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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 1st Marines 1-30 September 1970

Commander

LtCol. R. P. ROSE

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

1-15 September 1970
16-26 September 1970
27-30 September 19701stLt. R. B. MCKITTRICK
Capt. D. W. PICKERSOILL
1stLt. R. D. BURCHFIELD

Company "A"

1-29 September 1970
30 September 19701stLt. D. M. LOHR
Capt. C. H. DENNIS

Company "B"

1-30 September 1970

1stLt. D. D. CRITCHFIELD

Company "C"

1-4 September 1970
5-30 September 1970Capt. D. W. PICKERSOILL
1stLt. J. R. WOOD, Jr.

Company "D"

1-30 September 1970

Capt. E. M. STCLAIR

Company "M"

20-30 September 1970

Capt. R. D. KINCADE

2. Location

1-30 September 1970: Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

1-30 September 1970

Major P. D. SLACK

Sergeant Major

1-30 September 1970

SgtMaj. W. R. JONES, Jr.

S-1/Adjutant

1-30 September 1970

2ndLt. S. B. EDWARDS

S-2

1-4 September 1970
5-30 September 1970Capt. P. S. ENRIGHT
Capt. D. W. PICKERSOILL

S-3

1-30 September 1970

Major T. E. HEMINGWAY

S-4

1-30 September 1970

Capt. D. E. CHRISTY

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S-5	1-17 September 1970 18-30 September 1970	1stLt. D. M. FITZHUGH 1stLt. W. H. TOPPING
CEO	1-30 September 1970	Capt. T. A. FARLEY
AIO	1-20 September 1970 21-30 September 1970	1stLt. D. C. YATES 1stLt. E. E. SCAR
Chaplain	1-30 September 1970	LCdr. J. R. MORITZ
Surgeon	1-30 September 1970	Lt. S. P. KERNER

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
48	1257

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
2	60

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnela. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Unit</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&S Company	20	380	2	60
Company "A"	6	190		
Company "B"	5	182		
Company "C"	6	208		
Company "D"	5	184		
Company "M"	5	113		

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>
4	11	0	0	1	37	0

c. Replacements Received

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
17	255	0	13

d. Rotation During Month

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
3	169	0	13

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2. Legal and Discipline

	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
NJP	4	3	7	2	5	0
SCM (COMPLETED)	3	2	0	0	0	0
SCM (PENDING)	0	0	1	0	0	0
SPCM (COMPLETED)	1	0	0	0	0	0
SPCM (PENDING)	2	0	0	1	0	1
GCM (COMPLETED)	0	0	0	0	0	0
GCM (PENDING)	1	0	0	1	0	0
INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED)	3	0	1	0	0	0
INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING)	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. R&R Program

	<u>H&S</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>M</u>
Bangkok	3	2	3	3	2	0
Sydney	52	2	24	42	2	0
Taipei	5	2	2	2	2	0
Hawaii	4	2	3	5	3	0
Tokyo	1	1	1	0	1	0
Hong Kong	2	2	1	1	1	0
Okinawa	1	3	2	1	2	0

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4. Awards

a. The following awards were recommended to members of this battalion during the month of September 1970:

(1) Silver Star	1
(2) Bronze Star	10
(3) Navy Commendation	5

(4) Navy Achievement Medal	12
(5) Certificate of Commendation	2
(6) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Silver Star	1
(7) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star	2

b. The following awards were presented to members of this Battalion during the month of September 1970:

(1) Purple Heart	6
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c. The following awards were forwarded to MCB Camp Butler, Okinawa:

(1) Purple Heart	3
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5. Promotions

a. The following promotions were effective within the battalion during the month of September 1970:

(1) Gunnery Sergeant	0
(2) Staff Sergeant	0
(3) Sergeant	21
(4) Corporal	5
(5) Lance Corporal	13
(6) Private First Class	32

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SECTION B
INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of September, the battalion participated in the Voluntary Informant Program with purchases totaling 21,900 Piasters. This is a decrease of 4,300 Piasters over last month's expenditures. All the purchases were made for ordnance brought out of the field by local Vietnamese.
2. Intelligence orientation for newly assigned Marines took place with a total of six hours of instruction presented. Subjects covered were broad in scope with emphasis on enemy units, locations, tactics, and weapons. Assistance for this instruction was provided by the Kit Carson Scouts.
3. Prior to the battalion's assumption of responsibility for its new TAOR, liaison was effected with the S-2's of the 5th Marines, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, as well as CACO 22 and the Dai Loc DIOCC. Important information on enemy activity and mine/booby trap incidents was obtained. Close liaison with CACO 22 and the Dai Loc DIOCC is being maintained.
4. The beginning of the period saw a change in the enemy's tactics. Bold, daylight stand off attacks by fire occurred, in an apparent attempt to draw friendly forces away from the lowland rice areas. This would provide an opportunity for the enemy to increase his rice collection. In order to counter the enemy's efforts, friendly forces responded with heavy employment of supporting arms instead of a redeployment of forces. Moving into the new TAOR, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, acquired a tactical area with significantly more enemy activity. As the month drew to a close, numerous reliable intelligence sources reported that in a further attempt to draw friendly forces away from the rice production areas, the enemy would attack peripheral and isolated friendly installations. With the commencement of the northeast monsoon rains, the enemy struck repeatedly. Thuong Duc CIDG Camp came under 122 mm rocket, recoilless rifle and mortar fire; Hill 37 received three suspected 105 mm lob bombs; two SeaBee trucks were blown up by enemy mines on Route 4 and a road sweep team received sniper fire. Hill 52 received an abortive ground attack, mortar and recoilless rifle fire. As the month drew to a close under a ceaseless downpour of rain, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines braced for further attacks by an active and aggressive enemy.
5. A special scout training program was established to indoctrinate members of the infantry platoons as S-2 scouts. Their mission is to act as the field intelligence representative. This Marine is a TO member of the platoon with an additional duty of providing field intelligence at the platoon level. The course of instruction consists of twenty-seven hours of intelligence-oriented subjects which enable the individual to report accurate and timely information to the battalion; as well as provide a wealth of information to the particular unit employing this scout.

