

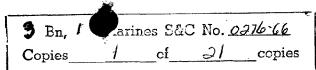
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- 1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
- 2. This cover letter is declassified upon being detached from enclosure (1).

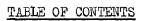
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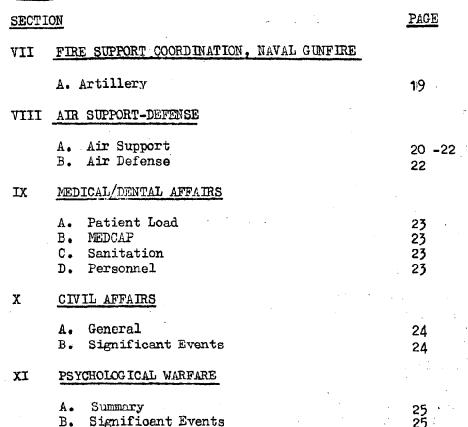


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#### SECTION I

#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

3d Battalion, 1st Marines FPO, San Francisco, 96602

# PERIOD COVERED

1 October - 31 October 1966

#### COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel E. A. WALKER (1 Oct - 26 Oct) Lieutenant Colonel H. F. DeATLEY (26 Oct - 31 Oct)

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major A. E. SKAGERBERG

#### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Capt W. M. WOOD
2dLt V. B. BUNNELL
lstLt G. R. ROBISON
Major A. S. LOUGHRY
lstLt H. I. CATES
lstLt C. H. BOND
Capt J. W. GIBBS, III
Capt L. J. KELLY
lstLT G. F. GROH
2dLt J. M. HAYES
Capt L. J. KELLY
Lt (MC) R. D. WHEAT
Lt (CHC) R. A. ROY

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S-1 (7 Oct - 31 Oct)
S-2
S-3
S-4
S-5 (1 Oct - 19 Oct)
S-5 (19 Oct - 31 Oct)
Communications Officer
Air Liaison Officer
Supply Officer
Motor Transport Officer
Medical Officer
Chaplain
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#### UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt	н.	P.	KOTHMET
Capt	W.	M.	WOOD .
Capt	$\mathbf{B}_{ullet}$	F.	CATE
Capt	н.	$\mathbf{r}_{ullet}$	WINSTON
Capt	R.	Ē.	KNAPPER
Capt	Œ.	C.	KNOWLES

H&S Company (1 Oct - 20 Oct)
H&S Company (20 Oct - 31 Oct)
Company I
Company K
Company L
Company M

# COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

Village of Hoa Long, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam

Map references: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6659 II, 6659 III, 6658 I, 6658 IV.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFFICERS			ENLI	STED
USMC	33		USMC	960
USN	3		USN	48

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# SECTION II. PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

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A. <u>Summary</u>. During October, the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines continued operations within the assigned TAOR. Personnel/Administration functions were conducted in a normal manner except as noted in the succeeding paragraphs.

#### B. Significant Events

- 1. <u>Casualties</u>. The battalion sustained casualties totaling six marines killed in action, fifty-one marines and two navy enlisted wounded in action. There were two non-battle casualties.
- 2. Transfers. The battalion transferred one marine officer, sixty-five marine enlisted, one navy officer, and two navy enlisted to other marine units in Vietnam or to the Continental United States. Concurrently the battalion joined eleven marine officers, twelve staff noncommissioned officers, 147 marine enlisted, and two navy enlisted. The personnel combat readiness category changed from C-3 to C-2 during this period.
- C. Personnel. Battalion chargeable strength (end of period).

			Officer	Enlisted
u.	s.	Marine Corps	37	1006
U.	s.	Navy	2	48

- D. Problem Areas/New Developments. During November, the battalion will transfer two officers and eighty-one enlisted marines to the Continental United States. It is anticipated that personnel input will more than offset the losses.
- E. <u>Discipline</u>, <u>Law and Order</u>. A sound disciplinary posture was maintained throughout this organization during the reporting period.

#### 1. Courts Martial

		Na .	Pending	Completed	
	Summary		0	0	
	Special		<b>0</b>	0	
•	General		1	0	, <u>C</u>
2.	Nonjudicial Puni	shment			
	Battalion Comman	der¹s	2		
	Company Commande	r's	, <b>3</b> ;		
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- F. Morale, Exchange, Postal Affairs, Library. The morale of this organization continues to be excellent. The following factors are particularly significant:
  - 1. Continued excellent mail service.
- 2. The nightly showing of movies in the battalion mess hall for personnel in the battalion command post not on watch.
  - 3. The Enlisted Men's Club which provides soft drinks and beer.
- 4. Continuing awareness and alertness by unit commanders and NCO's to the needs and problems of the individual Marine.
  - 5. Continued use of field messes by the rifle companies.
  - 6. An excellent out-of-country rest and relaxation program.
- 7. An excellent in-country (China Beach) recreation area enabling an entire platoon to have three days R&R at the same time.

#### G. Chaplain's Activities

- 1. Catholic services in the battalion are provided by Lt. R. A. ROY, Battalion Chaplain; Protestant services by Lt. J. E. DOFFIN, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines Chaplain.
  - 2. Services at the battalion command post:

SERVICES	NUMBER OF	F SERVICES	ATTEN	DANCE
	CATH	PROT	CATH	PROT
Sunday	5	4	154	101
Weekday	16		0	0
TOTAL	15	4	154	1012

3. Services in the companies:

SERV ICES	NUMBER O	F SERVICES	ATTEN	DANCE
	CATH	PROT	CATH	PROT
Sunday	1	3	13	27
Weekday	<u>16</u>	7	218	89
TOTAL	17	10	231	116

## 4. Miscellaneous

- a. During this period the Battalion Chaplain has provided Catholic services for Headquarters Company, 1st Marines, its three battalions, and for the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
  - b. Four last rites were administered.
  - c. One brig call was made.
  - d. Forty-five hospital calls were made.
  - e. Twelve marines were counselled.

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# SECTION III. INTELLIGENCE

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## A. Summary of Enemy Activity

- 1. Enemy contact through the month was light; the most significant being the VC ambush of the engineer road clearing detail on 11 October.
- 2. Enemy activity during Operation TETON was as noted in the After Action Report.
- 3. Other significant occurences are as listed in Section IV (Operations/Training).

#### B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity

- 1. Contacts. A total of seventy-two contacts were made during October.
- 2. <u>Enemy Losses</u>. The following enemy losses do not include Operation TETON.

## a. Personnel

	•	
VC KIA (Confirmed)		· 3
VC KIA (Probable)	i	9
VC WIA (Confirmed)		0
VC WIA (Probable)		2
VC Captured	•	0
VC Suspects		19

## b. Weapons and Equipment Destroyed or Captured

Destroyed	Captured
5 ChiCom grenades 15 fighting holes 2 caves	5 AK-47 magazines 1 M-14 magazine 2 cartridge belts
3 155mm duds 1 punji pit	2 US helmets 300 pounds of rice
1 rifle grenade	misc documents and clothing 1,962,500 \$NVN
	1 mortar aiming stake

3. Mines and Booby Traps. A total of thirteen mines and booby traps were encountered during the month. Of these, one was detonated causing casualties.

#### a. Mines

TYPE	DETONATED	DESTROYED AND	TOTAL
Anti-Personnel Anti-Vehicular Miscellaneous	1 1 0	7 3	8 4 1

b. Booby Traps. None.

#### C. Weather and Terrain

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- 1. Weather. Monsoon rains, supplemented by a tropical storm on 19 October, brought the total rainfall for the month to 29.31 inches. The weather was generally cloudy, warm and humid. Late evening and early temperatures were mostly cool.
- 2. Terrain. The terrain in the battalion TAOR consists primarily of rice paddies, low sandy hills and many small streams and waterways, none of which pose any significant problems under normal conditions. Trafficability of secondary roads by wheeled vehicles is greatly reduced during and after periods of extensive rainfall.

# SECTION IV. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

#### A. Operations

- 1. Summary. The battalion continued a threefold mission within its TAOR, Danang Combat Base: aggressive operations against the communist guerrillas, ensuring the security of key bridges, roads, and waterways, and the protection of Danang and Marble Mountain air bases from enemy mortar attack. In addition, twenty-sight marines in three combined action squads provided training and leadership to local Vietnamese soldiers.
- 2. Small Unit Actions. Units of squad and platoon size conducted 159 patrols and 156 ambushes during the month. Of the total, 198 or 63% were during the hours of darkness. On the Son Cau Do, twenty-seven fire team sized waterborne patrols denied some 6,000 meters of that river to VC nightime traffic. During the last two weeks of the month, heavy rains caused considerable flooding within the TAOR, restricting some of the patrol activity.

# 3. Company and Battalion Operations

- (a) On 4 October, Company I assisted ARVN forces who were conducting clearing operations in the western portion of the battalion TAOR. Marines established daylight blocking positions from (AT 968665) to (AT 980674) and continuous blocking positions from (AT 973680) to (AT 980689). There was no enemy contact during the thirteen day operation.
- (b) On 5 October the battalion conducted a two company search of Tan An (BT 090690). At 050800H Company K established blocking positions around the hamlet, after which Company L commenced a search. Some 125 villagers were moved to a collection point where they were provided food and shelter. A Vietnamese interrogation team from Hoa Vang district assisted in screening the civilians. While searching the hamlet, Company L located and destroyed three punji pits. The operation terminated at 051515H.
- (c) At 120538H the battalion command group, Companies K and L, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, and Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines commenced Operation TETON. This nine day search and destroy operation was centered about 4000 meters south of the battalion command post, vicinity (BT 0767). Final results were thirty-seven VC KIA, three VC WIA, nine VCC, and twenty-seven VCS. Marines lost two KIA and fifteen WIA. The Operation TETON After Action Report, which is attached to this chronology gives details of this action.
- (d) At 211255H the battalion command group, Companies I and L, and Company G, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines commenced Operation MADISON in the vicinity of Cam Ne (3) (BT 967686). Companies I and G established a cordon around the hamlet by 211800H. On 22 October, Company G returned

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to its parent unit and Company L occupied the vacated blocking position. The flooded objective area was searched with no contact. Operation MA-DISON terminated at 231100H. There were no casualties, but a 155mm round rigged by the VC as a mine, three 155mm duds, and 300 pounds of rice were discovered and destroyed. Service Control of the Service of

- 4. Road/Bridge Security. One marine platoon and one combined action squad provided security for three major bridges. Locations were (AT 998705), (AT 999699) and (BT 071702). In addition, the battalion provided security for a daily mine sweep of some 7000 meters of roads within the TAOR.
- The state of the s 5. Air Base Defense. The battalion continued to occupy a series of five outposts as protection for the Danang and Marble Mountain air bases from mortar attacks from the south. Four of these, two hills at (BT 068712) and (BT 068705) and two man made towers at (BT 053715) and (BT 032715), were each armed with a 106mm recoilless rifle. Two outposts had artillery FO's, those at (BT 068705) and (BT 074710). Ten target acquisition drills were conducted, during which simulated VC mortar positions were taken under fire. Reaction times for rounds on target were approximately six minutes for artillery and ninety seconds for recoilless rifles. with strike bearings

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- The state of the s 1. Battalion Training. All companies conducted extensive on the job training. Rifle companies gave emphasis to weapons and scouting and patrolling techniques. A three day M-422 school was held by the motor transport officer, qualifying thirteen men as drivers. On 26 October a two week scout sniper school was begun under the supervision of the S-2 Chief. Twelve marines attended. From these, a scout sniper squad of nine men will be chosen. The communications officer continued to provide instruction on communications matters (See SECTION VI). ·新克克内含含: 2000年1月2日2日2日2日2日
- 2. In Country Training. Twenty-four marines attended a two day formal school on mine warfare given by Company B, 3d Engineer Battalion. Another twenty-four men attended a similar one day course. In both cases special emphasis was placed on the detection and destruction of VC mines.
- To sent the first the set to be a second 3. Out of Country Training. Seven members of the battalion attended formal out of country schools; one officer attended Embarkation School (Okinawa), one officer attended Registered Publications System School (Japan), and five enlisted attended Vietnamese Language School (Okinawa).
- 4. Rifle/Pistol Range. The battalion rifle/pistol range was utilized by 272 people during October. One hundred and seventy-one were from this battalion and 101 were from navy construction battalion and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing units.

