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3d Battalion, 3d Marines, Marine #23  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
San Francisco, California 96601

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To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

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Encl: ✓(1) S-1 Chronology  
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✓(3) S-3 Chronology  
✓(4) S-4 Chronology  
✓(5) Air Support and Defense  
✓(6) Medical and Dental  
✓(7) Communications - Electronics  
✓(8) Artillery, Naval Gunfire, and Fire Support Coordination  
✓(9) Combined Unit Journal

1. In accordance with reference (a) the Command Chronology for this organization is submitted herewith.



W. H. LANAGAN  
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit - 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division, FMF
2. Period Covered by Report. - 1-31 October 1965
3. Date of Submission of Report. 5 November 1965
4. Commanding Officer.

a. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM H. LANAGAN 1-31 October 1965

5. Location of Command Post at End of Period. Coordinates (BT 535075)  
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6. Map. AMS Series L701, Sheet 6757III

7. Staff Assignments

Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1965	Major A. G. COMER
S-1	1-8 Oct 1965	1stLt P. T. JONES
	9-31 Oct 1965	1stLt R. F. GORMAN
S-2	1-4 Oct 1965	1stLt D. W. STUMP
	5-31 Oct 1965	Capt C. G. DRAKE
S-3	1-31 Oct 1965	Capt G. V. GARDNER
S-4	1-8 Oct 1965	Capt L. M. ORSBORN
	9-31 Oct 1965	Capt C. D. DEAN

8. Subordinate Unit Commanders

H&S Co 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-21 Oct 1965	1stLt J. W. MC CARTHY
	22-31 Oct 1965	Capt L. M. ORSBORN
Co I 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-31 Oct 1965	Capt C. M. MORRIS
Co K 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-8 Oct 1965	Capt H. T. KERR
	8-22 Oct 1965	1stLt G. R. LANGFORD
	23-31 Oct 1965	Capt D. A. RAMSEY
Co L 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-31 Oct 1965	Capt P. W. DE MARTINO
Co M 3d Bn 3d Marines	1-4 Oct 1965	1stLt W. M. KRULAK

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Co M 3d Bn 3d Marines

5-8 Oct 1965 1stLt R. W. BROWN

9-31 Oct 1965 Capt C. L. RUSHING Jr.

3d Plat Co C 3d Tank Bn

1-5 Oct 1965 GySgt R. T. DAUGHERTY

6-31 Oct 1965 2ndLt J. R. GLOVER

3d Plat Co B 3d AT Bn

1-31 Oct 1965 1stLt J. J. MC COY

3d Plat Co B 3d Engr Bn

1-4 Oct 1965 1stLt D. W. SHAW

4-31 Oct 1965 1stLt J. F. BRENNEN

4th Plat Co A 1st Amtrac Bn

1-8 Oct 1965 2ndLt D. T. WARDEN

8-31 Oct 1965 2ndLt G. A. MUSSER

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1. Personnel

## a. Monthly strength (average)

<u>MOGFF</u>	<u>MOENL</u>	<u>NavOff</u>	<u>NavEnl</u>
40	992	3	56

## b. Battle and non-battle casualties

<u>BATTLE</u>	<u>NON-BATTLE</u>
7	32

## c. Rotation during month. One Navy enlisted.

## d. Replacements received. 33 MOENL 3 NavEnl

## e. Personnel Summary. (See appendix A)

## f. Periodic Personnel Report. (See appendix B)

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.

3. Local News Papers. A unit news paper was published daily by the Communications Section until 8 October 1965. Production was ceased due to a lack of equipment and a shortage of paper.

4. Photographs. None. This unit does not have a photographer attached or assigned.

5. Journal. No journal is maintained as such. A chronological record is maintained of all messages received in this command, by month.

6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, OH

a. No unusual disciplinary problems.

b. One General Courts-Martial completed; one Special Courts-Martial pending two Summary Courts-Martial completed and three Summary Courts-Martial pending.

c. No Battalion Commander's OH, eight Company Commander's OH.

7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R

a. Morale in this command is considered to be extremely high.

b. PX Services. The PX in the Regimental area is used by personnel of this command. Arrangements have been made to have a mobile unit visit each company once a week. This service is working satisfactorily.

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- c. Postal Affairs. Mail service is adequate in all respects.
  - d. Liberty. There is no liberty policy for this command.
  - e. R&R. Monthly quotas for R&R flights to Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Okinawa are received and filled by this command. R&R flights are a great morale booster for all hands.
8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules.
- a. The Battalion Chaplain scheduled and conducted Protestants services for the CP and company personnel during the month of October. He also scheduled Catholic Mass for CP and company personnel.
  - b. A total of 22 services were held during the month of October, with a total attendance of 546 people.
9. Civil Affairs, Military Government, Community Relations, Results of M&DCAP Progress, Supplies distributed, projects completed and in progress.
- a. Civil Affairs. Chaplain SEELAND has been assigned as the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer. Chaplain SEELAND's Civil Affairs activities for the month of October are as follows:
    - 1. 15 October. Setup Long Binh Counterpart Committee consisting of Long Binh Hamlet Chief, Roman Catholic Lay Leader, Buddhist Lay Leader and Hamlet School Mistresses.
    - 2. 21 October. Arranged for psy war film and lecture presentations in Long Binh school house with support of Long Binh Counterpart Committee.
    - 3. 23 October. Arranged for distribution of clothing and toys through Long Binh Counterpart Committee.
    - 4. 23 October. Long Binh psy war lecture presented in school house at 1930. Approximately 75 Vietnamese were present.
    - 5. 23 October. Distributed pencils and sharpeners. (Gift of Coronado 7th grade) to school children (63) of Long Binh.
    - 6. 26 October. Delivered clothing, books and toys to Counterpart Committee of Long Binh. 3/3 provided Marines to guard material and keep order during distribution. Counterpart Committee distributed goods to the people of Long Binh. Approximately (400) people received goods.
  - b. Military Government. None.
  - c. Community Relations. A more active Civil Affairs and M&DCAP program during the month of October has greatly increased the feelings of the local people towards the Marines.

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1. MEDCAP. The Battalion Aid Station has established a MEDCAP schedule in the An Tan, Long Binh area. During the month of October, NAS personnel treated approximately 1300 people.