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6. Aerial Photograph coverage of the new TAOR was provided prior to assuming the new area. Coverage consisted of vertical strip photographs with a scale of 1:50,000. As a result of this coverage, commanders were better able to view their assigned areas prior to assuming command of their respective areas.

7. The Battalion Personnel Security Program continued with the screening of local records in support of security access control. Correspondence was prepared for two background investigations. Ten Certificates of Clearance were processed for the SECRET category, based on local record checks and satisfactory ENTNAC's. A total of seven letters of access were approved by the S-2, and subsequently endorsed by the command.

8. Recapitulation of enemy activities during the month of September 1970.

(1) Sighting and Contacts	44
(2) Small Arms and Harrassing Fire Attacks	24
(3) Grenade Attacks	12
(4) Booby Traps found and destroyed	9
(5) Booby Traps detonated	9
(6) Mines found and destroyed	2
(7) Mines detonated	3

9. Recapitulation of enemy equipment and personnel losses for September 1970.

(1) AK-47s	2
(2) AK-47 Magazines	4
(3) 9 mm Pistols	1
(4) RPG-2 Launchers	2
(5) RPG Rounds	5
(6) RPG Boosters	2
(7) Medical Bags	2
(8) Rice	48 pounds
(9) Fighting Holes, Caves and Bunkers	44

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SECTION C
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING1. Operations

a. Mission. From 1 to 30 September 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the mission of conducting unilateral and combined offensive operations within the assigned TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces and logistical installations, with primary emphasis on those forces and bases posing the greatest threat to GVN control of important population centers and to the security of friendly installations.

b. Tasks. From 1 to 30 September 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the following tasks:

- (1) To occupy and defend Hill 10, vic. AT924690.
- (2) To provide security for the O.P. located on Hill 270, vic. AT865681.
- (3) From 1 to 19 September 1970, to provide security for O.P. Reno, vic. AT884746.
- (4) From 1 to 21 September 1970, to occupy and defend Hill 41, vic. AT934663.
- (5) From 1 to 19 September 1970, to occupy and defend Dai La Pass, vic. AT939753.
- (6) From 22 to 30 September 1970, to occupy and defend the USMC portion of Hill 37, vic. AT916582.
- (7) From 22 to 30 September 1970, to occupy and defend Hill 65, vic. AT880580.
- (8) From 22 to 30 September 1970, to occupy and defend Hill 52, vic. AT214552.
- (9) From 9 to 30 September 1970, to provide one platoon OpCon to the 11th Marines for security of the O.P. located on Hill 250, vic. AT795531.
- (10) From 8 to 18 September 1970, to provide one company OpCon to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for Operation Ballard Valley/Dubois Square.
- (11) From 20 to 22 September 1970, to provide one company OpCon to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines for security of Hill 65, vic. AT880580.

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(12) From 18 to 22 September 1970, to provide one company (-) for security of Hill 52, vic. AT214552.

(13) To provide security for engineer and SeaBee projects within the TAOR to include daily mine sweeps along the lines of communication.

(14) To be prepared to provide a reaction force for relief of the Hieu Duc and Dai Loc District Headquarters and Combined Action Units within the TAOR.

c. Special Operations

(1) On the first and second of September 1970, Company "A" conducted a Reconnaissance in Force in Mortar Valley to interdict enemy routes of communications and infiltration. The area of operations was bounded by UL 8366 and IR 9062.

(2) From 4 to 9 September 1970, Company "D" conducted a Reconnaissance in Force in Mortar Valley, continuing to interdict enemy routes of communications and infiltration.

(3) From 4 to 19 September 1970, Company "A" conducted aggressive patrolling in the northern portion of the TAOR in order to deny enemy forces access to launch sites for rocket attacks on the DaNang vital areas, and also, in coordination with the Hieu Duc District Forces, to provide rice harvest security.

