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2nd Battalion, 1st Marines

FROM: 210001H September 1966

TO: 212400H September 1966

| FROM      | TO   | TIME | MESSAGES   |
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| All Units | S-3  | 0001 | All Secure.  |
| S-3       | Regt | 0045 | SPOT REPORT  |
|           |      |      | A- H/3   |
|           |      |      | B- 202000H   |
|           |      |      | C- Fr: BT 045557 En: BT 038554   |
|           |      |      | D- H/3 at above coordinates observed lights flashing and engine noises heading in northerly direction at reference coordinates.  |
|           |      |      | E- Artillery missions were fired at above coordinates and were adjusted by H/3 from the initial point south and southwest approximately 400 meters. 50 rounds of 155mm, and 54 rounds of 105mm, 36 rounds of HE, and 12 rounds of WP were fired on BT 035545. Approximately 10 large secondary explosions were noted and fire with flames billowed 30 to 40 feet and at 2255H after completion of fire mission, small HE secondary explosions continued in area of fires. OE and flareship were requested at 2200H and were on station at approximately 2330H and commenced dropping flares in target area. Numerous fires were observed burning but no other unusual activity. Photos will be taken in the morning. |
|           |      |      | F-H- None.   |
|           |      |      | I-J- Unknown.  |
|           |      |      | K-N- None.   |
|           |      |      | O- Enemy ammunition storage area struck by fire mission.   |
|           |      |      | P-Q- None.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0140 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.  |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0620 | Road sweep for ANDERSON TRAIL just left Bn CP.   |
| G/2       | S-3  | 0650 | G/2 patrol has returned to CP.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0720 | Road sweep secure and ANDERSON TRAIL security in position.   |

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| H            | S-3  | 0800 | H/1 patrol in position at BT 024573.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0801 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 041627).   |
| G            | S-3  | 0813 | G/3/A patrol departing CP area.   |
| S-3          | Regt | 0820 | Called to Regiment Rocky Point #1<br>Objectives: 2- AT 986556 - 21 Sept<br>3- AT 982573 - 22 Sept<br>4- AT 988586 - 23 Sept<br>5- AT 995584 - 24 Sept<br>6- BT 008595 - 25 Sept<br>7- BT 023564 - 26 Sept         |
| S-3          | Regt | 0825 | The above Objectives to be taken on the above dates by 3 companies; each night the other company moves up to Bn (-). RP #1 is prep firing at Objective #2, will proceed to this Objective at approximately 1000H. |
| G            | S-3  | 0825 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 003641).   |
| S-3          | S-4  | 0826 | Called resupply for E/1/D to S-4.   |
| E            | S-3  | 0845 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 054628).   |
| H            | S-3  | 0847 | H/1 position report BT 020572.  |
| H            | S-3  | 0847 | H/2 position report BT 034578.  |
| G            | S-3  | 0855 | G/3 all secure.   |
| F            | S-3  | 0915 | F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 041614).   |
| F            | S-3  | 0925 | F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 045614).   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 0925 | RP #1 at Objective #2 (AT 985556).  |
| F            | S-3  | 0936 | F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 048607).   |
| H            | S-3  | 0936 | H/2 requests 81mm mortar mission at BT 027578, suspected VC position.   |
| G            | S-3  | 0938 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #2 (AT 996634).   |
| E            | S-3  | 0940 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 040645).   |
| H            | S-3  | 0941 | H/3 patrol departed CP at 0920H.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0950 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 031644).   |
| G            | S-3  | 0957 | G/3/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1000 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 020572 and H/2 at BT 030578.   |
| F            | S-3  | 1006 | F/3/A patrol departed IP. (BT 043606).  |
| E            | S-3  | 1027 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #6 (BT 023642).   |
| E            | S-3  | 1040 | E/3 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1050 | H/2 requests 81mm mortar mission at BT 032589.  |
| G            | S-3  | 1055 | G/3 all secure.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1057 | H/1 and H/2 position report: No change.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1155 | H/1 and H/2 position report: No change.   |
| F            | S-3  | 1158 | F/3/A patrol has returned to their PPB at BT 043606.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1237 | H/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 045573).   |
| H            | S-3  | 1252 | Received Hotel MedOp for 21 Sept, passed on to S-5.   |

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| S-3   | Regt | 1252 | SPOT REPORT #10   |
|       |      |      | A- Hotel  |
|       |      |      | B- 211200H  |
|       |      |      | C- Fr: BT 019571  |
|       |      |      | D- H/1 petrol at above coordinates stopped for psy cell and noted a figure in the tree line at BT 019578 maneuvering towards H/2 position at BT 023575. Figure was dressed in black and would, 'halt', drop, and then advance, figure was taken under fire by 50 caliber MG on the ANTRACK and began running. Figure seen hit stagger and fall. |
|       |      |      | E- No search was conducted due to nature of operation.  |
|       |      |      | F-H- None.  |
|       |      |      | I- 1 (probable)   |
|       |      |      | J-N- None.  |
| H     | S-3  | 1300 | H/1 position report (BT 012568), H/2 position report: No change.  |
| G     | S-3  | 1304 | G/1 petrol has departed Bn CP.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1312 | E/1 petrol has departed Bn CP.  |
| G     | S-3  | 1312 | G/1 petrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 019637).   |
| G     | S-3  | 1335 | G/1 petrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 018648).   |
| E     | S-3  | 1355 | E/1 petrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 026626).   |
| Air   | S-3  | 1410 | Med-evac for E/1 is airborne.   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1420 | Received E/1/D MedCap report, passed on to S-5.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1428 | F/1 petrol has departed Bn CP.  |
| G     | S-3  | 1431 | G/1 petrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 001637).   |
| F     | S-3  | 1441 | F/3 petrol enroute to Bn CP.  |
| G     | S-3  | 1442 | G/1 petrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 012633).   |
| H     | S-3  | 1456 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 023573, H/2 at BT 034578.  |
| F     | S-3  | 1507 | F/3 petrol has returned to CP.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 1508 | SPOT REPORT #14   |
|       |      |      | A- E/1  |
|       |      |      | B- 211355H to 2114220H  |
|       |      |      | C- Fr: BT 025627 En: BT 033628  |
|       |      |      | D- E/1 petrol had a man stop on mine at above coordinates. Med-evac was requested. When med-evac helicopter approached E/1 it received 10 small arms rounds   |
|       |      |      | E- Fire was returned by E/1 with small arms fire, 5 rounds M-79, 1 60mm mortar, and UH-1E escort made rocket run on enemy position. Area being swept.   |
|       |      |      | F- None.  |
|       |      |      | G- 2 (1 USMC and 1 USN), both med-evac'd.   |
|       |      |      | H-N- None.  |

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| G/1          | S-3  | 1507 | G/1 patrol has returned to Bn CP.   |
| E            | S-3  | 1540 | E/1 requested artillery fire mission at BT 026626. Mission on the way.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1550 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 016560, H/2 at BT 025575.  |
| G            | S-3  | 1600 | G/3 all secure.   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 1620 | 39th Rangers at Ck Pt #2 (AT 986556). Now receiving mortar fire 600 meters west of them.  |
| E/1/D        | S-3  | 1630 | Received resupply request from E/1/D, passed on to S-4.   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 1700 | Position report AT 985559.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1700 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 020573, BT 025575  |
| H            | S-3  | 1721 | H/1 requests med-evac at BT 012568.   |
| S-3          | kegt | 1730 | SPOT REPORT #16<br>A- E/1<br>B- 211705H<br>C- Fr: BT 031630 En: BT 031634<br>D- 3 rounds small arms fire from N/W.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms. Area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None.                               |
| E            | S-3  | 1801 | E/1 position report (BT 031630).  |
| H            | S-3  | 1804 | Received Hotel activities for 22 Sept 66.   |
| Air          | S-3  | 1816 | Med-evac for H/1 airborne.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1816 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 012568, H/2 at BT 027573.  |
| F            | S-3  | 1817 | F/1 patrol at their PPB (BT 034606).  |
| Wire         | S-3  | 1825 | Wire team has departed CP.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1829 | H/2 patrol back in the CP.  |
| F            | S-3  | 1830 | SPOT REPORT #18<br>A- F/1<br>B- 211640H<br>C- Fr: BT 047601 En: BT 046600<br>D- Received 4 to 5 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC.<br>E- Returned small arms and M-79 fire. Squad sweeping area.<br>F-N- None/Unknown. |
| Wire         | S-3  | 1835 | Wire team has reached its destination.  |
| Wire         | S-3  | 1843 | Wire team has completed mission, enroute to CP.   |
| Air          | S-3  | 1845 | Hotel med-evac complete.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1849 | H/1 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| Wire         | S-3  | 1854 | Wire team back in the CP.   |
| G            | S-3  | 1858 | G/3 all secure.   |

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| H     | S-3  | 1915 | SPOT REPORT #22<br>A- H/1<br>B- 211750<br>C- BT 012568<br>D- H/1 patrol received heavy small arms fire from 2 VC in a stone house coordinates BT 012570.<br>E- .50 caliber, small arms, and 3 rounds 106RR were fired into the structure. Firing ceased and H/1 continued its assigned mission as road security.<br>F- None.<br>G- 1 med-evaced at 1845H<br>H- None.<br>I- 2 (probable)<br>J-N- None. |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1950 | Request new TL if it has changed in the last 5 days.  |
| G     | S-3  | 1958 | G/3 all secure.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1958 | F reports receiving small arms fire from BT 031036.   |
| G     | S-3  | 1959 | G/2 departed the CP at 1934H.   |
| E     | S-3  | 2005 | SPOT REPORT #21<br>A- E/1<br>B- 211530H<br>C- Fr: BT 026627 En: BT 028623<br>D- Received small arms sniper fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Artillery mission of 105 HE and WP was called in and enemy fire ceased. Area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None.  |
| H&S   | S-3  | 2010 | Lines report receiving sniper fire from unknown location.   |
| S-3   | Regt | 2023 | 39th Rangers Position Report:<br>N/W Corner - 984559<br>N/E Corner - 988559<br>S/E Corner - 988558<br>S/W Corner - 984559<br>Blocking force located at AT 981559 to AT 982570.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 2042 | SPOT REPORT #23<br>A- T/1<br>B- 211940H<br>C- Fr: BT 038606 En: BT 036606<br>D- Received 20 to 30 small arms fire from reference coordinates.<br>E- Fire was returned with small arms an 81mm mortar mission. Mission had excellent target coverage. Area will be swept at first light.<br>F-N- None.   |

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| G    | S-3       | 2100 | All Secure.  |
| S-3  | All Units | 2115 | <p>FRAG ORDER for 22 Sept 66</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Situation: No change.</li> <li>2. Mission: No change.</li> <li>3. Execution:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.</li> <li>B- Foxtrot continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.</li> <li>C- Golf conduct day and night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas.</li> <li>D- Hotel continue assigned mission.</li> <li>E- H&amp;S provide ANDERSON TRAIL and CP security.</li> <li>F- Coordinating Instructions:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) E Co, F Co, and G Co provide 1 platoon to H&amp;S commander at 0800H.</li> <li>(2) There will be a CP defense drill at 1730H. Alarm will be a siren. H&amp;S and designated rifle Co personnel will man the lines. All other personnel take cover in company areas. Close in artillery fire will commence at 1800H. All personnel will remain under cover until firing ceases and all clear passed by telephone from the BOC about 1900H.</li> <li>(3) Awards Ceremony <del>scheduled</del> for afternoon 22 Sept. All CO's and First Sergeants will attend. Each company provide 5 men representative squad and guidon-bearer. Persons receiving awards will not wear cartridge belts or carry arms. All others carry normal arms and equipment. Soft covers will be worn. Time to be announced. Place in front of CO's office.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Logistics: No change.</li> <li>5. Command: No change.</li> </ol> |
| E, F | S-3       | 2118 | All Secure.  |
| Regt | S-3       | 2135 | Hoa Vang receiving fire at AT 996634.  |
| H    | S-3       | 2135 | Received H/3 day and night activities for 23 Sept 66.  |
| ARVN | S-3       | 2155 | Request H&I's at BT 030550, target is suspected VC Battalion.  |
| G    | S-3       | 2156 | All Secure.  |
| G    | S-3       | 2156 | G/2 and G/3 now in their night positions.  |

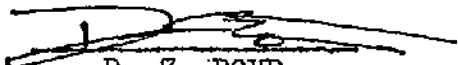
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| H         | S-3  | 2157 | Report of Combined Activities from 201700H to 211700H Sept.<br>1. H/3 continued routine patrols and ambushes during this period. Marines and PF attended morning and evening colors and noted that northern PF platoon had also erected a flag pole on their own with a larger flag.<br>2. Hotel CP continued operations in connection with Rangers and had the voluntary assistance of the VINE HOA PF platoon which was of great help, etc. H/1 platoon commander visited by DIEN BON District XO.<br>3. Failed to note on yesterday's report that Hotel CP visited briefly by province chief and advisor and District chief and advisor. |
| F, H&S    | S-3  | 2200 | All Secure.   |
| S-2       | S-3  | 2230 | DIEN BAN secret agents report 1 VC company designated (Q-15), located in the vicinity of BT 065625. VC intend to attack USMC units in area.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 2300 | All Secure.   |
| S-3       | Regt | 2355 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- F/1<br>B- 212225H<br>C- Fr: BT 028606 En: BT 026606<br>D- F/1 received 10 to 15 rounds sniper fire from reference coordinates.<br>E- 81mm mortar mission called in and also returned fire with 60mm mortars and M-79's. Excellent coverage of target. Firing ceased and area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None.   |
| H         | S-3  | 2356 | Movement noted S/W and East. Illumination failed to reveal anything.  |
| F, G, H&S | S-3  | 2400 | All Secure.   |

### SYNOPSIS

21 Sept - At 0720H ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep completed with negative results. At 1200H H/1 at BT 019571 noted a figure in the tree line at BT 019578. He was dressed in black clothing and was ~~maneuvering~~. He was taken under fire by 50 caliber machineguns on AmTrac and was seen to fall. No search of the area was conducted due

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to nature of the operation. At 1355H E/1 patrol at BT 025627 had a man step on a mine and med-evac was requested. As med-evac helicopter approached the LZ it received 10 rounds of small arms fire. It was suppressed with small arms, M-79, 60mm mortars, and a UH-1E. Area was swept with negative results. Result was 2 US WIA's. At 1640H F/1 at BT 047601 received 4-5 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC; fire was returned and area was swept with negative results. At 1750H H/1 at BT 012568 received small arms fire from 2 VC at BT 012570. Fire returned consisted of 30 caliber, small arms, and 106RR which silenced the enemy fire. H/1 continued assigned mission. At 1530H E/1 at BT 026627 received sniper fire from BT 028623 and an artillery mission was fired. Area was swept following the mission with negative results. At 1940H F/1 at BT 038606 received 20-30 rounds of small arms from BT 036606; it was returned with small arms and 81mm mortars. Area was swept with negative results. There were 4 platoon and 1 squad search and destroy patrols; 5 platoon and 4 squad security patrols; 2 platoon and 5 squad ambushes; and 2 listening posts during this period.

  
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| E,H&S        | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.   |
| E,H&S        | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D        | S-3  | 0355 | All Secure.   |
| G,H&S        | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.   |
| G,H&S        | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.   |
| E,F,G,H&S    | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.   |
| G            | S-3  | 0617 | G/2/A and G/2/B patrols have departed their night positions.  |
| F            | S-3  | 0633 | F/1 requested prep fire mission at BT 036606.   |
| Note         | S-3  | 0634 | Fire mission for F/1 on the way.  |
| H&S          | S-3  | 0634 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep has departed the Bn CP.   |
| G            | S-3  | 0650 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3  | 0658 | H/2 patrol has departed the Bn CP.  |
| G            | S-3  | 0717 | G/2/A and G/2/B patrols have returned to the Bn CP.   |
| E            | S-3  | 0717 | E/1 patrol has departed their IP at coordinates BT 035627.  |
| H            | S-3  | 0717 | H/3/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 0735 | Prep fire called for coordinates AT 979570 and AT 982575.   |
| F            | S-3  | 0750 | F/1 patrol's search of area that had the fire missions the night before came out with negative results.   |
| E            | S-3  | 0805 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 042619).   |
| H            | S-3  | 0810 | H/2 position report (BT 035575).  |
| F            | S-3  | 0840 | F/1 PPB for today at BT 041605.   |
| G            | S-3  | 0853 | G/3 reports all secure.   |
| E            | S-3  | 0912 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 056624).   |
| F            | S-3  | 0920 | F/1 swept through their #3rd Objective at BT 032605. F/1 patrol left one element behind to search out the area in detail while the rest of the platoon continued mission. |
| H            | S-3  | 0940 | Hotel Co reports receiving information that VC at BT 005568.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0945 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 039612).   |
| E            | S-3  | 1000 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 041623).   |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1000 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1005 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 025575, and H/2 at BT 021568.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1008 | Called Hotel position reports in.   |

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| S-3          | Regt | 1000 | 39th Rangers at Objective #3 AT 985574.  |
| E            | S-3  | 1035 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 053629).  |
| H&S          | S-3  | 1036 | Request 81mm mortar mission at coordinates BT 010628. H&S reports receiving sniper fire from above reference.  |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 1045 | 39th Rangers position report: AT 986575.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1050 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 017570, and BT 012568.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1055 | Called H/1 and H/2 position report in.   |
| E            | S-3  | 1056 | F/1 patrol at Ck Pt #6 (BT 036634).  |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1057 | All Secure.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1110 | SPOT REPORT #10<br>A- H&S<br>B- 221040H<br>C- Fr: BT 015627 En: BT 009627<br>D- Bn CP received 5 rounds of small arms fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- 6 rounds of 81mm mortars fired in return with good effect on target. Sniper fire ceased.<br>F-N- None.       |
| E            | S-3  | 1125 | E/1 patrol has returned to Bn CP.  |
| F            | S-3  | 1211 | F/1/A patrol has returned to their PPB at BT 041605.   |
| E/1/D        | S-3  | 1213 | Received resupply request from E/1/D. Passed on to S-4.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1215 | SPOT REPORT #12<br>A- H/1<br>B- 221140H<br>C- Fr: BT 012568 En: BT 007574<br>D- H/2 received 1 sniper round from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Fire was not returned because enemy position could not be fixed by artillery. H/2 will continue surveillance.<br>F-N- None. |
| H            | S-3  | 1245 | H/2 reports VC in field at BT 007573. Request an AO for observation.   |
| G            | S-3  | 1300 | G/1 now departing CP.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1301 | Hotel reports receiving information of a suspected VC position. Calling in a fire mission at BT 005565.  |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1305 | G/3/A patrol departing G/3 PPB.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1310 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- H/2<br>B- 221200H<br>C- Fr: BT 012568 En: BT 005575<br>D- H/2 observed 3 men wearing white tops and black bottoms, carrying packs, rifles,   |

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|      |      |      | at reference coordinates.   |
|      |      |      | E- Enemy was taken under fire with small arms fire and artillery. Artillery mission had excellent coverage of target. Area not swept due to mission of protecting road and refugees.                            |
|      |      |      | F-N- None.  |
| H    | S-3  | 1312 | H/1 and H/2 position report: No change.   |
| G    | S-3  | 1316 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 009639).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1320 | E/2 patrol has departed CP.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1335 | H/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 045573).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1345 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 022643).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1347 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (AT 998644).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1355 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 014656).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1357 | All Secure.   |
| G    | S-3  | 1400 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #2 (AT 997641).   |
| H    | S-3  | 1440 | H/3/A patrol back in Hotel CP.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1445 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 019637).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1450 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 041645).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1455 | G/3/A patrol has returned to the CP.  |
| F    | S-3  | 1500 | F/1 patrol has returned to the CP.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1500 | G/1 patrol has returned to the CP.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1508 | SPOT REPORT #18<br>A- E/2<br>B- 221500H<br>C- Fr: BT 037645<br>D- E/2 patrol picked up 2 VCS with faulty ID cards.<br>E- VCS will be delivered to PF compound at BT 042620.<br>F-K- None.<br>L- 1<br>M-N- None. |
| G    | S-3  | 1512 | G/3 all secure.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1525 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 021572, and H/2 at BT 018571.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1530 | Called H/1 and H/2 positions to Regiment.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1537 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 047640).   |
| H    | S-3  | 1553 | H/1 and H/2 position report: both platoon's at BT 025575.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1554 | Called H/1 and H/2 positions to Regiment.   |
| G    | S-3  | 1600 | G/3 all secure.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1635 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 052632).   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1645 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- H/2<br>B- 221515H<br>C- Fr: BT 014573 En: BT 014573<br>D- H/2 reports PF at above coordinates had turned over to H/2 2 VCS who were found by PF not to have proper ID cards.                  |

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|         |       |      | E- VCS were moved to Hotel CP area for transportation to District.   |
|         |       |      | F-K- None.   |
|         |       |      | L- 2   |
|         |       |      | M-N- None.   |
| E       | S-3   | 1658 | E/2 patrol at Ok Pt #5 (BT 045627).  |
| G       | S-3   | 1703 | G/3 all secure.  |
| H       | S-3   | 1714 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 039578, and H/2 at BT 025575.   |
| S-3     | Regt  | 1733 | SPOT REPORT #21<br>A- H/2<br>B- 221600H<br>C- Fr: BT 019371 En: BT 015573.<br>D- H/2 received 30 rounds of automatic carbine fire from reference coordinates.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms, and M-60 machinoguns. Area not swept due to ARVN firing at enemy area and also because of road security mission.                    |
| S-3     | Regt  | 1735 | F-N- None.<br>SPOT REPORT #22<br>A- H/1<br>B- 221605H<br>C- Fr: BT 023573 En: BT 023579<br>D- H/1 received 10 rounds of sniper fire from reference coordinates.<br>E- Fire was returned with small arms, M-60 machinoguns, 50 caliber machinoguns, and also a 81mm mortar mission. Area was not swept due to mission of road security. |
| Note    | S-3   | 1808 | F-N- None.<br>Began permanent night defensive fire.  |
| H&S     | S-3   | 1820 | In reference to 22 September Defensive Drill all line sectors have been manned and all secure.   |
| H       | S-3   | 1826 | H/2 patrol back in OP.   |
| H       | S-3   | 1833 | H/1 patrol back in CP.   |
| Note    | S-3   | 1848 | Defensive Drill for 22 Sept secured.   |
| 39th    |       |      |  |
| Rangers | S-3   | 1853 | All Secure.  |
| G       | S-3   | 1858 | All Secure.  |
| H&S     | S-3   | 1900 | Road security returned to En CP at 1830H.  |
| S-3     | All   | 1930 | FRAG ORDER for 23 Sept 66.   |
|         | Units |      | 1. Situation: No change.<br>2. Mission: No change<br>3. Execution:<br>A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE. Provide 1 platoon for CP security.   |

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B- Foxtrot continue Operation  
GOLDEN FLEECE.  
G- Golf conduct day and night patrols  
and ambushes.  
D- Hotel continue assigned mission.  
E- H&S provide ANDERSON TRAIL and 1  
platoon for CP defense.  
F- Coordinating Instructions:  
(1) Echo, Foxtrot, and Golf pro-  
vide 1 platoon each to H&S com-  
mander at 0800H.

4. Administration: No change.  
5. Command: No change.

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| G     | S-3  | 1937 |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1959 |
| H     | S-3  | 2005 |
| E     | S-3  | 2018 |
| F     | S-3  | 2100 |
| G/3   | S-3  | 2100 |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 2100 |
| G     | S-3  | 2120 |
| E,G   | S-3  | 2210 |
| S-3   | Regt | 2214 |

G/2 patrol has departed CP.  
All Secure.  
H/3 patrol has departed CP.  
E/2/A position at BT 040619.  
E/2/B position at BT 040622  
F/2 patrol now departing CP.

All Secure.  
All Secure.  
All Golf units in night position.  
All Secure.

SPOT REPORT #31

A- Hotel

B- 222215H

C- Fr: BT 042579 En: BT 041579

D- H/2 fire team security position with  
ONTOS spotted 2 figures moving through  
treeline at BT 041579 south across  
Route #14.

E- Figures taken under fire by machine-  
guns, 3.5 Rocket Launchers, and 60mm  
mortars. Figures appeared to be hit, as  
area was illuminated by 81mm mortars.  
Area will be swept at first light.

F-N- Unknown.

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| All Units | S-3 | 2300 |
| S-3       | H   | 2300 |

All Secure.

Reference to Operation Order 224-66;  
in paragraph 1a (1) line 3 change word  
30 to read 100.

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| H | S-3 | 2300 |
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Report of Combined Activities from  
221700H to 221700H Sept.

1. H/3 continued routine patrols and  
ambushes during this period. Morning  
and evening colors were observed by USMC  
and PF personnel. Southern PF platoon  
Commander recommended 1 PF be dropped  
for not being tabbing to platform from his  
duties. PF received their CAC patches

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|       |     |      | much to their delight.   |
|       |     |      | 2. The VINH HOA village platoon Commander reported bright and early to CP and volunteered his unit to assist H/1 in road security for civilians; H/1 platoon Commander has high regards for their performance. |
| G     | S-3 | 2345 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D | S-3 | 2340 | All Secure.  |
| H,H&S | S-3 | 2350 | All Secure.  |

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22 Sept - At 0730H ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep completed with negative results. At 1040H Bn CP (BT 015627) received 5 rounds small arms fire from the vicinity BT 009627; fire was returned by 81mm mortars with good effect on target. At 1140H H/1 at BT 012568 received 1 sniper round from BT 007574; fire was not returned due to the sniper's position remaining unknown. At 1500H E/2 at BT 037645 picked up a VCS with a faulty ID card. The VCS will be delivered to PF forces for further interrogation. At 1515H H/2 reported a PF had turned over to H/2 2 VCS who were found by the PF's not to have proper ID cards. VCS were moved to Hotel CP area for transfer. At 1600H H/2 at BT 019371 received 30 rounds of automatic/carbine fire from BT 013573; it was returned with small arms and M-60's. Area was not swept due to ARVN firing at enemy area and also because of road security mission. At 1605H H/1 at BT 023573 received 10 rounds of sniper fire from BT 023579; it was returned with small arms, M-60's, 50 caliber, and 81mm mortar mission. Area was not swept due to mission of providing security. At 2215H H/2 fire team security position at BT 042579 with ONTOS reported 2 figures moving through treeline at BT 041579 south across Route #14. Figures were taken under fire by 30 caliber, M-60's, 3.5" rocket launchers and 60mm mortars. Area will be swept at first light. There were 4 platoon and 1 squad search and destroy patrols; 5 platoon and 4 squad security patrols; 2 platoon and 5 squad ambushes; and 2 listening posts during this period.