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At 011730H, vicinity (BT 068689), a Company K patrol observed a VC ambush being set in. M-79 and small arms fire were directed on the enemy, resulting in one VC WIA (confirmed). VC returned small arms fire and broke contact.

At 011850H, vicinity (BT 084696), the 3d Platoon, Company K CP received M-79 and small arms fire from an estimated five VC. One USMC was WIA (NONEVAC). Marines returned M-79 and small arms

fire and searched the area with negative results.

At 021850H, vicinity (BT 068706), an H&S Company OP observed six VC firing on Company K positions, vicinity (BT 083698). The VC were taken under fire with four 106mm recoilless rifle rounds, resulting in two VC KIA (probable); bodies were observed being dragged away. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

At 022000H, Company L assumed a six hour alert status for Bald Eagle.

- At 032021H, vicinity (BT 084698), Company K detected movement 700 meters to their south by the use of the AN/TPS-21, battlefield surveillance radar. Artillery fire was called. A search of the area at first light revealed one VC KIA (confirmed).
- 4 At 040802H, vicinity (BT 068698), a Company M mine sweep detail discovered and destroyed a homemade mine.
- At 050745H, vicinity (AT 960670), a Company I patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male attempting to evade the patrol. After interrogation he was forwarded to regimental S-2 as a VCS.

At 050825H, vicinity (BT 069690), the MSR mine sweep detail received small arms fire from an unknown number of VC. One marine was WIA (MEDEVAC). Marines returned small arms fire and the VC broke contact.

At 051430H, vicinity (BT 048674), a Company M patrol discovered and destroyed two M-26 grenades rigged as mines.

- At 061755H, vicinity (BT 084697), the CP of 3d Platoon, Company K received M-79 and small arms fire from approximately eight VC, resulting in two USMC WIA (one MEDEVAC). Marines returned M-79, small arms and called 107mm Howtar fire. The area was searched, but contact was not reestablished.
- At 071745H, vicinity (BT 069690), two marines were wounded when three vehicles enroute to the Company M CP received small arms fire from an unknown number of VC. Marines returned small arms fire and the VC broke contact.

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At 071830H, Vicinity (BT 085696), 3d Platoon, Company K received M-79 and small arms fire from approximately eight VC, killing one marine. The perimeter returned 106mm recoilless rifle, M-79 and small arms fire. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

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At 071850H, vicinity (BT 050678), a Company M patrol received sniper fire from one VC, causing one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). The patrol returned small arms fire and the VC fled.

- At 081745H, vicinity (BT 064680), Company M patrol observed an USAF O-IE aircraft shot down by VC small arms fire. A squad dispatched to provide security for the downed aircraft called a MED-EVAC for the wounded pilot. The security squad remained at the scene of the crash until salvage operations were completed at 091800H.
- 9 At 091200H, Company L assumed a thirty minute Bald Eagle alert status.
- At 110815H, vioinity (BT 065676), a MSR mine sweeping detail received heavy small arms and grenade fire from thirty to forty VC. Marines returned M-79 and small arms fire and were immediately supported by three tanks from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines area (south of the incident). The VC broke contact and fled. A search of the area revealed twenty-two VC fighting holes, four ChiCom grenades, six weapons magazines, Laotion and NVN money, and assorted documents. Two VC were KIA (confirmed) and five were KIA (probable) in this action. Marine losses were three KIA and fifteen WIA (11 MEDEVAC).

At 111000H, the battalion was relieved of the Bald Eagle alert for the duration of Operation TETON.

- 12 At 120538H, Operation TETON commenced. See attached After Action Report for Operation TETON.
  - At 121045H, vicinity (AT 967671), ARVN troops discovered a ChiComgrenade rigged as a mine. It was destroyed in place by marines of Company I.
- At 141000H, vicinity (AT 970664), the 3d Platoon, Company I patrol base received small arms fire from . unknown number of VC, resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). Marines returned small arms fire and swept area with negative results.
- At 152030H, vicinity (BT 083698), a Company K squad position received a light volume of small arms fire, resulting in one USMC KIA. Marines returned fire and the VC broke contact.

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At 184100H, Cinity (AT 973663), the 3d Planen, Company I perineter received small arms fire from an estimated five VC. The platoon returned 81mm mortar and small arms fire. A squad searched the area and apprehended two VCS.

At 180830H, vicinity (BT 068677), a member of the MSR mine sweep security squad was WIA when he detonated a homemade VC mine.

At 181500H, vicinity (AT 972687), a Company I patrol received small arms fire from an unknown number of VC. The patrol returned small arms fire and called artillery on the VC positions. The area was searched and two VCS were apprehended.

At 200830H, vicinity (AT 965666), a Company I patrol discovered and destroyed a cave which contained 390,000 \$NVN. The currency was turned over to regimental S-2.

At 201150H, vicinity (AT 965666), a Company I patrol apprehended five VCS between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five. Four of the VCS had pack strap marks on their backs. The VCS were forwarded to regimental S-2.

At 200900H, the battalion assumed responsibility for the security for Project Sea Anchor, a communication construction project, vicinity (BT 082705).

At 201200H, Operation TETON terminated.

- 21 At 211255H, the battalion command group, Company I, Company L, and Company G, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, commenced Operation MADISON.
- 23 At 231100H Operation MADISON terminated.

At 231735H, vicinity (BT 086696), a Company K patrol member was WIA when he stepped in a punji pit. A homemade mine was discovered and destroyed in the same area.

- At 251200H, the battalion command group with Companies K. and L, and Company D, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines assumed a six hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve. 1st Platoon, Company K was relieved of security responsibility at Bridges #1 (AT 99 8706) and Bridge #2 (AT 999688) by 2d Platoon, Company I. It returned to opcon of its parent unit as part of the division reserve stand by. At 250730H, Company L (-) assumed Bald Eagle alert on two hour stand by.
- At 261100H, one plateon from Company L chopped to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines for participation in a County Fair Operation.
- At 301500H, vicinity (BT 077712), a Company K patrol uncovered a vase containing 1,900,000 \$NVN currency. Confiscated currency was forwarded to regimental S-2.

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At 301800H, vicinity (BT 085696), the 3d Platoon, Company K CP received M-79 and small arms fire from approximately four to six VC resulting in six UEMC WIA (one MEDEVAC). Marines returned M-79, 105mm, and small arms fire. A reaction squad was dispatched to area; however, the VC broke contact.

At 310850H, the battalion was relieved of alert status as 1st Marine Division reserve.

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SECTION V. LOGISTICS

#### A. Significant Events

- 1. During the period, the average supported strength of the battalion was 1150 men.
- 2. Three Otters were attached to the battalion on 15 October. They are being used for resupply and escort of resupply vehicles.
- 3. On 25 October, the four LVT's which were on the island with Company I, returned to the battalion command post. The increased rainfall and resultant river current increase made it hazardous for LVT's to operate.
- 4. Mobile Construction Battalion Six (MCB-6) is nearing completion of tin roofing on the strongbacks within the battalion command post. As of 31 October there is only one strongback requiring roofing.
  - 5. Construction of the ammunition storage area is still in progress.

#### B. Supply

# 1. General

- a. In accordance with a current regimental directive, the Average Monthly Recurring Demand (AMRD) has been recomputed. This recomputation has been analysed on a 9 month or 3 quarter basis. The result will be a more accurate portrayal of the AMRD, due to the fact that this battalion has been in-country since January 1966. Any other attempt to include previous quarters out of the country would distort the true numerical value of the AMRD and tend toward inaccurate usage data.
- b. Battalion Supply has completed a physical inventory and will commence the Regimental Excess Program. This program will help to alleviate shortages throughout the regiment by a redistribution of battalion excesses. Any excesses above the needs of the regiment will be transferred to the appropriate commands.
- 2. <u>Current Projects</u>. A list of the responsible officers or their designated representatives has been received in this office. This list will assist in making the commands more cognizant of their needs and assist those officers in their supply functions. The delegated list of responsible persons will also assist this office in proper requisitioning and supply discipline.

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- 3. Critical shortages still exist for the following items:
  - a. Canvas cots
- b. Entrenching tools
  - c. First aid dressings
- C. Transportation to the state of the state

# 1. Organic

- a. During this period organic vehicles were utilized to provide support, within their capabilities, to the battalion.
- b. The number of M-274, Light Infantry Weapons Carrier, deadlined due to engine trouble has dropped to three. At the end of this reporting period twenty-four are available for service.
- c. One M-422A1 was deadlined but has not been evacuated to FLSG for repair because of a pending investigation.

#### 2. Support Vehicles

- a. Support from the 3d Motor Transport Battalion has been outstanding. Our normal requirement for house-keeping trucks is six, but during the last reporting period we have been receiving only four trucks due to the unusual Rough Rider commitments placed upon that unit.
- TETON. Also Otters were used to a great extent for resupply during Operation TETON. Also Otters were used to resupply positions inaccessible to other track or wheeled vehicles.
- post and observation posts has been satisfactory.
- d. Logistic Support provided to the island position by LVT as astisfactory prior to the LVT's moving off the island.

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#### D. Maintenance

- 1. First and second echelon maintenance is being performed expeditiously with no significant problems encountered.
- 2. One of the battalion's three 35-horsepower outboards has been Code 'X'ed and the other two are in for repairs. They have been deadlined due to the lack of parts in RVN.





# SECTION VI. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. General. During October, the communications platoon completed water-proofing, conducted limited technical inspection, and performed a second echelon maintenance check of all communications-electronics items within the battalion. Ahot locker was constructed and will be utilized for storing equipment in a dry, operational condition.