(4) From 5 to 7 September 1970, in the area between La Chau and Duyen Son, Company "B" conducted search and clear operations and conducted aggressive patrolling to deny enemy forces access to launch sites for rocket attacks on the DaNang vital areas.

(5) From 9 to 20 September 1970, Company "D", in cooperation with the Hieu Duc District Forces, provided rice harvest security in the southern portion of the Battalion TAOR and in addition, conducted aggressive patrolling in order to deny enemy forces access to possible launch sites for rocket attacks on DaNang.

(6) From 20 to 30 September 1970, Company "M" CUPP Units conducted combined tactical, civil and psychological operations with local RF forces in their assigned TAOR.

(7) From 28 to 30 September 1970, the First Platoon of Company "D" provided security for SeaBee units repairing the road network within the Battalion TAOR.

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(8) From 25 to 30 September 1970, Company "D" operated within a new TAOR, in consonance with a realignment of forces in order to cope with an enemy buildup in the area adjacent to Hill 52.

2. Training

a. From 19 to 21 September 1970, a mobile contact team from the 1st Engineer Battalion held instruction on landmines and booby traps. Three classes were held with a total attendance of 139 personnel.

b. On 24 September 1970, a Drug Abuse Seminar was conducted by personnel from Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force. Four representatives from each company attended.

c. Forty-three personnel received instructions on the quick-kill firing method and fan fired using this technique.

d. Fifty-eight personnel arriving from CONUS received the battalion five day orientation course. In addition, 227 personnel joining from other commands received the First Battalion orientation course.

e. Company level training throughout the month placed emphasis on small unit leadership, patrolling and ambush techniques, land navigation, mines and booby traps and drug abuse.

3. Air Support

a. During the month of September 1970, 32 flights of fixed wing from MAG's 11 and 13 were flown in support of the Battalion. The aircraft expended a total of 146,000 pounds of bombs, 55,500 pounds of napalm, and 2,000 pounds of 20 mm ammunition. The damage assessment included 475 meters of tree line with two secondary fires and explosions.

b. OV10A Bronco aircraft from VMO-02 amassed 12 hours of flight time in aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended two pods of rockets and 300 rounds of 7.62 ammunition. A total of two hours were flown by C119 flareships providing aerial illumination with 49 flares.

c. In support of combat operations in the TAOR a total of 36 sorties for 14 emergency, 24 priority and 13 routine med-evacs were flown. Also 56 sorties were flown by CH-46D and CH-53 helicopters lifting and extracting 1,254 troops. A total of three hours flight was flown by "Cobra" gunships. Twenty-one visual reconnaissance missions were flown with a total of 24 hours 27 minutes of flight time. Fifty-six resupply lifts with a total weight of 794,000 pounds were flown.

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4. Artillery Support

a. During the month of September 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was supported by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. The Battery was located on Hill 10 until 21 September 1970 when it displaced to Hill 65 in order to render more effective fire support within the new TACR. The Battery, consisting of six 105 mm and two 155 mm howitzers, fired 91 missions for the battalion, expending 1,020 rounds and inflicting an undetermined number of enemy casualties. Targets included LZ preps, contact illumination missions, active rocket/mortar sites, artillery ambushes, time on target missions, booby-trapped area destruction, marking rounds for air strikes and numerous intelligence targets as well as targets of opportunity. There is one FO team attached to each of the battalion's rifle companies.

b. The most significant action occurred on the night and morning of 28-29 September 1970, when Battery "A" fired six missions in support of Company "C", expending 268 rounds. This incident required close coordination between the air and artillery support.

c. There were 576 preemptive targets fired upon during the month with 4,759 rounds expended. During the last week of September, emphasis was placed on the area around Hill 52, a high threat area.

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SECTION D
LOGISTICS

1. The Battalion CP was moved from Hill 10 to Hill 37. Company "A" and Company "C" were moved to Hill 65 and Hill 52 respectively. An advance party arrived on Hill 37 on 19 September 1970 and elements of the Battalion began arriving on 21 September 1970. The last elements of the battalion arrived on 29 September 1970. Personnel were billeted entirely in existing structures. Command on Hill 37 and Hill 65 was taken by 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 22 September 1970.
2. Elements of Company "A", 7th Engineers are currently billeted within the cantonment on Hill 37. Presently they are using Hill 37 as a base of operations for road reconstruction work in the TAOR. The battalion is presently giving support to these engineers and will continue to do so as long as Hill 37 is used as their base of operation.
3. The battalion is now engaged in upgrading the defensive positions of Hill 37, Hill 65 and Hill 52. Sand bags have been procured and bunkers and trenches are now in the process of being reconstructed. This work is projected to cover a three (3) week period.
4. Major logistical support is being supplied for all units by helicopter out of Hill 37. The LSU at Hill 37 provides Class I, III and V supplies to the battalion.
5. For the majority of September, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines supplied its units out of Hill 10. A total of 794,000 pounds were lifted out of LZ 495 during the month.
6. On 8 September, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Motor Transport Section underwent CMMI reinspection. A grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was received, and a total of four noteworthy areas were reported.