  
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| All Units    | S-3 | 0100 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3 | 0200 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3 | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3 | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3 | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3 | 0600 | All Secure.  |
| F            | S-3 | 0625 | All Foxtrot units have ceased night time activities.   |
| H&S          | S-3 | 0630 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep and security have departed the CP.   |
| H            | S-3 | 0650 | H/1 patrol now departing their night time position enroute to CP.  |
| G            | S-3 | 0720 | G/3/A patrol has departed CP.  |
| H&S          | S-3 | 0730 | Road sweep has completed, reports all secure.  |
| F            | S-3 | 0730 | F/3 patrol has departed CP.  |
| G            | S-3 | 0740 | G/1 patrol has departed CP.  |
| G            | S-3 | 0745 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 003640).  |
| S-3          | Rgt | 0755 | H/1 position report (BT 021572).   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3 | 0810 | Departing Objective #3 (AT 981573), on the way to Objective #4 (AT 988585).  |
| G/1          | S-3 | 0810 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 005628).  |
| G/1          | S-3 | 0818 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 002632).  |
| H            | S-3 | 0818 | H/2 patrol departing CP.   |
| G/1          | S-3 | 0845 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 012638).  |
| H            | S-3 | 0851 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 013568, and H/2 at BT 035578.   |
| G/1          | S-3 | 0853 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 020637).  |
| H            | S-3 | 0900 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 013568, and H/2 at BT 035578.   |
| S-3          | Rgt | 0901 | SPOT REPORT #1<br>A- G/1<br>B- 230820H<br>C- BT 003634<br>D- Received 5 to 6 rounds of small arms fire at AT 996628.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms, and M-79 grenade launcher. Searched area with negative results. G/1 patrol continued its assigned mission.<br>F-N- None. |
| G            | S-3 | 0907 | G/1 patrol has returned to CP.   |
| F            | S-3 | 0910 | F/3 patrol at coordinates BT 045598.   |
| G            | S-3 | 0910 | G/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (AT 992642).  |

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| 39th    |              |      |   |
| Rangers | S-3          | 0912 | Position report (AT 991583).  |
| ONTOS   | S-3          | 0930 | ONTOS ready to test fire.   |
| Wire    | S-3          | 0930 | Wire team departing Bn CP to fix wire.  |
| E       | S-3          | 0935 | E/2 patrol departed RF compound at coordinates BT 043620.   |
| G       | S-3          | 0937 | G/3/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| S-3     | Regt         | 0932 | SPOT REPORT #4<br>A- H/1<br>B- 230845H<br>C- BT 013568<br>D- H/1 at above coordinates observed a figure moving in a manner to avoid detection at coordinates BT 011567. Figure was dressed in black and white. He was taken under small arms fire, and was seen to be hit and drop. VC army APC with ARVN's aboard agreed to search the area.<br>E- Area searched with negative results.<br>F-I- None.<br>J- 1 (probable)<br>K-N- None. |
| ONTOS   | S-3          | 1005 | ONTOS secured test firing.  |
| Wire    | S-3          | 1005 | Wire team has departed the Bn CP.   |
| H       | S-3          | 1010 | H/2 position report (BT 029576).  |
| 39th    |              |      |   |
| Rangers | S-3          | 1013 | Position report (AT 995585). Will be in this position for the rest of the day.  |
| Wire    | S-3          | 1020 | Wire team receiving small arms fire near the middle terminal (BT 007633).   |
| Wire    | S-3          | 1030 | Wire team reports that small arms fire has ceased and they are continuing their assigned mission.   |
| E       | S-3          | 1035 | E/2 patrol at BT 037630.  |
| S-3     | Regt         | 1045 | SPOT REPORT #6<br>A- F/3<br>B- 230955H<br>C- Fr: BT 042597 En: BT 039595<br>D- Received 2 rounds small arms fire from reference coordinates. Saw 2 VC carrying weapons.<br>E- Returned fire with 50 rounds M-14. Swept area with negative results.<br>F-N- None.  |
| H       | S-3          | 1056 | H/2 position report (BT 026575).  |
| S-3     | E, F, H, H&S | 1105 | Reference to OPERATION ORDER 224-66: Execute 240800H.   |
| Wire    | S-3          | 1128 | Wire team departing middle terminal on the way to HA DONG Bridge.   |



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| Wiro  | S-3 | 1145 | Wiro team found break in wiro, fixing it now.  |
| E     | S-3 | 1158 | E/2 patrol has returned to Bn CP.  |
| S-3   | Rgt | 1228 | SPOT REPORT #7<br>A- H/1<br>B- 231115H<br>C- Fr: BT 013568 En: BT 013571 and BT 013576<br>D- H/1 at referenced coordinates received small arms fire.<br>E- 81mm mortar mission called with good coverage of target. H/1 continued surveillance and continued mission of road security.<br>F-N- None. |
| Wiro  | S-3 | 1251 | Wiro team enroute to CP.   |
| H     | S-3 | 1308 | H/2 position report (BT 025575).   |
| G/3   | S-3 | 1308 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D | S-3 | 1315 | Received MedCap report, passed on to S-5.  |
| Wiro  | S-3 | 1315 | Wiro team back in Bn CP.   |
| H     | S-3 | 1411 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 012568, and H/2 at BT 030577  |
| E     | S-3 | 1420 | E/3 patrol has departed CP.  |
| E     | S-3 | 1445 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 025625).  |
| S-3   | Rgt | 1454 | SPOT REPORT #14<br>A- E/3<br>B- 231440H<br>C- BT 022628<br>D- Men stopped on mine.<br>E- Requested med-evac.<br>F- 1<br>G-N- None.<br>Requests med-evac at BT 022628.  |
| E/3   | S-3 | 1456 | F/3 position report (BT 044606).   |
| F     | S-3 | 1459 | Med-evac has been completed.   |
| E/3   | S-3 | 1511 | H/1 and H/2 report no change in position.  |
| H     | S-3 | 1514 | SPOT REPORT #15<br>A- Hotel CP<br>B- 231400H<br>C- Fr: BT 042579 En: BT 044576<br>D- Hotel Co CP received 10-12 rounds of small arms fire from reference coordinates.<br>E- Small arms fire returned but quickly ceased fire because of rice harvesters.<br>F-N- None.                               |
| S-3   | Rgt | 1525 | 4 initial objectives to Hotel's TAOR which may aid addresses in control or be of interest in following movements:<br>Objective #1 (BT 045584)<br>Objective #2 (BT 042588)<br>Objective #3 (BT 038584)<br>Objective #4 (BT 023583)  |

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| Regt         | S-3 | 1501 | The main river bridge is open for 23 ton trucks.  |
| 39th Rangers | S-3 | 1604 | All Secure.   |
| G/3          | S-3 | 1604 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3 | 1612 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 016569, and H/2 at BT 033578   |
| E            | S-3 | 1640 | E/3 reports that they will move directly from check point #1 to check point #4.   |
| H            | S-3 | 1650 | Received resupply request, passed to S-4.   |
| H            | S-3 | 1650 | H/1 back in Hotel CP.   |
| F            | S-3 | 1701 | F/3 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| G/3          | S-3 | 1710 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3 | 1725 | All units back in CP.   |
| E            | S-3 | 1742 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 034638).   |
| H&S          | S-3 | 1800 | All vehicles reported in, request to secure. Answer; yes.   |
| E            | S-3 | 1802 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #5. (BT 032643).  |
| E            | S-3 | 1812 | Echo night activities as follows:<br>E/3/A patrol at BT 031646 and E/3/B patrol at BT 034645.                                       |
| H            | S-3 | 1855 | Hotel CP requests med-evac at BT 042579.  |
| G/3          | S-3 | 1905 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3 | 1906 | Hotel reports that med-evac was for female with juglar vein cut.  |
| Air          | S-3 | 1920 | Med-evac is now airborne.   |
| Air          | S-3 | 1932 | Med-evac has been completed.  |
| E            | S-3 | 1934 | E/3 night activities now in effect.   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3 | 1935 | 39th Rangers perimeter coordinates:<br>N/W corner AT 994577<br>N/E corner AT 997577<br>S/E corner AT 997573<br>S/W corner AT 996573 |
| G            | S-3 | 1943 | G/2 patrol departing CP.  |
| G/3          | S-3 | 1959 | All Secure.   |
| H            | S-3 | 2020 | Received resupply message from Hotel, passed on to S-4.   |
| F            | S-3 | 2050 | F/1 patrol has departed CP.   |
| E/1/D        | S-3 | 2102 | Requests 81mm mortar mission at coordinates BT 038627.  |
| H            | S-3 | 2112 | Received H/3 activities for 25th and 26th of September.   |
| G/3          | S-3 | 2120 | All Secure.   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3 | 2121 | Checked off the NET.  |
| H            | S-3 | 2121 | Recommend change of TLE due to over use of last.  |
| H            | S-3 | 2146 | Report of Combined Activities for 221700H to 231700H.   |

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|              |           |      | 1. E/3 continued combined activities with PF units. Colors now daily Routine and experiment was conducted at 1 post where PF's were allowed to stand it alone. PF's tended to go to sleep if not supervised. Steps will be taken to village chief and PF platoon leader to rectify problems and experiments will continue.  |
|              |           |      | 2. Hotel CP. The VINH HOA village platoon did not even check in for instructions today but went directly to the field to H/1 for whom they have a particular affinity. H/1 platoon commander continually rates and relates that PF are enthusiastic and of valuable help.   |
| E/3          | S-3       | 2157 | All Secure.   |
| 81's         | S-3       | 2208 | 81mm mortar mission has started for E/1/D, target at BT 035621.   |
| G/3          | S-3       | 2211 | All Secure.   |
| 81's         | S-3       | 2212 | 81mm mortar mission has been completed for E/1/D with good coverage of target.  |
| S-3          | All Units | 2225 | PRAG ORDER for 24 Sept 66<br>1. Situation: No change.<br>2. Mission: No change.<br>3. Execution:<br>A- Echo, Foxtrot, and Hotel execute Operation Order 223-66 commencing 240800H.<br>B- Golf conduct day and night patrols and ambushes in area.<br>C- H&S provide ANDERSON TRAIL and CP security. Provide support for Operation Order 223-66. Displace 1 section 81mm mortars to Hotel.<br>D- Coordinating Instructions:<br>(1) Golf provide 1 platoon to H&S for CP defense.<br>4. Logistics: No change.<br>5. Command: No change. |
| E/1/D        | S-3       | 2230 | E/1/D reports that they have a patrol on the south side of the river. Tomorrow they will find out the effectiveness of mortar mission and relay this information to S-3.  |
| F, G, H, H&S | S-3       | 2300 | All Secure.   |
| G/3          | S-3       | 2306 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D        | S-3       | 2348 | All Secure.   |

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| S-3  | Regt | 2350 | Called Regiment the E/1/D activities for 240530H to 240830H. |
| F,H  | S-3  | 2358 | All Secure.  |

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23 Sept - At 0725H ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep completed with negative results. At 0820H G/1 at BT 003634 received 5-6 rounds of small arms fire from AT 996628. Fire was returned with M-79, small arms, and 60mm fire; area was searched with negative results and patrol continued its assigned mission. At 0845H H/1 at BT 013568 observed a figure dressed in black and white moving to avoid detection at BT 011567. He was taken under fire and seen to be hit. APC's with ARVN's and Army personnel searched the area. Results were negative. At 0955H F/3 at BT 042597 received 2 rounds of small arms fire and saw 2 VC carrying weapons. Fire was returned with small arms and area was checked with negative results. At 1115H G/1 at BT 013568 received small arms fire from BT 013571 and BT 013576; an 81mm mortar mission had good coverage on target and permitted patrol to continue mission as road security. At 1400H E/3 at BT 042579 received 10-12 rounds of sniper fire from BT 044576. Fire was returned with control due to the presence of rice harvesters. At 1440H E/3 had a man killed by a mine at BT 022628; man was med-evac'd at 1511H. There were 7 platoon and 4 squad security patrols; 1 platoon and 3 squad ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts during this period.

  
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| All Units | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0416 | G/2/A patrol leaving present position to continue mission.                  |
| F         | S-3  | 0436 | F/1/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0620 | Road sweep and security for ANDERSON TRAIL has departed the CP.             |
| E/1/D, G  | S-3  | 0630 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0705 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 040617).                                       |
| E         | S-3  | 0706 | E/3 patrol has left their night position, enroute to their next Objective.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0710 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 038619).                                       |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0715 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep completed, reports road open and all secure.      |
| ARVN      | S-3  | 0731 | Request to know all movement of Foxtrot and Hotel.                          |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0746 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 036620).                                       |
| F         | S-3  | 0750 | Foxtrot has left CP.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0752 | E/1/D patrol reports apprehending VCS.                                      |
| H         | S-3  | 0753 | All Hotel units in position.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0754 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 040620).                                       |
| G/3       | S-3  | 0800 | All Secure.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0803 | G/1 patrol has departed the CP.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0806 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 051588, and H/2 at BT 049585.        |
| S-3       | Regt | 0815 | Called to Regiment that Operation COFFEE has commenced.                     |
| G         | S-3  | 0823 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 001626).   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0824 | E/1/D patrol has returned to CP.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0833 | Foxtrot position report (BT 049595).  |
| E         | S-3  | 0835 | Echo Co has departed Bn CP down ANDERSON TRAIL.                             |
| G         | S-3  | 0837 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 002634).   |
| F         | S-3  | 0858 | Foxtrot position report (BT 039595).  |
| H         | S-3  | 0859 | H/1 and H/2 report no change in position.                                   |
| Air       | S-3  | 0903 | Dropped 250 pound bomb at BT 022587 and observed large secondary explosion. |
| S-3       | Regt | 0907 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- E/1/D<br>B- 240745H<br>C- Fr: BT 037620                   |

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|         |      |      | D- Discovered suspicious Vietnamese mine at referenced coordinates.   |
|         |      |      | E- Apprehended VCS and will turn over to PF's at THANH QUIT Bridge.   |
|         |      |      | F-K- None.  |
|         |      |      | L- 1  |
|         |      |      | M-N- None.  |
| G       | S-3  | 0910 | G/1 patrol has returned to the CP.  |
| F       | S-3  | 0918 | Foxtrot reports apprehending 1 VCS with bullet hole in leg.   |
| H       | S-3  | 0920 | H/2 patrol reports that they are at their 1st Objective.  |
| Wire    | S-3  | 0935 | Wire team has departed for HA DONG Bridge.  |
| 39th    |      |      |   |
| Rangers | S-3  | 0936 | Rangers position report (BT 003577).  |
| E/1/D   | S-3  | 0940 | Received E/1/D activities for 25 Sept.  |
| G/3     | S-3  | 0958 | All Secure.   |
| 39th    |      |      |   |
| Rangers | S-3  | 1005 | Request to know H/1 and H/2 positions.  |
| S-3     | Regt | 1010 | 39th Rangers rear company receiving mortar fire from AT 988585.   |
| F       | S-3  | 1103 | Foxtrot position report (BT 037595).  |
| H       | S-3  | 1107 | H/1 and H/2 position report: H/1 at BT 038586, and H/2 at BT 038583.  |
| Wire    | S-3  | 1130 | Wire team enroute to middle terminal.   |
| E       | S-3  | 1133 | Echo position report (BT 041589).   |
| S-3     | Regt | 1134 | SPOT REPORT   |
|         |      |      | A- Foxtrot  |
|         |      |      | B- 240945H  |
|         |      |      | C- Fr: BT 047595  |
|         |      |      | D- Foxtrot company moving at referenced coordinates apprehended 1 VCS.  |
|         |      |      | E- Retained VCS with the company.   |
|         |      |      | F-K- None.  |
|         |      |      | L- 1  |
|         |      |      | M-N- None.  |
| Wire    | S-3  | 1143 | Wire team reports 1 WIA with bullet wounds through both legs. Request med-evac. Lost map in confusion. Will mark LZ with yellow smoke. Approximate location at BT 008633. |
| S-3     | Regt | 1205 | INITIAL SPOT REPORT #6  |
|         |      |      | A- H&S Wire Team  |
|         |      |      | B- 241145H  |
|         |      |      | C- Fr: BT 008633  |
|         |      |      | D- H&S wire team received sniper fire from unknown location, 1 WIA resulted.  |
|         |      |      | E- Med-evac was requested.  |
|         |      |      | F- None.  |
|         |      |      | G- 1  |
|         |      |      | H-N- None.  |

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| Wire | S-3  | 1245 | Med-evac completed.  |
| F    | S-3  | 1245 | Foxtrot position report (BT 033593).   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1250 | SPOT REPORT #6<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 241215H<br>C- Fr: BT 035593 En: BT 031593<br>D- Received 4 rounds small arms fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms. Swept area with negative results.<br>F-N- None.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1255 | SPOT REPORT #7<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 241230H<br>C- Fr: BT 033592 En: BT 033600<br>D- Received 10 rounds small arms fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Called artillery mission. Will not sweep area due to the fact that the fire came from across the river.<br>F-N- None. |
| H    | S-3  | 1303 | H/1 and H/2 position report (BT 023583).   |
| Air  | S-3  | 1304 | Helicopter downed at Bravo Battery with 1 of 2/1's WIA's aboard. Another helicopter coming to repair downed helicopter.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1306 | G/3/A patrol for today is cancelled and G/3 is going to provide a blocking force.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1309 | Echo position report (BT 032587).  |
| G    | S-3  | 1310 | G/2 patrol now departing CP.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1320 | H/1 and H/2 position report (BT 025582).   |
| Wire | S-3  | 1330 | Wire team back in CP.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1345 | Golf reports apprehending 2 VCS at BT 014638.  |
| F    | S-3  | 1346 | Foxtrot departing their position (BT 033592).  |
| H    | S-3  | 1348 | Hotel position report (BT 020580).   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1358 | SPOT REPORT #12<br>A- G/2<br>B- 241335H<br>C- Fr: BT 014638<br>D- G/2 patrol apprehended 3 VCS without weapons.<br>E- Returning VCS to Bn CP on completion of patrol.<br>F-K- None.<br>L- 3<br>M-N- None.  |
| F    | S-3  | 1359 | Found blood pools and bloody shirt at BT 025593.   |

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| G/3          | S-3  | 1412 | All Secure.  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1413 | SPOT REPORT #8<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 241345H<br>C- Fr: BT 025593<br>D- Foxtrot Co discovered bloody shirt and blood pool at referenced coordinates.<br>E- Area being searched.<br>F-I- None.<br>J- 1<br>K-N- None.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1415 | Hotel position report (BT 020580).   |
| F            | S-3  | 1416 | Foxtrot position report (BT 024591).   |
| E            | S-3  | 1417 | Echo position report (BT 021587).  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1418 | Reference to SPOT REPORT #6;<br>2. Med-evac complete. Med-evac helicopter received fire from east, south, and north as it attempted med-evac at BT 008633. Helicopter lifted off transferred WIA to G/3 position at AT 989642 thus completing med-evac. Wire team section then returned to the Bn CP and received automatic fire from BT 001639 as they were located at BT 003635. Fire was suppressed by 60mm mortar from G/3 position. Sniper fire ceased and wire team returned to the Bn CP. |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1425 | G/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 004646).  |
| S-3          | Regt | 1438 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 241430H<br>C- Fr: BT 025591 En: BT 021591<br>D- Foxtrot received small arms fire at referenced coordinates.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms, M-60 MG's, and M-79 grenade launcher. Air strike is also being run on enemy position. Swept area with negative results.<br>F-N- None.   |
| G/2          | S-3  | 1500 | G/2 patrol reports that they are going to blow caves at BT 013636.   |
| H            | S-3  | 1503 | Hotel OTTER's receiving fire at BT 019577.   |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1508 | G/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (AT 995645).  |
| H            | S-3  | 1510 | Hotel position report (BT 019580).   |
| G            | S-3  | 1512 | G/2 patrol back in the CP.   |
| F            | S-3  | 1515 | Foxtrot position report (BT 020587).   |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 1528 | PF report 1 VC company at BT 043566.   |



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| F    | S-3  | 1536 | Foxtrot position report (BT 019582).   |
| H    | S-3  | 1542 | Hotel position report (BT 013574).   |
| F    | S-3  | 1545 | Foxtrot position report (BT 019579).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1550 | G/3/A patrol back in Bn CP.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1553 | Echo patrol point reports coming in contact with Foxtrot's rear.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1555 | Hotel patrol at HA DONG Bridge (BT 013568).  |
| G/3  | S-3  | 1605 | All Secure.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1615 | SPOT REPORT #16<br>A- G/3/A<br>B- 241530H<br>C- Fr: AT 994634 En: AT 998637<br>D- G/3/A patrol received 10-20 small arms fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Fire was returned with small arms and 10-60mm mortars. Area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None.  |
| H    | S-3  | 1620 | Hotel back in their CP.  |
| F    | S-3  | 1620 | Foxtrot position report (BT 020572).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1632 | Echo position report (BT 021572).  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1645 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- G<br>B- 241315H and 241335H<br>C- BT 014638 and BT 012639<br>D- 2 rebels led Golf patrol to VC locality (via BT 014638). Patrol apprehended 3 VCC females. 1 VCC is hamlet women association leader. Other 2 women were supply agents and messengers. Received 10-12 rounds sniper fire in the vicinity of BT 012639 at 241335H.<br>E- Sniper fire returned by small arms and M-79. Sniping discontinued. Area swept with negative results. VCC delivered to CIT.<br>F-J- None.<br>K- 3 (female)<br>L-N- None. |
| S-3  | Regt | 1655 | SPOT REPORT #11<br>A- Echo<br>B- 241635H<br>C- Fr: BT 022573 En: BT 019583<br>D- Echo received sniper fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms, and 10-60mm mortars, artillery mission called also. Sniper fire ceased and Echo continued to truck pick-up point.<br>F-N- None  |

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| G/3   | S-3  | 1700 | All Secure.  |
| F     | S-3  | 1705 | Foxtrot position report. (BT 034577).  |
| H     | S-3  | 1745 | Hotel requests fire mission at BT 035579.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1747 | Echo requests fire mission at BT 035584.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1758 | Foxtrot back in En CP.   |
| G/3   | S-3  | 1800 | All Secure.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1810 | Echo enroute to Hotel CP (BT 042579).  |
| E     | S-3  | 1858 | Echo back in the CP.   |
| H&S   | S-3  | 1916 | Reports all vehicles are in and they request to secure. Word was passed to the road security that they could secure.   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1926 | Received Med Cap report. Passed on to S-5.   |
| S-3   | Regt | 2018 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- Echo<br>B- 241745H<br>C- Fr: BT 038578 En: BT 038580<br>D- Echo Co received heavy volume of automatic fire from referenced coordinates from an estimated 5 VC.<br>E- Fire was returned with small arms, 106's and 60mm mortars. Hotel Company located at BT 042579 fired with 81mm mortar mission. Artillery mission called in and target coverage was excellent. Enemy fire ceased. Area not swept due to darkness and approaching time for truck pick-up.<br>F-H- None.<br>I- 5 (probable)<br>J-N- None. |
| G     | S-3  | 2030 | G/1/A position report (BT 011635).   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 2035 | E/1/D reported from their northern post 1 platoon of VC at coordinates BT 039637. VC had a meeting with the villagers at this position and they took the villagers rice. VC were at above coordinates from 0100H to 0400H.   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 2040 | 1 Company of VC were in the vicinity of E/1/D between 2000H and 0400H. Called in artillery fire mission at coordinates BT 037621 on 2 platoon of VC. E/1/D patrolled this area and no information was revealed on the effect of the fire mission.  |
| H     | S-3  | 2100 | Received Report of Combined Activities from 231700H to 241700H.<br>1. H/3 continued morning joint operation and listening posts with PF units without incidents. H/3 reports that villages have all been apprised of the visit of  |

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| S-3       | Regt      | 2110 | <p>THE psychological warfare team and their movies on 24th through the 26th of Sept and are looking forward to the show, H/3 requests information of psychological warfare team because of the prior promotion he has given the event.</p> <p>SPOT REPORT #22</p> <p>A- G/3</p> <p>B- 241900H</p> <p>C- Fr: BT 989642 Bn: AT 990635</p> <p>D- Received sniper fire from referenced coordinates.</p> <p>E- Returned fire with small arms and machineguns. Area swept with negative results.</p> <p>F-N- None.</p>  |
| S-3       | Regt      | 2110 | <p>INITIAL SPOT REPORT</p> <p>A- S-5</p> <p>B- 231700H</p> <p>C- BT 014574</p> <p>D- Women, age 35 was brought to the Bn CP by friends at 241900H. Stated that women had been wounded by artillery fire at time and place in line "B and C". The woman had a badly mangled left arm, shrapnel in left thigh, and WP burns on her chest. It was reported that 5 other villagers had been killed.</p> <p>E- Woman was med-evaced by helicopter to "C" medical station.</p> <p>F-N- None.</p> <p>G- Woman wounded by Marine artillery fire.</p> <p>P- Solatium payment of \$6,000 VN = \$75 US</p> <p>Q- None.</p> |
| All Units | S-3       | 2121 | All Secure.   |
| S-3       | All Units | 2130 | <p>FRAG ORDER for 25 September 1966</p> <p>1. Situation: No change.</p> <p>2. Mission: No change.</p> <p>3. Execution:</p> <p>A- Echo, resume Operation GOLDEN FLEECE. Be prepared to provide ANDERSON TRAIL security 26 Sept 66.</p> <p>B- Foxtrot, resume Operation GOLDEN FLEECE. Provide 1 platoon for CP defense at 251800H.</p> <p>C- Golf conduct day and night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas.</p> <p>D- H&amp;S provide ANDERSON TRAIL security and 1 platoon for CP defense.</p>  |


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E- Hotel, resume Operation 222-66.  
 F- Coordinating Instructions:  
 (1) Echo, Foxtrot, and Golf pre-  
 vide 1 platoon to H&S commander at  
 250800H.  
 (2) Bn Staff meeting at 0830K.  
 (3) Indoctrination class for new  
 personnel commences at 0930H at BOC.  
 4. Logistics: No change.  
 5. Command: No change.  
 Received Hotel's Day and Night Activities  
 for 26 September 66.  
 39th Rangers report that they received  
 8 mortar rounds from the west.  
 All Secure.  
 S-3 chief heard explosion around 0800 and  
 couldn't find out where or whom it came  
 from. Suspected grenade with 1 carbine  
 round following explosion. Approximate  
 location (BT 012633).  
 G/1/A patrol received 20 rounds of small  
 arms fire from BT 010636.  
 G/1/A patrol back in CP.  
 All Secure.  
 All Secure.  
 SPOT REPORT  
 A- G/1/A  
 B- 242145H  
 C- BT 010635  
 D- Rear section of ambush fired upon by  
 approximately 7 VC with small arms and  
 grenades.  
 E- Returned fire with small arms and  
 grenades. VC broke contact, area will  
 be swept at first light.  
 F-N- None.  
 All Secure.  
 All Secure.  
 E/1/D S-3 2359  
 G, G/3, E S-3 2400

SYNOPSIS

24 Sept - At 0715H ANDERSON TRAIL road security/mine  
 sweep reported road open and negative contact with  
 enemy. At 0745H E/1/D at BT 037620 discovered and ap-  
 prehended a suspicious Vietnamese male, who was turned  
 over to RF's at THANH QUIT Bridge. At 0815H OPER-  
 ATION COFFEE commenced. At 0945H Foxtrot moving at BT  
 047595 apprehended a VCS and retained him with the  
 main body. At 1145H H&S wire section received sniper  
 rounds from unknown location from the north causing 1  
 WIA. As med-evac helicopter attempted to land at BT  
 008633 it received fire from east, south and north.

