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To: Commanding General, 1stMarDiv (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1968

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) October 1968 Command Chronology
✓(2) October 1968 Situation Reports (copies)

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2), this letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-31 October 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

LtCol Frank C. CHACE, Jr. 1-15 Oct
Maj John H. KEEGAN 16-31 OctSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company - 1stLt Harrison C. BARGER, 1-31 Oct

"A" Company - Capt David J. SCONYERS, 1-31 Oct

"B" Company - Maj Joseph F. MOLINEAUX, 1-15 Oct
Maj Frederic M. VANN, 16-31 OctUNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

Det, Sentry/Scout Dog Platoon, 3d Military Police Battalion

Det, 1st Shore Party Battalion (Mine Sweep Team)

Det, 1st Dental Company

2. LOCATION: 1-31 Oct: DaNang, Quang-Nam Province, Republic of Viet Nam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

CO	LtCol Frank C. CHACE, Jr., 1-15 Oct Maj John H. KEEGAN, 16-31 Oct
XO	Maj John H. KEEGAN, 1-15 Oct
S-1	1stLt William J. PETERS, 1-31 Oct
S-2	2dLt Russell L. EQUI, 1-31 Oct
S-3	Capt James R. WILLIAMS, 1-31 Oct
S-4	Maj Frederic M. VANN, 1-15 Oct Maj Joseph F. MOLINEAUX, 16-31 Oct
S-5	1stLt Harrison C. BARGER, 1-31 Oct

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
26	604	1	13	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this period the Battalion supported the ROKs, the 1st, 5th, 7th, 26th Marines and the 1st Engineers. Technique of employment consisted of two platoons (+) to the ROKs, one platoon (+) to 3/26, a platoon to 2/1, 1/7, 3/7 and the 5th Marines, a section (+) to 1/26, and a section (-) to 1/1 and the 1st Engineers. Company "B" Command Group (-) continued their role of direct support to the ROKs at Hoi An.

The enemy has continued his use of surprise firing devices in this Battalion's sector of responsibility. The enemy's main emphasis appears to be on interdicting and harassing patrols with anti-personnel booby traps.

Two large scale cordon and sweep operations were conducted during this reporting period. The first operation commenced on the 3rd of October at 0530 with the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion and Popular Forces Unit 1 establishing a cordon around the villages of TAN LUU and NUI KIM SON. "A" Company (-) 4/51st ARVN Regiment, two local chiefs, their assistant chiefs and the Chief of Police from HOA VANG conducted the search and clear phase of this operation. As a result of this sweep, a total of thirteen Viet Cong suspects were detained and one Viet Cong body minus a leg was found in a cave.

The second operation commenced on the 24th of October at 2330 when Fextrot 2/1 established a cordon around the village of TAN LUU and NUI KIM SON. Later that evening a patrol consisting of an informer, an interpreter, an officer from the 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion and a squad from 2/1 proceeded through the cordoned villages locating and marking suspected Viet Cong homes. In the morning personnel from this Battalion, in conjunction with the National Police and FOB-4, commenced a coordinated and systematic search of the villages and in particular the suspected Viet Cong homes. This sweep produced no tangible results.

This Battalion is presently maintaining a Category I rating in Personnel, Supplies/Equipment on hand, Equipment Readiness and Training. This marks the first time in the calendar year 1968 that we have achieved such a high standard of readiness.

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The Battalion had an average of 61 vehicles committed daily in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. The missions and frequencies of specific tasks were:

Security - 49
Recovery - 20
Resupply - 75
MedEvacs - 7
Blocking Force - 2
Reaction Force - 33
Administration - 21
Troop Movement - 80
Search and Destroy - 8
Patrols and Mine Sweeps - 27

Vehicle utilization averaged 1.5 hours per day carrying an average of 6 persons and 209 pounds of cargo per day. In addition the LVTEls fired 2 line charges.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS:

a. Personnel and Administration

- (1) The personnel status as of 31 October was Category I.
- (2) Two Marine officers and thirty-two Marine enlisted rotated to CONUS.
- (3) One Marine officer and fifteen Marine enlisted were received as replacements.
- (4) Reenlistment rate for the month is as follows:
 - (a) First Term - 16%
 - (b) Career - 100%
- (5) Casualties. Five KIA and twenty - two WIA.
- (6) There were twenty-six extensions of overseas tours, two new enrollments in USAFI and six new enrollments in MGI courses.
- (7) Awards. Twenty-two Purple Hearts were awarded.
- (8) R&R, Exchanges and Services of this Command were adequate.