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SECTION E
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Public Works. The battalion S-5 Section provided 245 artillery ammunition boxes to be used in the reconstruction of houses, and the building of tables and benches for the new school, in Cam Toai Tay Hamlet, vic. AT930688.
2. Welfare. Negative report for this month.
3. Education. Negative report for this month.
4. Health. This battalion treated 622 civilians at our Battalion Med-Caps. Three Mobile Med-Caps were held at various points within our TAOR treating a total of 218 civilians.
5. Agriculture. Negative report this month.
6. Social
 - a. The battalion provided transportation for five civilians to the FLC Children's Hospital.
 - b. The Battalion Commander visited Cam Toai Tay Hamlet to present Autumn Festival gifts to the children of the Hamlet.
 - c. The Battalion Commander, Chaplain, District Advisor and S-5 visited the families of Serious Incident victims to pay their respect and to present Solatium Payments.
7. Security. A three man H.B. Team promoting ordnance turn in was employed throughout the TAOR.
8. Personal Response. Three classes on Personal Response were given during the month.
9. Solatium Payments. Five Solatium Payments were made during the month.

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SECTION F
COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

1. The primary highlight of the period covered was the displacement to Hill 37 from Hill 10 in two increments with virtually no loss of communications. Additional highlights of the individual communications sections are as follows.

a. Radio

(1) The radio section supported the battalion with reliable communications during the move to the new TAOR and maintained a forward CP from 22 to 26 September 1970.

(2) The radio section changed call signs and frequencies on 15 September 1970.

(3) During the month, 615 incoming and 503 outgoing messages were processed through the COC.

b. Tech Shop. During the month of September, the following pieces of equipment were processed through the Tech Shop:

(1) Pieces turned in	181
(2) Pieces to FSR	28
(3) Pieces from FSR	25
(4) Pieces to DX	55
(5) Pieces from DX	52
(6) Pieces out of the Shop	168
(7) Pieces into the Shop	7

c. Wire

(1) During the month of September, the wire section finished rewiring the guard lines on Hill 10 and installed waterproof boxes at each post as receptacles for the phones. Along with normal commitments on Hills 10, 41, 270 and O.P. Reno, preparations were made for the move to Hills 37, 52 and 65. At Hill 41, guard lines were wired using TS-10 sound powered phones and then later during the disestablishment of the Hill, were taken out along with the pole line from Hill 10. On 20 September, an advance party moved to Hill 37 to begin the turn over from the 5th Marines. High priority lines were in by the second day, and by the 26th all subscribers and guard lines were in.

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(2) By the 23rd, all priority lines on Hill 65 were functioning.

(3) On Hill 10, the change over from a Battalion CP to a company position was made. The communications and guard switchboards were moved from their respective positions to the COC with minimum loss of wire communications.

(4) Approximately 20,000 calls were made during the month. Three additional SB-22's were added to the wire T.E.

d. Communications Center

(1) Total messages processed for the month are as follows:

(a) Total messages outgoing	1040
(b) Total messages incoming	1075

(2) Down time for this month is estimated at 50 hours and is broken down as follows:

(a) Radio Relay	10 hours
(b) Camp Power	25 hours
(c) Communications equipment	1 hour
(d) Others	14 hours

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(3) Training is continuing on security procedures.

e. Electrical Power. Electrical work in the battalion during this period included the following:

- (1) Three additional spot lights were installed on Hill 10.
- (2) Approximately 40 work orders were filled.
- (3) One generator was turned around due to a malfunction in the fuel system.
- (4) The generator section assumed responsibility for the generators on Hills 37 and 65.
- (5) The rewiring of Hill 65 is in process.

(6) Approximately 1000 feet of wire and numerous fixtures have been installed on Hill 37; in addition, many repairs to the old wiring system have been completed.

(7) One 150Kw generator on Hill 37 has been turned around due to a malfunction caused by a lack of preventative maintenance by the previous operator.

(8) Plans for the future include completion of the rewiring of Hills 37 and 65.

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SECTION G
MEDICAL

1. Personnel. The battalion has one Medical Officer and 20 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Hill 37 BAS, 2 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Hill 65 BAS, 27 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the rifle companies and 8 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the CUPP Units.

2. Facilities. The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 37 consists of five buildings which are utilized for storage, sleeping quarters, sickcall, administration and supply. The BAS on Hill 65 consists of two buildings and one bunker.

3. Daily Activities

a. Sickcall is held from 0830 to 0930 and 1300 to 1400 daily. Emergencies are seen anytime.

b. A total of 409 patients were seen during the month of September. Ailments are broken down as follows:

(1) Fever Unknown Origin	11
(2) Urinalysis	6
(3) Skin Disorders	74
(4) Venereal Disease	23
(5) Malaria	12
(6) Lacerations	8
(7) Diarrhea	29
(8) Consults	47
(9) Upper Gastrointestinal Disease	10
(10) Physicals	58
(11) Other	131

c. Transportation is provided for patients referred to other medical facilities. The BAS ambulance is utilized for emergency and administrative runs as required. Medical evacuation by helicopter is used when the time element is vital.