2. Projects planned, completed and in progress. With the help of the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, Chaplain SHELAND, arrangements are currently being made to establish a small dispensary in the An Tan, Long Binh area. Negotiations are underway with the hamlet chiefs to find a suitable location. It is intended initially to operate the dispensary only during daylight hours. The hamlet chiefs are trying to find interested personnel who would be trained by BAS personnel and eventually operate the dispensary with little or no help.

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1. Personnel

## a. Monthly strength (average)

<u>MOOff</u>	<u>MCEnl</u>	<u>NavOff</u>	<u>NavEnl</u>
40	965	3	59

## b. Battle and non-battle casualties

<u>BATTLE</u>	<u>NON-BATTLE</u>
28	7

## c. Rotation during month. One Navy enlisted.

## d. Replacements received. 24.

## e. Personnel summary. (See appendix A)

## f. Periodic Personnel Report. (See appendix B)

2. Staff Studies and Estimates. None.3. Local News Papers. A unit news paper is published daily by the Communication Section. (See appendix C)4. Photographs. None. This unit does not have a photographer attached or assigned.5. Journal. No journal is maintained as such. A chronological record is maintained of all messages received in this command, by month.6. Discipline, Courts-Martial, OH

## a. No unusual disciplinary problems.

## b. Two General Courts Martial pending; one Special Courts Martial and two Summary Courts Martial completed.

## c. Three Battalion Commander's OH, two Company Commander's OH.

7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, R&R

## a. Morale of this command is considered to be extremely high, considered in light of the following:

## b. PX-this command is serviced by a static PX located in the Regimental area, approximately 1 mile from this unit. Periodically, a mobile unit services the individual companies. However, it is inadequately stocked in all respects.

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c. Postal Affairs. Mail service is considered good. Mail normally is received twice daily.

d. Liberty. Due to the tactical deployment of this unit, no liberty policy has been established.

e. R&R. This unit receives monthly allocations of R&R to Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Okinawa. Quotas are always filled.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services, Schedules

a. The present chaplain reported aboard 14 September 1965. On 18 September 1965, Lt David A. SEELAND, relieved Chaplain SMITH as Battalion Chaplain.

b. Since Chaplain SEELAND has been with this command, he has assisted in establishing a medical clinic in conjunction with the Battalion Civil Affairs Program. Also, he has established liaison with civic and religious leaders of the two primary hamlets of the TAOR. (See appendix C)

c. Religious services are conducted every Sunday; this includes Vespers and Divine services. The schedule is promulgated each Friday by the Battalion Chaplain.

9. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. Results of MedCap Progress, Supplies distributed, projects planned, completed and in progress

a. Civil Affairs. This unit has recently been assigned a new TAOR. Two hamlets within this area have been selected for future Civil Affairs Programs. (See appendix B, par 7) At this time plans are being made for the initiation and development of the program.

b. Military Government. The single Military Government structure in this area is on the district level, and is maintained by the Republic of Vietnam. A working relation has been established with the district chief.

c. Community Relations. The relations between U. S. Forces and local indigenous personnel are very good. No positive information regarding the relations among the local hamlets is available for this report, however, it is felt that relations are good.

d. Results of MedCap progress, supplies distributed, projects planned, completed and in progress.

(1) MedCap. A MedCap program in the TAOR has recently been established and is progressing smoothly. A program of a minimum of three visits a week has been established by the Battalion Surgeon. This is the most effective Civil Affairs Program in the TAOR at this time.

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(2) Supplies distributed. Supplies for Civil Affairs were received by this unit on 1 October 1965. Distribution is in the planning stages.

(3) Projects planned, completed and in progress.

(a) Projects planned encompass the reconstruction of damaged buildings and the construction of new ones. There are no projects in progress and none have been completed.

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Personnel Summary

Period Covered: 010001H-- 302400H

1. Average strength of Battalion during reporting period.

a.	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
	40	965	3	59

2. Casualties. During the past reporting period the Battalion sustained 12 ~~Battle casualties~~ casualties which were evacuated.

a. 3 Marine Corps Officers 1 KIA  
 b. 9 Marine Corps Enlisted 2 KIA Non Battle Killed 1

3. Shortages. This unit has a current shortage of personnel in the following MOS's.

a. 0311 - 64	0341 - 10	3041 - 2	0141 - 2
	- 1		
0331 - 12	2531 - 11	3516 - 3	
0351 - 28	2541 - 1	3531 - 1	

4. Replacements. During this reporting period, the Battalion received 32 replacements.

*P. T. Jones*  
 P. T. JONES  
 By direction

APPENDIX A

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S-2 CHRONOLOGY1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Operation Triple Play: See After Action Report # 40, INTSUM # 153, Special Intelligence Report of 29 October 1965, and SITREP # 152 and # 153.
- b. Operation Triple Threat: See After Action Report # 41 and SITREP # 155.
- c. Chu Lai Airfield Raid: See INTSUM # 162, # 165 and SITREP # 158.

2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS. VC employment of small sabotage/suicide teams to attack and destroy aircraft on the Chu Lai Airfield is the first employment of this type unit in this area.3. PROBLEM AREAS

- a. AN/TPS 21. During the period 1 October to 31 October this battalion has had the use of only one of the two AN/TPS 21 ground surveillance radars authorized. One set has been dead-lined for repair in excess of one month and the remaining set suffered nearly daily maintenance problems so that it actually has been in operation less than 40% of the hours of darkness. Experience has proven that the AN/TPS 21 suffers from fragility and unreliability of components and is easily put out of action by heavy rains, heat or prolonged high specific and relative humidity. Virtually no component of the set is trouble free. Particular attention is directed to the failures inherent in the generator which should be the most reliable component, but is not capable of sustained operation. A revamped generator, designed specifically to run for periods in excess of 12 hours, with simplified maintenance requirements and an initial allowance of two generators per radar set is desirable. Many of the breakdowns are related to failure of resistors, capacitors and fuzes. Simplified detection and replacement of these parts with test and replacement facilities on the battalion level is imperative. The present T/O allows the battalion only one radar technician MOS 5931, however experience has proven that one technician is required for each set and if sufficient spare parts and diagnostic test equipment were made available, along with suitable spare components, a third technician working on 3d echelon maintenance at battalion level would be desirable. This would permit utilization of two sets and repair of component parts simultaneously. An alternative would be a maintenance float of components available at a higher local level.
- b. Interpreters. The shortage of interpreters has made collection of information from indigenous personnel, functioning of civil affairs

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program and liaison with local Vietnamese forces difficult. Immediate remedial action is necessary. This situation could be most quickly solved by employment of english speaking Vietnamese in far greater numbers. Alternate solutions that should be pursued simultaneously are training Marines in Vietnamese, and English language instruction for Vietnamese. Neither of these solutions is ideal but the present intolerable situation has had a most deleterious effect on some aspects of this units operations.