#### B. Equipment

- 1. On 31 October 1966, all T/E communications equipment was on hand or on order.
  - 2. The battalion used the following equipment daily during the month.

a.	Radio.	ITEM	QUANTITY
	en en sand a se de	AN/PRC-25 LN/PRC-47 AN/PRC-6 RT-524	59 3 6
b.	Wire.	ITEM	QUANTITY
		SB-22 TS-10 EE-8/TA-312 TA-1	4 49 53 52

3. The battalion electronics technicians repaired the following equipment during October.

a. Ra	adio.	ITEM	QUANTITY	ECHELON		
	<b>&gt;</b>	AN/PRC-47	4	2d		
		AN/PRC-25	8 2 3	2d		٠
	•	RT-524	1	2d		
* 75.	*	AN/PRC-41	1	2d		
		AN/MRC-83	1	2d	9 	
<b>b.</b> W	ire.	ITEM	QUANTITY	ECHELON		
	•	SB-22	1	2d		
	1	TA-222	14	2d	• · · · · · · ·	
	• .	TA-221	3	2d		
		H-144	1	2d	**	
		EE-8/TA-312	7	2d		
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4. Combat essential equipment deadlined as of 31 October 1966.

ITEM	QUANTITY	ECHELON
AN/PRC-10	1	5 <b>t</b> h
AN/PRC-25	1	. 2d
AN/PRC-47	2	3d
AN/TGC-14	1	3 <b>d</b>
AN/GGC-3	1	3 <b>a</b>

5. Wire installed during October.

TYPE	* *	QUANTITY
Telephone cable WD/1TI	r	 2 miles
Electrical line #14/2	Romex	100 feet

#### C. Message Traffic.

1.	ADMINISTRATIVE	CLASSIFIED	UNCLASSIFIED
	Incoming	508	365
	Outgoing	4	53
2.	COMBAT OPERATIONS	CLASSIFIED	UNCLASSIFIED
	Incoming	1!	304
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# D. Personnel Status

- 1. On 31 October 1966, the communications personnel assigned to this battalion totaled one officer and seventy-one enlisted.
  - 2. Recapitulation of personnel changes during October 1966.

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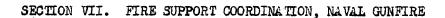
## E. Operations/Training

#### 1. Operations

a. Radio, wire, and message center communications for daily operations within the battalion TAOR were satisfactory with no major difficulties encountered.

#### 2. Training

- a. The following training was conducted:
- (1) Seventeen rifle company marines attended a forty hour class on voice radio procedure and the techniques of operating the new FM family of radio equipment.
- (2) Two 2533 radio telegraph operators were given 180 hours of cross training as 2543 message center men.
- F. Combat Operations. The communications plateon participated in one combat operation during the month. On Operation TETON all communications facilities worked efficiently with no major difficulties encountered.



#### A. Artillery

- 1. General The number of artillery missions fired in support of the battalion during October was more than double those fired in September. Harrassing and interdicting fires were continued and six TOT's were fired in response to intelligence reports.
- 2. Significant Events During Operation TETON artillery was used to help prohibit movement inside the cordon and to suppress enemy fires from outside the objective area. Close fire support and battle field illumination were delivered to accomplish this mission.

## 3. Statistical Summary

a.	Number	of	Missions	

b. Type of Missions

## (1) Unobserved Missions

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(2) Observed Missions

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# c. Ammunition Expended

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#### SECTION VIII. AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSE

# A. Air Support

1. In October, the battalion was supported by the following air components: fixed wing attack, fixed wing transport, fixed wing observation and helicopter aircraft. Fixed wing support employed by the battalion increased some fifty percent over the amount used in September, and helicopter utilization decreased in approximately the same percentage ratio. This increased use of fixed wing aircraft is attributed to Operation TETON which was conducted in the battalion's TAOR during 12 - 20 October. The decrease in helicopter utilization is due to the substantial decrease in medical evacuation missions and the fact that Operation TETON did not warrant; helicopter logistical support. Of the four tactical air strikes flown in the TAOR, only three were requested. One was called by an aerial observer and was not coordinated through this battalion.

#### 2. Air Support Requests

#### a. Helicopter

(1)	Resupply	
*	Missions Requested	8
	Missions Completed	8
(2)	Evacuation	-
	Missions Requested	18
	Missions Completed	48
(3)	Logistical Lift	
•	Missions Requested.	0
••••	Missions Completed	0
(4)	Tactical	**
	(a) Reconnaissance	1
	Missions Requested	4
	Missions Completed	2

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(2) Observation

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# B. Air Defense

1. The defensive measure employed by the battalion were passive. No organic weapons were utilized for active air defense.

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# SECTION IX. MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

#### A. Patient Load

- 1. During October, a total of 663 patients were seen at sick call for an average of twenty-two per day.
- 2. Eighteen patients were admitted at the BAS during the month with an average daily census of four in-patients.
  - 3. Thirty cases of V.D. were treated at BAS during the month.
- B. MedCap A two man MedGap team was sent to the regimental area to continue MedCap operations in that vicinity. There were no County Fairs held this month. Company corpsmen held sick call in hamlets in their areas of responsibility as field operations permitted. A total of 6,317 Vietnamese civilians were treated during October.
- C. Sanitation The mess hall is satisfactory. It is recommended that more garbage cans be furnished to the mess hall and a well for running water be installed. The general area is satisfactory.
- D. <u>Personnel</u> On October 1, there were two medical officers and forty-seven corpsmen on board for duty. During the month, two corpsmen reported aboard for duty. One medical officer and one corpsman were transferred to other commands. There were two corpsmen wounded during the month. On the last day of October, there was one medical officer and forty-eight corpsmen, of which forty-seven are fit for duty. One is on the sick list.

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#### SECTION X. CIVIL/AFFAIRS

A. General. The civic action (CA) program utilized resources from MedCap, USAID, and various self-help projects. This month's activities encompassed projects in the villages of Hoa Long (BT 057745), Hoa Thai (BT 082680), Hoa Hoi (AT 979653), Hoa Chau (BT 014697), Hoa Phung (BT 050700), Hoa Hai (BT 079704), Hoa Da (BT 035717), and Hoa Lan (BT 047678).

#### B. Significant Events

- 1. MedCap: (See Section IX)
- 2. Medical/Dental Assistance: Four cases of emergency medical assistance and on of dental assistance were provided.
- 3. The following assistance was provided under joint USMC/Vietnamese self-help programs.
- . a. Sprayed insecticides in certain selected working areas of Nui Kim Son (BT 074704).
- b. Conducted thirteen English classes. Average age and attendance were nine and twelve, respectively.
- c. Four Vietnamese sows were bred by an American boar in Nui Kim Son.
- d. Villagers of Tan Luu hamlet (BT 085705) improved existing well. Five bags of cement were provided.
- e. Refugees (282 families) from Hoa Long village displaced to Nui Kim Son. Appropriate village chiefs requested assistance from district. This battalion provided 2000 pounds of rice as intetim relief measure.
- f. The attitude of the people of Nui Kim Son has significantly changed for the better. Vietnamese flags were flown from the village headquarters as well as from the newly erected flag pole. The village chief of Hoa Long, Mr. Hoa, is making his presence known to the people and the atmosphere is amiable.

#### 4. Civil Affairs Support of Operation TETON

- a. Four hundred and eighty-five villagers were fed and sheltered. Nine meals were served using 2,400 pounds rice, twenty-four cases of ham, and one case of milk. MedCap teams aided 415 people.
- b. Post Operation TETON Civil Affairs action on 23 October hosted ninety-five civilians who were fed 190 eggs and fifteen gallons of tea. One boy with a broken leg was treated.

#### SECTION XI. PSYCHOLOCICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

A. <u>Summary</u>. The battalion continued to employ psy war as an integral part of its tactical operations and as a tool in furthering its civil affairs program. To accomplish this, messages were delivered by a variety of methods, including 99,000 aerial dropped leaflets, 1000 hand delivered leaflets, one hour of aerial loudspeaker broadcasts and eight hours of ground mounted broadcasts. Themes exploiting marine tactical successes received special emphasis, being aimed at both the VC and the civilian population.

#### B. Significant Events

- 1. On 6 October two UH-34 helicopters dropped 99,000 leaflets over the following grid squares: (BT 0768), (BT 0767), (BT 0868), and (BT 0867). Leaflets were directed at the families of the VC and emphasized the hardships which VC must suffer. The Chieu Hoi program was offered as an alternative to their hardships.
- 2. On 12 October, at the commencement of Operation TETON, the Hoa Hai village chief spoke to the people of Tra Khe (1) (BT 089670), Tra Lo (BT 085682), and Can Ha (2) (BT 085666) via a helicopter mounted loudspeaker system. He explained the marine presence in the area and instructed the villagers to gather at a designated collection point.
- 3. On 17, 18, and 19 October, a 1st Marines vehicular mounted loud-speaker team broadcasted appeals to the VC in Tra Khe (2) (BT 073685), which the battalion had surrounded. The hopelessness of their situation was emphasized and they were urged to lay down their arms. No evidence of the effectiveness of this effort was found.
- 4. On 24 October a post-Operation TETON psy war project was conducted Selected civilians from near by hamlets were brought to Tra Khe (2). Upon arrival, they were fed and given a lecture on the hardships which they may bring upon themselves if they harbor VC in their hamlets. Leaflets were distributed emphasizing this point. A bulldozer then demonstrated how marines dig up VC tunnels and caves. After this they were taken on a tour of the Tra Khe (2) battlefield so they could observe first hand the damage which may befall a hamlet which allows VC sanctuary. With these thoughts implanted in their minds, the villagers were returned to their homes. Later intelligence reports indicate a successful psy war effort. VC leaders have allegedly told the people to not attend any more marine demonstrations.



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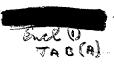
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#### 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces
  - (1) Artillery, Danang Combat Base provides on call support fire missions within the objective area. Priority of fires to Objective A.
  - (2) Close Air Support
    - (a) 1st MAV VF/VA aircraft on call.
    - (b) One O-1E with tectical air observer on call.
  - (3) Attachments and Detachments
    - (a) Two LVEP-5 s from Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn
    - (b) Four M-60 tanks from Co C, 3d Tank Bn.
    - (c) Three Ontos from Co A, 1st AT Bn.
    - (d) Four secut dog teams, Scout Dog Platoon, 1st MP Bn. ...
    - (e) All attachments effective 111800H.
- 2. MISSION. Commencing at H-Hour, D-Day, the 3d Battalion, 1st
  Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct a County Fair in the Tra Lo, Tra Khe
  (1), and Cau Ha area. Search and Destroy Operation
- 3. EXECUTION
- a. Concept of Operations. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) cordons off the objective area with four companies and directs all civilian inhabitants to gather at a designated collection point.

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Marines then conduct sweep operations within the objective area, followed by ARVM Forces who will conduct detailed search operations. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

#### b. Company K

- (1) Cross IP (BT 082697) at 110408H.
- (2) Cross LOD at 110538H.
- (3) Assume assigned blocking positions in ZOA. On order seize Objective C. Be prepared to seize Objectives A or B.

# c. Company L

- (1) Cross IP (BT 071713) at 110430H.
- (2) Cross LOD at 110538H...
- (3) Assume assigned blocking positions in ZOA and conduct screening and search of civilians. Provide security for civilian collection point. On order be prepared to seize Objective A.

# d, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

- (1) Cross IP (BT 071657) at 110403H.
- (2) Cross LOD at 110535H.
- (3) Assume blocking positions in assigned ZOA. On order seize Objective A. Be prepared to seize Objective C.