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d. A total of 1243 immunizations were given in September.

e. 840 Vietnamese civilians were treated by Med-Cap personnel.

4. Weekly Activities. Sanitation inspections of the cantonments and messing facilities are conducted at weekly intervals.

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SECTION H
RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. There were 38 Protestant Services conducted for the Battalion during the month of September. The total attendance was 1,112. The total number receiving communion was 925.
2. There were 6 services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 63. The number receiving communion was 52.
3. There were 5 Catholic masses conducted for the Battalion by other Chaplains. The total attendance was 75.
4. One hundred seven men were visited in the hospital. The total of those visited in the brig was 25.
5. Two Division Chaplain's meetings were attended.
6. Six men of the battalion were notified regarding their Red Cross cases.
7. There were 112 men that received private counseling by the Battalion Chaplain.
8. There were 4 Bible Classes held with 32 persons in attendance.
9. Twice the Battalion Chaplain assisted the S-5 in making Solatium Payments to the local Vietnamese.
10. The Battalion Chaplain arranged for and attended a one day Personal Response Seminar.
11. The Battalion Chaplain arranged for and attended a half day Narcotics Seminar.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 010635H Hill 270, vic AT865681, received two 122 mm rockets from suspected enemy firing position vic. AT815650. Both rockets landed outside the perimeter. There were no casualties or damage and immediate counterrocket fire was initiated with unknown results.
- 011040H While conducting a search for a suspected rocket launching site, vic. AT900934, C2 received approximately seven rounds of 60 mm mortar fire. The suspected firing position was located vic. AT891735 and was subjected to countermortar fire from the company's 60 mm mortar section; resulting in one secondary explosion.
- 011330H While on patrol, vic. AT845634, a machine gun team with A1 observed two enemy. Because of the thick underbrush it could not be determined whether or not they were carrying packs or weapons. A1 engaged the enemy with small arms fire and later swept the area with negative results.
- 011400H While set in a PPB, vic. AT854633, A1's local security observed a rice carrier coming down a stream bed towards their position. When the enemy attempted to flee, he was shot and killed. He had a pack containing rice and medical supplies.
- 011655H While conducting a search for a suspected mortar firing position, vic. AT877738, C1 observed four or five enemy. C1 immediately engaged the enemy with small arms fire, however, thick brush precluded effective fire. It is believed at least two were wounded. Two AK-47 rifles and three magazines were recovered.
- 011700H A1 discovered a high speed trail located vic. AT845634. The trail is believed to be a main supply route for rice collection. Two hundred and twenty pounds of rice were found in caches along the trail.
- 011715H While returning from a search for a suspected mortar firing position, C1 discovered 30-35 bunkers and fighting positions located vic. AT877738. The bunkers were situated along a trail leading down a finger from O.P. Reno. Three fire pits and six possible aiming stakes were found. The bunkers were destroyed the next morning.
- 012130H While set in a night ambush position vic. AT854633, A23 observed one enemy in front of their position directly in line with a claymore killing zone. The claymore was detonated. A sweep of the area revealed extensive blood trails, three morphine syringes and one VC KIA.

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- 020900H While on a patrol, vic. AT884627, A2 found two tunnels. The tunnels were approximately four feet deep, five feet wide and four feet long. Both tunnels were thoroughly searched with negative results and then destroyed.
- 021010H While on patrol, vic. AT862633, A3 found an NVA type pack, apparently just dropped, containing 40 pounds of rice. A search of the area was conducted, however nothing else was found.
- 021540H Colonel REED and Colonel BUTTERWORTH of Army I.O.D. inspected Hill 270.
- 030900H While on patrol vic. AT953645, a member of B311 detonated a bouncing betty type mine, seriously wounding him. An emergency med-evac was called and completed. The mine was buried along the trail at a junction. No other mines or booby traps were discovered.
- 041730H An LOH helicopter went down in the vic. AT8062. The cause of the crash is unknown. The pilot and crew were extracted.
- 050750H While on patrol, vic. AT946649, B3 found one homemade booby trap consisting of a soda can filled with explosive. The area was searched for additional booby traps but none were found. It was blown in place.
- 050940H While conducting a sweep, vic. AT959673, B2 located a tunnel approximately two feet in diameter and ten feet long. The entrance was camouflaged, however, it did not appear to have been used recently. In the same area B2 found a booby trap consisting of of a coke can filled with explosive with a pull friction fuze and a trip wire strung across the trail. The booby trap was blown in place.
- 051315H Colonel KELLEY and Lieutenant Colonel ROSE inspected O.P. Reno.
- 051645H While set in a platoon PPB, vic. AT954682, B2 Actual while checking positions, detonated a box mine set along a trail. B2 Actual was emergency med-evaced with a traumatic amputation of his left foot. A search of the area revealed no additional booby traps.
- 051830H While reconning a platoon PPB, vic. AT911638, elements of D2 discovered a grave which appeared to have been about two weeks old. The grave contained a 20-30 year old Vietnamese male.
- 062255H A fragmentation grenade was thrown in the vicinity of the 1st Battalion Guard Shack on Hill 10. There were no casualties and a suspect who later gave a full confession was taken into custody. A Serious Incident Report was initiated.