The helicopter landed and quickly lifted off and moved the WIA to G/3 position at AT 989642 where med-evac was completed. Wire team section returned toward the Bn CP and received automatic fire from BT 001639. From their position at BT 003035 a 60mm mortar mission from G/3 position was called and suppressed the fire. At 1215H, Foxtrot Co at BT 035593 received 4 rounds of small arms fire from BT 031593; fire was returned with small arms and area was swept with negative results. At 1230H, Foxtrot Co at BT 033592 again received small arms fire from BT 033600. An artillery mission was called but area was not swept due to the barrier of river. At 1335H G/2 patrol at BT 014538 apprehended 3 VCS without weapons; VCS were returned to Bn CP on completion of patrol. At 1345H Foxtrot Co at BT 025593 discovered a bloody shirt and a blood pool, area was swept with negative results. At 1430H Foxtrot at BT 055591 received small arms fire and an airstrike was called on the enemy's position at BT 021591. Area was swept with negative results. At 1530H G/3/A patrol at AT 994634 received 10-20 rounds of small arms fire from AT 998637; fire was returned with small arms and 60mm mortars. Area was swept with negative results. At 1315H to 1335H Golf Co had 2 ralliers load the patrol to the vicinity of suspected VC at BT 014638. When they arrived they apprehended 3 VCC females, 1 of which was the hamlet women association leader and the others were supply agents and messengers. While at this position, they received 10-12 rounds of sniper fire which was returned with small arms and M-79's, which silenced sniping. VCC were delivered to CIT. At 1635H Echo Co at BT 022573 received sniper fire from BT 019583 and returned same with small arms, 60mm mortar, and artillery. Sniper fire ceased and Echo continued to truck pick-up point. At 1745H Echo Co at BT 038578 received heavy automatic fire from BT 038580 from an estimated 5 VC. Fire was returned with small arms, 106's, 60mm and 81mm mortars, and an artillery mission, this silenced the enemy's fire but due to approaching darkness and truck pick-up time a sweep was not feasible. A probable count of 5 VC KIA's was registered. At 1900H G/3 at AT 989642 received sniper fire from AT 990635; fire was returned with machine-gun. Area was swept with negative results. There were 2 platoon and 1 squad search and destroy patrols; 5 platoon and 2 squad security patrols; 1 squad ambush; and 4 listening posts during this period.

  
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| H            | S-3  | 0025 | H/1/A patrol in their night time position.   |
| All Units    | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D,G      | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| All Units    | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.  |
| H&S          | S-3  | 0630 | Road security departing CP.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0635 | E/1 patrol has returned to the CP.   |
| G            | S-3  | 0720 | G/1/A has returned to the CP.  |
| H&S          | S-3  | 0735 | Road sweep of ANDERSON TRAIL complete and all men in position.   |
| G/3          | S-3  | 0757 | All Secure.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0815 | E/1 patrol has departed IP (BT 043620).  |
| E            | S-3  | 0832 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 048626).  |
| G/3          | S-3  | 0900 | All Secure.  |
| E            | S-3  | 0915 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 052633).  |
| G/3          | S-3  | 0935 | G/1/A patrol departing CP.   |
| Engineers    | S-3  | 0945 | Request to blow 3 dud mortars. 2-60mm and 1-81mm mortars. This will take place 200 meters in front of main gate on left hand side of road. Permission was granted to blow mortars. |
| E            | S-3  | 0955 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 048640).  |
| G            | S-3  | 0956 | G/3 all secure.  |
| G            | S-3  | 0958 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 094634).  |
| H            | S-3  | 1000 | H/1 position report (BT 013568).   |
| S-3          | 81's | 1022 | Request you fire mortar mission at BT 007633, suspected VC Co at those coordinates.  |
| E            | S-3  | 1028 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 044645).  |
| G            | S-3  | 1058 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 003640).  |
| 39th Rangers | S-3  | 1058 | Rangers arrived at Hotel CP.   |
| G            | S-3  | 1101 | G/2 patrol now departing CP.   |
| G            | S-3  | 1109 | G/3/A patrol back in CP.   |
| E/1/D        | S-3  | 1153 | Reports 3 Companies of VC regular forces in the vicinity of BT 010640.   |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1158 | All Secure.  |
| E            | S-3  | 1200 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 032643).  |
| E            | S-3  | 1225 | E/1 patrol back in CP.   |
| F            | S-3  | 1228 | F/2 patrol has departed CP.  |
| H            | S-3  | 1242 | Received Med Csp report for 25 Sept.   |
| E            | S-3  | 1245 | E/2 position report (BT 031642).   |
| G/3          | S-3  | 1255 | All Secure.  |

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| G       | S-3       | 1256 | Reports they are bringing 1 female and 1 child back to the CP.  |
| H/1     | S-3       | 1304 | H/1 patrol back in the CP.  |
| G       | S-3       | 1305 | Enroute to the CP.  |
| E/1/D   | S-3       | 1323 | Requests med-evac at BT 043620 for Vietnamese male.   |
| E       | S-3       | 1335 | Echo patrol back in the CP.   |
| E/1/D   | S-3       | 1345 | Med-evac complete.  |
| G/3     | S-3       | 1355 | All Secure.   |
| H       | S-3       | 1404 | H/2/A patrol departing Hotel CP.  |
| Note    | S-3       | 1407 | Received weather report.  |
| S-3     | Regt      | 1511 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- S-5<br>B- 241430H<br>C- BT 028592<br>D- At 1330H on 25 Sept 66 a group of 25 civilians brought 21 burned corpses to the 2/1 CP. The people claim the victims were killed when planes dropped napalm at the time and place indicated in line "B and C".<br>E-N- None.<br>O- Possible that people not killed by Marine napalm. Only two tanks were dropped in this area, of which one was a dud, and the other napalm bomb landed in a rice paddy.<br>P- Small solatium payment was given so that the bodies could be buried. A CIT has been requested to conduct investigation.<br>Q- None.<br>All Secure. |
| G/3     | S-3       | 1524 | Foxtro position report (BT 005625).   |
| F       | S-3       | 1540 | F/2 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| F       | S-3       | 1610 | Requests med-evac at BT 046560. Marine dislocated his shoulder.   |
| H       | S-3       | 1740 | Med-evac complete.  |
| H       | S-3       | 1830 | All Secure.   |
| G,H,H&S | S-3       | 2000 | FRAG ORDER for 26 Sept 66   |
| S-3     | All Units | 2045 | 1- Situation: No change.<br>2. Mission: No change.<br>3. Execution:<br>A- Echo and Golf conduct hamlet sweep per verbal instructions.<br>B- Foxtro conduct Day and Night patrols and ambushes in assigned area. Provide ANDERSON TRAIL security at 0600H. Provide 1 platoon for CP security at 1800H and 1 platoon designated as Bn reserve.  |


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C- Hotel resume Operation GOLDEN  
FLSECS.  
D- H&S provide 1 platoon for CP de-  
fense.  
E- Coordinating Instructions: None.  
4. Logistics: No change.  
5. Command: No change.  
All Secure.  
Report of Combined Activities from  
241700H to 251700H.  
1. H/3 continued routine combined LP and  
night observation posts. H/3 held  
schooling for the northern PF platoon  
and approximately 10 PF attended 30 min-  
utes instruction. Each was conducted on  
the M-14, M-79, M-60, and 60mm with  
stress on safety, firing, and adjusting  
of sights more instruction scheduled  
for 27 Sept.  
H/2/A patrol departing the CP.  
Received Day and Night Activities for  
27 Sept.  
Recommend installation of antennae for  
Hotel CP due to location, wide assort-  
ment of attached units and frequency  
requested to relay radio communications.  
All Secure.  
All Secure.  
All Secure.

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| E/I/D     | S-3 | 2100 |
| H         | S-3 | 2100 |
| H         | S-3 | 2108 |
| H         | S-3 | 2110 |
| H         | S-3 | 2115 |
| All Units | S-3 | 2200 |
| G,H,H&S   | S-3 | 2300 |
| G,H,B&S   | S-3 | 2400 |

SYNOPSIS

25 Sept - At 0735H ANDERSON TRAIL mine sweep completed with negative contact. At 1330H a group of 25 civilians brought 21 burned bodies to the Bn CP (BT 015627). They stated that they had been killed by US Marine planes dropping napalm. They said that they were killed in the vicinity of BT 028592 at 1430H; this accusation was questioned due to the fact that only 2 tanks of napalm were dropped - one was a dud and one was observed to land in a rice paddy. A CIT has been requested to conduct an investigation. There were 5 platoon and 3 squad search and destroy patrols; 4 platoon and 7 squad security patrols; 4 squad ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts during this period.

  
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| All Units | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| G,H       | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| H,H&S     | S-3  | 0530 | All Secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0615 | Golf now departing the En CP.  |
| F/2       | S-3  | 0620 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep departing CP.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0630 | Foxtrot patrol departing CP.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0635 | G/3 patrol now in position.  |
| H         | S-3  | 0637 | Hotel reports all units back in Hotel CP.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0645 | F/2 position report (BT 020638).   |
| F         | S-3  | 0648 | F/2 position report (BT 026638).   |
| G         | S-3  | 0652 | G/3 patrol saw 1 VC with rifle, patrol shot and wounded VC.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0700 | F/2 position report (BT 029643).   |
| S-3       | Regt | 0703 | SPOT REPORT #2<br>A- G/3<br>B- 260655H<br>C- Fr: BT 000642 En: BT 000639<br>D- G/3 patrol saw 1 VC with rifle run in to hamlet at referenced coordinates.<br>E- Taken under fire with small arms and wounded. Hamlet will be swept with dogs, PF's, and psychological warfare unit with Golf as secondary and Echo to surround the hamlet.<br>F-I- None.<br>J- 1<br>K-N- None. |
| G/3       | S-3  | 0706 | All Secure.  |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0709 | Road sweep complete and security in place.   |
| E         | S-3  | 0755 | Echo is now linking units with G/2.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0758 | F/3 patrol departing CP.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0805 | Psychological warfare team is going to broadcast warning to villagers before the sweep.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0830 | RF are starting their sweep through the village.   |
| F         | S-3  | 0900 | Foxtrot element with ONTOS departed CP.  |
| H         | S-3  | 0910 | H/2/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 027575).  |
| H         | S-3  | 0935 | H/2/A patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 026583).  |

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| E    | S-3  | 0940 | Echo Co has linked up with Golf and are starting their sweep.   |
| G    | S-3  | 0943 | Sweeping area with negative results so far.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1010 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- G/3<br>B- 260945H<br>C- Fr: AT 989642 En: AT 993633<br>D- Received 1 round of sniper fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Fire returned by 7 rounds of 60mm mortars. Sniper fire ceased, area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1025 | H/2/A patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 039585).   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1030 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- H/2/A<br>B- 260950H<br>C- Fr: BT 028586 En: BT 031584<br>D- H/2/A patrol received 3-5 rounds sniper fire from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Fire returned with 50 caliber, 3 M-79 rounds and small arms. Patrol continued with occasional sniper fire at OTHERS. Swept area with negative results.<br>F-N- None.                              |
| E    | S-3  | 1040 | Echo has 1 ARVN sick from CS gas, requesting med-evac at BT 000638.   |
| G/3  | S-3  | 1105 | All secure.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1117 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- Echo<br>B- 261040H<br>C- BT 000638<br>D- A CHIEU HOI rallier with Echo Co at above coordinates was overcome by fumes from ignited cannister of white powder that had accidentally been set off. Cannister had been located by Echo Co.<br>E- CHIEU HOI rallier med-evacuated to "C" med where it was diagnosed as CS poisoning.<br>F-N- None. |
| S-3  | Regt | 1131 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- F/3<br>B- 260915H<br>C- Fr: BT 043599 En: BT 041598<br>D- PF's with F/3 patrol spotted 2 VC at referenced coordinates.<br>E- PF's fired at 2 VC, PF's and Marine patrol swept area with negative results.   |

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|      |      |      | F-N- None.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1207 | Have apprehended suspect who may have thrown the gas into the fire.   |
| G, F | S-3  | 1210 | Now enroute to CP.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1230 | Now engaged in fire fight at AT 997634.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1235 | Request fire mission at AT 995631.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1248 | Golf position report (BT 000637).   |
| H    | S-3  | 1300 | H/2/A patrol back in the CP.  |
| E, F | S-3  | 1314 | Echo, and Foxtrot patrols back in the CP.   |
| F    | S-3  | 1330 | F/1 patrol back in the CP.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1345 | G/1 patrol back in the CP.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1358 | SPOT REPORT #13<br>A- F/2<br>B- 261245H<br>C- BT 027634<br>D- F/2 patrol surprised 2 moles on trail at referenced coordinates who ran from the patrol. Patrol pursued the 2 men but could not apprehend them. 1 male later returned on a bicycle and was apprehended. Men identified by documents and photo as an enlisted ARVN.<br>E- Delivered male and identification to 51st ARVN.<br>F-N- None.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1410 | SPOT REPORT #14<br>A- F/1<br>B- 261305<br>C- Fr: AT 997633 En: AT 994628, AT 999628, and AT 996626<br>D- As F/1 patrol was moving from blocking position they received fire from 3 automatic and 3 semi-automatic weapons from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Returned heavy volume of fire with small arms, machineguns, and attached ONTOS. Also called for artillery. Sniper fire was silenced but area was not swept due to necessity to retain security around the ONTOS.<br>F-N- None. |
| G    | S-3  | 1412 | All Golf units in the CP.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1415 | Received Med Cap report for 26 Sept, passed on to S-5.  |
| G/3  | S-3  | 1510 | All Secure.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1555 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 024635).   |
| G/3  | S-3  | 1605 | All Secure.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1615 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 033639).   |
| F    | S-3  | 1710 | F/3 patrol back in the CP.  |

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| G/3   | S-3  | 1715 | All Secure.  |
| MT    | S-3  | 1800 | All vehicles in except 2 that are staying the night in DM NANG.  |
| G/3   | S-3  | 1805 | All Secure.  |
| S-3   | F    | 1810 | Informed Foxtrot Co that they could secure the road security.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 1815 | SPOT REPORT #16<br>A- Hotel<br>B- 261530H<br>C- BT 044561<br>D- H/3 patrol observed a body floating in the river with current. Body appeared to be a Vietnamese male, badly burned, several large cuts, 1 leg missing. Appeared to be dead several days.<br>E- The attempt to retrieve the body failed. Reported incident to Diem Ben District Headquarters.<br>F-N- None.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1845 | F/2 has returned to CP from road security.   |
| G/3   | S-3  | 1858 | All Secure.  |
| H&S   | S-3  | 1955 | All Secure.  |
| G/3   | S-3  | 2000 | All Secure.  |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 2040 | All Secure.  |
| H&S   | S-3  | 2050 | All Secure.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 2050 | Addendum to SPOT REPORT #14<br>E- Returned heavy volume of fire with small arms, M-60 machineguns, and 106RR from attached ONTOS. Artillery mission fired and enemy fire ceased as VC broke contact and fled in unknown direction.<br>E/2 patrol in their night time position.<br>Combined Activities for 251700H to 261700H.<br>1. H/3 reports effective combined routine LP and OP during this period. PF's in southern hamlet observed firing of 106RR and 50 caliber machinegun directed at Southern Charlie held territory. ARVN's and VIP's visited H/3 area 26 Sept with warning about suspected VC concentration. H/3 notes disappointments due to failure of psychological warfare team, scheduled to visit 26 Sept. Village chief and entire village were notified of visit and movies were interrupted. |
| H     | S-3  | 2100 |  |
| H     | S-3  | 2105 |  |
| G/3   | S-3  | 2110 | All Secure.  |

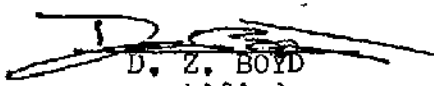
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| S-3   | All Units | 2130 | <p>FRAG ORDER for 27 Sept 66</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Situation: No change.</li> <li>2. Mission: No change.</li> <li>3. Execution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A- Echo continue OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE. Provide 1 platoon at 0800H to H&amp;S commander and 1 platoon at 1800H for CP defense.</li> <li>B- Foxtrot execute verbal orders CO.</li> <li>C- Golf conduct Day and Night patrols and ambushes in assigned area. Be prepared to provide exploit force.</li> <li>D- Hotel continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.</li> <li>E- H&amp;S provide ANDERSON TRAIL and 1 platoon for CP defense.</li> <li>F- Coordinating Instructions: None.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Logistics: No change.</li> <li>5. Command: No change.</li> </ol>   |
| H&S   | S-3       | 2130 | All Secure.  |
| E/I/D | S-3       | 2150 | All Secure.  |
| S-3   | Regt      | 2203 | <p>SPOT REPORT</p> <p>A- Echo and Golf</p> <p>B- 260700H to 261200H</p> <p>C- BT 000637</p> <p>D- Based on information provided by CHIEU HOI's hamlet of BICH NAM, cordoned off by Echo and Golf and then swept by 40 PF's, 2 war dogs, psychological warfare team, and 1 Marine squad for purpose of capturing or killing VC.</p> <p>E- All dwellings were searched. Many women and small children found but only 1 male. 6 women VCS were apprehended, 3 were retained after questioning for further interrogation. No trench lines observed; only 3 or 4 fighting holes. Tunnel discovered by dog team was searched with negative results and blown; dogs also found 1 mine which was blown in place, 2-3,5" rocket rounds hidden in hole; Rounds returned to CP. There were no wires in the treelines. When CHIEU HOI who had been gassed returned to Bn CP from "C" mod, he identified 2 other women as VCC, and also identified VCS who had used gas presently being interrogated; will be turned over to POW compound on 27 Sept.</p> |

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|           |      |      | R-H- None.  |
|           |      |      | I- Unknown.   |
|           |      |      | J- 1 (probable)   |
|           |      |      | K- 2  |
|           |      |      | L- 1  |
|           |      |      | M- 2-3.5" rocket  |
|           |      |      | N- 1 punji stake and assorted clothing  |
| S-3       | Regt | 2210 | SPOT REPORT #19   |
|           |      |      | A- E&S  |
|           |      |      | B- 262115H  |
|           |      |      | C- Fr: BT 015627 En: BT 011622  |
|           |      |      | D- En CP received 15 rounds automatic carbine fire from referenced coordinates into the POW tent. |
|           |      |      | E- POW's moved to new location and 81mm mortars were fired on shipers position.                   |
|           |      |      | F-N- None.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 2300 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 2337 | All Secure.   |
| G/3,H     | S-3  | 2357 | All Secure.   |

### SYNOPSIS

26 Sept - At 0655H G/3 at BT 000642 saw a VC with rifle run into hamlet (BICH NAM(2)) at BT 000639; he was taken under fire with small arms and wounded. During the period 0700H to 1200H hamlet was swept with dogs, PF's, and a psychological warfare unit while Echo and Golf Companies surrounded it. At 1040H 1 of the CHIEU NOI's was overcome by gas and med-evaced. Later he returned and pointed out 2 VCC and 1 VCS from the group of 6 women detained during the sweep. Results of the action were 1 VC KIA, 2 VCC, 1 VCS; 1 tunnel and a mine destroyed; assorted clothing, a punji stake, and 2-3.5" rockets were found and returned to En CP. At 0915H F/3 at BT 043599 spotted 2 VC at BT 041598; they were fired on and the patrol swept the area with negative results. At 0945H G/3 at AT 989642 received 1 round of sniper fire from AT 993633; it was returned by 7 rounds of 60mm mortars. The sniper fire ceased. At 0950H H/2/A patrol at BT 028586 received 3-5 rounds of small arms fire which was answered by 50 caliber, 3 M-79 rounds, and small arms fire. The patrol continued its mission while receiving sporadic fire. Area was checked with negative results. At 1245H F/2 at BT 027634 surprised 2 VN males on a trail and they ran from them; the patrol pursued but was

unable to apprehend. Later 1 VN male returned on a bicycle and was questioned and released after he was identified as an ARVN. At 1305H F/1 at AT 997633 was moving from blocking position when they were fired on by 3 automatic weapons from AT 999628, AT 994628, and AT 996626. Fire was returned with a heavy volume of small arms, machineguns, 106RR, and artillery; VC broke contact and fled in unknown direction. Platoon continued mission. At 1530H H/3 CP observed a body floating in the SONG DIEN BINH river with a badly burned torso and 1 leg missing. It appeared to have been dead for several days. An attempt to retrieve the body failed and the matter was reported to DIEN BINH District Headquarters. At 2115H H&S reported 15 rounds of small arms fire were taken at the POW tent from BT 011622. The prisoners were moved to a more secure position. The 81mm mortars were laid on the sniper's position should firing resume. However, they were not fired. There were 1 platoon search and destroy patrol; 5 platoon and 2 security patrols; 2 platoon and 2 squad ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts during this period.