4. TERRAIN: The TAOR remains as reported in the Command Chronology for September. The 3d Battalion, 3d Marines TAOR is bisected by a major stream, the SONG AN TAN which flows north through the narrow neck of the TAOR from (BT 497057). Just about midway between this point and distributaries of the SONG AN TAN and SONG BEN VAN is the hamlet of AN TAN which provides a market place along Highway 1 and the railroad. The railroad crosses SONG AN TAN on a metal bridge that could be converted by moderate engineer effort to give it the capability of carrying wheeled vehicles. The bridge is almost 100 meters long. A similar but less strong highway bridge 50 meters north carrying highway 1 traffic over the SONG AN TAN. The river is crossed by many native boats also. The river is, at this point, a tidal estuary, effected by the tides of the South China Sea. From reports it is fordable at low tide at points south of the bridges. The Highway bridge has a limited capacity and is one way for trucks and vehicles.

Highway 1 throughout the TAOR is asphalt paved, approximately 4 meters wide, all weather two way road with narrow sand shoulders. The only major stream crossing is at AN TAN and, leaving the TAOR at the northwest, at the ONG BO Bridge over the SONG TRAU.

The railroad is part of the Vietnamese meter gauge system and parallels Highway 1 throughout its course through the TAOR. Neither the road nor railroad have vegetation along their routes for any appreciable distance. Both are raised several feet above the surrounding terrain.

East of the SONG AN TAN the TAOR is sandy dunes with sparse vegetation. Dunes are mostly low rolling and wind blown. Along the beach dunes some pine trees are found. Trafficability is fair for tracked vehicles and after rains or when the sand is wet, trafficability is increased.

West and North of the SONG AN TAN the lowlands are sandy with generally lower dunes. The sand appears to be more from broken-down marble with a rather regular crystalline structure. It packs hard and in places water pools stand after rain. This is facilitated by the lack of slope and relatively shallow water table.

Hill 69 (BT 468068) and the ridges radiating from it dominate the immediate terrain west of AN TAN Hamlet. These hills are covered with scrub brush several feet high providing minimum concealment from air observation and fair concealment from surface observation. Observation and field of fire from Hill 69 are good. It is currently garrisoned as an observation post.



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Directly west of Hill 69 is the Hill 100 complex. These hills are generally heavily vegetated and difficult to traverse. Vehicle trafficability, both tracked and wheeled, is extremely poor. Observation from these hills is lacking due to height of the brush, and off trail travel difficult. Soil of all upland areas is mainly lateritic clays.

The trail net shown on the standard tactical map of this area is reasonably accurate and displays of drainage nets is very good however relief and terrain representation are not always completely adequate for tactical use partly due to vegetation being mistaken for terrain and partly due to the choice of contour intervals of the scale used. Hamlets types are basically three within the TAOR:

- (1) Agglomerated Farm Hamlet
- (2) Dispersed Farm Hamlet
- (3) Linear Hamlet

The Agglomerated Farm Hamlets are found through the TAOR except in that portion east of the SONG TRAU and North of Highway 1. These hamlets are characterized by close grouping of houses with small table vegetable plants and shrubbery, bushes and trees separating houses. Houses may be undetectable at 50 meters due to denseness of separating vegetation. Often these hamlets are raised above paddy levels.

The Dispersed Farm Hamlet are distinguished by individual houses set amongst the paddy and cultivated fields. The houses are usually surrounded by tree or bush hedgerows that provide a wind break and screen. This type hamlet is found in the area east of the SONG TRAU and north of Highway 1.

The Linear Hamlets are oriented along Highway 1. Most of this development is devoted to commercial ventures, at present dealing mainly in items for Marines but also some services and trade for indigenous personnel.

AN TAN Hamlet furnishes a market and commercial center for the LY TIN District. It is a densely populated built-up area and the largest population concentration in the TAOR.

5. WEATHER. In the month of October precipitation totalled 17.92 inches. Rain fell on 17 days during the month. There were ten days with measurable rain and seven days with a trace of precipitation. The maximum temperature was 82.3 F. The average relative humidity was 92%. There were ceilings less than 3000 feet 15% of the time. Ceilings were less than 1000 feet and/or visibility less than 3 miles 4.2% of the month. On 22 October, as a result of heavy rains, the streams crossing the MSR at (BT 532082) washed out a culvert with a cross section area of approximately 30 square feet. This washout necessitated erection of a temporary panel bridge on the MSR. It points out the potential dangers from underestimating run off in coastal and piedmont area streams.

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Increases in stream flow may be seven or eight fold almost overnight. Winds were generally light, from the Northeast. Winds of sufficient force to blow down tents occurred in conjunction with the rains that destroyed the culvert. Property damage was light being limited largely to torn tentage. Weather, while a factor in helicopter operations, did not interfere with the tactical operations of this battalion and exerted only moderate influence on logistical and administrative functions.

6. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

- a. VC activity during October consisted mainly of small arms fire from small groups or individuals, resulting in little more than harassment of units.
- b. There were 21 VC initiated incidents in the TAOR during October. These consisted of:
  - (1) 17 isolated small arms fire incidents
  - (2) 2 ambushes (see INTSUM # 146 and # 147)
  - (3) 2 attacks, one on a PF unit vicinity (BT 417122) on 20 October (see INTSUM # 155); the attack on Chu Lai Airfield on the morning of 28 October (see INTSUM # 162 and # 163).

7. TARGET INFORMATION. No significant targets were reported during October.

8. PATROL REPORTS. Attached as Appendix (1).

9. DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. Attached as Appendix (2). # 136-166

10. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT. Attached as Appendix (3).

11. A. O. REPORTS. On 271730H October, an A.O. reported what appeared to be a radio antenna vicinity of (BT 360064). Aircraft was fired on by small arms fire in low passes over area.

12. PRISONER REPORT. There were a total of 73 VCS and 8 VCC apprehended during the month of October, all were turned over to higher authority.