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- 071020H While set in a PPB, vic. AT892631, D2 observed two rockets being launched at a 230 degree azimuth from their position at a distance of about four to six kilometers. A flash message was sent to Regiment.
- 071430H General ROSSEN, Lieutenant General MCCUTCHEON and SOUTHERLAN, Major General WIDDECKE, Colonel KELLEY and Lieutenant Colonel ROSE inspected O.P. Reno.
- 071900H B33, while moving to their night ambush, vic. AT920676, found a booby trapped 60 mm mortar round. The round was buried with the tail fins down and had a nail protruding from the fuze. The booby trap was employed on the trail and was camouflaged with weeds. It was destroyed in place. No others were found in the area.
- 081400H 1st Battalion, 1st Marines relinquished OpCon of Company "B" to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 140048H While set in a night ambush, vic. AT873733, A21 observed approximately three enemy, at least two of whom were carrying weapons. A21 engaged the enemy with small arms fire and hand grenades. A21 later swept the area with negative results.
- 181200H 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines returned OpCon of Company "B" to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 181600H 1st Battalion, 1st Marines relinquished OpCon of Company "C" (-) to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 181600H Company "C" relinquished OpCon of 1st Platoon, Company "C" to Company "B".
- 191430H While on patrol, vic. AT200581, a member of C21 detonated a Chicom type booby trap which was set up with a trip wire. It was camouflaged in a tall grassy area beside the trail. Two Marines were wounded. The immediate area was searched for additional booby traps; none were located.
- 191500H 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines assumed control of O.P. Reno.
- 201200H 1st Battalion, 1st Marines relinquished OpCon of Company "A" to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 212030H Upon completion of two air strikes in the Sherwood Forest Area, vic. AT914695, two secondary explosions were observed. The explosions appeared to have been small arms ammunition and a small amount of explosive cooking off. The area was swept with negative results.

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- 221200H 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assumed control of the new TAOR. (See TAB C)
- 221200H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines returned OpCon of Companies "C" (-) and "A" to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 222155H While set in a night ambush, vic. AT918566, SM31 CUPP received small arms fire, wounding one Marine and one PF. The med-evac helicopter received fire while in the LZ. Gunships suppressed the fire and later 81 mm mortar fire was called. A sweep of the area in the morning produced negative results.
- 230637H While sweeping the area of last night's contact, a member of H&S CUPP detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade set up in ankle high grass with a trip wire across trail. Two Marines were emergency med-evaced. No additional booby traps were discovered in the area.
- 230905H A patrol from H&S CUPP was moving to a day O.P., vic. AT822567, when the point man tripped a booby trap consisting of a 60 mm mortar illumination canister filled with explosive and metal. One Marine was wounded and med-evaced. It was set up with a trip wire and camouflaged in knee high grass. The area was searched for more booby traps with negative results.
- 260035H The cantonment at Hill 37, vic. AT915581, received two lob bombs suspected as being 105 rounds. The lob bombs impacted outside the perimeter, near the river. They did not explode, no casualties or damage resulted.
- 261535H Colonel BLUE inspected Hill 52.
- 261900H While on patrol, vic. AT878593, A3 discovered a booby trapped 105 round. The booby trap was set up with a trip wire across a paddy dike. It was blown in place and no others were found.
- 270650H Colonel KELLEY and Lieutenant Colonel ROSE inspected Hill 52.
- 270900H While landing at Hill 10, a helicopter observed muzzle flashes approximately 100 meters to the North. A fire team sent to investigate detained two Vietnamese males, one with a questionable ID card and the other with none. The Detainees were sent to CIT for questioning.
- 271700H While on patrol, vic. AT915656, M33A stopped a Vietnamese female who was carrying rice and clothing. She did not have an ID card and was taken to Dai Loc District Headquarters for questioning.