  
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| All Units | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.   |
| F         | S-3  | 0509 | Foxtrot now departing CP.   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0509 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0600 | H/1/A patrol departing their CP.  |
| H         | S-3  | 0605 | H/2/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0615 | E/2 departing IP for BT 038632.   |
| F         | S-3  | 0616 | Foxtrot position report (BT 003614)   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0625 | H&S road sweep departed CP at 0600H.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0630 | E/2 patrol at UK pt #1 (BT 043620).   |
| F         | S-3  | 0700 | Foxtrot received sniper fire from BT 008609.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0710 | Foxtrot position report (BT 018609)<br>They report that they are in open area south of village.   |
| F         | S-3  | 0735 | Foxtrot in fire fight; mortars landing among troops (BT 010606).  |
| F         | S-3  | 0740 | Recon by fire team through area.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0745 | Requested Med-Evac at BT 007608.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0746 | F/3 patrol commencing to sweep the area.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0750 | F/3 patrol completed sweep now request fire mission at VC position at BT 012605.  |
| G/3       | S-3  | 0755 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0759 | H/1/A patrol now departing CP.  |
| S-3       | Regt | 0808 | SPOT REPORT #3<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 270745H<br>C- Fr; BT 010609 En: BT 010604<br>D- Reporting sniper fire, light small arms fire, and mortar fire from referenced coordinates by unknown number of VC. Fire returned by company weapons and artillery.<br>E- Enemy firing ceased, continuing to sweep the village. Med-Evac in progress for 1 WIA with bullet wound in the left upper leg.<br>F- None/<br>G- 1<br>H-N- None/unknown. |



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| Note  | S-3  | 0825 | Med-evac unable to complete due to heavy small arms fire.   |
| E     | S-3  | 0826 | Requests 81mm fire mission at BT 003615.  |
| Note  | S-3  | 0834 | Dispatched acrpman to LZ Crowded for helicopter co-pilot. Co-pilot was shot in arm while trying to complete med-evac when accident occurred.                      |
| F     | S-3  | 0845 | 2 platoons of Foxtrot now sweeping vill BT 012609. Med-evac still unable to get to WLA. 1 platoon staying at coordinates BT 003615 with med-evac.                 |
| F     | S-3  | 0854 | Main mission was to find 2 children. Dogs found children and 10 women also.   |
| Note  | S-3  | 0858 | Med-evac helicopter had to secure due to the many bullet holes. Will send a new helicopter for med-evac.  |
| G/3   | S-3  | 0900 | All Secure.   |
| E     | S-3  | 0903 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 049618).   |
| H     | S-3  | 0904 | H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 027576).   |
| F     | S-3  | 0906 | Med-evac to Foxtrot cancelled due to un-secure LZ. Foxtrot will carry WLA to more secure LZ and submit new med-evac when they have a secure LZ.                   |
| F     | S-3  | 0913 | Request fire mission at BT 009613.  |
| F     | S-3  | 0920 | Blew a tunnel in objective area, approximate area BT 010610.  |
| E     | S-3  | 0943 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 043618).   |
| F     | S-3  | 0958 | Foxtrot reports good coverage on target, results of the fire mission.   |
| F     | S-3  | 0959 | Foxtrot position report (BT 010610).  |
| E     | S-3  | 1010 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 039627).   |
| F     | S-3  | 1017 | Foxtrot position report (BT 008614), now enroute to Bn CP.  |
| F     | S-3  | 1025 | Foxtrot position report (BT 007616), patrol receiving small arms fire at this time.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1032 | Foxtrot received 1 sniper round from the Pagode at BT 007617, now have a squad and dogs out to search Pagode. Search had negative results. Now moving north-west. |
| S-3   | G    | 1039 | Have 1 platoon ready to assist Foxtrot.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1053 | Foxtrot position report (BT 007617).  |
| G/3   | S-3  | 1056 | All Secure.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1107 | Request med-evac for WLA at BT 010619.  |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1109 | Received Med Cap report, passed on to S-5.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 1118 | SPOT REPORT #4<br>A- E/2<br>B- 271050H<br>C- Fr: BT 032624 VCS: BT 013623   |

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|      |     |      | D- Patrol moving west coming out of tree-<br>line after sweeping village observed men<br>running approximately 100 meters to the<br>south into another tree line. Men wearing<br>green cloths and pack. No helmet or wea-<br>pon.   |
|      |     |      | E- 15 small arms rounds and 2-M-79 rounds<br>fired. 1 squad swept the tree line with<br>negative results.   |
|      |     |      | F-N- None.  |
| F    | S-3 | 1133 | Request to know if S-4 will hold chow<br>for Foxtrot Co.  |
| F    | S-3 | 1136 | Med-evac receiving small arms fire.   |
| E    | S-3 | 1137 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 023633).   |
| F    | S-3 | 1146 | Foxtrot requesting 81mm mortar mission<br>at BT 012616.   |
| G/3  | S-3 | 1147 | All Secure.   |
| F    | S-3 | 1150 | Med-evac complete.  |
| 81's | S-3 | 1151 | 81mm fire mission on the way.   |
| F    | S-3 | 1200 | 1 platoon is going to sweep area from<br>BT 015617 to BT 007618 where 1 platoon<br>is located for security until 1630H.   |
| E    | S-3 | 1214 | E/2 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| F    | S-3 | 1226 | Foxtrot back in the CP.   |
| H    | S-3 | 1245 | Received Med Cap report, passed to S-5.   |
| G/3  | S-3 | 1306 | All Secure.   |
| G    | S-3 | 1308 | G/1 patrol departing CP.  |
| H    | S-3 | 1315 | H/1 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 021579).   |
| G    | S-3 | 1316 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 010640).   |
| H    | S-3 | 1336 | H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 028576).   |
| E    | S-3 | 1340 | E/3 patrol departing CP.  |
| G    | S-3 | 1347 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 017054).   |
| G/3  | S-3 | 1405 | All Secure.   |
| G    | S-3 | 1405 | G/3/A patrol departing CP.  |
| E    | S-3 | 1410 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 024646).   |
| G    | S-3 | 1435 | G/3/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 005641).   |
| G    | S-3 | 1450 | G/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 010640).   |
| G    | S-3 | 1458 | G/3/A patrol back in CP.  |
| G    | S-3 | 1515 | G/1 patrol back in CP.  |
| S-3  | Rgt | 1520 | SPOT REPORT #15<br>A- E/1<br>B- 271420H<br>C- Fr: BT 012647 En: BT 012647<br>D- G/1 patrol at above coordinates had 1<br>grenade thrown at rear of column.<br>E- Returned small arms and 4-M-79 rounds<br>fire. Swept area with negative results.<br>F- None.<br>G- 1 (minor)<br>H-N- None. |

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| E    | S-3 | 1543 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 036634).  |
| E    | S-3 | 1555 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 033625).  |
| G/3  | S-3 | 1559 | All Secure.  |
| E    | S-3 | 1627 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 043620).  |
| G/3  | S-3 | 1659 | All Secure.  |
| E    | S-3 | 1725 | E/3 position report (BT 043620).   |
| S-3  | Rgt | 1810 | STOT REPORT #19<br>A- Foxtrot<br>B- 270500H to 271230H<br>C- BT 011607<br>D- 1 of the Vietnamese women who brought the burned bodies to the Bn CP on 25 Sept was identified as a VCS by 1 of the CHU HOYS during interrogation on night 25-26 Sept. She agreed to lead a patrol to her hamlet and point out the VC in the hamlet, in return for which she asked for safe haven for her 2 children then living in the hamlet and herself.<br>E- At 270500H Foxtrot Co and 2 scout dog teams, engineers, and an interpreter accompanied the women from the Bn CP (BT 015627) to her hamlet (BT 011607). With 1 scout dog at the point, the Co moved in a column of platoons via BT 004623 and established a platoon blocking position from BT 007609 to BT 011609 to provide security to the north and to establish killing zones both east and west of hamlet. At 0700H 2 rounds were fired from 2 different positions. Apparently not directed at the patrol, but rather marking the east and west flanks of the position. At 0710H 1 lone sniper round struck a marine in the leg. Med-evac requested. F/3 with a dog team passed thru the blocking position and commenced sweep south toward BT 011606. At 0720H F/3 received small arms fire from the south. Fire was returned by the platoon. F/2 in blocking position received fire from across the river BT 007607. Patrol returned fire. 4 rounds of mortars (possibly 60mm) fell on F/3 position at BT 011607. Artillery fire called on south side of river at BT 012605. Med-evac helicopter arrived and supporting fire was ceased. Helicopter attempted to land twice in LZ at BT 007608, each time receiving fire at BT 003615, BT 003612, BT 010614, BT 019621 and along southern banks |

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of the river. Several shots struck helicopter resulting in aircraft damage and slightly wounding Co-pilot. Armed med-evac escort delivered allordnance at above coordinates but was unable to silence small arms fire. Med-evac helicopter landed in LZ crowded (2/1 CP), while artillery mission was conducted. Concurrently F/1 with dog team, interpreter, VCS, Co Command Group, and engineers conducted a sweep of the village moving south in trace of F/3. VCS identified her house at BT 011607 but the 2 children were not there. Search was continued and the scout dogs alerted the patrol to a house at BT 012606 where the 2 children were found along with 4 VN women and 10 other children. VCS and other women were questioned but no information about weapons, personnel, mines, or supply caches could be attained. At 0918H a tunnel was discovered, searched, and destroyed at BT 011606. A bamboo bridge located at BT 010606 was discovered by F/3. Search of village continued until 0958H with negative results. Co commenced sweep north, supported by artillery fire at BT 009613. Sporadic sniper fire continued during northwest movement. 1 sniper round was determined to have been fired from a PAGODA at BT 007617. A squad and dog team swept the PAGODA and found 1 spent cartridge. F/3 moved to BT 006621. 1 platoon moved west to complete previous med-evac at BT 010619. F/2 remained in ambush position in vicinity of PAGODA. Med-evac arrived, and was fired upon by 1 or 2 semi-automatic weapons in the vicinity BT 013617. Fire was returned with small arms, 3.5" rockets, and 60mm mortars. Target was marked with WP for armed escort helicopter which delivered a machinegun and rockets fire on enemy position. Med-evac completed at 1147H without further incident. 81mm mortars fired mission on the position and F/1 swept the area with negative results. Company returned to En CP.

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F- None.  
G- 1  
H-N- None.  
O- VC believed to have crossed the river to south as village sweep began. Artillery missions were accurate and possibly inflicted casualties. Newly improved trenches at the vicinity BT 010610 and generally throughout village DONG TIEN (1) were noted.

H&S S-3 1805 All vehicles have returned to CP request to bring in the road security. Yes.

G/3 S-3 1808 All Secure.

G/3 S-3 1905 All Secure.

S-2 S-3 1940 Be advised there is 1 platoon of VC Intelligence reported operating at coordinates AT 960700, AT 985700, and AT 968665. VC may attack political action team and Marine unit at coordinates AT 973662.

H&S S-3 1950 All Secure.

E/1/D S-3 1958 All Secure.

E S-3 2040 E/3 patrol now in night position.

H S-3 2050 Received Day and Night Activities for 29 September.

H S-3 2055 Report of Combined Activities from 26-1700H to 271700H Sept 66.  
1. H/3 and RF continued combined LP's and OP's without incident. PF and village PADRE began promoting the visit of the psychological warfare team. The northern PF platoon commander will send the other half of his platoon to H/3 CP tomorrow for M-1, BAR, and 60mm mortar familiarization and firing.

S-3 Regt 2100 SPOT REPORT #22  
A- H&S  
B- 272030H  
C- BT 002622  
D- Bn CP received several rounds from small arms weapons at general vicinity of referenced coordinates.  
E- 81mm mortars fired at BT 002622.  
Small arms fire ceased.  
F-N- None.

G,H&S S-3 2105 All Secure.

Regt S-3 2135 Psychological warfare plane will fly over area for approximately 1 hour.

E/1/D S-3 2145 All Secure.

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| S-3        | Regt      | 2200 | SPOT REPORT #23<br>A- Echo<br>B- 272125H<br>C- Bt 036618<br>D- E/3/B ambush captured 2 VCC without weapons who were moving east along trail. They were traveling individually with a 2 minute interval between them.<br>E- Being taken to RF compound at THANH QUIT Bridge for the night ambush will be relocated.<br>F-J- None.<br>K- 2<br>M-N- None.  |
| E/1/D, H&S | S-3       | 2225 | All Secure.   |
| S-3        | Regt      | 2235 | ADDENDUM to SPOT REPORT 272125H<br>D- VCC wearing white PJ's. 1 VCC age 34 and other VCC age 57. Both have ID cards.  |
| S-3        | Regt      | 2235 | SPOT REPORT #26<br>A- Bn CP<br>B- 272130H<br>C- Fr: BT 015627 En: BT 002622<br>D- Several small arms rounds fired at Bn CP. Firing apparently provoked by psychological warfare loud speaker broadcast from the Bn CP.<br>E- Returned 8 rounds 81mm mortars and 2 106RR. Small arms fire ceased.<br>F-N- None/Unknown.  |
| H          | S-3       | 2240 | H/1/A patrol ambushed at their ambush site returned to CP.  |
| S-3        | Regt      | 2245 | E/3/B new ambush position (BT 040619).  |
| S-3        | All Units | 2310 | FRAG ORDER for 28 Sept 66<br>1. Situation: No change.<br>2. Mission: No change.<br>3. Execution:<br>A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.<br>B- Foxtrot continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.<br>C- Golf conduct Day and Night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas. Provide 1 platoon to H&S at 1800H for CP defense.<br>D- Hotel continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.<br>E- H&S provide ANDERSON TRAIL and 1 platoon for CP defense. |

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F- Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Echo, Foxtrot, and Golf provide 1 platoon each to H&S at 0800H.

(2) All units plan saturation ambushing in assigned areas night of 29-30 Sept. Scout dogs should be available. Ambushes desired in the following areas during the periods indicated:

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| GS 0061 | Between 2000-2400 |
| GS 0363 | Between 0130-0630 |
| GS 0358 | Between 2200-0100 |
| GS 9962 | Between 2300-0500 |

The above places and times are provided only as guidelines. Submit plans by 280800H.

4. Logistics: No change.

5. Command: No change.

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| E/1/D | S-3  | 2345 |
| G     | S-3  | 2345 |
| H     | S-3  | 2352 |
| E,G   | S-3  | 2357 |
| S-3   | Regt | 2400 |

All Secure.

G/2/A patrol departing CP.

H/1/A patrol new ambush site at BT 038579.

All Secure.

SPOT REPORT

A- Hotel

B- 272240H

C- BT 041582

D- As Hotel moved along rice paddy dike

H/1/A patrol ambushed by unknown number of VC who fired small arms and threw at least 3 hand grenades wounding 1 Marine.

E- Patrol returned fire and called 81mm and 60mm mortar missions. Fire missions had good coverage on target. VC broke contact and fled in unknown direction. Patrol returned WLA to CP and is moving out over different route to establish ambush at BT 032579. Area will be swept at first light.

F- None.

G- 1 (minor)

H-N- Unknown.

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| Regt | S-3 | 2400 |
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The bridge on route 2/B; vicinity BT 028734 will be closed for repairs from 0800H to 1600H on 29 Sept.

SYNOPSIS

27 Sept - At 0500H Foxtro Co with 2 scout dog teams, engineers, and an interpreter accompanied a woman from the Bn CP (BT 015627) to her hamlet (BT 011607) to search out any VC and to find the woman's children. At 0710H 1 lone sniper round struck a Marine resulting in 1 WIA. E/1 platoon with dog team, interpreter, VCS, Company Command group, and engineers conducted a sweep of the village. Woman identified her house at BT 011607, but the children were not there. Search was continued and the scout dogs alerted the patrol to a house at BT 012606 where the 2 children were found along with 4 VN women and 10 other children. The other women were questioned, but no further information about weapons, personnel, mines, or supply caches could be attained. At 0918H a tunnel was discovered searched, and destroyed at BT 011606. A bamboo bridge located at BT 010606 was discovered. A search of the village continued until 0958H with negative results. At 1050H E/2 patrol at BT 032624 observed a man running into the treeline approximately 100 meters to the south. The man was wearing green clothes and a pack; no helmet or weapon. The patrol fired small arms and an M-79; a squad swept the area with negative results. At 1420H G/1 at BT 012647 had 1 grenade thrown at the rear of the column which resulted in 1 minor WIA. The patrol returned small arms and M-79; area was checked with negative results. At 2030H the Bn CP (BT 015627) received several small arms rounds from BT 002622. 10 rounds of 81mm mortars were returned. The small arms fire ceased. At 2125H E/3/B in ambush position at BT 013618 captured 2 VCC without weapons wearing white PJ's. They were traveling east along the trail with a 2 minute interval between them. They were taken to the RF compound at the THANH QUIT Bridge for the night. The ambush was relocated. At 2130H the Bn CP (BT 015627) received several rounds of small arms fire from BT 002622. The fire was apparently provoked by the Psychological Warfare loudspeaker broadcast from the Bn CP. Fire was returned by 81mm mortars and 2 106RR's silencing the sniper fire. At 2240H E/1/A as it moved along a rice paddy dike at BT 041582 was attacked by an unknown number of VC using small arms and hand grenades. The patrol returned fire while calling in an 81mm mortar mission which had good target coverage. The VC broke contact and fled in an unknown direction; the patrol returned to the Hotel CP with 1 WIA and prepared to move out over different route to ambush position.



There were 2 Platoon search and destroy patrols ;  
5 platoon and 1 squad security patrols; 3 platoon  
ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts  
during this period.

  
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| All Units | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0215 | G/1 patrol departing CP.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0328 | G/1 patrol in ambush position.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0516 | G/2/A patrol back in CP.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0545 | Road sweep of ANDERSON TRAIL has de-<br>parted CP.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0600 | Golf Co now departing their ambush site,<br>enroute to Objective.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0620 | G/1 patrol has reached their destination.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0630 | Request vehicle to pickup dogs and team.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0630 | H/1/A and H/2/A patrols have returned to<br>the Bn CP.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0700 | G/3 patrol now departing old CP.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0710 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep complete re-<br>ports all secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0715 | G/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 000638).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0725 | G/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 011634).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0740 | G/3 patrol has returned to CP.   |
| E         | S-3  | 0820 | E/3 patrol departed RF compound (ELD)<br>enroute to Ck Pt #1.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0830 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 031629).  |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0855 | ANDERSON TRAIL road security all secure.   |
| S-3       | Regt | 0912 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- E/3<br>B- 280830H<br>C- Fr: BT 032634<br>D- E/3 patrol member tripped a M-26 rig-<br>ged as a mine, with a trip wire connect-<br>ed to a bush.<br>E- Patrol hit the deck, mine went off<br>harmlessly, inflicting no casualties.<br>Patrol continued its assigned mission. |
| Wire      | S-3  | 0935 | Wire team now departing CP to check the<br>lines on ANDERSON TRAIL.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0937 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 034637).  |
| H         | S-3  | 0938 | H/2/A patrol departed CP.  |
| Wire      | S-3  | 0940 | Wire team has reached its Objective.   |
| E         | S-3  | 1007 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 047639).  |
| H         | S-3  | 1008 | H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 030570).  |
| G         | S-3  | 1008 | G/3 patrol has returned to CP.   |
| Wire      | S-3  | 1010 | Wire team has returned to CP.  |

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| H&S  | S-3  | 1030 | H&S working party in DELTA sector reports apprehending a Vietnamese woman with a fake ID card. Working party blindfolded her and tied her up. Will bring her to the interrogation tent.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1032 | H/1/A patrol at Gk Pt #3 (BT 038569).   |
| S-3  | Air  | 1045 | Request med-evac for Marino who was accidentally burned while on a working party burning out the heads.   |
| Air  | S-3  | 1047 | Med-evac is airborne.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1115 | E/3 patrol at Gk Pt #5 (BT 033625).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1120 | E/3 patrol at Gk Pt #6 (BT 022624).   |
| H    | S-3  | 1121 | H/1/A position report (BT 038569).  |
| H    | S-3  | 1130 | H/2/A requests fire mission at BT 022564.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1135 | H/1/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1140 | Request med-evac at BT 023624. Request a 81mm mortar mission at BT 018625.  |
| H&S  | S-3  | 1205 | Road security reports all secure.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1210 | E/3 med-evac complete.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1214 | INITIAL SPOT REPORT<br>A- E/3<br>B- 281130H<br>C- Fr: BT 023623 En: BT 023621<br>D- E/3 patrol crossing rice paddy received an estimated 150 incoming rounds from automatic and semi-automatic weapons.<br>E- E/3 returned fire with small arms, M-79 and a 81mm mortar mission was also called for.<br>F- None<br>G- 3<br>H-N- None/Unknown. |
| S-3  | H&S  | 1225 | Provide additional personnel to the east side of the En perimeter.  |
| Note | S-3  | 1228 | VC now located at BT 022618.  |
| Note | S-3  | 1230 | 81mm mortar mission being fired at VC position BT 022618.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1247 | INITIAL SPOT REPORT #12<br>A- E/1<br>B- 281243H<br>C- Fr: BT 020622 En: BT 020611<br>D- Received 2 incoming sniper rounds from referenced coordinates.<br>E- Returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars. Swept area with negative results.<br>F-N- None.  |
| Note | S-3  | 1250 | 81's firing at BT 019616, will adjust.  |
| 81's | S-3  | 1303 | End of fire mission.  |

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| E    | S-3  | 1304 | Request fire mission at coordinates BT 024615. 1 round WP will adjust.   |
| Air  | S-3  | 1315 | Helicopter picked up 106RR at BT 042579 and will drop in LZ at H/3 (BT 046562).  |
| E    | S-3  | 1418 | End of fire mission. House destroyed, will begin sweep of house and area.  |
| H    | S-3  | 1430 | H/2/A patrol has returned to CP.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1443 | Echo has 1 VCS after the sweep, now en-route to Bn CP.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1455 | Request fire mission at BT 029614. 1 round WP will adjust.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1505 | Request med-evac at BT 024616.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1507 | Request 81mm fire mission at BT 025608.  |
| S-3  | H    | 1515 | Sending 1 scout dog team to your position within the hour.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1532 | Med-evac has been completed.   |
| F    | S-3  | 1555 | F/3 patrol departing CP.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1605 | Echo entering Bn CP.   |
| H&S  | S-3  | 1607 | Echo has 1 VCS and 1 casualty.   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1618 | SPOT REPORT<br>A- H&S<br>B- 281530H<br>C- Fr: BT 045557 En: BT 041556<br>D- Psychological war team loudspeaker broadcast provoked approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from across SONG DIEM BINH river to the west.<br>E- Fired 60mm mortars and 106RR in return. Small arms fire ceased. Unable to sweep area due to the river barrier. Broadcast continued.<br>F-N- None.                            |
| S-3  | Regt | 1650 | FINAL to SPOT REPORT #9<br>E- E/1 and E/2 patrols with command group deployed from the CP to exploit contact. Swept south and east to flank enemy position and establish block for E/3 sweeping southeast. Artillery and 81mm mortars fired at enemy positions. VC broke contact in face of enemy superiority numbers and fled in unknown direction. Apprehended 1 VCS who will be returned to CP.<br>L- 1 |
| S-3  | Regt | 1650 | SPOT REPORT #15<br>A- Echo<br>B- 281515H<br>C- Fr: BT 024616 En: BT 028615   |

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|          |      |      | D- Received small arms fire from across river wounding 1 Marine.  |
|          |      |      | E- Fired artillery and 81mm mortar mission in addition to organic weapons. Enemy small arms fire ceased. Med-evac completed without incident. Patrol continuing sweep.                                    |
|          |      |      | F- None.  |
|          |      |      | G- 1 (med-evac)   |
|          |      |      | H-N- None/unknown   |
| S-3      | Regt | 1700 | FINAL SPOT REPORT #15   |
|          |      |      | E- E/3 patrol did not sweep across due to river barrier. Patrol continued sweep west and northwest followed by E/2 sweeping north. All platoons completed sweep with negative results and returned to CP. |
| H        | S-3  | 1744 | Helicopter unable to lift 106RR and mule to transport to H/3.   |
| E/1/D    | S-3  | 1820 | Request routine med-evac at BT 043620. 1 civilian woman by artillery.   |
| H        | S-3  | 1855 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D    | S-3  | 1903 | Med-evac complete.  |
| H&S      | S-3  | 2030 | Road security has returned to CP.   |
| E        | S-3  | 2030 | E/1 patrol has departed the CP.   |
| F        | S-3  | 2100 | F/3 patrol in their ambush position.  |
| G,H&S    | S-3  | 2100 | All Secure.   |
| H        | S-3  | 2105 | H/1/A patrol has departed the CP.   |
| S-3      | Regt | 2125 | SPOT REPORT   |
|          |      |      | A- S-5  |
|          |      |      | B- 281800H  |
|          |      |      | C- BT 021637  |
|          |      |      | D- At 1800H a 70 year old woman came to E/1/D's position (vic BT 043620) with shrapnel wounds. She said wounds were caused by artillery mission (vic BT 021637) at about 281300H Sept.                    |
|          |      |      | E- Women treated and med-evac'd to "C" Med at 1930H. Matter referred to S-5.  |
|          |      |      | Investigation revealed wounds could not have been caused by Marine artillery, as none had been fired in that area at the time women was supposedly wounded.   |
|          |      |      | F-N- None.  |
| E/1/D, G | S-3  | 2147 | All Secure.   |
| F,G,H&S  | S-3  | 2150 | All Secure.   |
| H        | S-3  | 2208 | H/2/A patrol now departing the Bn CP.   |
| H        | S-3  | 2218 | H/1/A patrol now in their ambush position (BT 040576).  |

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| S-3      | All Units   | 2230         | <p>FRAG ORDER for 29 Sept 66</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Situation: No change.</li> <li>2. Mission: No change.</li> <li>3. Execution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.</li> <li>B- Foxtrot continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.</li> <li>C- Golf conduct Day/Night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas.</li> <li>D- Hotel conduct Day/Night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas.</li> <li>E- H&amp;S provide ANDERSON TRAIL road security and 1 platoon for CP defense.</li> <li>F- Coordinating Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Echo, Golf and Foxtrot provide 1 platoon each at 0800H to H&amp;S commander.</li> <li>(2) Units involved in Operation GOLDEN FLEECE submit per verbal instructions to S-3 daily by 1000H.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Logistics: No change.</li> <li>5. Command: No change.</li> </ol> |
| S-3      | Regt        | 2240         | <p>SPOT REPORT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A- 2/1 CP</li> <li>B- 281430H</li> <li>C- BT 029621</li> <li>D- 1 Vietnamese male, 1 Vietnamese female, and 1 Vietnamese child arrived at 2/1 CP with shrapnel wounds. Civilian claim to be wounded by Marine mortar fire striking their home at 1000H at referenced coordinates.</li> <li>E- Civilian were treated and then taken to "C" Med by motor vehicle and later taken to USOM hospital.</li> <li>F-N- None.</li> </ol>   |
| G<br>S-3 | S-3<br>Regt | 2250<br>2258 | <p>G/2 patrol now departing CP.</p> <p>SPOT REPORT #21</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A- H&amp;S</li> <li>B- 282200H</li> <li>C- BT 015628</li> <li>D- A 10 year old Vietnamese boy approached road security patrol about 2000H and stated that he saw undetermined number of VC with rifles digging in general vicinity BT 031641.</li> <li>E- Boy questioned at CP and E/1 patrol with scout dog team diverted to sweep area.</li> <li>F-N- None.</li> </ol>  |

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| A     | S-3  | 2305 | All Secure.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 2306 | SPOT REPORT #20<br>A- Hotel<br>B- 282045H<br>C- BT 046558<br>D- H/3 patrol while showing psychological and American movies received 7 rounds of sniper fire from across the river (via BT 045549). Returned fire with small arms.<br>E- Sniper fire ceased and showing of movies was continued. At conclusion of movies civilians were sent home in small groups at irregular intervals. Increased security and surveillance of southern area and began broadcast with psychological warfare team.<br>F-M- None. |
| E/I/D | S-3  | 2318 | All Secure.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 2323 | ADDENDUM to SPOT REPORT #20<br>D- After psychological broadcast began about 2140H clicking of bamboo sticks, beating drums, and shouting voices heard south of SONG DIEM BINH vicinity BT 040550. 8-10 rounds of small arms fire received.<br>E- Artillery mission fired with good effect on target. 2 secondary explosions were noted. When artillery fire ceased bamboo clicking started again in same area. Additional artillery being fired.   |
| G     | S-3  | 2330 | G/2/A now in night position.   |
| E     | S-3  | 2340 | All Secure.  |
| G     | S-3  | 2348 | G/1 patrol in night position.  |
| F,G   | S-3  | 2400 | All Secure.  |

# SYNOPSIS

28 Sept - At 0710H ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep completed with negative contact. At 0830H Echo 3 had a patrol member trip a M-26 grenade rigged as a mine with a trip wire attached to a bush at BT 032634. The patrol hit the deck and no casualties resulted; the patrol continued on its assigned mission. At 1130H E/3 patrol at BT 021628 was attacked by an unknown number of VC from the vicinity of BT 024623 and BT 026619.