13. ENEMY CASUALTIES. There were a total of 30 VC killed by actual body count during the month of October in the Battalion TAOR. (1 by aircraft, 2 by artillery and 9 by PF).

14. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

- a. Weapons: There were a total of 7 weapons captured during October. These consisted of 1-French MAS 36, 2-CHICOM 7.62MM Carbines, 3

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Thompson Sub-Machine Guns, 1-U.S. Caliber .30 Carbine. (The last by PF).

- b. Supplies: There were 2 rice caches found during the month (INTSUM # 144 and # 149), totaling approximately  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons which was re-distributed by the 4th Marines to local populace. A cache of salt totaling approximately 1 ton was also found (INTSUM # 149), but being in solid block form and unmovable, it was destroyed by burning with captured VC kerosene (approximately 30 gallons).

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AT 0720H, COMPANY "L" PATROL RECEIVED THREE (3) ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE VLG (BT 454060). NO CASUALTIES, AND PATROL IS MOVING TOWARD THE AREA WHERE FIRE WAS RECEIVED.

AT 0740H, COMPANY "L" PATROL SPOTTED TWO (2) VC MOVING INTO THE BRUSH VIC (BT 452072). ONE WAS WEARING BLACK WITH A STRAW HAT, THE OTHER WAS WEARING GREY CLOTHING AND THEY WERE BOTH CARRYING WEAPONS, TYPE UNKNOWN.

- /s/ D. W. Stump  
D. W. STUMP  
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ISUM # 137

1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 020800H THROUGH 030800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. AT 1015H, COMPANY "L" PATROL APPREHENDED ONE (1) VCS VIC (BT 456054). A YOUNG MAN, 26 YEARS OF AGE, WAS HIDING FROM THE PATROL. HE WAS FORWARDED TO COLLECTION POINT.

AT 1020H, VIC (BT 459056) A PROPAGANDA LEAFLET WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF A TREE. IT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND REQUESTED AMERICANS TO GO HOME.

AT 1100H, COMPANY "L" PATROL DISCOVERED FOUR DRAWINGS IN THE SAND OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WEAPONS. ONE (1) WAS POINTING SOUTH EAST AND THREE (3) WERE POINTING SOUTH WEST.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.

6. AN INTERPRETER WAS USED AT THE ROADBLOCK AT AN TAN BRIDGE AND WITH CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES AT LONG BINH.

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

/s/D. W. Stump  
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ISUM # 138

1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 030800H THROUGH 040800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. AT 0905H, COMPANY "I" PLATOON SIZE PATROL RECEIVED FOUR (4) ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM VILLAGE VIC (BT 452074) AS THEY WERE CROSSING THE RICE PADDIE VIC (BT 453073). NO ROUNDS WERE RETURNED BY THE PATROL SINCE THE FIRE CAME FROM A VILLAGE AND THE PATROL COULD NOT SEE WHERE THE VC FIRE WAS COMING FROM.

AT 1730H, THE ROADBLOCK AT AN TAN BRIDGE (BT 498067) APPREHENDED FOUR (4) SUSPECTS FROM KY XUAN VILLAGE. AN INTERPRETER WAS REQUESTED FROM IN-TIN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. HE STATED THAT THE FOUR VN MALES HAD MOVED FROM KY XUAN VILLAGE TO KY KHOUNG VILLAGE FOR PROTECTION, AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN NEW I.D. CARDS. THE FOUR WERE RELEASED.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.

6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED TO ASSIST COMPANY "I" PATROL.

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

/s/D. W. Stump

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ISUM # 139

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 040800H THROUGH 050800H
3. a. COMPANY "I" CONDUCTED A CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION OF KHUONG THO (1) (BT 452075). AT FIRST LIGHT COMPANY "I" QUICKLY MOVED TO THE TRENCHES AND FIGHTING HOLES AT THE VILLAGE BOUNDARY TAKING THE VILLAGERS COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE. COMPANY "I" HELD THIS POSITION WHILE THE LY TIN DISTRICT CHIEF, 4 OF HIS AGENTS, A P.F. SQUAD AND 1 PLATOON OF COMPANY "I" CONDUCTED A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE. THE VN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS SCREENED THE ASSEMBLED VILLAGERS AND FOUND 2 KNOWN VC CELL LEADERS. ONE REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BUT THE OTHER GAVE CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION WHICH INCLUDED THE NAMES OF 8 TO 10 OTHER VC IN THE AREA, AND THE LOCATION OF A LARGE TUNNEL NEAR THE VILLAGE WHICH WAS BLOWN LATER IN THE DAY BY DEMOLITIONS. WHILE THE VILLAGERS WERE BEING INTERROGATED 3 OR 4 VC OPENED FIRE FROM A SMALL HILL NEAR THE VILLAGE. THE PFS AND 1 PLATOON OF COMPANY "I" PURSUED THE VC AND SEARCHED THE SURROUNDING AREA BUT COULD NOT FIND ANYONE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1230H THE COMPANY BEGAN A TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL. THE 7 VGS WERE TAKEN TO THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT.
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "I" ON A CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

/s/A. G. Comer  
A. G. COMER

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ISUM # 140

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 050800H THROUGH 060800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 0845H, COMPANY "K" FOUND FOUR (4) BOUNDING TYPE AP MINES AT COORD (BT 459070) WHICH WERE BLOWN BY DEMOLITIONS.  
  
AT 0920H, COMPANY "K" FOUND SIX (6) BOUNDING TYPE AP MINES AND ONE (1) 81 MM ROUND EMPLOYED AS A BOOBY TRAP. ALL WERE BLOWN BY DEMOLITIONS.  
  