#### e. Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines

- (1) Cross IP (BT 071715) at 110408H.
- (2) Cross LOD at 110538H.
- (3) Assume blocking positions in assigned ZOA. On order seize Objective B. Be prepared to seize Objectives A or C.

#### f. 81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

- (1) General support. Priority of fires to Objective B.
- (2) Establish three positions of two mortars each.
  - (a) Position 1 (BT 079708) (Presently occupied)
  - (b) Position 2 (BT Q85697) (Occupy at 110600H)

- (c) Position 3 (BT 053641) (Presently occupied)
- g. <u>H&S Company</u>. Provide one squad (rein) to occupy positions at (BT 079708) by 121600H. Opeon to Company K (Rear).

#### h. Company M

- (1) Provide one squad (rein) to occupy positions at (BT 079 708) by 111600H. Opcon to Company K (Rear).
- (2) Provide security for minesweep of MSR for duration of operation.

#### i. Battalion Reserve

- (1) Ontos
  - (a) Occupy Hill 10 (BT 085697) at 120538H.
  - (b) Be prepared to support any company on order.
- (2) ARVN Forces. On order conduct detailed search operations. Priority of search Objective A, Objective B, Objective C.
- j. <u>Psychological Warfare Team</u>. On order psychological warfare team commences operations to move villagers to collection point.
  - (1) Ground mounted and airborne loud speaker systems will be utilized.
  - (2) Civilians will be instructed to be prepared to remain at the collection point for several days.

# k. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Attached tracked vehicles will link up with supported units at 120645H.
- (3) All artillery fires and air strikes will be on call.
- (4) Company assembly areas are designated as follows:
  - (a) Company L (BT 069712).
  - (b) Company K (BT 053691).
  - (c) Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (BT 069712).
  - (d) Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (BT 070658).
  - (e) ARVN Forces (BT 069712). Occupy by 121800H.

- (5) Civilian collection point located at (BT 068668).
- (6) Estimated duration of operations is four to seven days.
- (7) D-Day: 12 October 1966
- (8) H-Hour: 0538
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Administrative Order 378-66.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
  - a. Radio communications will be in accordance with 3d Marine Division COI and Battalion Order PO2000.1G.
  - b. All companies will maintain radio silence until gaining significant contact or upon crossing Line of Departure (LOD).
  - c. Lt W. A. GRIFFIS USMC Liaison Officer to ARVN units.
  - d. Command Posts
    - (1) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Forward) (BT 091672).
    - (2) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rear) (BT 069712).
  - (3) All companies report CP locations to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Forward) when established. Changes will be reported as they occur.

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# Company K (-) (Rein)

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## Company L (Rein)

Capt KNAPPER

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# Company D, (a) (Rein), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Capt KELLY

2 Plats, Co D FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat FO Tm, 11th Mar FAC Tm

Company F, (Rein), 2d Battalion, 1st Marines

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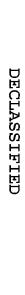
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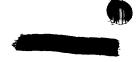
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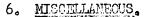
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- a. General Pattalion Supply is the source for all classes of supply.
- b. Supplies and Equipment Available.
  - (1) Unit Prescribed Load
    - (a) Class I MCI's 2 meals per man on D-Day. Maintain 1, meals per man for the remaining period of the operation.
    - (b) Class II Fact operator will carry one extra battery.
    - (c) Class III none
    - (e) Class V -- Basic Allowance
- Control and Distribution Unit distribution
- d. Resupply Submit requests to S-4 daily prior to 1500 for the following day.
- e. Captured Energy Massrials All materials forwarded to S-2.
- 2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION Standard procedures for Med-evac will be followed.
- 3. TRANSPORTATION Submit requests to S-4 as requirements become known.
- 4. <u>SERVICE</u> Evacuate equipment requiring repair to the Battalion Command Post Rear.
- 5. PURSONNEL.
  - a. Strength Reports On request of S-1.
- b. <u>Casualty Reports</u> Submit to S-1 as soon as possible following DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; incident.

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- a. Units submit Spot Reports to Battalion Forward Command Post.

  Battalion Rear copy and submit to 1st Marines.
- b. Civil Affairs Officer coordinate establishment of Collection Point,
- c. IMS Company provide 15-man working party to erect tentage at Collection Point and strike and evacuate tentage and associated equipment upon completion of operation.

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Capt WINSTON

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Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

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Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines

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5. Task Organization

3d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

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#### Company K (-) (Rein)

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# Company L (Rein)

Capt KNAPPER

3 Plats, Co L
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# Company D (-) (Rein)

Capt KELLY

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# Company F (Rein)

Capt DEEGAN

3 Plats, Co F FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat FO Tm, 11th Mar

#### 81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

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#### Battalion Reserve

2 Ontos, Co A, 1st AT Bn 1st Co, 4th Bn, 51st ARVN Regt

# 6. Supporting Forces

#### Marine Helicopters

- (1) Helicopters were not utilized for troop lifts during the operation; however, MAG-16 flew seven MEDEVAC missions, extracting fourteen USMC and two ARVN casualties. Helicopters were requested over the TAR net. Average reaction time for MEDEVAC missions was twenty-five minutes.
- (2) A planned aerial reconnaissance by infantry commanders on D-1 was cancelled by MAG-16 because of unavailability of aircraft.

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The loss of this mission had a detrimental effect on the initial stages of the operation as a submerged trail across the Song Can Bein (BT 081669) was not detected until after the battalion had moved into the objective area. This trail was apparently utilized by some VC to escape the initial cordon.

(3) On 15 October one UH-34 was hit by enemy small arms fire during a MEDEVAC, vicinity (BT 075676). The helicopter was able to reach a secure LZ (OSTRICH) at the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines command post. It made a forced landing, was subsequently repaired, and flown out.

#### b. Marine Fixed Wing Aircraft

- (1) One fixed wing air strike was flown in support of the operation. On 16 October two F-8E and two A-4E aircraft strafed VC positions, vicinity (BT 075681), with 520 20mm rounds, ten 2.75 inch rockets, and three Zuni rockets. Two napalm bombs were also dropped. The strike was requested over the TAR net and controlled by the battalion forward air controller. It was requested for 160730H and was conducted at 160735H. All ordnance aboard the aircraft was not delivered on target; however, all ordnance utilized hit the target.
- (2) Flare ships provided night illumination on 14 through 17 October. Missions were requested over the TAR net and were controlled by the battalian forward air controller. Accuracy and timeliness of all missions were excellent.
- (3) The battalion also employed observation aircraft on 12, 13, 14, and 15 October. Their effectiveness was minimal as ground-air communications could not be maintained.

#### c. Artillery

- (1) Sixty-one artillery missions were fired in support of this operation, expending 489 rounds of high explosive, 154 rounds of WP, sixteen rounds of HC smoke, and 132 rounds of illumination. An average of approximately five minutes elepsed between mission requests and "on the way". In some instances, though, reaction times in excess of fifteen minutes were reported. Target coverage was considered satisfactory. During this period artillery was used mainly to suppress enemy fires from outside the cordon; however, during the cordon of Tra Kho (2); suppressing fires were under the strict supervision of the battalion fire support coordination center.
- (2) Besides the batteries of the 11th Marines, artillery support was obtained from four LVTH-6's. Firing from positions south of the objective area, these vehicles provided good target coverage.

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d. Armor Tenks proved to be a very valuable asset to the perimeter decenses around Tra Khe (2). Their direct fire capability was utilized when the closeness of friendly front lines made artillery and mortar fires difficult. Cannister and machine guns from tanks were a major factor in maintaining an effective cordon. In addition, tanks were useful in search operations. Their crushing power was utilized to clear both vegetation and anti-personnel mines as infantrymen searched for caves and tunnels.

Initially, three tanks were provided; however, on 13 October a fourth vehicle became available. Although all tanks were equipped with search lights, none worked. Had direct illumination been available, the maintenance of the cordons during hours of darkness would have been considerably easier and more economical.

#### 7. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Forces Anticipated in the Objective Area. The enemy force anticipated in the objective area was an undesignated (local force) company consisting of sixty to seventy men, well armed and supported by two LMC and one 60mm mortar. In addition to this unit, it was estimated that each of the four hamlets had from five to eight village guerrillas.

#### . b. Enemy Forces Actually Encountered

- (1) During the operation a local force company of sixty to seventy men and several small groups of snipers were engaged.
- (2) There were twenty-seven enemy contacts. The majority of these were split into two categories: close-in defensive fighting and those which occured while digging the enemy out of his tunnels and caves. The latter proved to be an arduous task, requiring much patience and hard work.
- (3) A total of 832 Vietnamese were screened by ITT, resulting in nine VCC and twenty-seven VCS.

#### (4) Personnel and Equipment Losses

#### (a) Personnel Losses

VC KBGF (Confirmed)		36
VCS		27
VCC		. 9
VC WIA (Confirmed)		- 3

(b) <u>Weapons and Equipment Losses</u> The following Viet Cong equipment and weapons were captured:

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6 K-44 ChiCom carbines 2 US M-1 rifles 1 US 1903 Springfield rifle 3,000 rounds assorted ammunition 51 M-26 fragmentation grenades 2 WP rifle grenades ha ChiCom hand grenades 2 fuse lighters 6 feet of fuse 1 15 pound shape charge 4 N-14 magazines 1 BAR magazine 2 M-76 grenade launchers 16 cartridga belts 5 canteens 2 bayonets 1 81mm mortar night firing device 1 .50 caliber machine gun flash supressor 20 spools of trip wire 756 assorted documents 71 pieces of uniforms and clothing 643 assorted items of medical supplies of US. French and Chinese manufacture, including instruments, bandages, drugs etc. 1 typewriter 4 flags (Viet Cong) 14 banners (anti-US) 2,000 feet of communication wire 3 transistor radios 2 watches 2 pair boots 40 cans of condensed milk 4,000 pounds of rice 29,400 \$ RVN currency (Piasters) 40,000 \$ NVN currency

- (5) Mines and Booby Traps There were a total of sixtytwo anti-personnel mines discovered during during the operation, two of which were detonated causing seven casualties. (See paragraph 10.e.(3).)
- (6) Caves and Tunnels Fifty-three caves and tunnels were discovered by USMC personnel and three by ARVN forces in Tra Khe (2). Most of these were built to accommodate two to three men. All had well concealed entrances which were usually located in heavily vegetated areas along hedgerows or under cactus plants. In one area, in what appeared to be a cemetary, six caves and tunnels were found with entrances concealed under cactus plants. In two instances, the tunnels ran under simulated grave mounds. An important item to note is that almost all caves and tunnels were

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located on a short rise or bank, or in a hedgerow, to give them good drainage. This, along with good construction and waterproof paper, which was placed around the framework, proved to be very effective. Despite the heavy rain, only two caves were found with water in them. In another area a man-made hill or rise approximately six feet high and fifty feet by 200 feet in shape concealed several elaborate caves and tunnels along with thousands of pounds of rice. Many of the caves and tunnels were built with reinforced concrete, and all had corrugated steel roofs. Many were new and built in such a manner as to suggest that they were to be used for a long time.