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b. Enemy

(1) A total of twenty-six contacts were made with the enemy. These contacts were:

- (a) Five amphibian vehicles mined
- (b) One sniper incident
- (c) Two ambushes
- (d) Three Attacks by fire
- (e) Four sightings
- (f) One act of terrorism

(g) Ten booby trap incidents as follows: Two unknown surprise firing devices, three M-26 grenades with trip wires attached, one 60mm mortar round rigged for pressure detonation, one M-26 grenade with pin pulled and placed under a rock, one M-26 grenade with pin pulled and placed in the ground with clay loosely packed around it, one M-26 grenade with trip wire and one 60mm mortar round rigged for pressure detonation both of which were found at the base of Marble Mountain, two M-26 grenades rigged with trip wire, one M-26 grenade packed in hardened mud alongside a trail, one 81mm mortar round with trip wire and one 81mm mortar round with pressure detonating device.

(2) Nineteen detainees were apprehended. Twelve of these were classified as innocent civilians and released. The remaining seven were turned over to 5th CIT for further interrogation.

(3) One hundred and twenty squad - size patrols were conducted of which sixty were during the hours of darkness.

c. Training

(1) Formal training and OJT were conducted in conjunction with operational commitments. The following classes were presented to the members of this Command.

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- (a) Rules of Engagement
- (b) Mines and Booby Traps
- (c) First Aid and Sanitation
- (d) Voice Radio Procedure
- (e) Marine Rifle Squad
- (f) Psychological Operations
- (g) Combat Intelligence
- (h) Personal Response
- (i) Forward Observer Procedure
- (j) Map Reading
- (k) Weapons and Weapons Safety

(2) Personnel attended the following schools

- (a) Officers Leadership - 2 off
- (b) SNCO Leadership - 2 enl
- (c) NCO Leadership - 2 enl
- (d) Embarkation - 1 off, 3 enl
- (e) Basic Organic Supply Accounting - 1 enl
- (f) Organic Supply - 1 enl
- (g) Fiscal Clerk - 1 enl
- (h) Preventive Maintenance - 1 off, 6 enl
- (i) Comm/Crypto - 1 enl
- (j) Mines and Booby Traps - 6 enl

d. Logistics(1) Supply Situation

(a) Many minor suspension parts, i.e., track connector pins, outboard adapter plate nuts and bolts, and cap bolts are critically short.

(b) The D.X. program during October showed a significant increase in parts availability which has helped alleviate some maintenance problems.

(c) Tire patches continue to be difficult to obtain.

(d) The flooding of the access road from Route 13C (MSR) to the Battalion compound has had an adverse effect on brake shoes, brake drums, and wheel bearings. Continuation of this situation will cause critical shortage of these parts for all wheeled vehicles.

(e) A shortage of typewriters is leading to a delay and backlog of administrative work.

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(f) Three LVTP-5 combat replacements were received during the month, reducing our T/E deficiencies to eight. Additionally, two LVTP-5s (CMD) were R&E'd and one gained from the 1st Armored Amphibian Tractor Company thereby eliminating our T/E deficiency of Command LVTs.

(2) Maintenance Situation

(a) During October the Battalion daily combat deadline averaged eight LVTs. This deadline rate was due in part to the heavy rains which caused flooding in many areas thereby precluding the rapid delivery of the required spare parts.

(b) Mining incidents were down from the previous months. This was due to the rain and flood conditions which called for cessation of vehicle operations in many areas. Five LVTs were damaged or destroyed during the month with the following breakdown:

Three vehicles mined and repaired
Two vehicles mined and destroyed

(c) The Battalion is currently short nineteen mechanics, MOS 2142. A continuation of this deficiency will cause additional maintenance problems.

(3) Motor Transport

(a) The daily deadline rate of wheeled vehicles during October ranged from 0% to 14% which is a significant increase from previous months. However, this does not indicate a trend or a recurring problem area, but a lone problem area caused by the excessive rain and local flooding conditions. Motor Transport personnel have been able to remedy this problem and operations are now progressing normally.