AT 1135H, COMPANY "K" FOUND ONE (1) 155 MM LUD AT COORD (BT 435062) WHICH WAS BLOWN BY DEMOLITIONS.
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. TWO (2) INTERPRETERS ARE BEING UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "K".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

/s/ A. G. Comer  
A. G. COMER  
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ISUM # 141

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 060800H THROUGH 070800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1620H, COMPANY "K" REPORTED ONE OF THEIR PATROLS HAD UNCOVERED A WELL CAMOUFLAGED RICE CACH IN 50 GALLON AND 25 GALLON DRUMS AT COORD (BT 431057). FIVE (5) VN WERE OBSERVED RUNNING FROM AREA INTO TREELINE VIC COORD (BT 429055). ONE SMALL CAVE AND A BAMBOO SIGNAL WERE DISCOVERED IN VICINITY OF THE RICE CACH. THE CAVE WAS DESTROYED. AN ESTIMATED 500 POUNDS OF RICE WAS ALSO DESTROYED, BECAUSE OF THE IMFEASIBILITY OF EVACUATING IT DUE TO LOCATION AND PROXIMITY TO A VC VILLAGE. THE BAMBOO SIGNAL CONSISTED OF 2 PIECES OF BAMBOO TIED TOGETHER AT EACH END WITH VINE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FORM A CIRCLE 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER. SIGNAL WAS LOCATED 15 PAGES FROM RICE CACH.
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. TWO (2) INTERPRETERS WERE UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "K".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 142

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 070800H THROUGH 080800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. COMPANY "M" AND "K" CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION AGAINST 2VC COMPANIES REPORTED TO BE AT COORD (BT 429072) AND (BT 424064). NO ENEMY CONTACT.
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "K".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 143

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 080800H THROUGH 090800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. COMPANY "M" AND "K" CONTINUED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION. AT 1330H, COMPANY "K" LOCATED A UNOCCUPIED VC BASE CAMP AT COORD (BT 429057) WITH 1 SLEEPING HUT LARGE ENOUGH FOR 6 TO 8 PERSONS LOCATED ON A TRAIL NET LEADING TO HILL 270 AND WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF RICE CATCH FOUND 061600H OCT (ISUM # 141). AT 1345H, A PUNJI PIT APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 30 FEET DEEP WITH ABOUT 6 PUNJI STAKES AT THE BOTTOM 3-5 FEET LONG. PIT WAS PARTIALLY COVERED WITH BAMBOO MATTING LOCATED ON TRAIL. (S-2 COMMENT: MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZATION OF DRY WELL AS TRAP). A COMPANY "K" PATROL OPERATING OFF TRAIL FOUND ROTATING VANES AND ARMING SCREW FROM U.S. BUTTERFLY BOMB HUNG IN BUSH AT COORD (BT 425064). PARTS FOUND WERE RUSTY AND PROBABLY HAD BEEN THERE FOR SOME TIME. NO SIGN OF ANY ACTIVITY IN VICINITY. PATROL ALSO FOUND 1 CHI COM GRENADE AT COORD (BT 424062). GRENADE WAS FASTENED IN CROTCH OF TREE AND ANCHORED, BUT TRIP WIRE WAS NOT ATTACHED. TURNED OVER TO EOD FOR DISPOSITION. (S-2 COMMENT: POSSIBLY SET FOR USE AS DELAYING DEVICE IN CASE VC WERE ATTACKED OR DEFENSIVE TRAP NOT YET SET).
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "K".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 144

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 090800H THROUGH 100800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1510H, COMPANY "L" PATROL REPORTED HEARING APPROXIMATELY 40 ROUNDS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AT (BT 434086). ROUNDS WERE NOT DIRECTED AT PATROL, BUT PATROL MOVED TO SEARCH AREA FROM WHICH ROUNDS WERE HEARD WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 1910H, COMPANY "L" PATROL RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 10 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 434086). SOURCE NOT LOCATED AND FIRE NOT RETURNED. NO CASUALTIES.

AT 2030H, COMPANY "L" REPORTED THAT THE ROCK CRUSHER DETAIL RECEIVED 2 ROUNDS SA FIRE. FIRE NOT RETURNED. UNABLE TO DETERMINE DIRECTION THEY CAME FROM. NO CASUALTIES.

AT 2030H, COMPANY "I" REPORTED 2 SA ROUNDS FIRED FROM LONG BINH (BT 505070). NO CASUALTIES. NO FIRE RETURNED.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED AT THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 145

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 100800H THROUGH 110800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. A COMPANY "I" PLATOON SIZED PATROL REPORTED 12 VN WHO WERE IDENTIFIED BY PFS AS VCS. THE VN WERE PICKED UP AT 1300H AND WERE ALL TURNED IN TO LY TIN DUSTRICT AT 1500H FOR HOLDING OVER NIGHT AS THERE WAS NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE. THE VCS WILL BE FURTHER TRANSPORTED TO THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT TODAY. ALL WERE APPREHENDED VIC (BT 4409).
4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "I".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 146

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 110800H THROUGH 120800H OCTOBER 1965.
3. a. AT 0720H, COMPANY "M" PLATOON PATROL RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 425089). VC IMMEDIATELY WITHDREW. NO CASUALTIES.

AT 111700H, 2 JEEPS FROM LY TIN ADVISORY TEAM TRAVELING SOUTH ON HIGHWAY 1 FROM TAM KY TO LY TIN WERE AMBUSHED AT (BT 440100). THEY WERE FIRED UPON FROM SCHOOL HOUSE AT (BT 442099) BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. ADVISER ESTIMATED A PLATOON OF VC INVOLVED IN AMBUSH. 2 ARMY ADVISORS AND 1 INTERPRETER WERE WIA. FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON VC. A PLATOON OF PFS WERE DISPATCHED BY LY TIN DISTRICT CHIEF TO CHECK AMBUSH AREA. NO REPORT OF RESULTS.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED AT THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 120800H THROUGH 130800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1230H, A COMPANY "I" PLATOON PATROL WAS FIRED ON BY AT LEAST 6 VC AT COORD (BT 447083). FIRING WAS INITIALLY FROM A HOUSE AND CONSISTED OF 3 CARBINES 2 OF WHICH SOUNDED AS IF THEY WERE FIRING AUTOMATICALLY. THE INITIAL BURST WAS BETWEEN 20 AND 40 ROUNDS. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH RIFLES AND ALSO FIRED 2 ROUNDS OF M-79 INTO THE HOUSE. WHEN THE HOUSE WAS LATER SEARCHED 1 VN WOMAN WAS FOUND WITH WOUNDS IN HER LEGS. 3 OF THE VC WERE SEEN FLEEING INTO THE BRUSH CARRYING WEAPONS. AFTER THE AREA WAS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED 3VC DEAD WERE FOUND AS A RESULT OF THE FIREFIGHT. ONE OF THE VC HAD ATTEMPTED TO DRAG HIMSELF TO AN UNDERGROUND SHELTER BUT HAD DIED BEFORE GAINING ENTRANCE. THE SHELTER CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 12 WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHO WERE REMOVED AND THE SHELTER DESTROYED (BT 446082). ALL 6 VC WERE DRESSED IN BLACK PAJAMA TYPE UNIFORMS; ALL WERE BAREFOOT, NONE WORE HELMETS OR HAD ANY EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT HANGING THAT COULD BE OBSERVED. AS THE PATROL WAS LEAVING THE AREA BAMBOO SIGNALS WERE BRIEFLY HEARD. THE WOUNDED VN WOMAN WAS EVACUATED TO "B" MED WHERE SHE WAS INTERROGATED BY ITT AND WAS DETERMINED TO BE AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN. SHE WILL BE RELEASED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE LY TIN DISTRICT CHIEF. THE PATROL SUSTAINED NO CASUALTIES DURING THE ENCOUNTER AND NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE.
4. a. 1 VN WOMAN WOUNDED.  
b. 3 VC DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED AT THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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ISUM # 148