#### c. Terrain

- (1) Cover and Concealment. Low rolling dumes covered with low scrub pine were prevalent in the eastern portion of the area, rendering troop movement without detection difficult. Further inland, numerous built-up areas and hedgerows bordering rice paddies and cultivated areas, offered good concealment. Limited cover was afforded by rises and some civilian dwellings.
- (2) Critical Terrain Features Three hills, although not high, dominated the area of operations and provided good observation in all directions; locations were (BT 084698), (BT 088678), and (BT 073670).
- (3) Observation and Fields of Fire Generally, observation and fields of fire were poor to average except on or near the high ground indicated in subparagraph 7.c.(2) above. At these places they were good.
- (4) Obstacles There were several man-made obstacles in the form of trench lines encountered at (BT 083672), (BT 075674), and (BT 077674). Most of these were approximately four feet in depth and ran in several directions. The Song Can Bien (river) running from (BT 075697) to (BT 081670) was fordable only by foot troops at a causeway located in vicinity (BT 032674).
- (5) Avenues of Approach. Two major roads running north and south on either side of the Song Cam Bien provided the main avenues of approach. There were also several small roads which proved passable to vehicles. Local paths, trails and dikes provided good avenues of approach for foot movement.
- 8. Mission The initial mission for the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) as set forth in reference (b) was to conduct search and destroy operations in the hamlets of Tra Lo (BT 088670), Tra Khe (1) (BT 088670), and Cau Ha (2) (BT 086666) in order to capture or destroy all enemy personnel, equipment, and supplies. On 15 October, a battalion fragmentary order recriented the objective area to

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include Tra Khe (2) (BT 075684). The basic mission remained unchanged.

9. Concept of Operations The initial concept of operations called for four rifle companies to place a cordon around Tra Lo, Tra Khe (1), and Cau Ha (2) before first light. All villagers were then removed to a central collection point and a detailed search of the area was conducted by an ARVN company. The reorientation of the battalion to Tra Khe (2) was accomplished under the guise of securing the operation. Units withdrew from the initial cordon as if returning to the command post, but upon reaching prearranged points, they quickly moved into their new blocking positions. Once these were established, a detailed search of the area began.

#### 10. Execution

# a. 11 October

- (1) At 1500H representatives of all participating units were briefed on Operation TETON at the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines command post (BT 069712) by the battalion commander, and Battalion Operation Order 378-66 was issued.
- (2) At 1900H all attachments and detachments for the operation were effective.

#### b. 12 October

- (1) At 0315H the battalion command group departed the command post by tactical foot march, enroute to the objective area.
- (2) At O408H Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines; Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines; and Company K, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines crossed their initial points (IP) at (BT 071657), (BT 071713), and (BT 082697) respectively and proceeded toward their lines of departure (LOD) by tactical foot march.
- (3) At 0430H Company L crossed its IP (BT 071713) and proceeded towards its IOD by tactical foot march.
- (4) At 0538H all companies crossed their LOD's and moved to establish a cordon around the objective area. Company LOD's are shown below:
  - (a) Company D (BT 086651) to (BT 099653)
  - (b) Company F (BT 079696) to (BT 090682)
  - (c) Company K (BT 090682) to (BT 100667)
  - (d) Company L (BT 069689) to (BT 067663)





- (5) At 0615H companies moved into assigned blocking positions. Flooded rice paddies made all movement extremely difficult.
- (6) At 073CH sweeps of the three objectives were begun. Company D swept Objective A (BT 083674) to (BT 081663); Company F swept Objective B (BT 082690) to (BT 084678); and Company K swept Objective C (BT 086679) to (BT 094665).
- (7) At 0807H the battalion forward command post was established at (BT 093662).
- (8) At 0900H a civilian collection point was established, vicinity (BT 073673). One platoon of Company L provided security. As Marines swept each objective, all civilians were routed to this collection point. Food and shelter were provided by the battalion civil affairs officer.
- (9) At 1050H Company D observed two VC in a boat moving south, vicinity (BT 089662). Marines delivered small arms and M-79 fire on the enemy and dispatched a fire team to search the area. No trace of the VC or the boat were found.
- (10) At 2005H Company D defensive positions, vicinity (BT 086666), received small arms fire and rifle grenades from two VC. Two Marines were WIA (MEDEVAC) in this action.

#### c. 13 October

- (1) At 1145H Company D completed its sweep of Objective A which was begun on 12 October. Immediately following, the Ist Company, 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN Regiment commenced a detailed search of the area. Two VCS were apprehended and three Viet Cong flags were captured by the ARVN during the afternoon.
- (2) At 1715H one Marine was wounded when two VC delivered small arms fire on Company D positions, vicinity (BT 086665). Marines returned fire which hit one VC, causing him to fall in the water. The area was searched, but the body was not recovered.
- (3) At 1855H Company F delivered small arms, 3.5 inch rocket and 60mm mortar fire on a group of VC in a tree line, vicinity (BT 083685). One VC was observed to have been hit, but managed to escape.

#### d. 14 October

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- (1) At 1020H Company F discovered 40,000 \$NVN, vicinity (BT 083683).
  - (2) At 2050H Company F defensive positions delivered small

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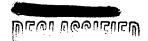


arms fire at noises heard to their front. A human cry was heard, followed by a burst of incoming small arms fire; one VC WIA and one USMC WIA.

(3) At 2115H the battalion S-3 issued a fragmentary order for the cordoning and search of Tra Khe (2), vicinity (BT 074683). As set forth in this order, elements of the battalion were to leave the initial cordon at 15090CH and proceed north along the MSR, as if returning to the battalion command post. When abreast of Tra Khe (2), which lies parallel with the MSR, a rapid movement eastward would be accomplished to establish the new cordon.

# e. 15 October

- (1) At 0900H the battalion commenced the cordoning and search of Tra Khe (2). Company K established blocking positions from (BT 067 680) to (BT 069692). Company L conducted the initial search of the objective, sweeping from south to north, and then established blocking positions from (BT 069682) to (BT 076683). Company D crossed the Song Can Bien, vicinity (BT 082674), and established blocking positions from (BT 073677) to (BT 067680).
- (2) At 0930H Company F followed the trace of Company D across the Son Can Bien and occupied blocking positions from (BT 076 683) to (BT 073677), thus completing the cordon.
- (3) At 1136H a Marine from Company L detonated a VC antipersonnel mine, vicinity (BT 076682), resulting in four USMC WIA. During its search of Tra Khe (2), Company L uncovered a total of sixtytwo land mines. Of these, forty-five were M-26 grenades and ten were ChiCom grenades rigged with trip wires. The remainder were combinations of grenades and artillery or mortar rounds all rigged with trip wires. The VC did not plant the mines in any apparent pattern, but most were found in sandy areas used by LVTP-5's and tanks. With the exception of the one detonation, all other mines were discovered and destroyed without friendly casualties.
- (4) At 1130H two VC, one wounded, were captured when they walked into Company K positions at (BT 069689).
- (5) At 1245H Company K observed two VC attempting to flee the hamlet, vicinity (BT 075687). Both were killed by machine gun fire.
- (6) At 1300H the ARVN company began a detailed search of Tra Khe (2).
- (7) At 1535H Company D flushed two VC from a hole, vicinity (BT 072680). Both VC were killed by Marine small arms fire.



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- (8) At 1645H the ARVN company killed one VC and captured his weapon at (BT 075675).
- (9) At 1530H an ARVN squad received small arms fire from an unknown number of VC, vicinity (BT 075680); two ARVN WIA (one DOW). During the ensuing helicopter evacuation, the landing zone (BT 075680) received intense sniper fire, wounding one Marine from Company F. The helicopter was hit by enemy fire, but the evacuation was successfully completed. (See paragraph 6.a.)
- (10) At 2005H the enemy made a coordinated effort to escape from the cordon. An estimated thirty to fifty VC delivered intense small arms fire on all company positions. The attempted break out was repulsed by small arms, tank, and artillery fire. Fourteen VC were killed during this engagement. There were no USMC casualties.

#### f. 16 October

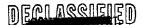
- (1) At 0735H Marine jet aircraft conducted an air strike on the objective area. (See paragraph 6.b.)
- (2) At 1045H one dead VC was found by ARVN troops at (BT 083685).
- (3) At 1400H ARVN forces located one VC in a cave, vicinity (BT 073683). A grenade was thrown in the cave, killing the VC.
- (4) At 1800H 3d ITT personnel identified three VC from a group of civilians who had been removed from Tra Khe (2). The VCC were forwarded to 3d ITT.
- (5) At 2005H an estimated twenty VC again attempted to break out of the cordon. All companies received moderate to heavy small arms and grenade fire. As before, the attempted escape was repulsed. Casualties for this action were four VC KIA.

#### g. 17 October

- (1) At 0610H two Company L Marines were wounded when a VC threw a grenade into their position, vicinity (BT 075685).
  - (2) At 1430H an Otter crewman detonated a land mine, vicinity

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(BT 072686). The mine, which consisted of an M-26 grenade and approximately five pounds of TNT, inflicted two USMC KIA and three USMC WIA.

- (3) At 1630H the ARVN company was withdrawn from the operation. Marines assumed the responsibility for conducting the detailed search of the hamlet.
- (4) At 2245H Company F killed one VC as he approached the company positions from outside the cordon, vicinity (BT 075676).

#### h. 18 October

- (1) At 0930H Company F captured one VC, vicinity (BT 074683). The VC had been hiding in a cave, but came out when a bulldozer approached his position.
- (2) At 1300H Company F discovered one dead VC in a cave, vicinity (BT 073683).
- (3) At 1340H Company F captured one VC in a cave, vicinity (BT 073682).
- (4) At 1345H one VC emerged from a cave, vicinity (BT 073681), and threw a grenade at a Company F search party. The VC returned to his cave and apparently killed himself with another grenade. A search of the cave revealed two VC KIA.
- (5) At 1630H one VC emerged from a cave and delivered a burst of automatic weapons fire at a Company L search party, wounding one Marine. Marines threw grenades into the cave and destroyed it with a sixteen pound shape charge. Two VC KIA were found during the ensuing search.
- (6) At 1920H Company L discovered one VC KIA in a cave, vicinity (BT 075682).
- (7) At 2110H Company L Marines killed one VC as he approached their defensive positions, vicinity (BT 072686).

#### i. 19 October

- (1) At 0930H Company F discovered 29,000 \$ RVN, vicinity (BT 076680).
- (2) At 1055H Company L discovered one VC KIA in a cave, vicinity (BT 076682).





#### j. 20 October

- (1) At 0700H Company D returned to the control of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
- (2) At 0850H Company F found one VC KIA in a cave, vicinity (BT 075678).
- (3) At 1200H Operation TETON terminated. Companies F, K, and L returned to the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines command post.
- (4) At 1400H Company F returned to the control of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.
- 11. Results. Operation TETON accounted for forty-eight confirmed enemy casualties: thirty-six KIA, three WIA, and nine captured. Twenty-seven VCS were also apprehended. Large quantities of enemy supplies were captured, including nine individual weapons, ninty-three grenades, and 4,000 pounds of rice. (See paragraph 7 b. (4) (b) for a complete list of captured equipment). Friendly casualties were two USMC KIA, fifteen USMC WIA, and two ARVN WIA (one DOW). No friendly major items of equipment were lost.