(b) The Battalion Motor Transport logged 27,957 vehicle miles with three minor accidents. A total of 6,486 passengers were carried and 412.2 short tons of cargo were transported.

(c) One AN/MRC-109 USMC #327903 was stolen from the Freedom Hill (327) P.X.

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(4) Services

(a) Flooding within the Battalion Compound has been eliminated by the expeditious work of 1st Engineer Battalion. Permanent drains are now being installed to prevent future flooding. Additionally, 1st Engineer Battalion has been tasked to rebuild the access road from our compound to Route 13C (MSR).

(b) Many outstanding work requests are still pending by Public Works and Division Engineers for local construction i.e., messhall sump, shower drain system, and the rewiring of the messhall.

(5) Medical Situation. The following statistical information is provided concerning medical activities:

Total patients seen in MedCap	103
Total Battalion patients (non-MedCap)	563
Total Venereal Disease cases	10
Total Innoculations	1425

e. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) Eighty-eight (20 female, 13 male, 55 children) Vietnamese received medical attention at the Battalion BAS. Sixteen (5 female, 2 male, 9 children) received dental care at the Battalion Dental Clinic. All were treated for non-hostile illnesses.

(2) One thousand and forty leaflets were hand-distributed in our AOR, eight hundred to the village of KHUE-BAC and two hundred and forty to the village of TAN LUU. The total number of air-dropped leaflets was 160,000. A special tape on rewards and booby traps was played by aerial broadcast over the village of NUI KIM SON.

(3) The Orphanage received \$175.00 from donations by Battalion personnel. Also, the following commodities were donated to the Orphanage:

- 5 gal Cooking oil
- 24 ons Asparagus
- 6 ons Chowmein noodles
- 6 ons Cherries RSP
- 8 ons Apples
- 3 ons Farina

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5 lbs Egg noodles
 5 bgs Flour (hard)
 5 bgs Flour (soft)
 24 ons Turkey (boned)
 6 ons Pickle relish
 48 ons Tapioca pudding
 6 ons Corned beef

The total value of the above commodities amounted to approximately \$145.00. S-5 personnel have commenced construction of a new addition to the orphanage.

(4) There has been no ordnance of any type turned in this month.

(5) The hamlets of NUI KIM SON, KHUE-BAC and the New Life Hamlet were presented one rice thresher each from the III MAF Civic Action warehouse.

f. Communications

(1) Personnel. The overall personnel status remains adequate. Three new wiremen were joined which has allowed this section to bring the wire system within the cantonment to a satisfactory performance level. Three new radio operators and one technician were also joined.

(2) Equipment. Six LVTP-5(CMD) vehicles remain to be modified with single sideband equipment. The needed parts are on order by Priority 2 requisition. This section's AN/MRC-109 was stolen and our AN/MRC-83 was sent to 1st FSR with a bad engine leaving the section without any mobile radio equipment.

(3) Maintenance. No significant maintenance problems during this period.

(4) Operations. During this period, 1075 messages were received, 91 were transmitted by this unit.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

See enclosure (2) for copies of Situation Reports submitted during the reporting period.

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TO CG 1ST MARDIV
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STREP 170 AS OF ~~111555H~~ TO ~~112445H~~ 00068

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~111555H~~ AT COORD 071694 N-16 (AMTRAM), THE LEAD TRACTOR, HIT A MINE OF APPROXIMATELY 70 POUNDS WHILE PROCEEDING TO 2/1 C. P. SENT INJURED MARINES TO NSA HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. DISPATCHED ADDITIONAL TRACTORS TO RETRIEVE N-16.
4. (A) THREE (3) USMC MINOR
5. (A) NUMBER 1 ROADWHEEL ASSEMBLY BLOWN OFF.
6. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
7. CASUALTIES: THREE (3) USMC MINOR