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About 10 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire were received wounding 3 Marines. E/1 and E/2 with the Echo command group deployed from the Bn CP to exploit the contact with the enemy. An 81mm and artillery mission was called in on enemy's position. In the face of superior numbers the VC broke contact and fled in unknown direction. One VCS was captured and returned to the Bn CP. At 1243H E/1 at BT 020622 received 2 rounds of sniper fire from BT 020611 and returned it with small arms and 60mm mortars. Area was swept with negative results. At 1515H Echo Co while in process of conducting a sweep at BT 024616 received small arms fire from across the SONG THANH QUIT river at BT 028615 wounding 1 Marine. Artillery, 81mm mortars, and organic weapons were fired and the enemy's fire ceased. The area from which the fire came was not swept due to the river barrier. The med-evac was completed without further incident and Echo continued the sweep. At 1530H the US ARMY psychological Warfare Team broadcasting from the H/3 CP at BT 045557 provoked approximately 10 rounds of small arms fire from across the SONG DIEN BINH river to the west. Fire was returned by 60mm mortars and 106RR's and the sniper fire ceased. Area not swept due to the river barrier. At 2000H a 10-year old VN boy approached the ANDERSON TRAIL road security patrol at BT 032643 with the information that he had seen about 20 VC in grey uniforms with rifles digging in the vicinity BT 031640. The boy was questioned and E/1 patrol with scout dog team was diverted to sweep the suspected VC position. The sweep had negative results. At 2045H while H/3 at BT 046558 was showing psychological Warfare and American movies to the villagers they received 7 rounds of sniper fire from across the SONG DIEN BINH river at BT 045549. H/3 returned fire and enemy's fire ceased. Later as the broadcasting continued, clacking bamboo sticks, beating drums, and shouting voices were heard coming from the south of the SONG DIEN BINH river at BT 040550. An artillery mission was fired and had good effect on the target; 2 secondary explosions were noted. Briefly after the first fire mission ended the noises started again and artillery was called again on the same area. At 2350H Hotel CP heard an explosion at BT 040580 which was thought to be a M-26 grenade emplaced as a protective mine. When checked at first light the grenade was found to be intact; investigation indicated the explosion was caused by an M-79 round which had been fired. There were 4 platoon search and destroy patrols; 7 platoon and 2 squad security patrols; 4 squad ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts during this period.

  
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| H         | S-3  | 0021 | Report of Combined Activities:<br>1. H/3 continued routine combined day and night LT's and OF's. Due to scheduling of PF pay day, no training was accomplished. Psychological Warfare Team arrived at H/3 position and began work immediately. H/1/A accompanied PF's on search and census mission in VINH HOA village. PF's burned 2 houses they claimed were VC. PF's agreed to accompany platoon size search and clearance tomorrow. |
| S-3       | Regt | 0025 | ADDENDUM to SPOT REPORT #21<br>E- E/1 patrol swept area with no negative contact. Established new ambush site at BT 028640.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0030 | All Secure  |
| S-3       | Regt | 0045 | SPOT REPORT #1<br>A- Hotel<br>B- 282350H<br>C- BT 040580<br>D- Protective mine placed by Hotel at referenced coordinates was heard to detonate at 2350H.<br>E- Area will be swept at first light.<br>F-F- None.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0100 | All Secure.   |
| E         | S-3  | 0100 | E/1 position report (BT 033640).  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0200 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0318 | Received Hotel Co Day and Night Activities for 30 Sept 66.  |
| H         | S-3  | 0325 | H/1/A has returned to CP.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0425 | G/2/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| H         | S-3  | 0440 | H/2/A patrol has returned to CP.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0601 | Road security/mine sweep has departed CP.   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0609 | E/1/D now departing their CP.   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0650 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 042644).   |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0700 | Reports road open, negative contact.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0705 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 044631).   |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 0750 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 034627).   |
| G         | S-3  | 0758 | G/2 patrol departing CP.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0800 | F/1 patrol departing CP.  |

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| E/1/D | S-3  | 0802 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 030623).   |
| G/1   | S-3  | 0805 | All Secure.   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 0812 | E/1/D patrol at Ck Pt #6 (BT 040625).   |
| E     | S-3  | 0813 | E/3 patrol cancelled activities for 29 Sept 66.   |
| E     | S-3  | 0817 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 042644).   |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 0830 | Patrol has returned to CP.  |
| F/3   | S-3  | 0845 | Patrol has returned to CP.  |
| G     | S-3  | 0850 | G/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (AT 999634).   |
| E     | S-3  | 0904 | E/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 044632).   |
| G/1   | S-3  | 0905 | All Secure.   |
| G     | S-3  | 0930 | G/2 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 004633).   |
| F     | S-3  | 0938 | F/1 position report (BT 054606).  |
| S-3   | Regt | 0940 | Notified that protective mine had not detonated. Sound was of unknown origin.   |
| G     | S-3  | 0950 | G/2 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| S-3   | Regt | 1003 | SPOT REPORT #6<br>A- F/1<br>B- 290935H<br>C- BT 054606<br>D- PPB security patrol found unoccupied grass hut containing wire, lights, and 29 new BA-279 batteries.<br>E- Material picked up. Area searched but nothing further was discovered.<br>F-N- None. |
| G/1   | S-3  | 1010 | All Secure.   |
| H     | S-3  | 1010 | E/1 patrol departing CP.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1015 | Request fire mission at BT 031617.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1038 | Request med-evac at BT 029621. 2 WIA USMC. LZ not secure.   |
| Noto  | S-3  | 1049 | Med-evac for E/1 complete.  |
| F     | S-3  | 1115 | F/1 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 050602).   |
| H     | S-3  | 1127 | Request fire mission at BT 031584. Target VC village.   |
| E     | S-3  | 1206 | Echo position report BT 025623 moving north. Enemy position BT 024629.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1212 | Will dispatch 2 platoons to tree line east of Bn CP. 1 platoon to set blocking force southeast and the other patrol to sweep south from approximately BT 020630 to BT 020623.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1215 | 60-mm mortars being fired at BT 019625.   |
| E     | S-3  | 1225 | Patrol departing CP.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1230 | E/2 patrol spotted 6 women and children coming out of treeline. Looks as though 1 is injured. Moving toward main gate of 2/1 CP. Location approximately BT 022627.  |
| G/1   | S-3  | 1231 | All Secure.   |

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| H    | S-3  | 1232 | H/1 position report (BT 038587).  |
| F    | S-3  | 1237 | F/1 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 043594).   |
| G    | S-3  | 1243 | G/1/A patrol has departed CP.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1245 | Pushing all civilians toward blocking force. Then going to sweep back. Going to bring all civilians to the main gate of 2/1 CP to talk to them.   |
| G    | S-3  | 1252 | G/1/A patrol at Ck Pt #1 (AT 995630).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1305 | Blocking force at BT 017622. Sweep platoon at vicinity BT 018625.   |
| E    | S-3  | 1317 | Blocking force now located at BT 020628.  |
| G    | S-3  | 1320 | G/1/A patrol back in CP.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1328 | Enroute to CP with approximately 80 civilians.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1332 | 1 platoon now sweeping village at coordinates BT 023627. Picking up all civilians that were missed the first time. Will search all cracks and tunnels.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1343 | E/3 patrol has returned to ...  |
| H    | S-3  | 1357 | H/1 patrol at Ck Pt #4 (BT 025574).   |
| E    | S-3  | 1450 | E/1 now entering CP.  |
| E    | S-3  | 1455 | E/2 now entering CP.  |
| S-3  | Regt | 1530 | SPOT REPORT #13<br>A- F/1<br>B- 291020H<br>C- BT 028621<br>D- Patrol moving on trail through heavy bamboo thicket hit trip wire on side of trail causing instant explosion which cleared brush in area 12-15 meters in diameter. 1 Marine caught fragmentations.<br>E- Applied 1st Aid and casualty med-evaced.<br>F- None.<br>G- 2<br>H-N- None. |
| S-3  | Regt | 1545 | SPOT REPORT #14<br>A- E/1<br>B- 291110H<br>C- BT 025622<br>D- Patrol discovered 3 non-detonated mines/booby traps at referenced coordinates.<br>E- All were blown in place. Patrol continued mission. Mine report will follow.<br>F-N- None.  |
| H    | S-3  | 1548 | Received Med Cap report passed on to S-5.   |
| H    | S-3  | 1626 | H/1 patrol at Ck Pt #5 (BT 032582).   |
| S-3  | Regt | 1650 | SPOT REPORT #16<br>A- Echo<br>B- 291204H<br>C- Fr: BT 015628, BT 025623   |

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|      |           |      | D- At 1200H BR CP (BT 015628) and E/1 patrol (BT 025623) simultaneously came under small arms fire from the vicinity of BT 016625 in an apparent attempt to draw both into a firefight. At same time E/1 drew fire from the north (vic BT 024629).  |
|      |           |      | E- E/1 swept north as remainder of Echo Co deployed from CP to exploit contact. 1 platoon established block south of PHONG LUC (3) (BT 018623) and other platoon swept south through hamlet. Sweeps had negative results. All civilians were screened and 22 adults were forwarded to DIEN BAN District Headquarters for questioning. |
|      |           |      | F-N- None/Unknown.  |
| F    | S-3       | 1700 | F/1 patrol has returned to CP.  |
| H    | S-3       | 1754 | H/1 patrol back in CP.  |
| H&S  | S-3       | 1800 | All vehicles back in request to secure road security. Yes.  |
| H&S  | S-3       | 1810 | Road security has returned to CP.   |
| S-3  | Regt      | 1915 | SPOT REPORT #21   |
|      |           |      | A- H&S  |
|      |           |      | B- 291540H  |
|      |           |      | C- Fr: BT 032643 En: BT 033646  |
|      |           |      | D- Road security received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire from referenced coordinates.   |
|      |           |      | E- Area swept with negative results.  |
|      |           |      | F-N- None.  |
| E    | S-3       | 1933 | E/3 patrol now departing CP.  |
| S-3  | All Units | 1940 | FRAG ORDER for 30 Sept 66   |
|      |           |      | 1. Situation: No change.  |
|      |           |      | 2. Mission: No change.  |
|      |           |      | 3. Execution  |
|      |           |      | A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.   |
|      |           |      | B- Foxtrot continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.  |
|      |           |      | C- Golf conduct day and night ambushes and patrols in assigned area.  |
|      |           |      | D- Hotel conduct day and night ambushes and patrols in assigned area.   |
|      |           |      | E- H&S provide ANDERSON TRAIL security and CP defense.  |
|      |           |      | F- Coordinating Instructions:   |
|      |           |      | (1) Foxtrot and Golf provide 1 platoon each to H&S commander at 0800H.  |


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|            |     |      | Echo provide 1 platoon at 1300H  |
|            |     |      | (2) Rifle companies are scheduled for CP defense as follows: 100t Echo, 200t Foxtrot, 300t Golf, 500t Echo, 600t Foxtrot, 700t Golf.   |
|            |     |      | (3) Ambushes and patrols previously submitted approved.  |
|            |     |      | (4) In accordance with Operation 223-66 Foxtrot designated in reserve.   |
|            |     |      | 4. Logistics: No change.   |
|            |     |      | 5. Command: No change.   |
| E/1/D, H&S | S-3 | 2000 | All Secure.  |
| E          | S-3 | 2040 | E/3 patrol at FF outpost (BT 035635), preparing to move out to their night time position.  |
| E          | S-3 | 2045 | E/1 patrol's return time has been changed from 302400H to 010100H  |
| S-3        | H&S | 2047 | H&S lines have been notified of the change in time of the E/1 patrol.  |
| E          | S-3 | 2108 | E/1 patrol departing CP.   |
| H          | S-3 | 2117 | H/2/A patrol has departed CP.  |
| H          | S-3 | 2210 | Report of Combined Activities for 281700H to 291700H Sept 66.  |
|            |     |      | 1. H/3 continued routine combined OP-LP during this period. Psychological Warfare Team showed movies at 281930H to 400 villagers for whom curfew had been extended. Sniper fire caused the crowd to disperse near the end of the presentation. Both Marines and PF's watched movie later, then used microphone to stir up VC as previously reported. At 290900H movies were again shown to civilians and PF's who thoroughly enjoyed them. H/3 and Psychological Warfare Officers journey to northern hamlet for candy presentation to the school and were greeted by the village chief and 200 school children. H/3 and Psychological Warfare Officers were invited to lunch with PF platoon leader by the village chief and the hamlet chief. At 1400H H/3 attended another ceremony with local religious leader and village officials including another meal. |
|            |     |      | 2. H/3 CP delivered 6 crates of fruit and a large crate of candy to the village chief of VING HOA for distribution to school children. H/1 and PF's conducted a sweep in northern TAOR and H/1 related   |

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| S-3    | Regt | 2230 | that PF's performed excellently.<br>Follow upon H&S SPOT REPORT DTG 282200H.<br>D- 10 year old boy states he saw about 20<br>VC in grey uniforms with rifles digging<br>in the area indicated about 2000H.<br>E- Area swept with negative results. Am-<br>bush with scout dog team remained in area<br>all night with negative results.  |
| E      | S-3  | 2230 | Request med-evac at BT 038634. 2 men with<br>shrapnel wounds from a mine.  |
| E      | S-3  | 2230 | Receiving sniper fire from BT 033632,<br>BT 033628, and 037627.  |
| E      | S-3  | 2240 | Med-evac complete.   |
| G, H&S | S-3  | 2300 | All Secure.  |
| S-3    | Regt | 2320 | SPOT REPORT #27<br>A- E/2<br>B- 292235H<br>C- Fr: BT 038634<br>D- Patrol member tripped wire to mine<br>wounding 2 Marines.<br>E- Med-evac completed at 292240H.<br>F- None.<br>G- 2<br>H-N- None.   |
| S-3    | Regt | 2328 | SPOT REPORT #28<br>A- Echo<br>B- 292236H<br>C- Fr: BT 038634<br>D- Received sniper fire from unknown<br>number of VC. Fire coming from west,<br>south, and southwest. Approximately 300<br>meters away.<br>E- Fire returned by small arms and 10<br>81mm mortar rounds. Ambush site com-<br>promised by mine detonation and med-evac.<br>Ambush will be relocated.<br>F-N- None. |
| G      | S-3  | 2358 | G/3/A patrol now departing CP.   |

#### SYNOPSIS

29 Sept - At 0700H ANDERSON TRAIL road completed with negative contact. At 0935H F/1 PPB security patrol found an unoccupied grass hut at BT 054606 containing wire, lights, and 29 new BA-279 bat-teries. The material was picked up and area was searched with negative results. At 1020H F/1 patrol at BT 028621 moving on a trail through

heavy thickets had 5th men in column hit a trip wire on the side of the trail. This caused an instantaneous explosion which cleared the brush in the area for 12 to 15 meters in diameter. The next man in column, (15 meters away) caught some fragmentation and both were rendered first aid. At 1204H the Bn CP at BT 015627 and E/1 patrol at BT 025628 simultaneously came under small arms fire from BT 018625 in an apparent attempt to draw both into a fire fight. The patrol also received fire from the north at BT 024629. E/1 swept north as the remainder of Echo Company deployed from the CP to exploit the enemy contact. All sweeps had negative results; 22 people were forwarded to DIEN BAN District Headquarters for questioning. At 1540H H&S road security at BT 032642 received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire from BT 033640 and returned fire. The area was swept with negative results. At 2235H E/2 patrol at BT 038634 had a man trip a mine and 2 WLA's resulted. At 2236H E/2 received sniper fire from an unknown number of VC from the west, south and southwest approximately 300 meters away; small arms and 81mm mortars were returned. The ambush site was compromised due to the detonation and will be relocated. There were 6 platoon search and destroy patrols; 5 platoon security patrols; 4 platoon and 2 squad ambushes; 4 listening posts; and 4 observation posts during this period.

  
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| H&S       | S-3  | 0001 | All Secure.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0032 | E/3 patrol departing night time position (BT 038635).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0040 | G/3/A now at their ambush position (BT 003627).  |
| H         | S-3  | 0056 | All Secure.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0103 | All Secure.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0114 | E/1 approaching Bn CP. Will use green star cluster to notify H&S lines.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0128 | E/1 has returned to CP.  |
| E         | S-3  | 0140 | E/3 and Command Group enroute to CP.   |
| H         | S-3  | 0210 | H/1/A returning to CP.   |
| E         | S-3  | 0213 | E/3 position report BT 020637.   |
| E         | S-3  | 0226 | E/3 has returned to CP.  |
| F         | S-3  | 0300 | F/2 patrol departing CP.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 0300 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0400 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0500 | All Secure.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 0600 | All Secure.  |
| H&S       | S-3  | 0615 | ANDERSON TRAIL road sweep/security has departed the CP.  |
| G         | S-3  | 0823 | G/2 departing CP.  |
| E/2       | S-3  | 0824 | E/2 departed CP.   |
| G         | S-3  | 0845 | G/2 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 005627).  |
| E         | S-3  | 0850 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 049633).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0910 | G/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 003633).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0923 | G/2 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 009632).  |
| E         | S-3  | 0926 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 045642).  |
| G         | S-3  | 0953 | G/2 patrol has returned to CP.   |
| F         | S-3  | 1000 | F/2/B patrol sprung ambush and are beginning process to search area, other 2 squads of F/2 are instructed to stay in their position if they have not been compromised by the ambush being sprung. Ambush was sprung in the vicinity BT 007619. |
| H&S       | S-3  | 1017 | Road sweep and lines all secure.   |
| S-3       | Regt | 1055 | SPOT REPORT #3<br>A- F/2/B<br>B- 300945H<br>C- BT 011617<br>D- Ambush sprung, 1 VC moving at referenced coordinates was carrying a M-72 (LAW) which detonated when hit.  |



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|       |      |      | E- Search revealed destroyed M-72 (LAW) and body. No identification found on the body.   |
|       |      |      | F-H- None.   |
|       |      |      | I- 1 (confirmed)   |
|       |      |      | J-N- None.   |
| E     | S-3  | 1108 | E/2 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 032630).  |
| E     | S-3  | 1130 | E/2 patrol back in CP.   |
| H     | S-3  | 1225 | H/2 patrol now departing CP.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1258 | F/3 patrol now departing CP.   |
| G     | S-3  | 1358 | G/1/B patrol at Ck Pt #1 (AT 997647).  |
| E/1/D | S-3  | 1415 | Received Med Cap from E/1/D passed on to S-5.  |
| E     | S-3  | 1420 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #1 (BT 028632).  |
| S-3   | Regt | 1421 | SPOT REPORT #8   |
|       |      |      | A- G/1/B   |
|       |      |      | B- 301330H   |
|       |      |      | C- AT 997642   |
|       |      |      | D- Patrol observed at referenced coordinates 1 VCS running away. Fired small arms and VCS halted. VCS apprehended had no weapons, but is of military age. ID and papers state that he was last employed in May as a bus boy. |
|       |      |      | E- VCS being returned to CP for further questioning.   |
|       |      |      | F-K- None.   |
|       |      |      | L- 1   |
|       |      |      | M-N- None.   |
| G     | S-3  | 1445 | G/1/B patrol has returned to CP.   |
| G     | S-3  | 1445 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #2 (BT 028622).  |
| F     | S-3  | 1530 | F/2 patrol reports that at 1458H at coordinates BT 009616 found 4 foot traps and a metal spike driven through a board. Engineers removed traps and are bringing them back to the CP.   |
| S-3   | Regt | 1540 | SPOT REPORT #13  |
|       |      |      | A- F/2   |
|       |      |      | B- 301458H   |
|       |      |      | C- BT 009616   |
|       |      |      | D- Located four punji traps at referenced coordinates.   |
|       |      |      | E- Traps collected and returned to CP.   |
|       |      |      | F- None.   |
| E/3   | S-3  | 1545 | E/3 patrol at Ck Pt #3 (BT 038627).  |
| F     | S-3  | 1637 | F/3 patrol has returned to the CP.   |
| F     | S-3  | 1733 | Requested fire mission at BT 007615. Patrol receiving heavy sniper fire at above coordinates.  |


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| H&S  | S-3       | 1814 | H&S reports all vehicles in CP request to bring road security back to CP. Yes   |
| H&S  | S-3       | 1840 | Road security enroute to CP received sniper fire at BT 014636.  |
| H&S  | S-3       | 1900 | Road security back in CP.   |
| H    | S-3       | 1912 | Hotel cancelled their Day and Night Activities due to a newly received commitment for 1 Oct.  |
| S-3  | Regt      | 1950 | SPOT REPORT #17<br>A- H&S Road Security<br>B- 301840H<br>C- Fr: BT 018635 En: BT 014636<br>D- Road security returning to CP received automatic weapons fire from referenced coordinates from an unknown number of VC.<br>E- Road security returned fire with small arms fire. VC broke contact and fled in unknown direction.<br>F-N- None.                               |
| H    | S-3       | 1955 | H/2 patrol has returned to the CP.  |
| E    | S-3       | 2010 | E/3 squads set in their respective ambush positions.  |
| S-3  | Regt      | 2010 | SPOT REPORT #18<br>A- F/2/C<br>B- 301800H<br>C- Fr: BT 007616 En: BT 007614<br>D- F/2/C patrol was set in ambush position when 2 or 3 VC opened up with 1 automatic weapons and 2 probable semi-automatic weapons.<br>E- Squad immediately returned fire with small arms fire, M-79 rounds, and 81mm mortars were called. Area swept with negative results.<br>F-N- None. |
| S-3  | All Units | 2055 | FRAG ORDER for 1 OCT<br>1. Situation: No change.<br>2. Mission: No change.<br>3. Execution:<br>A- Echo continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE and provide 1 platoon to H&S commandor at 1800H<br>B- Foxtrot continue Operation GOLDEN FLEECE.<br>C- Golf conduct day and night ambushes and patrols in assigned areas.<br>D- Hotel conduct assigned mission.                    |

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|           |      |      | E- H&S provide ANDERSON TRAIL security and CP defense.  |
|           |      |      | F- Coordinating Instructions:   |
|           |      |      | (1) Echo, Foxtrot and Golf provide 1 platoon each to H&S commander at 0800H.  |
|           |      |      | (2) Ambushes and patrols previously submitted approved.   |
|           |      |      | (3) In accordance with Operation 10 223-66 Foxtrot designated Bn reserve.   |
|           |      |      | 4. Logistics: No change.  |
|           |      |      | 5. Command: No change.  |
| H&S       | S-3  | 2120 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 2145 | H/1/A patrol has departed CP.   |
| All Units | S-3  | 2200 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 2210 | H/1/A patrol in ambush position.  |
| S-3       | Regt | 2230 | SPOT REPORT   |
|           |      |      | A- Hotel  |
|           |      |      | B- 302200H  |
|           |      |      | C- BT-039583  |
|           |      |      | D- H/1/A while moving to night position received 10-12 rounds of sniper fire from unknown direction.                    |
|           |      |      | E- Patrol did not return fire because of possibility of alerting VC of their position.                                  |
| G, H&S    | S-3  | 2300 | F-N- None.  |
| S-3       | Regt | 2310 | All Secure.   |
|           |      |      | SPOT REPORT   |
|           |      |      | AA- Hotel   |
|           |      |      | B- 302300H  |
|           |      |      | C- BT 039583  |
|           |      |      | D- H/1/A patrol continues to receive sporadic well aimed fire from the west of their night ambush position.             |
|           |      |      | E- Maintaining fire discipline.   |
|           |      |      | F-N- None.  |
| H         | S-3  | 2328 | H/2/A patrol in ambush position.  |
| E/1/D     | S-3  | 2335 | All Secure.   |
| H         | S-3  | 2340 | Report of Combined Activities from 29 1700H to 301700H Sept   |
|           |      |      | 1. H/3 continued routine day and night combined LP's and OP's without incident.   |
|           |      |      | H/3 platoon commander dined with hamlet village chief, PF platoon commander, local priests and other local dignitaries. |
| F         | S-3  | 2350 | F/1 patrol departing CP.  |
| All Units | S-3  | 2400 | All Secure.   |

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30 Sept - At 0945H F/2/B in ambush position at BT 008 617 had 1 VC move into killing zone carrying a M-72 which detonated when hit. At 1330H G/1/B at BT 997642 reported seeing a VCS running away from their position. They fired small arms and apprehended him. At 1458H F/2 at BT 009616 located 4 punji traps and collected them. At 1800H F/2/C at BT 007616 was set in ambush position when 2 or 3 VC commenced firing with an automatic weapon and 2 probable semi-automatic weapons. Fire was immediately returned. Enemy broke contact and area swept with negative results. There were 7 platoon and 1 squad search and destroy patrols; 5 platoon and 2 squad security patrols; 2 platoon and 3 squad ambushes; 5 listening posts; and 3 observation posts during this period.