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- 272035H While set in a night ambush, vic. AT816548, S2A observed two enemy exit a house. The enemy saw the Marines and fled into a nearby village. S2A engaged them with small arms fire. A sweep of the area produced negative results.
- 272112H While set in an ambush, vic. AT912563, members of SM33B observed two or three enemy moving near their position. The enemy were engaged with small arms and hand grenades. About 20-30 rounds of AK-47 fire were received slightly wounding one Marine in the heel. The enemy broke contact and the area was searched with negative results.
- 281455H Lieutenant General MCCUTCHEON and Colonel KELLEY inspected Hill 52.
- 282050H While set in a night haven, vic. AT912566, a patrol from H&S CUPP observed a trip flare ignite and saw enemy fleeing from the area. They engaged the enemy with small arms fire and received approximately five rounds of fire in return. Later they swept the area with negative results.
- 282050H While set in night ambush, vic. AT917562, a patrol from H&S CUPP received an estimated 30 rounds of AK-47 fire from an estimated 10-15 enemy. They returned fire with small arms and returned to the PPB. A sweep of the area the next morning produced negative results.
- 282355H A trip flare went off on the west side of the Company "C" perimeter on Hill 52, illuminating two enemy in the wire. The enemy were engaged with small arms fire and hand grenades. At about 0030, a Company "C" ambush spotted 6 to 9 enemy in a treeline and as they had no communication, started to return to Hill 52. As the ambush neared the perimeter they observed enemy in the wire. They engaged the enemy and were in turn, fired upon from their rear, sustaining three Marines killed and one wounded. Contact was broken and a med-evac completed. Later 6 to 9 more enemy were observed crossing the river and were immediately taken under fire with 60 mm and 81 mm mortar fire. At 0400, four more enemy were seen and engaged with small arms fire. A sweep of the entire area of contact the next morning netted 4 enemy KIA, 1 9 mm pistol, 1 knife, 31 Chicom grenades, 1 RPG launcher with 5 rounds and various medical supplies.
- 290215H Company "C" observed 9 enemy on the river bank, south of their position, preparing to cross the river. When the enemy were half way across the river, they were engaged with 60 mm and 81 mm mortar fire and 106 recoilless rifle fire, followed by an artillery fire mission. Smoke obscured the target area and the tactical situation precluded a physical search. Estimated 9 VC KIA.

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- 290800H Colonel KELLEY inspected Hill 52.
- 290945H While providing security for the SeaBees, D1 reported two trucks hit mines, vic. AT936580 and AT937580. The mines were apparently command detonated from an adjacent treeline. The trucks were heavily damaged and two SeaBees were injured. A search of the treeline produced negative results.
- 291400H While waiting for the VR helicopter to arrive at Hill 52, Company "C" received four incoming mortar rounds from an unknown position. There were no casualties or damage. Countermortar fire was immediately initiated.
- 291820H Company "C" received approximately 3 rounds of 82 mm mortar fire killing one Marine. An artillery mission called on the suspected firing position suppressed the enemy fire.
- 291855H Company "C" received five rounds of 60 mm mortar fire from a suspected enemy location vic. AT204563. There were no casualties. Countermortar fire was initiated and an artillery mission, which resulted in one secondary explosion, was called.
- 301100H A21 while on patrol observed seven armed enemy off-loading two sampans, vic. AT862569. They engaged the enemy with 81 mm mortars and artillery. They were unable to conduct a physical search of the area.
- 301900H A Vietnamese male approximately 30 years old was carried to the Hill 37 cantonment after having apparently detonated a booby trap, vic. AT926579. He was taken to the BAS and then med-evaced the next morning.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓TAB A - 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Frag O 026-70

✓TAB B - Overlay, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR, 22 to 24 September 1970

✓TAB C - Overlay, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR, 24 to 30 September 1970

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TAB A

FRAG 0 026-70

FM: 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

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

INFO: 1ST MARINES

FRAG ORDER 026-70

ENCL: (1) OPN OVERLAY 026-70
(2) REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

REF: (A) OPERATION ORDER 6-70

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1. SITUATION:A. ENEMY:

1) THE ENEMY'S NEED FOR FOOD IS GREAT. BECAUSE OF THE RICE HARVEST, THE ENEMY WILL BE COMING INTO VILLAGE/HAMLET AREAS TO COLLECT RICE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO VC AND NVA UNITS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

2) CURRENT INTELLIGENCE. SEE ENCL (3).

B. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION: TO CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS I.A.W. REF. A. MAIN EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONDUCTING OF AGGRESSIVE, OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND PATROLLING ACTIONS IN ORDER TO DENY THE ENEMY ACCESS TO POSSIBLE ROCKET LAUNCH SITES. IN ADDITION, PROVIDE EXTERNAL SECURITY FOR RICE HARVEST PERIOD IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES. SEE ENCL 1, 2, & 3.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: COMMENCING R-DAY 1ST BATTALION (REIN) TO REDEPLOY FORCES WITHIN TAOR. THE BN WILL DEFEND NORMAL FIXED POSITIONS WITHIN TAOR WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND THE HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY. THE REMAINING THREE RIFLE COMPANIES WILL CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS, PATROLS AMBUSHES, AND SEARCHES WITHIN TAOR. SEE ENCL (1). ALL RIFLE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL AREA SECURITY FOR RICE HARVEST WITH MAXIMUM PATROLLING EFFORT.

B. ALPHA CO.

1) SEE ENCL (1) AND (2)

2) COMMENCING R-DAY CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN THE NORTHERN AO IN ORDER TO DENY ENEMY FORCES ACCESS TO LAUNCH SITES FOR ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE DANANG VITAL AREAS.

3) CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN AO TO LOCATE, CLOSE WITH, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, MATERIAL AND INSTALLATIONS.

C. BRAVO CO.

1) SEE ENCL (1) AND (2).