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 130800H THROUGH 140800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1315H, COMPANY "L" ENCOUNTERED 3 VC AT COORD (BT 401501). VC FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS SA AT THE COMPANY AND FLED. AT 1418H, COMPANY "L" DISCOVERED SIX-5GALLON CANS OF KEROSENE AT COORD (BT 402048). 1 CAN WAS REGULAR MILITARY TYPE, THE OTHER 5 WERE 5 GALLON COFFEE TYPE CANS. AT 1452H, COMPANY "L" FOUND 1 DEAD VC AT COORD (BT 420048). DETERMINED TO BE A RESULT OF AN EARLIER VC ENCOUNTER WITH RECON. AT 1733H, COMPANY "L" REPORTED 2 VC AT (BT 397050). ONE VC RAN INTO BRUSH, WHILE ONE FIRED AT COMPANY "L". COMPANY RETURNED FIRE (20 ROUNDS). THE VC WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED AND DIED AT 190200H. 1 7.62MM CARBINE W/ AMMO WAS TAKEN FROM THE VC.

AT 1825H, COMPANY "I" REPORTED THAT THE EVENING HELICOPTER RESUPPLY RUN HAD BEEN FIRED AT. 6 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM COORD (BT 467075). NO CASUALTIES. (S-2 COMMENT: THIS AREA IS HEAVILY POPULATED WITH PFS. POSSIBLY ONE FIRING HIS WEAPON WITHOUT ANY HOSTILE INTENT.)

AT 2000H, SWAIN 24 REPORTED 200 VC GATHERED AT (BT 390112). 100 VC GATHERED AT (BT 401108). WEAPONS AND INTENT UNKNOWN. EVALUATION BY LY TIN DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICER.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. 1 DEAD VC FOUND, 1 VC DOW.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED AT THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. VN CIVILIANS INFORMED COMPANY "I" THAT VC USE SCHOOL AT COORD (BT 441099) AS CHECK POINT TO CHECK VEHICLES. AT TAX COLLECTION POINT IS LOCATED SOMEWHERE ALONG HIGHWAY 1 AT VARYING POSITIONS. VC ARE USUALLY AT SCHOOL HOUSE AFTER DARK.

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ISUM # 149

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 140800H THROUGH 150800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 0810H, COMPANY "L" REPORTED LOCATING A LARGE CACHE OF RICE IN A BUILDING AT COORD (BT 398047). CACHE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 TONS OF RICE AND GRAIN IN A BUILDING 10 FEET WIDE AND 6 FEET HIGH. RICE WAS MOVED TO A LANDING ZONE AND LIFTED OUT BY HELICOPTER. AT 1110H, COMPANY "L" REPORTED HAVING FOUND APPROXIMATELY 1 TON OF SALT AT COORD (BT 408047). SALT WAS PACKED IN SOLID MASS TOO LARGE TO MOVE. KEROSENE WAS POURED ON THE SALT MASS AND BURNED.

AT 1730H, SW 24 REPORTS C/3 INFORMATION FROM LOCAL AGENT. 1 MAIN FORCE BN (38), CO: DOAN CONG KINH, STRENGTH 350 WITH 1-57RR, 1-81MM MORTAR, 2-.30 CALIBER MG AND 10-BARS MOVED TO (BT 351133-BT345137-BT340153). INTENT: TO ATTACK OR HARRASS (BA BAU AT BT 378174)(ONE BO BRIDGE AT BT 429109) TAM KY AREA.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE SWAIN ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO REPORTS SINCE LAST ISUM.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 150800H THROUGH 160800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1318H, COMPANY "I" REPORTED HAVING THREE VCS AT THEIR POSITIONS AT HILL 69. THE THREE VCS WERE APPREHENDED BY A COMPANY "I" PATROL AT 1130H (BT 444083), 1400H (BT 456066) AND 1400H (BT 463068). VCS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

AT 1530H, LY TIN LIAISON REPORTS 94TH VC BN. AND 1 VC RIFLE COMPANY COMMANDED BY NGUYEN CO KINH AND XO VO DUC KIN VIC (BT 335135). THE RIFLE COMPANY IS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR TRAINING IN AREA. STRENGTH, WEAPONS UNKNOWN.

DURING AFTERNOON OF 14 OCTOBER, APPROXIMATELY 60 VC GUERRILLAS STOPPED A BUS IN VIC (BT 442098) ACCORDING TO PF. S-2 COMMENT: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ATTEMPTED AMBUSH OF LY TIN ADVISOR TEAM AT 111700H OCTOBER (ISUM #146), AND INFORMATION FROM VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS THAT SCHOOL NEAR (BT 441099) IS VC TAX COLLECTION POINT (ISUM #148).

LY TIN REPORTS THAT ON 13 OCTOBER, 3 COVERED TRENCHES WERE NOTED AT (BT 415158) TO (BT 430158), (BT 433160) TO (BT 436157) AND (BT 432145) TO (BT 436154). POSSIBLY 100 VC IN AREA (EVAL F/6).

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VN CIVILIANS.