#### 12. Administrative Matters

#### a. Supply Requirements and Resupply

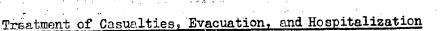
- (1) The battalion initially carried two meals and one-half gallon of water per man. The Logistic Support Area (LSA) was «stablished at the battalion command post (BT 069712).
- (2) Resupply was accomplished by Otters of H&S Company, 3d Motor Transport Battalion, and LVTP-5's of the 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

#### b. Equipment and Ammunition

- (1) Selected items of equipment organic to an infantry battalion were not used in the operation because of the mission given this battalion. Equipment used included 81mm mortars, 40mm M-79 grenade launchers, 7.62mm M-60 machine gums, 3.5 inch rocket launchers, portable flamethrowers, and individual arms and equipment.
- (2) Ammunition carried initially consisted of modified basic allowance per individual and weapon. Equipment carried was considered adequate.
- c. Maintenance and Salvage First and second echelon maintenance were performed in the battalion command post by qualified battalion personnel. Items requiring a higher echelon of maintenance were evacuated to FLSG-A.







- (1) <u>Casualties</u> There were ninteen friendly battle casualties on Operation TETON, three of which were KIA's. All wounded personnel but one were medically evacuated. One non-battle heat casualty was reported.
- (2) Evacuation All evacuated personnel were forwarded to Naval Support Activity, Danang, by helicopter or vehicle. Support was satisfactory, except twenty-five minutes average reaction time for helicopter MEDEVAC was considered excessive.
- (3) <u>Hospitalization</u> Personnel requiring hospitalization were treated initially by Naval Support Activity, Danang, and where required, were evacuated to other designated facilities.
- e. Medical Evaluation, General There were no medical problems encountered during the operation. Company corpsmen were able to handle effectively all minor injuries not requiring evacuation.
- f. Transportation No vehicular or aerial transportation was used for troop movements. Resupply transportation has been discussed in Paragraph 12 a.

### g. Communications

- (1) <u>General</u> There were no major communications problems encountered on Operation TETON; specific problems are included in the discussion below.
- (2) <u>Personnel</u> The Communications Section was the standard organization utilized by this battalion for a command group and four companies.
- (3) Equipment All equipment utilized for this operation performed in a satisfactory manner except as follows: Four H-138 handsets, three AN/PRC-25 radio sets, three AN/PRC-47 radio sets, and one ARC-55 radio set were evacuated for third echelon maintenance.
  - (4) Radio Relay Radio relay was not utilized.

# (5) Radio

(a) Radio was the primary means of communication and worked extremely well during most of the operation. One evening during heavy rains, the companies had sporadic communications with the battalion. The use of the RC-292 antenna should correct this deficiency in future operations.

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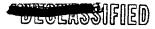
- (b) Transmission interference was encountered on the Battalion Tactical Net. An unknown station using the call sign "Mickey Review" constantly cut into transmissions and often delayed traffic for five to ten minutes. The Battalion Tactical Net was switched with the Company M Tactical Net and communications within the battalion remained satisfactory for the remainder of the operation.
- (6) <u>Wire</u> Wire communications was used only within the battalion command group and was satisfactory throughout the operation.
- (7) Supply and Maintenance The resupply and maintenance of communications equipment were satisfactory.
- (8) Special Communications There were no special communications or techniques employed.

#### 13. Special Equipment and Techniques

- a. <u>Personnel Carriers</u> Two types of tracked personnel carriers were employed, the LVTP-5 and the Otter. The LVTP-5 proved to be the more useful of the two; compared to the Otter, it carries a greater load over more varied terrain. The Otter was of only limited value as it was restricted from hard roads and was not suitable for travel across muddy rice paddies.
- b. TD-18 This piece of equipment was utilized extensively in the detailed search of Tra Khe (2). Much of the success in finding VC caves and tunnels can be directly attributed to the excavations it performed. (Additional discussion on search techniques may be found in Paragraph 14 below).
- c. Scout Dogs Four scout dog teams (one dog per team) were available for the operation. These animals had some success in locating hidden cave entrances. On several occasions dogs were used to follow VC trails. This proved to be less successful as the scent was invariably lost in the rice paddies.

#### 14. Commander's Analysis

a. Conduct of the Search 'At Tra Khe (2) the battalion undertook a detailed search of a relatively large (1200 meters by 200 meters) area. The results, as enumerated in Paragraph 7, were well worth the effort. The hamlet was interlaced with extensive VC caves and tunnel networks. Most of their entrances were cleverly concealed in thickly vegetated hedgerows. To effectively ferret out all VC personnel and supplies, mechanical might was combined with normal search procedures. The introduction of a TD-18 bulldozer on 17 October proved to be an invaluable asset. Its power was used to push away the covering vegetation, making it easier for men and scout dogs to conduct a more





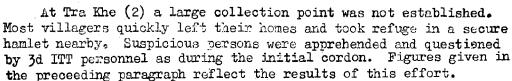


detailed inspection. Another important feature which contributed to the success at Tra Khe (2) was the length of time spent on the search. On the first day a sweep was conducted and a cordon firmly established around the hamlet. The next five days were spent in containing the VC and conducting the search. Staying power is an essential ingredient in such an operation. Interrogation of captives from Tra Khe (2) revealed that generally, the VC have very little respect for Marine search abilities. Rather than flee when Marines enter the hamlet, these VC stated they would hide in their caves, confident that they would not be discovered. To counter this tactic we must be prepared to conduct extensive and meticulous searches of VC controlled hamlets.

- b. Aerial Reconnaissance In a counter guerrilla environment the requirement for a helicopter reconnaissance before the commencement of a major operation is a necessity. By the nature of the conflict, all troop movements must be executed swiftly and with great precision, often with little or no prior notice. As was the case on Operation TETON. units are often unfamiliar with the objective area. Additionally, climatic conditions may change the terrain considerably from what a map inspection reveals. In short, the lack of aerial reconnaissance leaves a definite void in operations of this nature, and could prove detrimental to the entire operation.
- c. Psy War A vigorous psy war effort was undertaken during the operation. At Tra Khe (2) a 1st Marines audio team conducted nightly appeals to the VC inside the cordon. One VCC from that area agreed to tape a surrender appeal to his comrades. This was used to augment the normal broadcasts. While no positive results attributable to this program were found, it has great potential for future operations. The battalion psy war: effort for Operation TETON will continue even though the operation has terminated. Plans have been made to collect selected representatives from the nearby namlets and bring them to Tra Khe (2). They will be shown the steps which must be taken when cooperation from the villagers is lacking, and impressed with the desirability of notifying Marine patrols of the location of VC, caves, mines, and weapons. Stress will be placed on the fact that unnecessary hardship and suffering can be avoided by refusing to harbor VC within the hamlet. Concurrently, leaflets emphasizing this point and the Chieu Hoi Program will be distributed.
- d. Civil Affairs The care and screening of Vietnamese civilians was of prime concern in the initial cordon around Tra Khe (1), Tra Lo, and Cau Ha (2). A collection point was established by the battalion civil affairs officer consisting of seven GP tents for the feeding, sheltering, and processing of the people. This arrangement proved to be marginally satisfactory. A sounder approach would have been to separate the shelter and processing areas, thus eliminating some of the crowding that developed. In spite of this, however, 832 people were processed through the combined efforts of the S-2, a 3d ITT sub-team, and a detachment from the U. S. Army 244th Psy War Company. From this group, seven were catagorized as VCC and twenty-seven as VCS. All were forwarded to district headquarters.

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Post-operational civil affairs plans call for the reestablishment of Tra Khe (2). The battalion will coordinate with U.S. agencies and GVN officials to help the people replace what they have lost in the operation. Hopefully, now that the VC infrastructure has been destroyed, a secure hamlet may be created.

#### 15. Recommendations

- a. That planning for future search and destroy operations include provisions for sufficient engineering equipment and enough time to conduct a thorough search of the objective area.
- b. That the size of objective areas for future similar operations be carefully considered in light of the cordoning forces available. Tight, physical security must be established for a cordon to be effective.
- c. That the civilian processing/sheltering facilities be physically separated and each controlled by the S-2 and S-2 maspectively.
  - d. That a helicopter be made available for pre D-Day reconnaissances.

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- te Late Intries. Mone.
- 2. Contacts. At 020000H, visinity BT 060672, Company K road sweep encountered approximately twenty rounds small arms fire from estimated two VC, violinity BT 062674. Sweep detail returned 120 rounds small arms fire and called in artillery. Enemy fire seased, sweep of PSR continued.

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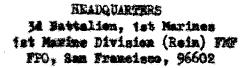
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- t. Late Intries. None.
- 2. Contacts. It 050755H, the PER minesweeping detail, vicinity BT 068675, received approximately four rounds small arms fire from estimated one VC in treeline, vicinity BT 063674. Company L security squad returned sixty rounds small arms fire, two rounds H-79, one round toom receilless rifle, and seven rounds Stam mortar. Enemy fire coased; VC withdrew.



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# SITREP FOR PERIOD 032400H TO 042400H

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- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacte. None.

3. Miscellaneous. At 040600M, Company I assumed blacking positions in the La Bong and Cam He areas to include the following coordinates: First blocking position (day and might), from (AT 973600) to (AT 980689). Second blocking position (day only), from (AT 968666) to (AT 980674). There has been no reported contact during this operation.

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SITREF FOR PERIOD 042400H TO 052400H

#### Marrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts
- a. At 050851H, a Company I platoom observed a Vietnamese male attempting to evade detection about 800 meters west of the plateon Command Fost, visinity (AT 968671). The VCS was apprehended and forwarded to 1st Herines S-2.
- b. At 050925H, a 9th Engineer Battalien road sweep team, escorted by a squad from Company K, received small arms fire from an unknown number of VC legated 300 meters to their southwest, vicinity (BT 065689). Marines returned small arms fire and 106mm receilles rifle fire and directed 61mm fire on the enemy position; VC fire escaped. The Company K squad swept through the VC position without regaining contact. During the initial exchange of fire, one USMC WIA was MEDEVAC.
- c. At 051430H, patrol from Company N discovered two E-26 grenades rigged as mines with trip wires wightity (NT 048674). At the same time, VC automatic weapons fire was delivered on the patrol from positions approximately 200 meters to the south. Harines returned small arms fire and 3.5 VF, and swept through the enemy positions. Contact not reestablished. The groundes were blown in place and patrol continued mission. No USEC casualties.

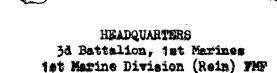
#### 3. Miscellaneous

a. At 050730H, two Vietnamese civilians were wounded when they detonated a VC mine near the Company M Command Post, vicinity BT 016677. Both Vietnamese were (MEDSVIC).

b. At 050800H, Company K (-) and Company L, supported by tanks and ONTOS, began a search of Tan An hamlet, vicinity BT 050600. Company K (-) provided blocking forces while Company L conducted the sweep and search. Approximately 125 villagers were moved to a collection point outside the hamlet where they were provided feed and shelter. A Vietnamese interrogation term from Hoa Vang District assisted in screening the villagers. During the search of the hamlet, three punji pits were located and destroyed. The operation terminated at 051515H.