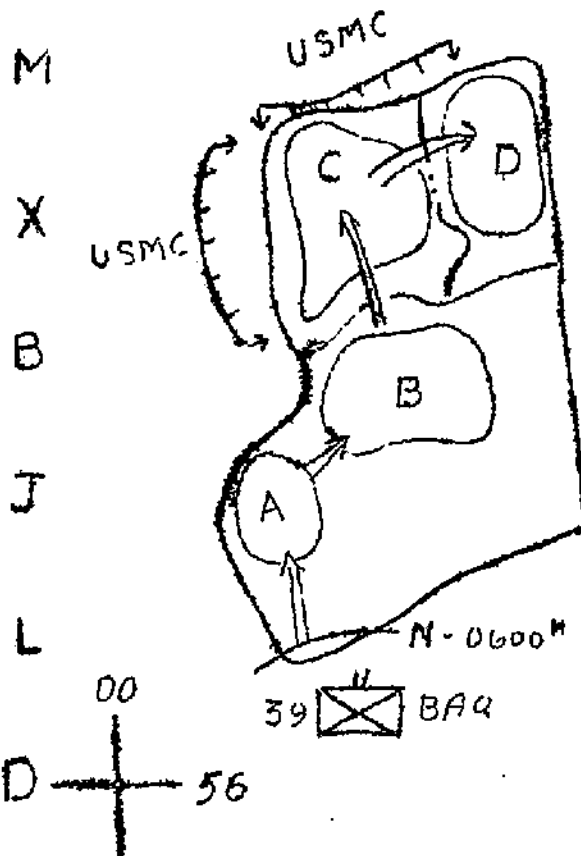
  
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1. Golf commence move 011500 Sep 66 to assembly area; move on 2 Sep 66 to be in blocking pos. NLT 020630 Sep 66
2. Echo move at such time to be in blocking pos. NLT 020800 Sep 66.
3. Hotel move at such time as to be in blocking pos. NLT 020800 Sep 66.
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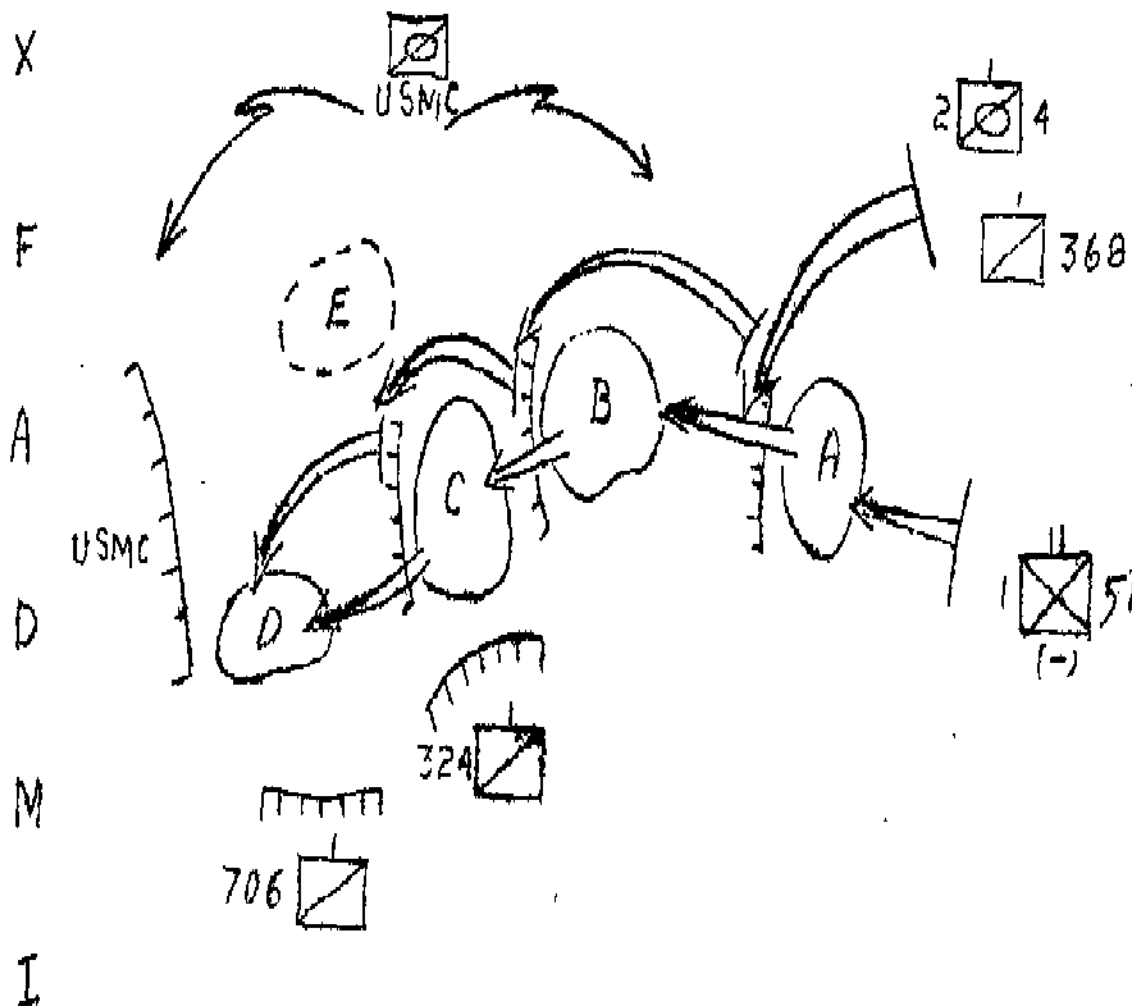
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1st Marines (Rein)  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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14 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn G-3)  
Subj: Operation TROY After Action Report  
Ref: (a) CG, ed MarDiv O 3100.1B  
Encl: (1) Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines After Action Report  
3:02B:10H over 3100 dtd 7 Sep 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) Enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This operation demonstrated the 2d Battalion's capability of shifting from a defensive posture to the offensive swiftly and efficiently. Initially the 2d Battalion was to provide blocking forces for an ARVN search and clear operation but after contacts were made on 2 September the operation evolved into a three (3) company reinforced search and destroy operation. This rapid reaction had a marked effect on VC units operating in that portion of our TAOR.
3. Significantly, the A/O and Marine Air Support contributed greatly to the success of this operation. During the operation Marine Air is credited with 36 VC KIA's. The ever present A/O took away the VC's capability of undetected movement. Additionally, the A/O was able to control fixed wing and artillery missions which materially increased the VC casualties ie 36 KBWA, 33 KBGF.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) 3rd MarDiv msg 01246Z Sep 1966  
(b) MAPS: Vietnam: 1:50,000 series AMS 1509, Sheets  
6658 IV & I  
(c) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines OpO 219-66

1. Code Name. Operation TROY - A Battalion search and destroy operation in conjunction with elements of 51st ARVN Regiment and 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion.

2. Dates of Operation. 021600H-041835H Sep 1966. (Note: Field operations commenced 020800H Sep 1966 as a combined operation with ARVN. At 021600H Sep 1966 the operation was designated Operation TROY; this report, for sake of clarity, however, covers the entire period.)

3. Location. QUANG NAM Province.

4. Control/Command Headquarters

2nd Bn, 1st Marines (-)(Rein)

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 2nd Bn, 1st Marines | LtCol J.D. SPAULDING, USMC |
| HE&S Company        | 1stLt K.P. KLINKER, USMCR  |
| Company E           | Capt T.M. PRATT III, USMC  |
| Company F (-)       | Capt G.A. DEEGAN, USMC     |
| Company G           | 1stLt W.F. JEFFERYS, USMCR |
| Company H (-)       | Capt D.L. WISEMAN, USMC    |

5. Task Organization

2nd Bn, 1st Marines

HE&S Company

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Company E

Company F (-)

Company G

Company H (-)

Sec, 3rd Plat, Co B, 3rd AT Bn

1st Plat, Co "C", 3rd AmTree Bn

#### 6. Supporting Forces

a. The major support in this operation was provided by 1st Bn, 11th Marines and elements of the 3rd MAW.

b. Artillery support played a major role in assisting the conduct of the ground operations and in exploiting targets of opportunity. The use of an airborne artillery FO in exploiting VC sightings in the vicinity of GS's AT 9959, AT 9958 and BT 0060 was particularly effective and accounted for a good percentage of the probable VC casualties. Throughout the operation, artillery was generally responsive and effective.

c. Helicopter support played a vital role in the resupply and movement of the ground troops. On 2 September the troop lift of Company G from the via AT 998611 to the LZ in vicinity BT 005596 was late in execution. This delay fortunately was not vital and was caused by the initial late arrival of the helicopters and initial inability to communicate. Once the fixed wing aircraft, the TACA, and the helicopters were in communication the lift was executed. The inability of 3rd MAW to provide for the troop lift of Foxrot Company on the morning of 3 September caused this portion of the operation to be delayed 24 hours.

d. Close air support throughout the operation was both effective and responsive. In all cases, it was controlled by a TACA.

#### 7. Intelligence

a. Enemy. The estimated VC strength in the area of operations is 200 to 300.

(1) The majority of contact consisted of sniper fire from 4 to 5 VC with automatic weapons.

(c) 020911H. Elements of Golf Company waiting in LZ, vicinity AT 998611, received automatic weapons fire from vicinity AT 996608. Fire was returned with small arms and 81mm mortar mission was called. Enemy fire was suppressed.

(b) AT 020915H. Golf Company while at their helicopter pick up point (vic AT 998611), received heavy automatic weapons fire from vicinity AT 992609. Fire was returned with small arms, M-79 rounds and artillery. Contact was broken by the VC.

(c) 020920H. Golf Company landed vicinity BT 005596 via helicopter and upon landing received .30 Cal MG and small arms fire from vicinity BT 003597. An air strike was called and enemy fire was suppressed.

(d) 021000H. Golf Company swept hamlet vicinity BT 003597 and found a great deal of blood in the huts. As Golf Company moved into the hamlet, the AO on station observed a group of VC fleeing in a westerly direction. An air strike was called and there was excellent coverage of the target resulting in 5 KBA (probable).

(e) 021210H. AO observed approximately 15 VC in vicinity AT 992600 and an artillery mission was called. AO observed a direct hit on fleeing VC resulting in 9 KBA (probable).

(f) 021300H. AO observed a VC unit (vic AT 991585) fleeing in a southerly direction. An air strike was called, resulting in 10 KBA (probable).

(g) 021350H. AO observed a VC unit in the vicinity AT 993609. An air strike was called with AO observing good effect on the target, resulting in 6 KBA (probable).

(h) 021700H. Echo Company (BT 018604) observed 3 VC in vicinity BT 015609 and called 81mm mortar mission. Coverage of the target was excellent and the VC disappeared.

(i) 031030H. Golf Company (BT 005595) received 2 sniper rounds from vicinity BT 012595. Fire was returned with small arms and M-79 rounds. VC broke contact.

(j) 031910H. Golf Company located vicinity BT 004603 observed 5 VC vicinity BT 003600. The AO on station controlled an air strike on target with good coverage. Results were unknown due to darkness.

(k) 032030H. Golf Company (BT 003598) called an artillery mission in on 4 snipers vicinity BT 003602, and on 3 snipers vicinity BT 003604. There was excellent coverage of both targets and the sniping ceased.

(2) The VC withdrew on each occasion leaving small units with sniping and harassing missions. The VC are capable of massing company size units and defending an area of their own choice. These units can be reinforced by the Q-15 Company (operating in the vicinity of GS 0061) and one unidentified battalion (operating in GS 9859). Estimated VC losses during the operation were 57 KIA (probable).

b. Terrain. The area of operations is characterized by flat delta land with numerous rice paddies.

8. Mission. To provide blocking forces for the 1st Bn, 51st ARVN Regt (-) and 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion and to conduct company size search and clear operations either unilaterally or in coordination with ARVN forces.

9. Concept of Operations. Initially 3 companies provide the blocking forces with one company in reserve. Company H provides block along north bank of SONG CAM LAN River from vicinity GS 0156 to GS 0455; Company G provides block on the west vicinity GS 0160; and Company E blocks on north bank SONG THANH QUIT River vicinity GS 0160 and GS 0261.

#### 10. Execution

a. 2 September - At 1600H Operation H-149 changed to Operation TROY. At 1700H Echo Company at BT 015609 reported enemy movement at BT 018604; 81mm mortar mission was called resulting in 3 probable VC KBA's. At 1930H F/I with EOD support team was helo lifted into vicinity AT 991588 to search for dud 500 lb bombs. Received heavy automatic fire from south, west, and east and called extensive artillery prep fire prior to attempting insertion. One helo was shot down and burned; troops, EOD personnel and crew was extracted while aircraft on station provided air support. Burning helo was destroyed by satchel charge.

b. 3 September - At 1030H Golf Company received 2 sniper rounds from BT 012595 and returned fire with small arms and M-79 rounds; results were 1 U.S. WIA who was med-evaced. At 1340H AO observed 3 VC in village containing extensive fighting holes throughout. As artillery mission was called; VC took evasive action and move into tree line at AT 981589; they were wearing green and black clothes and carried web gear. Rounds had good coverage of target, but body count was impossible due to dense foliage. At 1500H Foxtrot Company at BT 024634, while conducting reconnaissance for Operation TROY, observed 3 VC with weapons approximately 300 meters from their position. The village was swept and 3 freshly dug trenches were discovered and destroyed; there was no further contact. At 1745H Golf Company at BT 003597 received sniper fire from BT 010598 and countered with small arms. No casualties resulted. At 1910H Golf Company located at BT 003600 observed 5 VC at BT 004603. AO on station controlled air strike consisting of 20mm cannon fire and 5" ZUNI rockets; no body count was possible due to darkness. H/I/A patrol at 1945H received sniper fire from northwest of their position (via AT 998553) and returned fire with small arms and 4-60mm mortar rounds; sniper fire ceased. Golf CP at BT 003598 received 15 rounds of sniper fire into their perimeter at 2030H; a fire mission was called on sniper positions at BT 002602 and BT 003604. There was excellent

coverage of target and sniping ceased. At 2145H Echo Company received 60-75 rounds automatic fire from vicinity BT 020613 and returned fire with 19 rounds of 60mm mortar and 5 M-79 rounds were fired. Results were unknown.

d. 4 September - At 0930H Golf Company received sniper fire from AT 993593 and air strikes were called using 20mm cannon, napalm, and bombs against enemy positions. Although good coverage of target was noted, results were not known. Smoke was seen, however, coming from opposite side of the bank on which bombs were dropped indicating a tunnel network; Golf Company searched area with negative results. There was one marine injured slightly. At 1600H H/1 patrol at AT 995580 received sniper fire from AT 995580; it was returned with M-79 and small arms; troops were unable to sweep area due to H/1 remaining in position as ordered. At 1700H H/1 at AT 992577 took sniper fire from VC in hut at AT 998582 and ONTOS returned 106RR fire at sniper's location; sweep of position was out short by Golf Company's 81mm mortar mission on same target controlled by AO. Results were 3 probable VC KIA's. At 1800H Golf Company CP, while awaiting helo lift, received sniper fire from AT 985582; gunships made runs along with fire support from ground troops. Fixed wing made 20mm cannon runs and dropped napalm. Upon completion of air strikes, artillery mission called; results were 3 U.S. WIA's; 2 minor and 1 serious with stomach wound; 1 heat casualty was also evacuated. At 1830H Operation TROY terminated.

## 11. Results

### a. Friendly Personnel and Equipment

(1) The personnel strength of the participating units during the operation was as follows: 20 Officer, 744 Enlisted USMC; 2 Officer - 50 Enlisted USN.

(2) Friendly casualties: 18 WIA.

(3) Discipline, Law and Order: No problems.

(4) Morale: Considered above normal because of the higher VC casualty rate.

## 12. Administrative Matters

a. Logistics. There were no logistical problems encountered during the operation. Resupply was accomplished by both helicopter and vehicular means. Med-evacs were removed and sent to either Battalion Aid Station or "C" Company, 3rd Med Bn by helicopter.

### b. Medical

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- (1) Battle casualties - 0 KIA & 18 WIA.
- (2) Non Battle casualties - 2.
- (3) Special problems. None.

c. Communications. No problems encountered.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None employed.

14. Commander's Analysis. This operation confirmed heavy VC infiltration in the general areas GS's 9958, 9959, 9960, 0059, 0060, 0260, 0361 and 0261. While both of these general areas are populated to one degree or another, the populace is definitely VC orientated. Military age males are not in evidence; one old man and a few women and children occupy the hamlets during the day. Their apparent mission is to provide early warning of the approach of government troops and to deter further destruction of the hamlets. The military age men are hiding in well-concealed caves and tunnels.

15. Recommendations

a. The enemy forces moving through or harboring in these areas have not shown any willingness to stand and fight marine units. When marine patrols approach the area, the enemy harasses by long range sniper fire and deters vigorous pursuit by emplacing mines and in this manner he is able to evade solid contact. The experience of 2 Sep 66 when G Company executed the helicopter landing and assault of the hamlet flushing the VC into a hasty retreat was a fine example of how to kill VC in this environment. Although the VC again showed no inclination to really stand and fight and again commenced his usual "fade into the distant tree line", the combination of the sudden entry of marine forces and the all important OE on station made the difference. The VC no longer enjoyed the relative immunity normally afforded him when pursued by ground forces alone. Air was able to keep the VC under surveillance and by proper use of artillery and fixed wing kept the enemy in retreat inflicting heavy casualties along the way.

b. An occasional, well-planned operation of this type with all of the necessary assets and based on timely intelligence will do far more to damage the VC in this environment than regular patrolling and is a better utilization of Marine forces.

  
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23 Oct

Air Officer Comment:

TROY

Para 6, CO, 2/1

Air support was provided by First, not 30 MAW.

Subpara 2, last sentence, Lst referred to was  
of EOD & security force with mission search & destroy  
2 reported 500# bombs. Attempt to perform on 2 Sep  
aborted when helo (CH-46) shot down in LZ. Resched  
for morning of 3 Sep included Wing requirement for  
UH1E (Gun) escort. Guns not available until finished  
our Buff Rider requirement approx 1230. 1st Mor  
cancelled all at 1150. "Inability" of Wing thus due to  
additional requirements for hot LZ and conflict of priorities  
available assets.

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## Opns Comments

This is essentially a straight-forward, chronological narrative of the operations. There are no significant omissions.

Do not concur with para 15b recommendations. Regular patrolling in this environment is an absolute requirement. A combination of the two (a "well planned operation" and regular patrolling) are necessary. Failure to patrol regularly provides the VC with a freedom of movement, and therefore constant access to the populace that we cannot afford.

The outstanding success of A.O. infantry - arty - CAS is nothing new. The problem has been providing the front end in the chain - the A.O. - remains. It is difficult to estimate how much the efficiency of infantry in this environment is increased by having an A.O. on station, but the increase is certainly significant. This leads to a conclusion that we all are well aware of - we need much more A.O. support than can be furnished from present assets.

Jenkins

Command Post Alpha

1500?



22 Oct 66

FSC Comment

1. EN THUSIASTICALLY CONCUR WITH OPERATIONS OFFICER COMMENT RE AO. We need To modify our organization To fight here, IN VIETNAMESE TERRAIN.

2. PARA 10(d). INSUFFICIENT detail for full APPRAISAL of A possible FSC breakdown, when AN 81 MORTAR mission "CUT SHORT" A sweep. If full control was held, I ASSUME A choice was made To use MORTAR FIRE INSTEAD of A sweep IN The AREA.

Respectfully,  
W.A. Fine

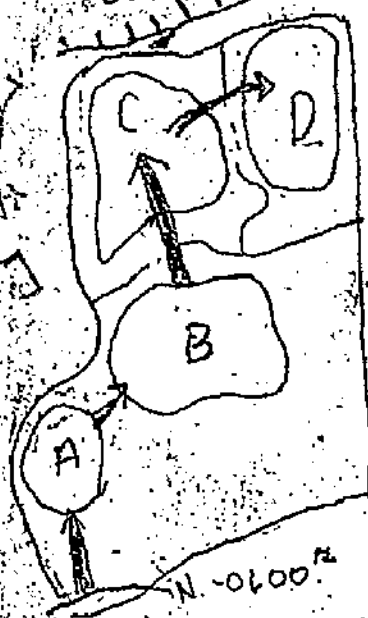
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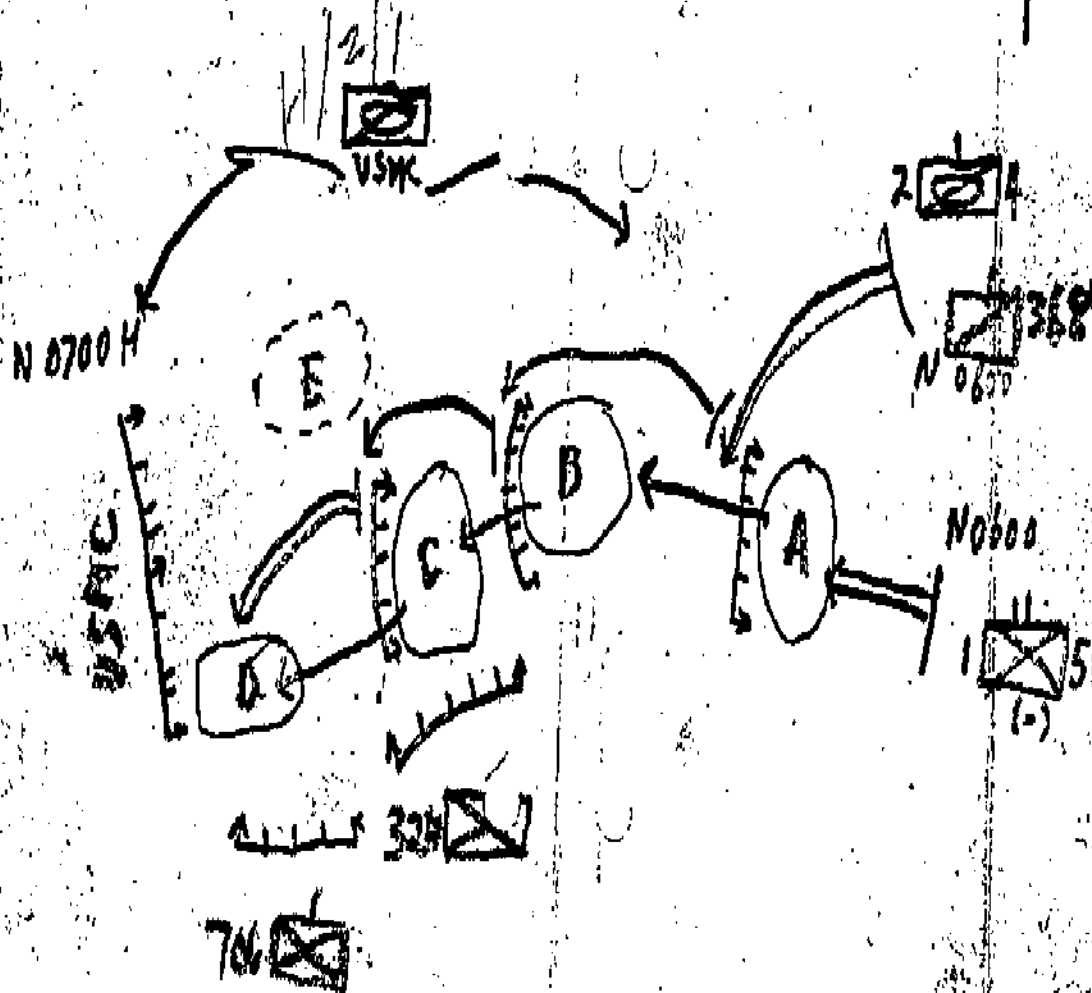
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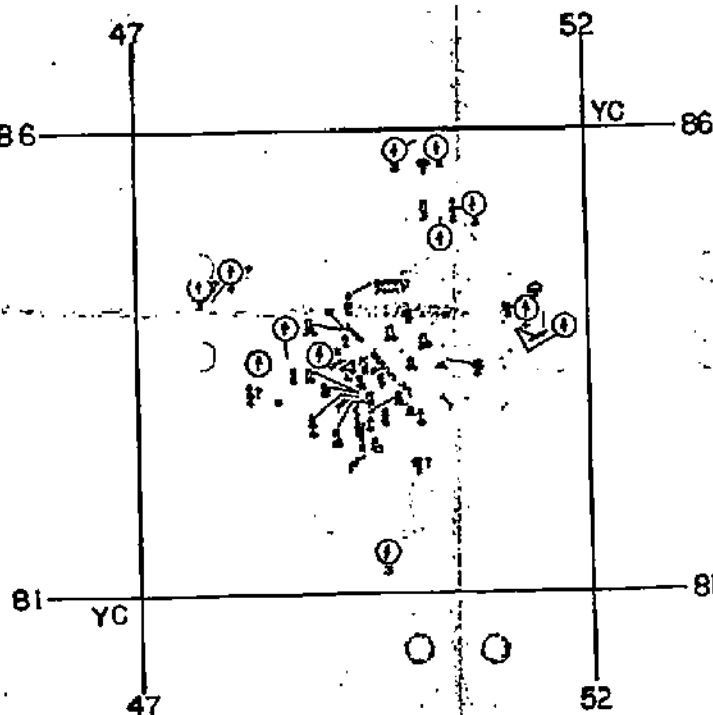


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A Tunnel Entrance

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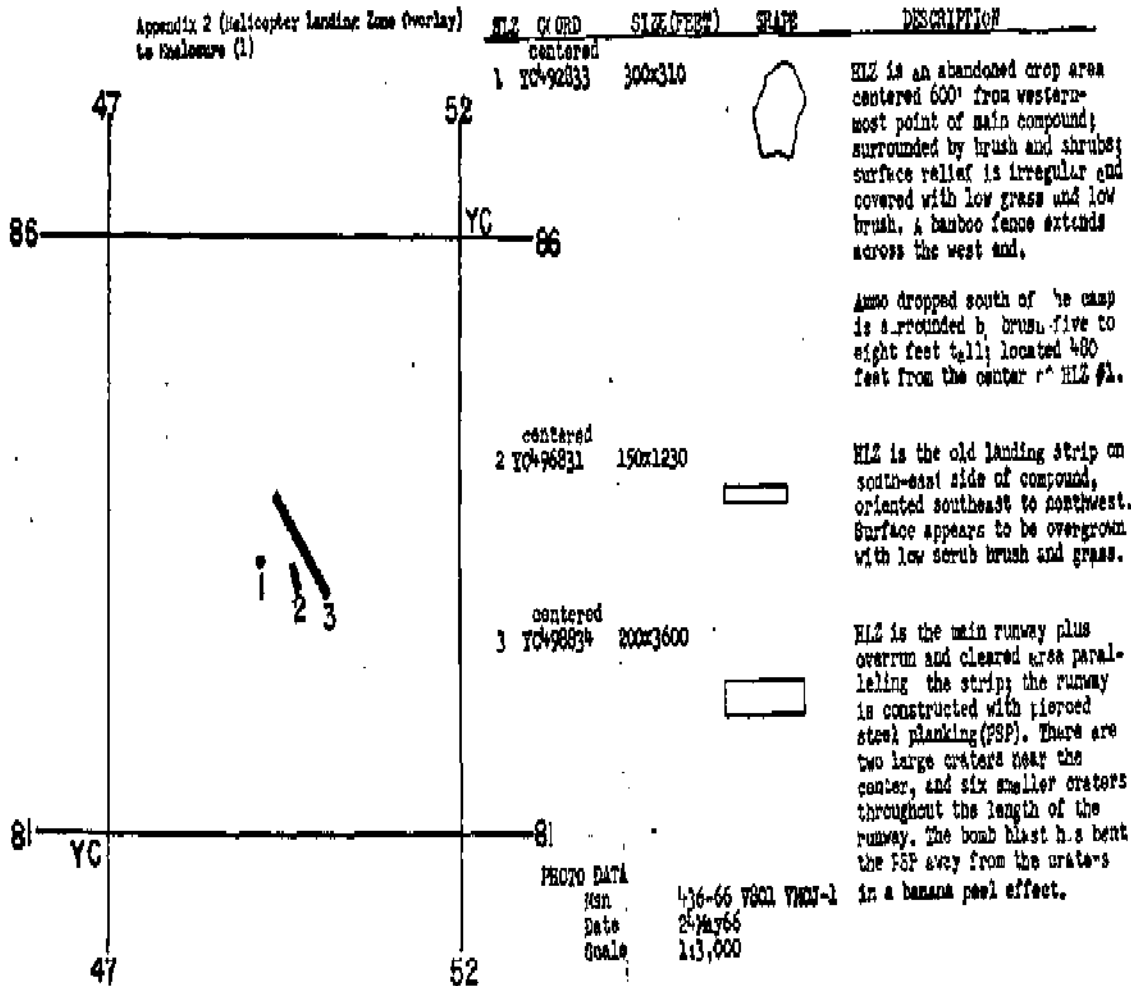


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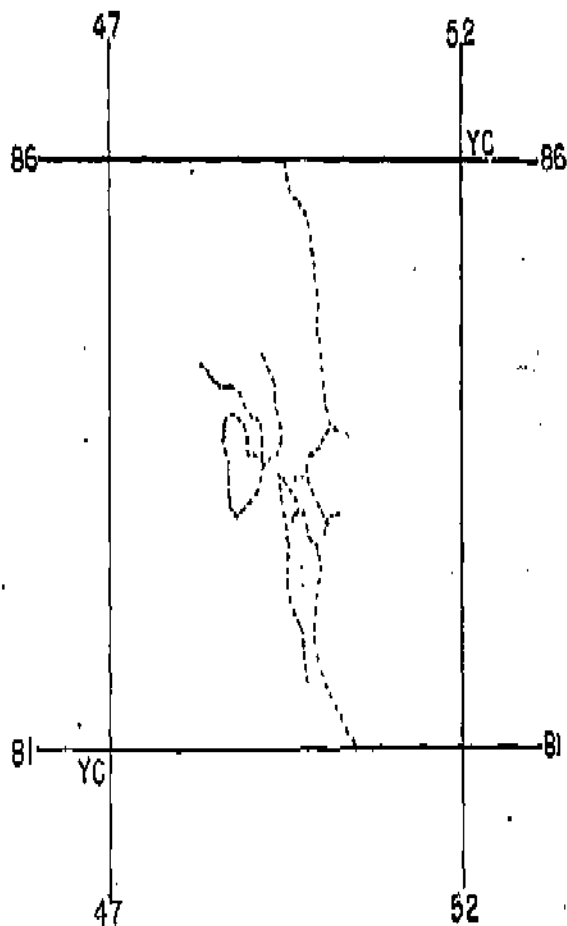


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(c) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines OpO 218-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3rd Bn, 1st Marines provides one company for reserve.
- (2) General Support: 12th Marines.
- (3) Direct Support: 1st Bn, 11th Marines.