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1 STMDIV
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SITREP 171 AS OF 020001H TO 022400H OCT 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 020020H AT COORD 076705 PATROL FROM 3D AMTRBN TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP BELIEVED TO BE APPROX 3 GRENADES. TWO MEN WERE WOUNDED, ONE REQUIRING EMERGENCY MEDEVAC. DISPATCHED VEHICLE FOR MEDEVAC, BUT ONE DIED BEFORE IT ARRIVED. OTHER INDIVIDUAL WAS TAKEN TO NSA HOSPITAL.
- B. AT 022020H AT COORD 077707 PATROL MEMBERS FROM 3D AMTRBN WERE INJURED FROM AN ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE, CAUSING AT LEAST TWO WIA'S. MEDEVAC VEHICLE WAS DISPATCHED TO THEIR POS TO ASSIST. UPON APPROCHING AREA ANOTHER MINE WAS DETONATED INJURING MORE MARINES FROM PATROL & DAMAGING MEDEVAC VEHICLE. BOTH MINES WERE POSSIBLY COMMAND DETONATED & CHARACTERIZED BY LARGE SURFACE EXPLOSIONS. ADDITIONALLY MEDEVAC SENT FROM THIS POS WHICH CONDUCTED MEDEVAC OF FIVE PERSONNEL TO NSA. FOUR WALKING WOUNDED ASSISTED IN RETURNING TO OUR BAS. WRECKER TOWED MEDEVAC VEHICLE BACK TO OUR CP. INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN NUI KIM SON.
- F. (A) ONE (1) USMC
- G. (A) ONE (1) USMC (MINOR)
(B) NINE (9) USMC
- N. ONE (1) 3/4 TON TRUCK MINOR DAMAGE TO RADIATOR

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FM 3D AMTBVN
TO CG 1STMAVIV
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SITREP 172 AS OF 030001H TO 030400H

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 030330H AT COORD 071708 POPULAR FORCES 1 SPOTTED TWO (2) VCS PASSING IN FRONT OF THEIR POS. BOTH WERE MALE, ONE 15, ONE 12 YEARS OF AGE. VCS STATED THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO BUMP LOCATED AT COORD 070711. POPULAR FORCES 1 WILL TURN VCS OVER TO DISTRICT H. Q. AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. AT 030530H AT COORD 077704 (TAN LUU), 076707 (NUI KIM SON). THE 3D AMTBVN & POPULAR FORCES UNIT 1 ESTABLISHED A CORDON AROUND THE VILLAGES OF TAN LUU & NUI KIM SON. AT 030700H "A" COMPANY (-) FROM 4/51ST ARVN REGIMENT, TWO LOCAL VILLAGE CHIEFS & ASSISTANTS PLUS CHIEF OF POLICE FROM HOA VANG SEARCHED & CLEARED THE VILLAGES. INFO PROVIDED TO 3D AMTBVN INDICATED THAT PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT MINING/AMBUSH ACTIVITY FLED VILLAGE DURING NIGHT & WERE HIDING ON CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN. AT 031030H A LIMITED SEARCH OF CHIN STRAP PRODUCED TWO (2) VCS HIDING IN CAVES. ONE (1) VC BODY MINDS LEG & COVERED WITH LIME ALSO LOCATED IN CAVE. A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN (13) VCS, MANY ON BLACKLIST, ARE BEING DETAINED THIS C.P. FOR SCIT.

C. AT 031615H AT COORD 083705 LVTEL'S Y-21 & Y-28 IN SUPPORT OF LAND CLEARING OPERATIONS WITH ROK'S DETONATED MINES MADE FROM 105MM ROUNDS. DAMAGED BOTH LVTEL'S. ESTABLISHED SECURITY. STARTED REPAIRS.

D. THIS IS A FOLLOW-ON REPORT OF SPOT REPORT 022000H. INVESTIGATION INTO CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING INCIDENT IN VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON & THE WOUNDING OF NINE (9) MARINES. INVESTIGATION INDICATES PATROL WAS AMBUSHED. GRENADES, HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES & CLAYMORE MINES WERE EMPLOYED. CLAYMORES WERE NOT DETONATED

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UNTIL MEDEVAC WAS IN VICINITY. MAJORITY OF BLAST ABSORBED BY ONE (1) MARINE,
BUT PERSONNEL 40 METERS AWAY WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. FOLLOWING INCIDENT BOTH
SEA ANCHOR & CAP 2-5-1 OBSERVED INDIVIDUALS FLEEING SOUTH & IN THE VICINITY OF
MARBLE MOUNTAIN. TWO (2) VCS WERE CAPTURED BY P.F. UNIT 1 FLEEING TOWARD ALPHA-6.
INCIDENT TOOK PLACE APPROX 150 METERS FROM 3D AMTRBN MAIN GATE AT BEND IN ROAD.