3. Miscellaneous. None.



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#### SITREP FOR PERIOD 052400H TO 062400H

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# Warrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. At 061325H two M-54's supporting Company M received twenty rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located 100 meters to their south, vicinity (BT 068692). Marines returned small arms fire and directed twenty rounds 107mm on the enemy positions; VC firing ceased. A Company K patrol searched the area without regaining contact.

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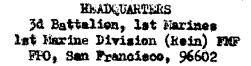
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## STREE FOR PERIOD 062400E TO 072400E

## Harrative Sweets

- t. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. Rome.

3. Miscellaneous. None.



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SITREP FOR PERIOD 072401 - 082400H

#### Narrative Summary

- I. Late Intries. None.
- 2. Contacts. At 081050H, a Company K patrol observed three armed VC about 300 meters to their east, vicinity (BF 085703). Squad fired twelve rounds SAF; enemy dispersed. Area searched; contact not regained.

3. Miscellancous. None.





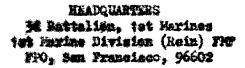
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SITREP FOR PERIOD 082401H - 092400H

# Narrative Summary

- 13 Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contagte. None.



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## SITREP FOR PERIOD 092400H TO 102400H

# Terrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous. None.

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## SIMBLE FOR FERIOD 102400H TO 112400H

## Marrative Summery

- 1. late Estries. None.
- 2. Contacts. At 1981/H, wishnity (NT 065676), a MSR minesweeping detail rescived a large volume of small arms fire, six fifts grenades, and approximately three rounds of Shom morter fire from an estimated thirty VC in entremeded positions seventy-five maters west of the MSR. Marines returned small arms fire. A reaction force of three tanks, two Ontos, and one rifle squad arrived to support the minesweeping team within five minutes. VC broke contact and fled. A search of the area revealed two VC KIA, five VC KIA (probable), four CHICOM gronades, six CHICOM 7.62mm AK-47 magazines, one M-14 magazine, 300 assorted rounds of small arms, Lection and HVM currency, and assorted documents. Translation of the focuments indicated the VC were from the V-27 Main Porce Company, augmented by local guerrillas. Marine losses were three KIA, and fifteen VIA (eleven MEDEVAC).

3. Miscellaneous. None.

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## SITREP FOR PERIOD 112400H TO 122400H

Narrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. <u>Centacts</u>. At 121045H, a combined Company I/ARVH patrol discovered a CHICOM grenade rigged with a trip wire as a mine vicinity (AT 957671). Marines blew the mine in place.

3. Miscellancons. None.

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#### SITREP FOR PERIOD 122400H TO 132400H

## Narrative Summary

- 1. Late Rutries. None.
- 2. Contacts.
- a. At 13085CH, vicinity BT 000661, Company I patrol received small arms and automatic weapons fire from estimated three VC. Patrol returned small arms, M-79, and 3.5mm fire. Search of area failed to reestablish contact.
- b. At 131100H, vicinity BF 050687, Company M Command Post received ten to twenty rounds automatic weapons fire from unknown number of VC. Returned thirty to forty rounds 7.62mm, two rounds 3.5mm WP, and three rounds 81mm morter. Patrol checked area with negative results.
- e. At 131200H, vicinity AT 990677, Company I received heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from estimated twenty VC. Returned small arms and artillery fire. Search of area revealed three VC shirts; subsequently forwarded to Regimental S-2.
- d. At 131215H, vicinity NT 069690, mine sweep security received small arms fire from one automatic weapon and two carbines. Company M security squed deployed and secrebed area, spotting three VC. Fired thirty to forty rounds small arms fire; further search of area revealed one Victnamese female wounded, MEDEVAC by ambulance.
- e. At 131250H, vicinity BT 067692, Company K patrol received small arms fire from two VC. Patrol returned seventy rounds small arms and twenty rounds automatic weapons fire. No additional contact established.

3. Miscellaneous. None.

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## SITERF FOR PERIOD 132400H TO 142400H

## Marretive Summary

- t. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts.
- a. At 141000E, vicinity AT 970664, Company I plateon patrol base received small arms fire resulting in one USAC win (MEDEVAC) from unknown number of VC. Returned small arms fire and VC broke contact; area swept with negative results.
- b. At 141150H, vicinity AT 964658, Company I patrol received small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Patrol returned small arms and 81mm mortar fire. Search of area failed to requirellish contact.
- c. At 141352H, vicinity BF 079708, Company K Command Post received small arms fire simultaneously with bridge security vicinity BF 071702 from estimated six to eight VC, resulting in one USMC VIA (MEDEVAC). Returned small arms and 106mm rescilles rifle fire; VC dispersed and broke contact.
- d. At 141400H, vicinity MT 083698, Company K squad position received heavy volume small arms fire. Squad returned small arms and 81mm mortar fire; VC broke contact. Area was not searched due to limited number of personnel available.

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## SITREP FOR PERIOD 142400H TO 152400H

## Marrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous. None.

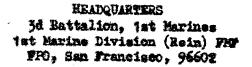
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## SITERF FOR PERIOD 152400H TO 162400H

## Marrative Sussery

- 1. Late Entries. At 1520366, visinity BT 083698, Company & squad position received small arms fire from unknown number of VC resulting in one USAC RIA. Returned small arms fire and VC broke contact.
- 2. Contacts. At 16120dd, a squad sized patrol from Company I, accompanied by a B. S. Army advisor, somtacted an ARVE company vicinity [AT 993647). After Marines departed ARVE positions, they received small arms fire from their rear. Marines and ARVE networked fire. Initial investigation indicates that the small arms fire delivered on Marines may have come from ARVE forest. The ARVE unit contacted wore shoulder patches with the numerals "51". One ARVE and one civilian VIA is this action. Detailed report will follow.
- 3. Miseglismoons, None,



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## SITEEP FOR PERIOD 162400H TO 172400H

## Marrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. None.
- 3. Miscellaneous. None.
- 4. Flans Suggery
  - Company I continue or tendling and arbushes within assigned TACh.
  - Company K continue and igned blocking positions (Operation Taxas) violatty and sportinates BT 068686 to BT 069692.
  - Company L continue assigned blocking resitions (Operation THRM) vicinity grad coordinates of 069692 to DT 073666 to DT 076682.
  - Company H (-) continue expressive patrolling and embushes within assigned 1000.





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#### SITESP FOR PERIOD 172400H TO 182400H

## Marretive Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts
- a. At 18083GE, vicinity BT 065677, security member of mise every detail stepped on homemade processe type mise resulting in one USHC WIA (NED-EVAC).
- b. At 1811COH, vicinity AT 973663, Company I platoon perimeter received small arms fire from estimated five VC about 400 meters northwest resulting in one USAC VIA (MEDEVAC). Small arms fire returned and six rounds 81mm HE. VC broke contact; contact could not be re-established.
- e. At 181115%, vicinity AT 987686, Company I patrol received small area fire from estimated two VC approximately 200 meters northwest. Fatrol fired and menewered in an effort to destroy VC, however, VC fled. Artillery called into the area with good occurage though later search revealed no trace of VC.
- 3. Miscellaneous. None.
- 4. Plane Summery
  - Company I continue patrolling and ambushes within assigned TAOR.
  - Company K continue assigned blocking positions (Operation TATON) vicinity grid scordinates NT 069686 to NT 069692.
  - Company L continue masigned blocking positions (Operation TERNE) violatly grid scordinates BT 069692 to BT 073686 to BT 076682.
  - Company K (-) continue aggressive patrolling and ambushes within assigned TACR.

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## SITEEP FOR PERIOD 182400E TO 192400E

## Barrative Summer

- t. Late Entries. Home.
- 2. Contacte. None.
- 3. Missellaneous. Sound/amiper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.
- 4. Plane Summery
  - Company I Continue patrolling and ambushes within assigned TACR.
  - Company E Secure from Operation TETOE at approximately 201600H.

    Resume patrolling and ambushes within assigned TAOR.
  - Company L Secure from Operation TETOE at approximately 201600H.

    Resume patrolling and ambushes within assigned TADR.
  - Company N Continue pairelling and ambushes within assigned TAOR.

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#### SITEMP FOR PERIOD 192400E TO 202400E

## Marrative Summery

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. Ione.
- 3. Miscellaneous
- a. At 2007498, vicinity (AT 965666), a Company I plateon patrol uncovered approximately 390,000 dellars in VC surrency that had been buried in a cave, discussions three meters by three meters by three meters. Currency confiscated and forwarded to Regimental 8-2.
- b. At 20113CH, vicinaty (12 965666), a Company I plateon patrol observed five Victnemese males sitting im a house approximately 200 meters west of the patrol's position. Patrol approximated five Victnemese males as VCS after Riscovering four of them had pack strap marks on their backs and two had vaccination shots. VCS's forwarded to Regimental 5-2.
  - c. Scout/sniper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.

#### 4. Plans Sussery

- a. Company Is mormal patrolling operations in TAGE.
- b. Company He mornal patrolling operations in TACR.
- c. Company K: mormal petrolling operations in TACR.
- d. Company is one plateon HiR three days China Beach; one plateon OFCON to Company K to provide descrity for Project SEA ANCHOR (BT 682702); one platoon nine sweep security (MS4); one squad SPARROW HAVE elect.

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#### SITEE FOR PERIOD 20240CH TO 21240CH

## Terrative Sussery

- 1. Late Intring. None.
- 2. Contacts. Home.
- 3. Miscellaneous
- a. At 2108156, vicinity AT 977697, second plateon Company I perimeter detected movement approximately 100 meters to the south. Perimeter fixed at movement; subsequent search of area revealed one civilian (female) KIA and two civilian WIA's (male; female). Vounded civilians MEDIVAC and later investigation of area revealed that civilians were aware of the curfew and that no indigenous personnel were permitted in the immediate area.
  - b. Secut-eniper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.

- a. Company I normal patrelling operations in TAUR.
- b. Company N normal patrolling operations in TACR.
- c. Company K normal patrolling operations in TADR.
- d. Company L one platoes RAR three days China Beach; one platoes OFCON to Company E to provide sesseity for Project Sea Anchor (BT 682702); one platoes mine sweep security (FSR); one squad SPARROW HAVE alert.

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#### SITEMP FOR PERIOD 212400H TO 222400H

#### Marrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. Hone.
- 2. Contacts. None.
- 3. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. Scout-sniper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.

## 4. Plans Sussery

- a. 1st Flatoon, Company I Continue assigned blocking positions (Operation MADISCH) violatry (AT 570687) to (AT 967692).
- b. Company I (-) continue patrolling and ambushes within assigned TAOR.
- c. Company K (-) continue patrolling and ambushes within assigned TACR. Frovide one security platoon for SEA ANCHOR and one security squad for NER sine sweep.
  - 4. Company L (-) (Rein) continue as everping element (Operation MaDISON).
- e. Company M (-) continue patrolling and ambushes within assigned TAOR.