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ISUM # 151

1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 160800H THROUGH 170800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

SWAIN - 24, C/3 PROVLATIONAL AGENT REPORTS: 2 VC REGIMENTS MOVED FROM VIC QUANG NGAI TO GRID SQUARES (BT 3305 AND 3306). ONE REGIMENT IDENTIFIED AS 803RD, COMMANDED BY LU DIANG. 2 DNS MOVED TO VIC (BT 365120-262138-375138-375125) ON 12 OCT. PLAN TO ATTACK P.F. AT KY CHANH (TIME AND DATE UNKNOWN). APPROXIMATELY 300 VC VIC (BT 355007-367022-378018-348016) WITH 1-81MM MORTAR AND 4-CAL..30 MGS.

4. a. NO WOUNDED. NO DEAD.


6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE ROADBLOCK.

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

13. NO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM CIVILLIAN AGENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

  
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1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 170800H THROUGH 180800H OCTOBER 1965.

3. a. AT 2050H, HILL 69 POSITIONS MANNED BY COMPANY "I" REPORT SIGHTING 4 MEN PROBING VIC (BT 465070). AT 2325H, COMPANY "I" REPORTS THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING PROBED AT HILL 69. BELIEVED TO HAVE HIT ONE (1) MAN WITH M-79. DID NOT SEND PATROL TO INVESTIGATE UNTIL FIRST LIGHT - - NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AT 170845H, SW 24 REPORTS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM LT. DONG, PF PLATOON COMMANDER: 1 VC SQUAD OPERATING ON KY XUAN ISLAND WITH 4 SHOTGUNS, 2-SMGS, AND 4 RUSSIAN CARBINES. VC OF (3 MEN) COORD (BT 484084), MANNED DAILY FROM NOON TO DARK. ACTION BY PFS: LT DONG WILL LAND TEN MEN FROM THREE (3) BOATS AT COORD (BT 478096 - 476088 - 489084) TO MAKE SWEEP. PF UNIFORMS BLACK PAJAMA TYPE. WHEN IN SIGHT OF AMERICANS THEY WILL WEAR WHITE ARM BANDS ON RIGHT ARM AND WILL HAVE WEAPONS.

AT 171845H, SW 24 REPORTS: ON OCTOBER 16, 1965 THE 94TH VC MF BATTALION, COMMANDED BY NGUYEN TAI TOAN, COMBINED WITH COMPANY A/19, HELD A TROOP PARTY AT DUC BO VIC COORD (BT 383153). 94TH BATTALION THEN RETURNED TO HAMLET (9), KY SANH VILLAGE VIC COORD (BT 405013 - 410023 - 422019). THEY INTEND TO ATTACK OR HARRASS KE SANH PF, ONG BO BRIDGE AND BA BALL BRIDGE. IT HAS 1-81MM MORTAR, 20-60MM MORTARS, 2-CAL..30 MG, 12-BARS. 38TH VC MF BN COMMANDED BY DOAN CONG KINH LOC AT DUC BO AREA COORD (BT 363133 - 361140 - 350145 - 340153). INTENT: TO ATTACK ONG BO BRIDGE COORD (BT 430109) BY THREE ACCESSES; FROM KY CHANH (BT 419121) ATTACK ALONG HIGHWAY 1, FROM DUC BO FROM WEST, FROM LY TIN ATTACK NORTH ALONG HIGHWAY 1. ATTACK WILL COME ON 18TH OR 19TH OF OCTOBER 1965. CONSIDERED RELIABLE SOURCE - - DUC BO'S AGENT.

4. a. NO LEAD. NO WOUNDED.

6. TWO INTERPRETERS ARE STANDING BY WITH COMPANIES FOR OPERATION "TRITILE PLAY".

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

13. NO CIVILIAN REPORTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 180800H THROUGH 190800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. THERE WAS NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT WITHIN THE TAOR DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 181420H, AG RELAYED, WH L HAD KILLED 1 VC AND CAPTURED 2 VCS ON OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, VIC (BT 378148) AND 1 VC KILLED BY AIR (HUIE) VIC (BT 376150). AT 181542H, AG REPORTS 1 VC KILLED AND 1 CARBINE CAPTURED VIC (BT 366153).

AT 182045H, SW 24 PASSED INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM NATIONAL POLICE VALUED AT C/2: 17OCT65 MF BN COMMANDED BY NGUYEN TAI TOAN, COMBINED LISTS LOCAL FORCES FROM TAM KY MOVED TO DUC BO IN KY CHANH VILLAGE ALSO IN (TOWN, AREA) BICH KIEU, KY BICH VILLAGE (BT 360147-350143-340154), WEAPONS 1-81MM MORTAR, 2-60MM MORTARS, 1-57MM RR, 2-30 CAL MG WITH UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BARS AND RIFLES. INTENT: ATTACK (PF) UNITS OF KY CHANH VILLAGE, BARRAGE ON BO BAU AND ONG BO BRIDGE WITH MORTAR FIRE, DIG UP HIGHWAY AND ALSO ATTACK KY CHANH VILLAGE AND NEIGHBORING BRIDGES.

NOTE: WH CP IS OPERATING IN THE FIELD. INFORMATION FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD IS INCOMPLETE DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WH REAR AND THE UNITS IN THE FIELD. DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATION "TRIPLE PLAY" WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

4. AT 181630H, RECEIVED TOTAL BODY COUNT FROM OPERATION OF:
  - a. 8 VC KILLED AND 6 VC CAPTURED.
6. TWO INTERPRETERS ARE BEING UTILIZED BY WH ON OPERATION "TRIPLE PLAY".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION PASSED BY CIVILIANS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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ISUM # 154

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 190800H THROUGH 200800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. THERE WAS NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT WITHIN THE TAOR DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 200450H, SW 24 REPORTS THAT A PF PATROL CALLED IN A "FIRE MISSION" ON A VC COMPANY LOCATED AT (BT 405120). 155 GUN BATTERY FIRED THE MISSION. NO SURVEILLANCE AVAILABLE AS OF YET. AT 200600H, SW 24 REPORTS THAT IT WAS A VC BATTALION THAT ATTACKED 3 PF PLATOONS WITH MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS. THE FIRE MISSION FROM 155 GUN BATTERY STOPPED THE ATTACK. FRIENDLY LOSSES: 10 KIA, 20 WIA.

AT 200639H, SW 24 REPORTS 1 VC BATTALION SAID TO BE THE 49TH BATTALION IS MOVING FROM (BT 410125) TO (BT 400107). ALSO 1 VC UNIT (UNKNOWN SIZE) IS SUPPOSEDLY LOCATED AT (BT 397143).