2. MISSION. To conduct a search and destroy operation in order to provide a screen in assigned area thereby decreasing Viet Cong pressure on local populace during the national election period.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. Due to the fact that this is a new area of operation and that this operation is being conducted in conjunction with national elections, a great deal of liaison with local government officials is anticipated. Prior to movement into the operation, the 707th RF Company will be contacted for intelligence and possible routes of movement. A Command Group and two reinforced companies will conduct a search and destroy operation in assigned area. Contact will be effected with TRAN TRUC, District Chief of DUY XUYEN, 324th RF Company and 368th RF Company.

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b. Echo Company (Rein)

Displace by motor convoy at 071200H to secure assembly area (X), and on order, proceed southwest using road as axis of advance, to secure Objective (A).

c. Foxtrot Company (Rein)

Displace by motor convoy at 071200H to assembly area (X) and proceed, on order, screening Echo Company's right flank, southwest through the hamlet's of PHUOC MY (3) and XUYEN TAU to aid in securing objective (A).

d. H&S Company (-)

Command Group displace by motor convoy, in trace of Echo Company, to assembly area (X) and proceed, on order with Echo Company to Objective (A).

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Echo and Foxtrot Companies be prepared, on order, to secure Objectives B, C, D and E.
- (2) When moving from assembly area (X) to Objective (A), Echo Company will guide on Foxtrot Company's movement.
- (3) This order is effective for planning purposes upon receipt and will be executed on order.
- (4) Fire Support Coordination (See Reference (c)).
- (5) Air Support. See Reference (c).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

In accordance with Admin Order 218-66 with the following exception: Supply Point Distribution: Companies be prepared to furnish 10 man working parties to the S-4 on order.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications-Electronics. See Battalion Comm SOP.



b. Command Posts. To be announced. Report changes as they occur.

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- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Operations Overlay
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TASK ORGANIZATION

2nd Bn, 1st Marines (-)


H&S Company (-)

Company E (Rein)

Co E  
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat  
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar  
Det, 2nd Plat, Co A, 1st Engr Bn  
Det, Med Plat

Company F (Rein)

Co F  
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat  
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar  
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn  
Det, Med Plat  
FAC Tm

  
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I - Troop List

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Appendix 1 (Troop List) to Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 220-66

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TROOP LIST

| <u>Command Group</u>           | <u>Officers</u> | <u>Enlisted</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Command Section</u>         |                 |                 |
| Bn C.O.                        | 1               |                 |
| CO's Driver                    |                 | 1               |
| Bn Sgt Maj                     |                 | 1               |
| S-2 Chief                      |                 | 1               |
| S-2 Clerk                      |                 | 1               |
| Interpreter                    |                 | 1               |
| S-3A                           | 1               |                 |
| Operation Chief                |                 | 1               |
| Draftsman                      |                 | 1               |
| Clerk                          |                 | 1               |
| ALO                            | 1               |                 |
| FAC                            | 1               |                 |
| Radiomen                       |                 | 6               |
| Arty LNO                       | 1               |                 |
| Radiomen                       |                 | 2               |
| S-4 Officer                    | 1               |                 |
| S-4 Clerk                      |                 | 1               |
| Supply Man                     |                 | 1               |
| Comm Chief                     |                 | 1               |
| G.O. Operator                  |                 | 1               |
| S-3 Operator                   |                 | 1               |
| <u>81mm Mortar Platoon (-)</u> |                 |                 |
| Platoon Leader                 |                 | 1               |
| Section Leader                 |                 | 1               |
| Radio Operator                 |                 | 1               |
| Ammunition Corporal            |                 | 1               |
| Section Wireman                |                 | 1               |
| Squad Leader                   |                 | 2               |
| Gunner                         |                 | 2               |
| Assistant Gunner               |                 | 2               |
| Ammunition Carrier             |                 | 9               |

Medical Platoon (-)

Officers

Enlisted

Battalion Surgeon  
Corpsmen

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 220-66

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and 6640 IV  
(b) 3rd MarDivO P3800.LF

Time Zone: H

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

a. General. During August and early September there was indication of enemy movement throughout the area. Aerial photographs and Reconnaissance indicates that the northern section is well fortified with entrenchments and automatic weapon positions.

b. Enemy Dispositions

- (1) There has been no NVA unit movement in the area south of 2/1 TAOR.
  - (a) The 70th MF Bn has recently been reported operating in the area of BT 0947 with a strength of 420 men.
  - (b) V-26 MF Co with a strength of 100 men has been reported in the vicinity of BT 0053.
  - (c) # 4 MF Co with a strength of 150 men has been reported operating in the vicinity of BT 0454.
  - (d) C47 Company of the 105th Bn and Q-13B CF Company with a strength of 200 men located at BT 0947.
  - (e) V-27 with a strength of 100 reported to be operating in the vicinity of BT 0454.
  - (f) The DIEN BAN LF Company with a strength of 100 men is reported operating vicinity BT 032552.
  - (g) The DUY XUYEN LF Company with a strength of 100 men is reported operating in the vicinity of BT 012521.

2. Essential Elements of Information

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- a. Determine the strength, locations, identification, composition, organization and disposition of VC Main Force and para-military forces presently operating south of the 2/1 TAOR in QUANG NAM Province.
- b. Determine the location of established infiltration routes of VC units infiltrating into the 2/1 TAOR.
- c. Determine location, extent and type of logistics support bases.
- d. Determine whether VC units will defend positions presently occupied. If so, to what extent, with what type unit, and in what strength.
- e. Determine what the attack capability of VC units will be. In what strength, from which direction, with what type units.
- f. Determine the type(s) and location of defenses the VC will employ in the area.
- g. Determine the locations of helicopter landing sites.
- h. Determine the location of any trenches, tunnels, and fortifications.

3. Reconnaissance and Observation Units

a. Orders to subordinate units

- (1) Report as obtained, information answering the Essential Elements of Information.
- (2) The SPOT REPORT Method of reporting will be utilized.

b. Request to higher, adjacent, and supporting units

(1) 1st Marines

- (a) Provide current enemy order of battle.
- (b) Provide aerial photographs in support of operation.
- (c) Provide latest weather data.

4. Measures for Handling Prisoners, Captured Documents, and Captured Material:

Reference (b) applies.

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5. Maps, Charts, and Photographs: Reference (a) is the tactical map for this operation.
6. Counterintelligence. Reference (b) applies.
7. Reports and Distribution: Reference (a) applies.

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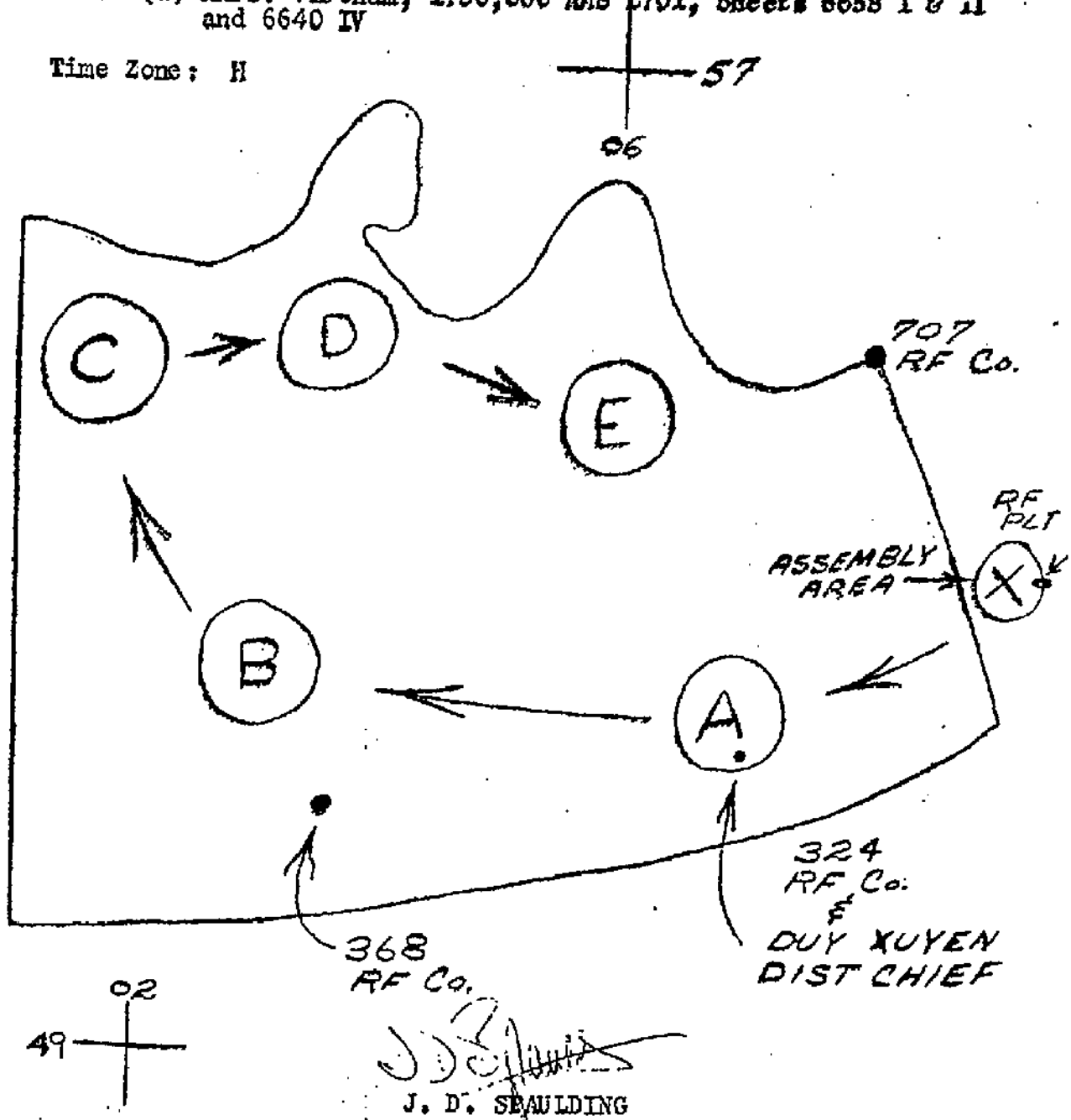
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Subj: After Action Report, Operation Cannon  
Ref: (a) Third Marine Division Order 3100.1B  
Encl: (1) Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines After Action Report  
3/OLShln over 3100 of 15 September 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) Enclosure (1) and the following comments are submitted:

a. The Commander's comments and recommendations are concurred in by this command.

b. The success attained in Operation CANNON can be attributed to the close cooperation between Marine ground and air elements. This cooperation was amply demonstrated on 9 September when the ground units flushed a large VC force and the aerial observed directed a fixed wing strike on the fleeing VC. This strike resulted in 10 KIA (confirmed) and 10 KIA (probable). It is strongly recommended that the Marine AO capability be expanded, so AO support can be made more readily available to infantry units.

c. If employed properly, the stay behind ambush can produce noteworthy results. In addition to an ambush force, artillery concentrations must be plotted in and around the vacated OP, and the ambush force must have the capability to direct these fires. Although no contacts were made during this operation, it is felt this tactic should be employed on future operations.

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(c) 2nd Bn, 1st Mar Op0 218-66

1. Code Name. Operation CANNON - A Battalion (-) search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. 071200H-121215H September 1966.
3. Location. QUANG NAM Province.
4. Control/Command Headquarters.

2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

2nd Bn, 1st Marines

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5. Task Organization

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6. Supporting Forces

a. The major support in this operation was provided by 1st Bn, 11th Marines, 12th Marines and elements of the 1st MAW.

b. Artillery Support

(1) During the operation, "C" Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Marines displaced 2 platoons to DIEM BAN to provide direct support, and the 11th and 12th Marines were in general support. During the entire operation "C" Battery demonstrated a high level of proficiency and professionalism by placing rounds on the target quickly and accurately.

(2) Direct support batteries fired 507 rounds on 33 observed mission, 588 rounds on prep fires and 276 rounds on 43 H&I targets.

(3) Other supporting batteries placed 110 rounds on observed targets and H&I's.

(4) An organic section of 81mm mortars fired 56 rounds on 4 observed missions, 200 rounds for prep fires, and 563 rounds on H&I targets.

c. Air Support

(1) Helicopter support was effectively used for resupply each day and no problems were encountered during resupply. Helicopters were also used extensively for medical and VCS evacuations. No helicopters were damaged by enemy fire during the operation. On 12 Sept MAC-16 provided 8 UH-34's for a total extraction of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines elements. This extraction was held up 45 minutes by the late arrival of escort aircraft from CMU LAI.

(2) Air observation was used extensively each day with a UH-1E strike 10 Sept resulting in 1 KBA. A USAF OE controlled several airstrikes on 9 Sept resulting in 11 KBA (confirmed) and 10 KBA (probable), and the scattering of approximately 50 VC. These VC were moving west after breaking contact with our ground forces and only could be spotted by an AO.

(3) Fixed wing support by 1st MAW was late in arriving on 9 Sept for a river crossing prep. When it did arrive, the fixed wing was used for preps of VC strongholds in our line of sweep. One prep was controlled by an FAC with Fortrot Company, all other fixed wing support was controlled by a TACA.

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7. Intelligence.

a. Enemy. The estimated VC strength in the area of operations varies from 200 to 500.

(1) The majority of the contact in the area of operations consisted of sniper fire from small groups of VC armed with carbines.

(a) 071513H. Battalion CP received approximately 3 rounds of sniper fire from coordinates BT 053512. No fire returned, 1 friendly KIA.

(b) 071830H. CP group received 1 round of sniper fire from BT 053513. Returned fire with 3 rounds 60mm mortars. Enemy broke contact.

(c) 081135H. F Company at coordinates BT 032523 received 3 sniper rounds from unknown coordinates. 5 VCS were captured after they were seen helping 2 men into a tunnel. Smoke thrown into tunnel with negative results. VCS forwarded to district with PF forces.

(d) 081400H. Echo Company point at coordinates BT 029522 received approximately 4 rounds of sniper fire from west of position. Fire was returned in the snipers general direction with negative results. 1 friendly WIA, and one man suffered a sprained ankle.

(e) 081645H. Echo Company received heavy volume of sniper fire and automatic weapons fire from coordinates BT 030532. Returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm mortars, 3.5" rockets, M-79 and artillery. 1 enemy KIA.

(f) 082300H. Echo Company observed movement in the vicinity of coordinates BT 028526 and shortly thereafter received 1 incoming grenade. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars and movement ceased.

(g) 090825H. Echo Company observed 4 VC vicinity BT 020533. VC taken under fire, broke contact and fled. Negative results.

(h) 091100H. Echo Company and Foxtrot Company received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from coordinates BT 018549 and BT 028544. Returned fire with small arms, M-79's, automatic weapons, 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars, 3.5" rockets, and intensive artillery missions and air strikes with rockets, bombs, and napalm. VC units broke contact and fled to the west and north. Friendly casualties: 1 DOW, 6 WIA, 3 heat and 1 with injured knee. VC casualties unknown at that time.

(i) 091222Z. VC flushed from vicinity BT 007547. Air strikes of napalm and rockets were guided by OC on station. 11 VC KIA (confirmed) and 10 VC KIA (probable).

(j) 0914 03Z. Echo company found 1 VC body vicinity BT 019548 and an extensive trench line network with comm wire. Trench line was spotted with much fresh blood.

(k) 091400H. Foxtrot company found 1 VC body vicinity BT 025549.

(l) 091600H. 14 VCS, picked up in sweep after fire fights, were forwarded to District Headquarters.

(m) 100935H. Echo company spotted 7 VC dressed in khaki uniforms fleeing from BT 021543. Taken under fire, results were: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC wounded and 2 VCS med-evaced. 1 friendly KIA.

(n) 101307H. Echo company captured 2 VCS in sweep of village BT 029543. VCS were forwarded to District Headquarters.

(o) 101745H. Echo company patrol spotted 1 VC fleeing area vicinity LT 060550. VC taken under fire with M-79. Results: 1 VC KIA. Sweep of area turned up 2 VCS who were forwarded to District Headquarters.

(p) 111015H. Echo company received automatic weapons, and small arms fire from estimated VC squad vicinity BT 068542. Returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars with negative results. Sweep of area yielded 2 VCS who were sent to District Headquarters.

(q) 111500H. Echo-1 patrol spotted 1 VC fleeing area vicinity BT 067547. Search of area revealed 2 female VCS who were sent to District Headquarters.

## (2) Intelligence Information Received by Interrogation.

(a) Information received from the VCS interrogated, tends to verify earlier information as to strict control of the area by VC. VC propaganda teams had told the young men and women to leave the villages when the Marines were in the area and the old people were to stay to guard their houses and property.

(b) The VC withdrew on each occasion of contact and left small groups of snipers behind to harass and delay us. The main group then pulled out in a circular movement to their rear and then west.

(c) The VC are able to mass at least a company size unit and are able to defend any area of their choice. These units can be reinforced by the Q-15 Company (BT 0058) and the V-26 (BT 0053). The hamlets were all extensively fortified with trenches and bunkers as well as booby traps and possible phone communication.

(d) The area is characterized by flat delta land of numerous rice paddies with thick bamboo strands around the hamlets. There are also fields of sugar cane and tall grass which added to the difficult task of finding snipers.

(e) Estimated losses to VC are as follows:

- (1) 5 KIA (confirmed)
- (2) 11 KBA (confirmed)
- (3) 10 KBA (probable)
- (4) 1 WIA
- (5) 30 VCS were sent to District for inter-

regation.

8. Mission. To conduct a search and destroy operation in order to provide a screen in the assigned area thereby decreasing Viet Cong pressure on local populace during the national election period.

9. Concept of Operations. A command group and two reinforced rifle companies will conduct a search and destroy operation in the area bounded by BT 010558, BT 093517, and BT 010500, and BT 082548.

#### 10. Execution

##### a. General

(1) At 071200H a command group with two reinforced rifle companies traveled via motor convoy on Route #1 south of the SONG DIEN BINH and moved west off of Route #1 on a road approximately 3000 meters south of the SONG DIEN BINH. The convoy moved about 4000 meters west along the road and then dismounted and moved into Objective "A" near the hamlet of CHIEM SON DONG (4), after making liaison with local officials. The next morning the unit moved towards Objective "B", about 2500 meters to the northwest, meeting sporadic sniping along the way. Upon reaching Objective "B" a great deal of fire was received from across the SONG CHIEM SON during a helicopter resupply mission. The next morning after extensive artillery and air preparation all units crossed the SONG CHIEM SON and moved north towards Objective "C". About 1500 meters north of the crossing point, the lead units met with heavy automatic fire from the north and west. Air, artillery, 60mm, 81mm and automatic fire was used to suppress the enemy fire. Area was swept and a night time position was established about 1000 meters east of the contact area. Movement east to Objective "D" commenced the next morning and trailing elements of Echo Company brought fire on an enemy unit to the rear of the column. Objective "D", 2500 meters to the east, was secured in the afternoon and movement south to Objective "E" commenced the next morning. Lead elements of Echo Company tripped and neutralized a VC ambush about 1500 meters south of Objective "D". Objective "E" on the north bank of the SONG CHIEM SON was reached at approximately 111100H. The next morning at 1000H all units were extracted by helicopter back to the Battalion CP.

b. 7 September - At 1200H Operation CANNON commenced. A light command group and Echo Company (Rein) and Foxtrot Company (Rein) departed the Bn CP by motorized convoy, enroute to Objective "A" in the vicinity of BT 057515. At 1325H, near the bridge located at BT 063512, on the advice of army advisors in that area 2/1 (-) elements dismounted and proceeded to Objective "A" on foot with Echo Company as lead element, the Command Group following, and Foxtrot Company providing rear security. After arriving at Objective "A", and after talking with local officials and PF forces the CP was established at BT 057514. At 1513H 3 sniper rounds were fired from unknown location causing 1 friendly KIA. At 1845H 2 sniper rounds were fired from the vicinity of BT 053515. 3-60mm mortar rounds were fired in return and sniping ceased. At 2225H a squad size patrol working with PF's in hamlet at BT 054511 mistook a PF for a VC when he jumped from bushes along a trail, and the PF was mortally wounded. Body was given to PF officials with an explanation of deep regret for incident.

c. 8 September - At 0730H units commenced movement to Objective "B" with 7 PF's with each rifle company. At 1135H Foxtrot Company's lead unit in the vicinity of BT 032523 received 3 sniper rounds from unknown position. At 1140H Foxtrot lead unit apprehended 5 VCS who had just helped 2 men into a cave at BT 032522. Smoke grenades were thrown into the cave with negative results and the 5 VCS were returned to District Headquarters for interrogation. At 1400H Echo Company's lead unit in the vicinity of BT 029522 received 45 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown location to the west, causing 1 friendly KIA and one man suffered a sprained ankle. Both were evacuated. Small arms were returned in sniper's general direction and area was searched with negative results. At 1445H Echo Company in the vicinity of BT 029596 received heavy small arms fire from the vicinity of BT 029532. Fire was returned with artillery, 60mm mortars, machineguns and small arms. Enemy fire ceased. At 1645H during helicopter resupply at Objective "B", in the vicinity of BT 028526, heavy automatic and small arms fire was directed at the CP and helicopters from across the SONG CHIEP SON at BT 030532. Artillery, small arms, automatic weapons, M-79's, and 60mm mortars were fired in return resulting in one confirmed VC KIA. At 2300H Echo Company perimeter in the vicinity of BT 028526 received one grenade and observed movement in front of the lines. 4-60mm mortar rounds were fired and movement ceased. Area was checked at first light with negative results.



d. 9 September - At 0730H after an intensive 10 minute artillery prep, Foxtrot Company commenced movement across the SONG DIEN BINH, conducting a reconnaissance by fire as they approached the northern shore. The Command Group and Echo Company followed after the river bank was secure. The movement was made with no enemy contact and no major problems. At 0825H Echo Company's lead unit observed 4 VC at BT 020534. VC were taken under fire and fled. At 1100H the lead element of Echo Company at BT 019545 and the lead element of Foxtrot Company BT 026545 received heavy automatic fire from the vicinity of BT 018549 and BT 028544. Artillery, automatic fire, 60mm and 81mm mortar fire, and air strikes were used to return the enemy fire. OE on station observed approximately 50 VC fleeing to the west after the artillery mission. Air and artillery missions were called on fleeing VC in the vicinity BT 010546. OE observed 11 VC KIA confirmed and 10 VC WIA probable after artillery and air strikes in that area. Echo Company sweeping hamlet at BT 019549 discovered 1 VC WIA and apprehended 12 VCS. Also a great deal of blood was found in the trenchlines. Two huts used as fortified position in enemy's position were destroyed. Foxtrot Company upon sweeping enemy position discovered 2 VCS, 1 VC KIA, fresh blood trails, and 1 CNI CHOI grenade. 2 packs with many documents were returned to Battalion Rear. The grenade was destroyed and all VCS were evacuated to Battalion rear. From this 4-hour contact there resulted 13 VC confirmed KIA, 10 VC probable KIA, 14 VCS apprehended, 1 friendly DOW, 6 friendly WIA, 1-injured, 3 heat casualties. All were evacuated.

e. 10 September - At 0945H Echo Company in the vicinity of BT 035548 observed approximately 7 VC at BT 030546 and took them under fire with small arms, 60mm mortars, artillery, and UH-1E gunships controlled by OE ran strafing missions. Echo Company swept area and discovered 1 VC WIA, 5 VCS and a great many blood trails. OE on station observed 1 VC KIA in same area and also observed a group of VC fleeing westerly in the vicinity of BT 025545. VC were taken under fire with artillery and UH-1E gunships, with excellent target coverage as the VC moved into houses at that location. At 1745H 1st Platoon, Echo Company in the vicinity of BT 062550 observed 1 VC fleeing in the vicinity of BT 060550. He was taken under fire and killed. Two VCS were also apprehended in that area and evacuated the next morning. These actions resulted in 2 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 7 VCS apprehended, 1 Friendly WIA with broken leg.

f. 11 September - At 1015H Echo Company in the vicinity of BT 065545 received automatic and small arms fire from an estimated VC squad in the vicinity of BT 068542. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars, small arms and artillery. Echo Company swept enemy area and apprehended 2 VCS who were evacuated to District Headquarters. One house burning due to artillery mission produced a small secondary explosion. At 1500H 1st Platoon, Echo Company on patrol in the vicinity of BT 067547 observed a suspicious male fleeing from patrol. Patrol chased male, but could not apprehend him. However, 2 female VCS in house man emerged from, were appre-

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banded and evacuated to District Headquarters. At 2045H Echo Company on CP perimeter at BT 068533 observed one VC 150 meters from perimeter and fired 3-60mm mortar rounds. 1 short round caused one minor friendly WIA.

g. 12 September - Echo Company, Command Group, and Foxrot Company were extracted by helo from BT 068533 in that order. Extraction commenced at 1000H and ended at 1215H. Operation CANNON also terminated at 1215H.