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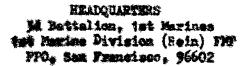
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## SITTED FOR PERIOD 222400H TO 232400H

## **Marrative Summary**

- 1. Late Entries. At 2219 MM, vicinity (AT 973664), Company I plateon perimeter received five Rounds small arms fire. Flateon returned three rounds M-79 causing enemy fire to cease. Area searched at first light with negative results.
- 2. Contacts. None.
- 3. Missellancous
  - a. Scout/eniper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.
- b. Fer Var. Commencing at 240600H one platoon each from Companies K and H will accompany four LVTP-5's to each hamlet in the eastern position of the battalion TAGR. Representatives from each hamlet will be transported to Tra Khe (2) (BT 074680), where they will be given a lecture and tour the area. Themes stressing the possible destruction of hamlets where VC bide and Chieu Hei will be given. Preparations have been made to provide food and shelter for 250 persons during this operation. Estimated time of completion is 241430H.

- a. Company I Continue normal petrolling operations in assigned TACR.
- b. Company K One platoon to provide security for battalion pay war project. Other platoons to conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.
- c. Company L One platoon provide security for SEA ANGALA. One squad provide security for MER minesweep. Remainder of company battation reserve.
- d. Company H One plateon to provide security for bettalion may war project. Other plateons to conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.



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#### SITES FOR PERIOD 232400E TO 242400E

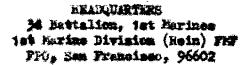
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- t. Late Entries. At 23/7378, vicinity (ST 086696), Company & patrol member stepped in punji pit resulting in one USMC VIA. Additionally, a homenade mine packed with TMT, rigged with trip wire was discovered and destroyed.
- 2. Contacts. Kone.

## 3. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/entper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.
- b. At 240600M, four LYES-ye, each with one reinforced rifle equal embarked, began collecting adult representatives from hamlets in the castern portion of the battalien fact. By 241030M 100 civilians had been delivered to a control collection point, vicinity (BT 068690). At the collection point they were fed and given a lecture stressing the Chicu Hoi program and the damage that hamlets may suffer if TG are allowed to live in them. A bull-dozer and earthmover, displaying Marine Withods of uncovering VC caves, served as training sids to emphasize the latter point. Leaflets strength both points were distributed. After the lecture the people were taken to ire the (2), vicinity (BT 079600), and shown the aftermeth of Operation TETOS. All civilians were returned to their homes by 241400E.

- a. Company I Continue normal patrolling operations in assigned TAGR.
- b. Company K Continue mormal patrolling operations in assigned TACR.
- e. Company L One plateon provide security for SEA ARCHOR. One squed provide scourity for MSR minesusep. Remainder of company battalism reserve.
  - d. Company M Continue normal patrolling operations in assigned TACR.



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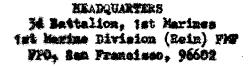
## Parative Summery

- 1. Late Entries. Hone.
- 2. Contacts. None.

## 3. Miscellangous

- a. Scout/eniper teams were not utilized during the reporting period. A battalion escut/emiper school will begin a two week period of instruction on 26 October. Twelve Marines will attend this initial mohool, from which a mount/emiper squad of nine men will be chosen. Gyfigt #ERETIA will be SHOOIC.
- b. ist Platoon, Company E was relieved of guard duties of the bridges at (AT 998706) and (AT 999699) by 2d Platoon, Company I. ist Platoon, Company E returned to the company summand post (BT 080708).
- e. Battalian command group with Companies K and L is on six hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve. Direct coordination with Company D, 1st Battalian, 1st Marines has been effected to provide a third rifle company for this contingency.

- a. Company I Continue patrolling and bridge security operations in assigned TAGR.
- b. Company K Continue patrolling operations in assigned TACR. On six hour stand by as part of int Farine Division reserve.
- e. Company L Provide one platoon as Sea Anchor security. Provide one squad as MSR mine sweep security. Provide one platoon on two hour stend by as Bald Eagle reserve. On all hour stand by as part of 1st Farine Division reserve.
  - d. Company H . Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOH.



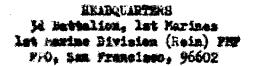
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## STEREP FOR PERIOD 252400H TO 262400H

## Magrative Summery

- t. Sete Entries. Fone.
- 2. Contacts. None.
- 3. Missellaneous
- a. Battalion scont/sniper school began this date. Twelve Marines attended classes on basis Model 70 rifle nomenclature, shooting fundamentals, and combat shooting positions.
- b. Battalion command group with Companies K. L. and D is on six hour stend by as 1st Marine Division reserve.

- a. Company I Continue patrolling and bridge security operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K Continue patrolling operations in sesigned TACE. On six hour stand by as part of 1st Merias Division reserve.
- e. Company L Provide one platoon as Sea Ancher security. Provide one squad as HSR mine every security. Provide one platoon on two hour stand by as Bald Eagle reserve. On six hour stand by as part of tat Marine Division reserve.
  - 4. Company H Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.



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## SITRES AR FEELOD 2624008 TO 2724008

## Farrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. At 262500H, vicinity (BT 085696) a Company E patrol heard voices at a position that had previously been mined by the YC. Harines covered the area with fifty remain of 50 cal, two rounds of 105mm, and six notates of 60 morter fire. Area searched at first light with negative results.
- 2. Contacts. Fone.

## 3. Nissellaneous

- a. Battelien socut/eniper teem commenced the second day of training. Classes were confucted on absorbing fundamentals and combat shorting pesitions. Three hours of live firing was accomplished on the battelion range.
- b. Battalion command group with Companies  $K_p$  L, and D is on six hour stand by as let Marine Division reserve.
- . a. At 261100H, Company & elepped one plateon to 2d Battalion, lat Na-

#### 4. Plans Support

- a. Company I Continue patrolling and bridge security operations in assigned TAUR.
- b. Company K Continue pateolling operations in assigned TACR. On six hour stend by as part of let Mostne Division reserve.
- e. Company L Provide one plateou as Sea Anchor security. Provide one squad as MSR nine sweep security. Provide one plateou on two hour stand by as Bald Engle reserve. On six hour stand by as part of lat Harine Division reserve.
  - 4. Company H Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

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## SITREP FOR PERIOD 272400H TO 282400H

## Narrative Summary

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts None.

## 3. Miscellaneous

- a. Battalion scout/sniper school conducted four hours of classes and three hours of live firing. Classes included shot pattern analysis, capabilities of 81mm mortars and artillery, FO proceedures, and the functioning of the COC.
- b. Battalion command group with Companies K, L, and D is on a six hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve.
- c. Company L and one platoon, Company K on thirty minute Bald Eagle alert.

- a. Company I Continue patrolling and bridge security operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. On six hour stand by for 1st Marine Division reserve. Provide one platoon as Sea Anchor security.
- c. Company L On thirty minute stand by for Bald Ragle reserve. On two hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve.
- d. Company M Provide one squad as MSR mine sweep security. Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

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#### SITRED FOR PERIOD 282400H TO 292400H

#### Marrative Summary

## 1. Late Entries. None.

2. Contacts. At 291145E, vicinity (AT 998673), Company I patrol received fifteen to twenty rounds small arms fire. Patrol returned three M-79 rounds and forty rounds small arms fire. Search of area revealed one uniform, one VC pack, one wool coat, and a letter dated 8 February; subsequently forwarded to Regiment.

## 3. Miscellaneous

- a. Battalion scout/miper school conducted known distance firing at the HOA CAN Regional Forces training center.
- b. Battalion command group with Companies K, L, and D is on six hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve.
- e. Company L and one platoon, Company K on thirty minute Bald Eagle alert.

- a. Company I Continue patrolling and bridge security operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAUR. On six howr stand by for 1st Marine Division reserve. Provide one platoon as Sea Ancher security.
- e. Company L On thirty minute stand by for Bald Ragle reserve. On six hour stand by as 1st Marine Division reserve.
- d. Company H Provide one squad as MSR mine sweep security. Continue patrolling operations in assigned TACR.



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## SITEEP FOR PERIOD 2924008 TO 3024008

## Harrative Summery

- 1. Late Entries. None.
- 2. Contacts. At 300815H, vicinity (BT 069678) the MSR mine eweep detail discovered an M-26 graneds rigged as a mine. The device was destroyed in place.

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- Battalien scout/sniper school conducted known distance firing at the main Regional Forces training center.
- b. Battalien command group with Companies K, L, and D is on six hour stad by as let Marine Division reserve.
- e. Company L and one plateon, Company K on thirty minute Bald Eagle alert.

- a. Company I Two platoens will provide blocking forces for a County Fair at Yen Ne (4) (AT 975677). Hea Vang district will control the operation. ARVE forces participating will be elements of the lot En, 51st Rogt.
- b. Company K Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. OF the plant of the patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. OF the patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. OF THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
  - o. Company L On thirty minute stand by for Bald Ragle reserve. On six
  - A. Company M- Provide one squad as MSR mine sweep security. Continue percelling operations in assigned TAOR.

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RECESTIVE SWIMERY

Late Entries

At 301 CH, vicinity (NT 07 honey was turned in to Battalion 0-2 containing 1,00,000 MV meren dequarters. and will be orverded to higher /

OCIGOS), 3d Platoon, Company K received four At 301800H, vicinity sell arms firs from four to six VC resulting to said twenty country princes returned ten sounds H-79, six 60mm, William of 100 rounds of the A reaction squad was sent to creat The sto books on

(1085696), 3d rl toon, Company & received one all arms fire from unknown number of Vo. latour returns thirty and thirty party fire and enemy broke contact.

it if 97866). 34 Flatoon, Company I received 500 d. B. Farm fire from blested eight VC. Farines returned M-79, 106m., i arms fire, learn area at first light with negative results.

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on, vicin (a) come, the mil aims sweep teen received am rounds all must fre from toward of YG. The team scourity equal returned for rounds M-73 sounds 106mm, and 200 rounds email arms Fire, resulting in two VC VIA ( country), as indicated by two blood trails found.

b. At 310900M, wight: (3T 080703), am anti-tank plate n three-quarter ton which sustained which it make from an electrically detenated while; there were to cancel fiee.

Co At 511450, doinsty (AT 972666), Company I patrol received fifteen roands enals army fin two unknown number of VC resulting in one HANS CIL (MEDETAG). Potrol remand fifty rounds small arms fire and seen homeses pagetive results

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Fagirning at 3119 000, battalion scout/eniper team will receive a three hour presentation rectical applies ion period on night firing.

b. Wisotive 310850H, the battalion was relieved of alert status as 1st rine Division reserve .

c. Company 4, and the photoen, Company & on thirty minute RALD BACKE alert.

a. Cympany I - The litera will revide blocking forces for a founty fair at you to (4) (4 97587). On Veny district will control the operation.

at ver No (4) (\*\* 975677). On Vens district will control the operation. AVI. forces participating will be elements of the 1st Bettelion, 51st Registers.

b. Company is the three patrolling operations in assigned Tall. Provide one platoon as sea Angles accurity. Provide one sociality squad for my Var operation vicinity (BT Operation).

h. Company h - on thirty minute stand by for BALD will a reserve.

d. Company N - Articles one equal as MuR mine sweep scourity. Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide one security squad for any bur offention, vicinity (RF 0008).