I. (B) ONE (1) VC

L. (A) TWO (2) DETAINEES

(B) THIRTEEN (13) DETAINEES

N. (C) LVTEL Y-20 HAD NUMBER 1 ROADWHEEL DAMAGED. TRACK BROKE. SKIRT DENTED.
LVTEL Y-21 TRACK BROKEN. NO KNOWN DAMAGE TO HULL.

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SITREP 173 AS OF ~~040001H~~ TO ~~042400H~~

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 041635H AT COORD ~~073079~~ PERSONNEL FROM 3D AMTRBN DISCOVERED ONE (1) 60MM MORTAR ROUND ALONGSIDE OF MSR. SENT ENGINEERS TO CHECK ROUND, WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE BOOBYTRAPPED. ENGINEERS BLEW IT IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMBUSH
TO CG 1ST MAR DIV
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SITREP 174 AS OF ~~0600~~ 0600H TO ~~0620~~ 0620H COT 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: (LATE ENTRY) AT ~~0523~~ 0523H AT COORD ~~067710~~ 067710 PATROL FROM 3D AMBUSH, LOCATED IN POPULAR FORCES UNIT ONE; SPOTTED FOUR (4) TO SIX (6) VC FIRING SMALL ARMS AT ALPHA-6. TOOK VC UNDER FIRE WITH M-79, SMALL ARMS, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. VC THEN BROKE CONTACT, LAST SEEN MOVING WEST ACROSS OPEN PADDY AREA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRBN
TO CG 1STMAWDIV
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SITREP 173 AS OF ~~070000H~~ TO ~~072400H~~ 0768

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~070600H~~ AT COORD ~~075707~~ 3D AMTRBN MINE SWEEP TEAM FOUND ONE (1) 81MM MORTAR ROUND WITH TRIP WIRE ATTACHED AND PLACED ALONGSIDE ROAD. MINE SWEEP TEAM BLEW BOOBY TRAPPED ROUND IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 176 AS OF 0800H TO 0824H

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 0812H AT COORD 073706 A MAG 16 GIVE ACTION TEAM HAD THEIR VEHICLE DESTROYED BY AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHILE VISITING A VIETNAMESE DISPENSARY. PERSONNEL CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD SECURITY ON VEHICLE & CANNOT EXPLAIN EXPLOSION OTHER THAN BY ATIME OR COMMAND DETONATED DEVICE. (UNKNOWN MARINES CONDUCTED MED EVAC TO NSA. INVESTIGATED CIRCUMSTANCES.
- B. AT 0821H AT COORD 074706, 073710 A PATROL FROM POPULAR FORCES UNIT #1 RECEIVED MODERATE TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AT COORD 073706. SENT PATROL TO ASSIST IN SUPPRESSING ENEMY FIRE & AID POPULAR FORCES TO WITHDRAW.
- G. (A) ONE (1) USMC, LOST ARM
(B) ONE (1) USMC
- I. (B) TWO (2) VC
- H. (B) ONE (1) M1 CARBINE
- N. (A) ONE VEHICLE, USMC, EXX TYPE UNKNOWN

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SITREP 177 AS OF 092105N TO 092405N

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 092105N AT COORD 070706 PATROL FROM 3D AMBUSH & POPULAR FORCES SPOTTED FOUR (4) VC AT SOUTHERN BASE OF ALPHA-6. TOOK VC UNDER FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS & AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 178 AS OF 110000H TO 112400H 00768

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 111515H AT COORD 074705 PATROL FROM 3D AMTBEN FOUND A BOOBY-TRAP CONSISTING OF ONE (1) GRENADE UNDER A ROCK WITH ITS PIN PULLED. THE BOOBY TRAP WAS LOCATED ON A TRAIL LEADING TO A CAVE IN MARBLE MOUNTAIN. PATROL BLEW BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 179 AS OF 120000H TO 122400H 00768