## 11. Results

### a. Friendly Personnel and Equipment

(1) The personnel strength of participating units during the operation was as follows: 18 Marine Officers; 1 Naval Officer; 285 Marine Enlisted; 7 Naval Enlisted.

#### (2) Friendly Casualties

KIA - 1 Enlisted Marine

DOW - 1 Enlisted Marine

WIA - 9 Enlisted Marines (Evacuated)

1 Marine Officer (Evacuated)

1 Naval Enlisted (Evacuated)

6 Marine Enlisted (Non-evacuated)

Non-battle - 15 Enlisted (Evacuated)

(3) Discipline Law and Order: No problems.

(4) Morale: Above Normal.

## 12. Administrative Matters

a. Logistics - No logistical problems were encountered during the operation. Troops were embarked by vehicular convoy. All resupply and medical evacuations were conducted by helicopter.

### b. Medical

(1) Battle Casualties - 1 KIA (Evacuated)

1 DOW (Evacuated)

11 WIA (Evacuated)

6 WIA (Non-evacuated)

(2) Non-Battle casualties - 15 (Evacuated)

(3) Special problems - There were no special problems - encountered during the operation. There were only 4 heat casualties despite the heat, the distance traveled and the fact that flak jackets were worn by all hands.

c. Communications

(1) Radio. Three nets were maintained by the command group. These were Battalion Tactical, Helicopter Direction #4 and Tactical Air Direction. HD # 4, an FM net, was used for tactical air request. A relay site was located one half the distance from the Battalion CP to the center of the search circle. While on the move the command group found it impossible to maintain communications with the Battalion CP without using the relay station. The terrain in the search area was roughly level and marshy. The weather during the operation was hot and humid with considerable cloud coverage at times. While in a static situation at night, the command group erected an RC-292 antenna. With this antenna up, the command group had no difficulty in reaching the Battalion CP. Communications within the command group and companies were normal.

(2) Wire. No wire communications were used on this operation.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None employed.

14. Commanders Analysis. This operation disclosed that in the area between the SONG CHIEM SON and the SONG DIEM BINH, bounded by Grid Lines 01 and 07, every hamlet is a fortified position consisting of trenchline networks, fighting holes, communication wire in trenches in one instance, barbed wire and punji sticks. The hamlets were inhabited by a few old men, old women, and children. From intelligence obtained, and from analyzing contacts, all indications disclose main force VC units operating in this area, and the contact on 10 September was believed to be a 70 man VC main force company believed to be moving west in that vicinity at that time.

15. Recommendations.

a. In the vast majority of contacts on this operation the VC used their standard tactic of sniping and then breaking contact as unit neared their location. However when the VC stayed and fought for any amount of time, with the use of proper equipment they could be found and hurt. As a unit moves towards enemy positions in trenchlines or hamlets, it is imperative to have an OE on station to observe the VC when they break contact and flee. At this time with responsive air and artillery the OE can fix and direct devastating fire on the enemy flushed by the ground troops.

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b. In a completely VC controlled and occupied area, such as the area between the SONG CHIEM SON and the SONG DIEN BINH extensive prep fires and reconnaissance by fire on anticipated trouble spots or routes of advance can facilitate the move, and reduce casualties.

c. Another recommended tactic that was discovered on this operation is the placing of troops in holes to remain behind, when the rest of unit leaves it's nighttime position. In almost all cases, the VC will move into a vacated CP area. With this unit remaining and hidden, it creates a very good ambush.

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(b) 2/1 Admin Plan 218-66

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current IntSums and PIR'S.
- b. Friendly Forces. See reference (a).

2. MISSION. To provide security for the Fall 1966 rice harvest and the storage facilities for the harvested rice.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Since the rice is ready for harvest at different times in the various villages, this is not a battalion-size operation, but rather a series of company operations geared to the specific village requirements. Therefore, the modus operandi of the companies varies.

b. All units in coordination with village chiefs and PF's conduct day patrols and night ambushes in area to provide security for rice harvest; be prepared to provide security for storage areas upon request.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) All units check ID and special passes of individuals involved in rice harvest. Sample passes have been provided under separate cover.
- (2) All units maintain close liaison with village chiefs.
- (3) Area of operations set forth in reference (a)

4. ADMINISTRATION-LOGISTICS. See reference (b).

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**5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.**

**a. Command**

- (1) Bn CP vic BT 015632
- (2) Report changes as they occur.

**b. Communications-Electronics. See Battalion Communication SOP**

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See current IntSums.

b. Friendly Forces. See reference (b).

2. MISSION. 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion conducts search and destroy operation astride Highway # 14 to allow civilians to return temporarily to their homes in order to collect their personal property.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Commencing at 200600H 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion moves west from DIEN BAN astride Rt # 14 on search and destroy operation in area from vicinity BT 013568 to vicinity AT 984584. One company 2/1 provides screening force along both sides of Highway # 14 from vicinity BT 042579 to vicinity BT 013568 after 39th Ranger Battalion has moved west to ensure that road remains open for civilian movement. It is anticipated that the civilians will leave the area before dark and return to their homes in the vicinity of Rt# 1.

b. Hotel Company.

(1) Provide screening force both to north and south of Highway # 14 commencing 200700H.

(2) Key westward movement of screening forces to the progress of 39th Ranger Battalion.

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c. Foxtrot Company provide Artillery FO Team to Headquarters 39th Ranger Battalion at DIEN BAN effective 191600H. Arty FO will also serve in capacity as liaison officer with 39th Ranger Battalion.

d. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Area of Operations is generally astride Highway # 14.

(2) Duration of operation is expected to be 7 days.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (c).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

(a) Command.

(1) CP 39th Ranger Battalion to be announced.

(2) Hotel Company report locations on the hour.

(b) Communications-Electronics.

(1) Call sign 39th Ranger Battalion is "Rocky Point One," frequency: 44.6.

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(b) Operation Order 218-66  
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Task Organization: See reference (b).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See current IntSum's and PIR's.
- (2) Enemy strength is considered sufficient to mount a battalion-sized (approximate) attack on this command post. It can be anticipated that such an attack will be supported by automatic weapons, mortars, and anti-tank weapons. The best avenues of approach are through the treelines to the east and west.
- (3) Small arms fire, probes and mortar fire can be expected at any time.

b. Friendly Forces. See reference (b).

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2. MISSION. To provide continual security around the battalion command post and to defend the command post in the event of an attack.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) The battalion perimeter will be divided into four sectors. Running clockwise from north; these sectors will be designated A, B, C, D. See Annex A. (Organization of H&S Company).
- (2) Units of this battalion will be prepared to react to three conditions: situation normal, attack imminent, attack in progress.
- (3) If available, one rifle company will be utilized as a counter attack force.

b. Situation Normal.

- (1) H&S Company provide continual surveillance of the area immediately surrounding the CP during hours of daylight.
- (2) H&S Company reinforced with one rifle platoon provide the night defense of the CP. A minimum of 60 men is essential for this purpose.

c. Attack Imminent.

- (1) H&S Company be prepared to defend the battalion CP in the event that the rifle companies are not present.
- (2) Rifle companies, when present in the battalion area, be prepared to provide reinforced platoons for the defense of the CP on order. One platoon (rein) will be required in each sector.
- (3) 81mm mortar platoon lay on assigned barrages and be prepared to fire on call defensive concentrations. See Annex B (Artillery and 81mm Mortar Concentrations).

~~126RR~~ 126RR platoon be prepared to move to any sector of the perimeter on order.

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- (5) One rifle company, battalion reserve. Be prepared to counter attack on order. See Annex B (Counterattack Plan).

d. Attack in Progress.

- (1) H&S Company react immediately for the initial defense of the CP. See Annex B (Counterattack Plan).
- (2) Designated platoons from rifle companies move to assigned sectors.
- (3) Designated rifle company, battalion reserve. Be prepared to counterattack on order. See Annex B (Counterattack Plan).
- (4) 81mm mortar platoon lay on assigned barrages and be prepared to fire on call defensive concentrations. See Annex B (Counterattack Plan).

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Rifle company assignment to be made by S-3 in the daily frag order.
- (2) Supporting units be prepared to assist in the defense of the CP on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration. See reference (c).

b. Logistics.

- (1) Battalion ordnance section provide resupply of ammunition on request.
- (2) In the event of imminent capture, be prepared to destroy all weapons and ammunition on order.
- (3) Battalion Aid Station send two corpsmen to each sector. Be prepared to handle casualties.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Command.

- (1) Control will be exercised from the H&S Company bunker.
- (2) H&S Company bunker will also be utilized as the alternate Battalion Operation Center.

b. Communications.

- (1) The alert signal in the event of an attack imminent or in progress will be a three minute sounding of a siren.
- (2) The alert will be sounded under the following conditions:
  - (a) When the H&S Company bunker is notified of an attack by one of the sectors.
  - (b) Upon command of the Headquarters Commandant.
  - (c) Upon command of the Battalion Operations Center.
- (3) The PRC-25 in the H&S bunker will come up on the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (4) The phone in the H&S Company office will be moved into the bunker and be used on the S-3 Hot Line.
- (5) The marine on watch in the H&S bunker will, upon hearing the alert sounded, conduct a radio and phone check to all sectors of the perimeter.

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- (6) The signal to fire the FPL will be a green star cluster in addition to notification by phone or radio.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Organization of H&S Company
- B - Counterattack Plan (To be issued)
- C - Organization of 2/1 CP Perimeter into Sectors (To be issued)
- D - Artillery and 81mm Mortar Concentrations (To be issued)
- X - Distribution

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See Operation Order 223-66,  
paragraph 1.a.
- b. Friendly Forces. See Operation Order 223-66,  
paragraph 1.b.

2. MISSION. Be prepared to defend the Battalion Command  
Post at anytime.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) In the event that the rifle companies are  
absent from the battalion area, H&S Company  
will defend the battalion perimeter.
  - (2) If an attack is in progress, H&S Company will  
react immediately for the defense of the  
Battalion CP.
- b. Upon being alerted, H&S Company will provide  
for the defense of the CP in the following  
manner:
- (1) Sector A. The Battalion Supply Officer  
will be responsible for the defense of this  
sector utilizing the Battalion supply and  
S-4 sections.
  - (2) Sector B. The Battalion Motor Transport  
Officer will be responsible for defending  
this sector utilizing motor transport and  
S-1 personnel.
  - (3) Sector C. The Battalion S-5 will be  
responsible for the defense of this sector  
utilizing the S-5 section, cooks and messmen.

- (4) Sector D. The 81mm Mortar Platoon Commander will be responsible for the defense of this sector utilizing the H&S Company flame section, all personnel not absolutely required on the mortars and all personnel available from the supporting units billeted in the NW corner of the battalion area.

c. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) S-2 and S-3 sections under control of the Operations ~~Chief~~ provide security for the Battalion Operations Center.
- (2) Each section normally holding classified material have one man, designated by name, assigned to destroy all classified material on order.
- (3) H&S Company bunker be prepared to function as the Alternate Battalion Operation Center.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration. See Administration Plan 218-66.

- (1) Request ammunition resupply from the H&S Company bunker.
  - (2) Motor Transport Officer dispatch two mechanical mules to H&S bunker to be used in the resupply of ammunition.
  - (3) H&S Company Supply Sergeant be prepared to destroy all weapons and ordnance under control.
- b. Battalion Aid Station send two corpsmen to each sector. Be prepared to handle casualties.
- c. H&S bunker have red, green, and white star clusters available.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Command. Control of the perimeter will be exercised from the H&S Company bunker.

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b. Communications.

- (1) Communications will be by wire and radio to the sectors.
- (2) H&S Company bunker maintain a Hot Line to the S-3.
- (3) The signal to fire the FPL will be a green star cluster.

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| CO, 1st Marines      | 3             |
| CO, 2nd, 1st Marines | 1             |
| CO, B Company        | 2             |
| CO, F Company        | 2             |
| CO, G Company        | 2             |
| CO, H Company        | 2             |
| CO, I Company        | 2             |
| S-1                  | 1             |
| S-2                  | 1             |
| S-3                  | 2             |
| S-4                  | 1             |
| COMM                 | 1             |
| Reports              | 7             |
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(c) Admin Plan 218-66  
(d) BnO 2000.2A (Comm SOP)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See reference (b).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) During the month of August and early part of September, it is estimated that a total of about 100 ~~VC~~ guerrillas have been operating in the area of operations. The major activity has been constant sniper fire at patrols (regardless of size) in grid squares BT 0157 and BT 0158 to BT 0357 and BT 0358. The largest single group observed at one time has been about 15 VC. Tactics ranged from 1-3 man sniper details to a well-planned 180 degree ambush of 10-12 men with 3-4 automatic weapons which occurred at BT 021576, BT 029579, and BT 025581.
- (2) A series of old trench lines have been noted at BT 021576, BT 029579, and BT 025581. Spider traps have been found at BT 032590. VC use of the holes in graveyards at BT 023583 and the incidents of sniping at aircraft from graves slightly to the north indicate the VC may be living in the graveyards.
- (3) Whistles are being used as a signal for VC fire coordination. One long blast has gone on.

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ally brought a burst of automatic weapons fire on the flanks of the patrol.

- (4) The SONG VINH DINH is believed to be an infiltration route.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See reference (b).

- (2) 39th ARVN Ranger Battalion to the west (vic BT 006576).

2. MISSION. 2/1(-) conducts search and destroy operation in southern sector of its TAOR.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. Two companies abreast sweep west in zone from vicinity Highway #1 to SONG GO CA to search the area and kill or capture VC. One company follows in trace to provide screen to the rear, kill or capture VC who may have evaded the assault companies, and is prepared to move rapidly to exploit any major enemy contact.

b. Company H(-).

- (1) From present CP conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone.
- (2) Upon reaching SONG GO CA be prepared on order to return to Company CP via Highway #14.

c. Company F.

- (1) From IP vicinity BT 053595 conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone.
- (2) As decoptive measure move unit on D-Day to IP from position occupied at conclusion of normal GOLDEN FLEECE operations conducted on D-1.
- (3) Upon reaching SONG GO CA be prepared to establish defensive position with Company E vicinity BT 020585 or on order to move south to Highway #14 for extraction by vehicle.

**d. Company E.**

(1) Depart Bn CP at H-Hour by motor convoy for IP vicinity BT 053595.

(2) From IP conduct search and destroy operation in trace of Companies H and F.

(3) Interval (both in distance and time) between assault companies and Company E will be sufficient to deceive enemy and accomplish the following:

(a) Kill or capture VC who may have evaded the assault companies by breaking contact or have secreted themselves to avoid contact.

(b) Screen the rear of the assault companies.

(4) Be prepared to move rapidly to exploit any major enemy contact.

(5) Upon reaching SONG CO CA be prepared to establish defensive position with Company F vicinity BT 020585 or on order to move south to Highway #14 for extraction by vehicle.

**e. H&S Company.**

(1) Provide designated attachments to rifle companies.

(2) Provide normal supporting arms, administrative, and logistics support from Bn CP.

**f. Coordinating instructions.**

(1) Area of operations, boundaries, and phase lines. See Annex A.

(2) H-Hour and D-Day to be announced. (Tentatively 250800H Sep 1966, but may be advanced as much as 48 hours).

(3) Use supporting arms to prop objectives and protect flanks.

- (4) A TACA and/or AO will be on station to assist in detection of enemy movement and adjustment of artillery and air strikes.
- (5) Report on reaching phase lines.
- (6) Assault companies will coordinate advances, but need not maintain physical contact.
- (7) Chart location of trenches, bunkers, and other fortifications for subsequent destroy operations.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See reference (a).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Command.

- (1) Bn CP BF 017628.
- (2) Report locations on the hour.

b. Communication-Electronics.

- (1) See reference (a).
- (2) All units carry panels and smoke grenades; be prepared to mark enemy locations for TACA/AO.

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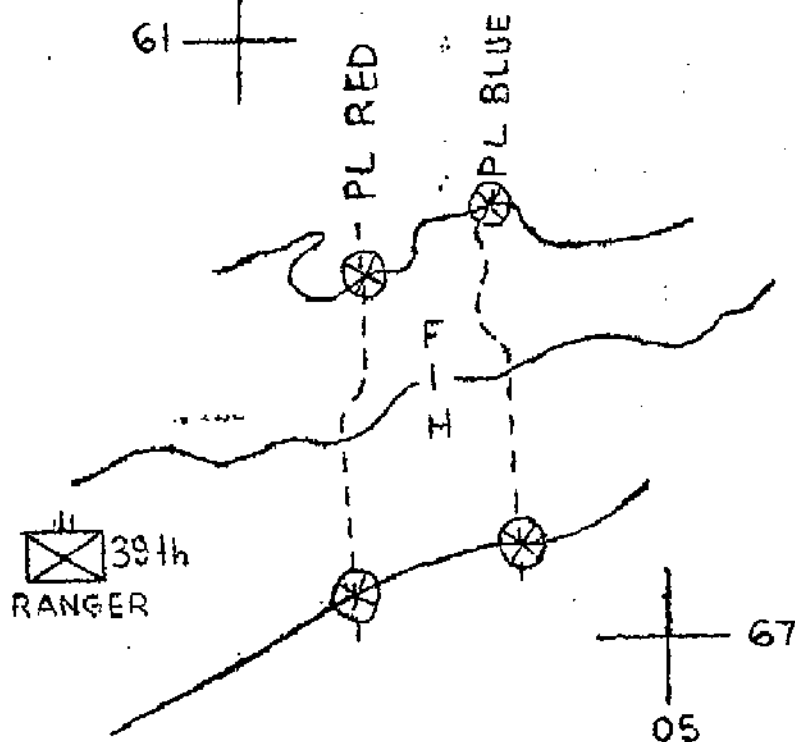
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CO, H&S Company  
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1. Code Name. Operation COFFEE - A Battalion (-) search  
and destroy operation.

2. Dates of Operation. 240800H-241900H September 1966.

3. Location. QUANG NAM Province.

4. Control/Command Headquarters.

2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

2nd Bn, 1st Marines

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Company E

Capt T.M. PRATT III, USMC

Company F

Capt G.A. DEEGAN, USMC

Company H (-)

Capt D.L. WISEMAN, USMC

5. Task Organization

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Detachment H&S Company

Bn Command Group

Section 81mm Mortars

Audio Visual Team, 244th Psychological Warfare Company

2 Scout Dog Teams, 1st Marine Scout Dog Platoon

Company E

Company F

Company H (-)

6. Supporting Forces

a. Major support in this operation was provided by 1st Bn, 11th Marines and elements of the 1st MAW.

b. Artillery Support

(1) During Operation COFFEE "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided general support firing prep fires for the assault on suspected enemy positions. The battery fired 150 rounds HE, 4 rounds WP, 3 HC smoke on 13 missions.

(2) Organic 81mm mortars fired 198 rounds HE and 4 illumination on 10 missions.

c. Air Support

(1) During Operation COFFEE a FAC Team working with Foxtrot Company used a TACA and fixed wing aircraft continuously to prep assault company's routes and to make strikes on suspected enemy positions.

(2) As a result of well executed coordination and close liaison between the company commander, FAC Team, and artillery FO Team, maximum and efficient use of air as a supporting arm was accomplished with no loss of aircraft.

7. Intelligence.

a. Enemy. The estimated VC strength in the area of operation is 100.

(1) The majority of the contacts consisted of sniper fire from approximately 2 to 5 VC with small arms and automatic weapons.

(a) 200945H. Foxtrot Company moving at BT 047595 apprehended 1 VCS. Results of action 1 VCS.

(b) 241215H. Foxtrot Company moving at BT 035593 received 4 rounds of small arms fire from BT 031593. Area was swept with negative results.

(c) 241230H. Foxtrot Company moving at BT 033592 received 10 rounds of small arms fire from BT 033600. An artillery mission was called on the enemy position. The area was not swept due to river barrier.

(d) 241345H. Foxtrot Company moving at BT 025593 found a bloody shirt and blood trails. Area was searched with negative results. 1 VC WIA.

(e) 241430H. Foxtrot Company moving at BT 025591 received small arms fire from BT 021591. An air strike was called with unknown results.

(f) 241635H. Echo Company moving at 022573 received small arms fire from BT 019583. Fire was returned with small arms, 10 rounds of 60mm mortar and an artillery mission was called. VC broke contact and Company continued mission.

(g) 241745. Echo Company moving at BT 038578 received heavy automatic weapons fire from BT 038580, from an estimated 5 VC. Fire was returned by Echo Company with small arms, and 60mm mortar. Hotel Company (vicinity BT 042579) fired with 81mm mortars and 106 RR's. Artillery fire was called on the enemy fire. Enemy firing ceased and Company continued mission. Results of the actions 5 VC KIA (probable).

(2) The VC have withdrawn on each occasion leaving small units with sniping and harassing missions. The VC are capable of massing company sized units and defending an area of their choice. These units can be reinforced by the Q-15 Company (operating in the vicinity of BT 065625). VC losses during the operation were: 5 VC KIA (probable) 1 VC WIA, 1 VCS.

a. Terrain. The area of operation is characterized by flat delta land with numerous rice paddies. Obstacles in the area are as follows: The SONG TAM GIAP, a slow moving river with a soft silty bottom; at RT 025593, there are a series of draws approximately 8 feet deep running north toward river; at RT 028590, a wall of wire and bamboo runs north to south along the trail; at RT 019577 there is a marshy area of waist-high water and grass shaped in an "S"; at RT 019574 there is a triple strand of wire running east to west.

8. Mission. To conduct a search and destroy operation in southern section of the TAOR.

9. Concept of Operation. Two companies abreast sweep west in zone from vicinity Highway #1 to SONG CO CA to search the area and kill or capture VC. One company follows in trace to provide screen to the rear, kill or capture VC who may have evaded the assault companies, and is prepared to move rapidly to exploit any major contact.

10. Execution.

a. General

(1) At 240800H a light command group with companies Echo and Fox (Reinforced) traveled via motor convoy on Route #1 south of the hamlet of QUANG LOC TAY (2). Company "H" moving in from the south joined with company F; the two companies abreast then swept toward SONG CO CA. The sweep was conducted with an intensive air and artillery preparation. Company "E" followed in trace accompanied by a U.S. Army Psychological Warfare unit and two scout dog teams to exploit the success of the assault companies. Sporadic rifle fire was received throughout the area of operations. Upon reaching SONG CO CA, the assault companies turned south toward Route #14, then east along Route #14 toward the entrucking point on Highway #1 near Hotel Company CF. On the return route the heaviest small arms fire of the day was encountered. Fire was returned with small arms, 60 and 81mm mortars and artillery. One VC was seen to be hit and five probable kills are suspected.

b. 24 September - At 0800H Operation COFFEE commenced. A light command group, companies Echo and Foxtrot, and 2

sections of 81mm mortars departed the Bn CP by motorized convoy, enroute to II on Highway #1 south of QUANG LOC TAY (2). Company H (-) moved from Co CP (BT 042579) and established contact with Company F on Highway #1, near BT 054595. The two companies, with Company E, Command Group, Psychological Warfare Unit, and scout dog teams following in trace, commenced movement westward. Aerial Observer on station swept the area of operations. After artillery had fired on suspected key targets, an air strike was called on BT 022578 resulting in a fire and a large secondary explosion. At 0945H (vic BT 047595) Fortrot Company apprehended one male VCS. Continuing west they received sporadic sniper fire as they swept. At 1345H vicinity BT 025593 blood trails and a blood soaked shirt were found. At this time a psychological warfare team member became a heat casualty due to excess load being carried; he was med-evaced by helicopter. Turning southward toward Route #14, upon reaching the grid square BT 0158, Echo Company received sniper fire from BT 019583 at 1635H. Fire was returned by small arms, 60 and 81mm mortars, and artillery. Sniper fire ceased. At 1745H a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire was received by Echo Company from an estimated 5 VC in vicinity of BT 035584; fire was returned by Echo and Motel Companies with small arms, 106's, 60 and 81mm mortars. An artillery mission was highly accurate, resulting in 5 possible VC KIA's. Both companies continued their mission. Operation COFFEE concluded at 1900H.

## 11. RESULTS

### a. Friendly Personnel and Equipment

(1) The personnel strength of participating units during the operation was as followed; 9 Marine Officers; 408 Marine Enlisted; 1 U.S. Army Officer; 1 U.S. Army Enlisted; 2 ARVN Rangers Enlisted.

### (2) Friendly Casualties

KIA - None

DOW - None

MIA - None

NBC - 1 Army Enlisted (Evacuated)

### (3) Discipline Law and Order

No problems

(4) Morale

Normal.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Logistics - No logistical problems were encountered during the operation. Troops were deployed and returned by vehicular convoy. No resupply was required. Med-evac was conducted by helicopter.

b. Medical

(1) Battle Casualties - None

(2) Non-Battle Casualties - 1 (Evacuated).

(3) Special problems - There were no special problems encountered. One heat casualty was attributed to an exceptionally heavy load of psychological warfare equipment.

c. Communications - Normal.

13. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

(1) A psychological warfare team, employed with Company E following in trace of the assault companies, was used to exploit their discoveries and contacts.

(2) Two scout dog teams were utilized behind the assault companies to locate hidden VC arms caches and personnel.

14. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS. It is apparent from prior contacts that there are hard-core VC units in the operating area. However, they will fight only on their own terms. Due to the size of the friendly force, they did not chance contact and fled the area.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS. Although this particular operation did not develop any major contact, it did serve to disrupt enemy plans and drive him from harboring areas. It also demonstrated to the friendly local civilian population as well as the VC the strong Marine forces that can move into the area at anytime.

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It is considered appropriate to conduct similar operations on a random basis in this and other areas throughout the TAOR.

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