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- 2) COMMENCING R-DAY, WITH TWO PLATOONS, CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN THE CENTRAL AO IN ORDER TO DENY ENEMY FORCES ACCESS TO LAUNCH SITES FOR ROCKET ATTACKS ON DANANG VITAL AREAS.
- 3) CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL AO TO LOCATE, CLOSE WITH, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, MATERIAL AND INSTALLATIONS.
- 4) WITH ONE PLATOON, IN COOPERATION/COORDINATION WITH HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES, CONDUCT COMBINED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITHIN HIEU DUC DISTRICT AO, ALONG SONG TUY LOAN RIVER. SEE ENCL (1)
- 5) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH UNITS OCCUPYING HILL 270, VIC AT865681, AND HILL 41, VIC AT934663.
- 6) BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE OF HILL 41 AND HILL 270 BY REINFORCEMENT OR COUNTERATTACK.
- 7) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH UNIT AT HILL 10.

D. CHARLIE CO.

- 1) SEE ENCL (1) AND (2)
- 2) OCCUPY, DEFEND AND MAINTAIN, WITH ONE PLATOON EACH, THE FIXED POSITIONS AT HILL 41, VIC AT934663, HILL 270, VIC AT865681, AND DAI LA PASS, VIC AT940753.
- 3) OCCUPY, DEFEND AND MAINTAIN, OP RENO, VIC AT884746, WITH A REINFORCED SQUAD.
- 4) ONE SECTION EACH OF 106RR AND 81MM MORTARS OPCON FOR USE AT DAI LA PASS REMAIN. DEFEND DAI LA PASS W/REINFORCED PLATOON.
- 5) OPCON ONE SECTION OF 106RR TO BE LOCATED AT HILL 41.
- 6) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON FOR TRAINING/DEFENSE AND PATROLLING ACTIVITIES AT HILL 10. VIC AT924690.
- 7) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH UNITS ADJACENT TO FIXED POSITIONS AT HILL 41, AND OP RENO.
- 8) PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES FOR ENGINEER ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS.
- 9) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON TO BE DESIGNATED THE BATTALION RESERVE PLATOON.

E. DELTA CO.

- 1) SEE ENCL (1) AND (2)
- 2) COMMENCING R+1 DAY, CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN THE SOUTHERN AO TO DENY ENEMY FORCES ACCESS TO POSSIBLE LAUNCH SITES FOR ROCKET ATTACKS ON DANANG VITAL AREAS.
- 3) CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN AO TO LOCATE, CLOSE WITH, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, MATERIAL AND INSTALLATIONS.
- 4) BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE OF HILL 41 BY REINFORCEMENT OR COUNTERATTACK.
- 5) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR REACTION FORCES TO SUPPORT HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) R-DAY - 4 SEPT 1970
- 2) DIRECT LIAISON WITH CACO 2-1 AUTHORIZED
- 3) REPORT BY IMMEDIATE MESSAGE WHEN RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN ASSUMED FOR NEW AO.
- 4) UNIT CO'S WILL COMMENCE SUBMITTING ACTIVITIES OVERLAYS FOR THEIR AO'S ON R-2.

030700H - CO. A MOVES FROM CHARLIE RIDGE TO HILL 10 AND HILL 41 BY HELICOPTER.

040600H - CO. B MOVES BY FOOT MARCH TO ASSUME CENTRAL A. O.

040700H - CO. C MOVES FROM NORTHERN A. O., BY HELICOPTER, TO RELIEVE CO. D ON HILL 270 AND OP RENO.

041000H - CO. D RELIEVED FROM HILL 270 AND OP RENO, MOVE TO HILL 10 BY HELICOPTER.

041300H - PLATOON AT HILL 10 FROM CO. D, MOVES BY TRUCK TO HILL 41.

040800H - CO. A MOVES FROM HILL 41 AND HILL 10 BY TRUCK AND FOOT MARCH TO NORTHERN A. O.

050600H - CO. D MOVES FROM HILL 41 BY FOOT MARCH TO ASSUME SOUTHERN A. O.

ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE AS TO TRANSPORTATION. TO BE COORDINATED.

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- 5) ALL RIFLE COMPANIES BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AT SHORT NOTICE.
- 6) ALL RIFLE COMPANIES BE PREPARED TO ASSUME THE MISSION AND TASKS OF ANY OTHER RIFLE COMPANY WITHIN THE BATTALION TAOR.
- 7) COMMENCING 050600H SEPT 1970, A MAXIMUM PATROLLING EFFORT WILL BE CONDUCTED TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL AREA SECURITY FOR RICE HARVEST. PERIOD TO EXTEND FROM 05 SEPTEMBER - 05 OCTOBER 1970.
- 8) ALL COMPANIES BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REACTION FORCES TO ASSIST HIEU DUC DISTRICT FORCES WITHIN ONE HOUR.
- 9) TAOR EXTENSION IN SOUTHERN AO, AS INDICATED ENCL (1), TO BE EFFECTIVE 030600H SEPT 1970 AND END 03 OCT 1970.
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE
5. COMMAND AND ELECT: NO CHANGE

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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