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: AT 121800H AT COORD 073705 THE 3D AMTRAC IN A COLUMN OF FOUR AMTRACS CONDUCTING A TROOP LIFT FOR "C" COMPANY 2/1 HIT A LARGE MINE ESTIMATED 80 POUNDS. ESTABLISHED SECURITY AND CONDUCTED MED EVAC TO NSA. (B-43)
 4. AT 122400H AT COORD 083696 NAVY RETRANSMISSION SITE REPORTED MOVEMENT TO THEIR EAST AT COORD 091692. REQUESTED 3D AMTRAC SECURITY TOWER TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE VC. TOWER OBSERVED THREE (3) BASKET BOATS LANDING ON BEACH. ESTIMATED THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) VC ABANDONED BOAT AND RAN TOWARDS VILLAGE OF TAN AN. NAVY RETRANSMISSION SITE TOOK POS UNDER FIRE.
 5. (A) 22 USMC
 6. (A) ONE (1) LVT-5 AND ASSORTED 762 EQUIPMENT, AMMO AND SMALL ARMS
 7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
 8. CASUALTIES: 22 USMC
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SITREP 180 AS OF 130000H TO 132400H OCT68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 131100H AT COORD 092689 TWO (2) TRACTORS FROM 3D AMTBN WHILE ON RESUPPLY RUN WERE AMBUSHED BY APPROX SIX (6) TO TEN (10) VC WITH AUTOMATIC AND M-79 FIRE. TRACTORS PROCEEDED THRU AMBUSH TO 5TH BOK BRIGADE. HAD ANGLIEDO CONDUCT MED EVAC FROM THAT POS.
4. AT 131450H AT COORD 074705 3D AMTBN COMBAT PATROL FOUND M-26 BOOBY TRAP AT THE ABOVE COORD. BOOBY TRAP CONSISTED OF ONE (1) M-26 GRENADE PLACED IN GROUND WITH CLAY LOOSELY PACKED AROUND SAME. SET UP SECURITY AND BLEW IN PLACE.
5. (A) 3 USMC
6. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
7. CASUALTIES: 3 USMC
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TO CG 1ST MARDIV
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SITREP 181 AS OF 170001H TO 172400H OCT68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 172115H AT COORD 068706 POPULAR FORCES UNIT 1
RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM APPROX THREE (3) VC. POPULAR
FORCES UNIT 1 & PATROLS FROM 3D AMTRBN RETURNED FIRE UNTIL ENEMY
BROKE CONTACT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D ARTBN
TO CG 1ST MARDIV
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SITREP 182 AS OF ~~201600H~~ TO ~~202400H~~ OCT 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~201600H~~ AT COORD ~~074705~~ PATROL FROM 3D ARTBN FOUND TWO (2) BOOBY TRAPS AT BASE OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. ONE WAS M-26 GRENADE WITH TRIP WIRE. OTHER BOOBY TRAP WAS COMM MORTAR ROUND WITH PRESSURE DEVICE FOR DETONATION. BLEW BOTH BOOBY TRAPS IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 183 AS OF 220000LH TO 222400H OCT68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 220010H AT COORD 103622 B-20 & B-33 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE APPROX 50 TO 75 FEET NORTHWEST OF THEIR POS WHILE PROCEEDING TO 26TH CO, 5TH ROX BRIGADE. ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCE AT THREE (3). RETURNED FIRE.

J. (A) ONE (1) VC KIA (PROBABLE)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D ANTRIM
TO CG ESTHARDIV
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SINCEP 184 AS OF 250000H TO 252400H OCT 1968

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 250000H A T COORDINATES 070705 (TAN LUU), 075706 (NUI KIM SON) A GORDON WAS ESTABLISHED BY FOXTROT 2/1, COMMENCING AT 242300H, AROUND THE VILLAGES AT THE ABOVE COORDINATES. AT 250030H A PATROL CONSISTING OF AN INFORMER, AN INTERPRETER, AN OFFICER FROM 3D ANTRIM AND A SQUAD FROM 2/1 PROCEEDED THROUGH THE CORDONED VILLAGES LOCATING AND MARKING SUSPECTED V.C. HOMES. AT 250530H TWO (2) SQUADS AND TWO (2) KIT CARSON SCOUTS FROM 3D ANTRIM MOVED THROUGH THE VILLAGES INSTRUCTING THE PEOPLE TO ASSEMBLE AT THE COLLECTING POINT. AT 250645H THE NATIONAL POLICE ARRIVED AND COMMENCED THE SYSTEMATIC SEARCH OF THE VILLAGES AND IN PARTICULAR THE SUSPECTED V.C. HOMES. FOB-4 (SPECIAL FORCES) CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION OF XOM SON THUY (082711) SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE. THUS FAR, ALL RESULTS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR THE DETAINEES LISTED ABOVE.

