSUME CHARLIE CO MISSIONS ON OP REIN.

(2) MOVE OL SECT OF FLAMES FROM HILL 41 TO OP REIN.

(3) CONTINUE OTHER MISSIONS IAW REF'S (A) & (B)

F. H&S CO: NO CHANGEG. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) D-DAY = 13 AUGUST 1970

(2) H-HOUR = 1100H

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- [REDACTED]
- (3) TRANSPORTATION BY HELICOPTER FROM HILL 41 TO CP RENO AT 131015H.
 - (4) CHARLIE CO COORD FIRES WITH 1ST BATTALION 5TH MARINES.
 - (5) CHARLIE CO COORD WITH HQ COMDT 1ST MARINES
 - (6) DIRLAUTH

4. ADMIN & LOG: NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS & ELECT

- (A) REPORT WHEN ALL TROOP MOVEMENTS WHEN COMPLETE.
- (B) REPORT WHEN RELIEF EFFECTED OF RENO.
- (C) REPORT CP LOCATION CHANGES AS APPROPRIATE.

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ENCLOSURE (1)
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TAB D

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

TO: A, B, C, D, H&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 025-70

ENCL: (1) OPN OVERLAY 025-70

REF: 1ST MARINES FRAG O 023-70

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1. SITUATION:A. ENEMY: INDICATIONS POINT TO POSSIBILITY OF ENEMY TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST UPCOMING ELECTIONS.B. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION: IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES PROVIDE EXTERNAL SECURITY FOR ELECTIONS WITHIN OUR ASSIGNED TAOR; BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REACTION FORCE TO POLLING AREAS UPON REQUEST.
(SEE ENCL (1))

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES PROVIDES 3 RIFLE COMPANIES FOR EXTERNAL ELECTION AREA SECURITY DURING UPCOMING NATIONAL ELECTIONS. COMPANY AO'S WILL BE ADJUSTED LAW ENCL (1) AND PATROLLING ACTIVITIES WILL BE INCREASED BY APPROX 50%.

B. ALPHA CO - PREPARE FOR UPCOMING OPERATION - FRAG ORDER WILL BE SENT.

C. BRAVO CO - ASSUME THAT PORTION OF THE TAOR AS INDICATED BY ENCL (1) AND INTENSIFY PATROLLING ACTIVITIES ALONG EASTERN SLOPE OF CHARLIE RIDGE, MORTAR VALLEY, AND ALONG THE SONG YEN RIVER.

D. CHARLIE CO - ASSUME THAT PORTION OF THE TAOR AS INDICATED BY ENCL (1) AND INTENSIFY PATROLLING ACTIVITIES ALONG SONG TUY LOAN AND SHERWOOD FOREST.

E. DELTA CO - PLATOON BASED AT HILL 10 TO BE ON 15 MINUTE STANDBY AS REACTION FORCE FOR HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES.

F. H&S CO - BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR REACTION FORCES TO SUPPORT FORCES FROM HIEU DUC DISTRICT.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) INCREASED PATROLLING ACTIVITIES IN ASSIGNED AREAS TO COMMENCE 271800H AUG 70.

(2) INCREASED DAY PATROLS CONCENTRATED WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA.

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- (3) ELECTION DAY - 300700H TO 301630H AUGUST 1970.
(4) USMC SECURITY FORCES WILL NOT BE NEAR POLLING OR ELECTION AREAS.
(5) ALL USMC PERSONNEL WILL STAY OUT OF VILLE/HANLET ON ELECTION DAY.
(6) ALL COMPANIES BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REACTION FORCES TO ASSIST HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES WITHIN ONE (1) HOUR.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND ELECTRONICS: NO CHANGE

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