(B) AT 250925H AT COORD 084656 WHILE RETURNING FROM TROOP MOVEMENT, B-47, THE LEAD VEHICLE, HIT AN ENEMY MINE. THE SIZE OF THE MINE AND TYPE IS UNDETERMINED. VEHICLE IS PRESENTLY BURNING. ESTABLISHED SECURITY & REQUESTED 2/1 CONDUCT MEDEVAC.

F. (B) ONE (1) USMC PRESUMED TO BE IN TRACTOR

G. (B) TWO (2) USMC

L. (A) SIX (6) FOUR (4) MALES, TWO (2) FEMALES

H. (B) ONE (1) LVTP5A1

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: ONE (1) USMC KIA PROBABLE, TWO USMC KIA

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SITREP 185 AS OF 270001H TO 272400H OCT 1968

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 271325H AT COORD 074705 POINT MAN FOR ECHO 1 PATROL TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP CONSISTING OF ONE (1) M-26 GRENADE & TRIP WIRE. WIRE WAS PLACED ACROSS A PATH. AN ADDITIONAL BOOBY TRAP CONSISTING OF ONE (1) M-26 GRENADE & TRIP WIRE WAS FOUND IN THE SAME VICINITY. THIS BOOBY TRAP WAS DISARMED & BROUGHT BACK TO THIS C.P. FOR DESTRUCTION. ESTABLISHED SECURITY & CONDUCTED MEDEVAC TO NSA.
- G. (A) ONE USMC (FACE & LEG WOUNDS)
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE USMC

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FM 3D AMEMB
TO CG 1ST MANDIV
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SITREP 186 AS OF 291400H TO 292400H OCT 1968

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 291400H AT CGOED 074700 PATROL FOUND TWO BOOBY TRAPS. ONE WAS 81MM MORTAR WITH PRESSURE DEVICE. OTHER WAS M-26 GRENADE PACKED IN HANDED MUD AND SET ALONG TRAIL. PATROL GATHERED CIVILIANS IN AREA FOR QUESTIONING. ALSO CHECKED OUT AREA FOR ADDITIONAL BOOBY TRAPS. PATROL BLEW BOOBY TRAPS IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D ANTRN
TO CG 1524NDIV
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SITREP 187 AS OF 0800Z JAN TO 0224Z JAN NOV 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 021545H AT COORD 913498 TWO VC SUSPECTS PASSING ASTRACE
THREW ONE M-26 GRENADE. 4TH PLT WAS IN PROCESS OF SUPPORTING 1/5 WHEN
INCIDENT OCCURRED. APPREHENDED THE TWO VC SUSPECTS & TURNED THEM OVER TO
13TH ITT.

1. (A) TWO DETAINEES (POSSIBILITY THEY ARE NVA)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D AMTRON
TO CG 1ST MAR DIV
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SITREP LOG AS OF ~~0400H~~ TO ~~0400H~~ MOVES

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT ~~0415H~~ AT COORD ~~074705~~ PATROL FOUND ONE BOOBY TRAP CONSISTING OF M-26 GRENADE INSIDE TIN CAN WITH TRIP WIRE ATTACHED. PATROL ESTABLISHED SECURITY & BLEW BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM 3D ANKIN
TO CG 25TH ARMY
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SITREP 109 AS OF ~~0600~~ TO ~~0600~~ NOV 1968

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT ~~0600~~ AT COORD ~~070713~~ FOR-4 SPECIAL FORCES BECAME ENGAGED IN A FIRE FIGHT. IT REMAINS UNDETERMINED IF THIS EXCHANGE WAS AMONG FIREFIGHTERS OR NOT. AS A RESULT OF THIS FIRE FIGHT OUR POSITION TOOK APPROX 75 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. CLEARED LIVING QUARTERS AND CONDUCTED MED EVAC TO NSA.

(A) ONE USMC KIA (HEAD WOUND)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: ONE USMC KIA

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FM 3D AMBUSH
TO 00 182400Z
BT

3 ITRP 190 AS OF 131445H TO 132445H NOV 1968

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 131445H AT COORD/074705 PATROL FOUND ONE BOOBY TRAP
CONSISTING OF M-26 GRENADE PACKED IN MUD AND LAYING ON A TRAIL.

PATROL ESTABLISHED SECURITY AND NEW BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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