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
6. TWO INTERPRETERS WERE UTILIZED WITH 3/3 ON OPERATION "TRIPLE PLY".
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION PASSED BY CIVILIANS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

  
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ISUM # 155

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 200800H THROUGH 210800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. THERE WAS NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE TAOR DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 201045H, SW 24 REPORTS A/19 (VC CO) HAS MOVED WEST INTO GS (BT 4111). THEY HAVE MOVED INTO THE HOUSES WITH THE VILLAGERS OF TIEN XUAN VILLAGE. ELEMENTS OF THE 94TH VC REGIMENT HAVE MOVED INTO THE HOUSES WITH THE VILLAGERS IN GS (BT 3911 & 4011), VILLAGE OF XUAN NGOC AND SURROUNDING AREA.

AT 201100H, SW 24 REPORTS: AMPLIFYING INFO OF VC AMBUSH OF PF UNIT (APPROX 0400). AMBUSH OCCURRED VIC (BT 417122), PF ESTIMATE ONE BATTALION STRENGTH. ARTILLERY FIRES REQUESTED ON COORD (BT 405120). RESULTS UNKNOWN. PF CASUALTIES IN AMBUSH WERE 3 KIA, 7 WIA - PAT CASUALTIES 7 KIA AND 15 WIA. VC USED 60MM MORTAR AND 30 CAL MG (NO OF EACH UNKNOWN).

AT 201955H, SW 24 REPORTS: TOTAL CASUALTY COUNT FOR AMBUSH (APPROX 0400). 5 CIVILIANS KILLED, 2 CIVILIANS WOUNDED (VILLAGE AND HAMLET CHIEFS), 6 PAT WIA, 6 PF KIA. 2 VC KIA (NO AMERICAN BODY COUNT) AND MANY CASUALTIES BY ARTILLERY. AT 192300H, A KIDNAPPING TOOK PLACE IN KY KHUONG VILLAGE KHUONG MY HAMLET (BT 468080) - VC KILLED 7 AND WOUNDED 2 CIVILIANS AND KIDNAPPED ONE RF., 722 RF COMPANY.

AT 202025H, SW 24 REPORTS: 1 RF VC COMPANY DESTINATION UNKNOWN COMMANDED BY THANH, MOVED FROM UNKNOWN AREA AFTER REFURBISHING TO (BT 435145) DURING NIGHT OF 19 OCTOBER. WPNS 3-30 CAL MG, 1-60MM MORTAR, 6 BARS. INTENT: TO ATTACK ONG BO BRIDGE.

AT 210030H, SW 24 REPORTS: INFORMATION PERTAINING TO 2 VC CO. ON KY CHANH BRIDGE AT 1215. PF RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM BROTHER WHO WAS WOUNDED AT ONG BO BRIDGE AT (BT 430109) LAST NIGHT. PF SAID THERE WERE 240 VC WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND USUAL UNIFORMS CROSSING SONG CHO RIVER BY FOOT AND BOAT AT 200400H. NAME OF BROTHER WILL BE RELAYED LATER.

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.

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12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION PASSED BY CIVILIANS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 210800H THROUGH 220800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. THERE WAS NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 211140H, COMPANY "K" FOUND A 155 DUD VIC (BT 438108). THE DUD HAD BEEN DEFUSED AND STRIPPED OF ALL EXPLOSIVES.

AT 211516H, SW 24 REPORTS THAT A MAN BY THE NAME OF DUNG HONG WAS A VC TEN YEARS AGO, WAS CAPTURED BY THE GOVERNMENT EIGHT YEARS AGO AND IMPRISONED. HE WAS RELEASED 6-7 MONTHS AGO AND NOW HAS A STORE IN AN TAN. IT IS REQUESTED THAT HE BE KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE. ALSO IT IS REPORTED THAT DURING OPERATIONS WHEN SICK CALL IS HELD, MANY VC GET MEDICINE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PF OR POLICE BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY MEDICAL TEAM HOLDING SICK CALL.

AT 211920H, SW 24 REPORTS: AT 201800H OCT, THE 94TH MF VC BN MOVED FROM TIEN PHOUC TO DONG CAT MY GON (BT 378014). CO IS NGUYEN TAI TOAN. STRENGTH APPROXIMATELY 300. EQUIPMENT: 1-81MM MORTAR, 2-30 CAL MG, GREEN UNIFORMS. VALUE: F/6. RECEIVED FROM LOCAL SOURCES.

AT 211630H, SW 24 REPORTS: SOURCE OF INFORMATION SGT. CHAN. THREE ASSASSINATION AND DEMOLITIONS TEAMS MOVED FROM VC TRAINING CAMP VIC BT 381040 ON 19 OCTOBER TO THE KY LIEN, KY KHUONG VILLAGE. EACH TEAM MEMBER IS ARMED WITH 4 OR 5 HAND GRENADES AND K-50 SUB MACHINE GUNS OR/AND THOMPSON SUB MACHINE GUNS OR PISTOLS. THE KY LIEN ASSASSINATION TEAM IS LED BY LE NHO AND HAS TRAN THU AND 4 OTHER MEMBERS, LOCATED IN THE AREA OF TICH TAY (BT 505048) AND LONG PHU (BT 510030) HAMLETS. THERE ARE TWO TEAMS IN TY KHUONG VILLAGE. ONE LED BY TRAN THACH AND HAS BO CAC, NGUYEN SA, TAM CO, DO TAN AS MEMBERS LOCATED IN THE KHUONG HIEP (BT 483068) HAMLET. THE OTHER IS LED BY PHAM TONG AND HAS TRAN TAN CHAN AND NGO CHUNG, BUI TRAN THIN AS MEMBERS, LOCATED IN THE AREA OF KHUONG TAY (BT 459975) KHUONG DAI (BT 445114) HAMLETS.

AT 220705H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED 1 VCS VIC (BT 434090).  
AT 220730H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED 5 VCS VIC (BT 449083).  
AT 220805H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED 2 VCS VIC (BT 458081).

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.

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6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE SWAIN ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS INFORMED THE SWAIN "I" ROADBLOCK AT AN TAN BRIDGE THAT DURING NIGHT OF 19 OCTOBER 1965, 3 VC ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH AT (BT 511064) ON RAILROAD OVERLOOKING HIGHWAY # 1.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 220800H THROUGH 230800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 0815H, COMPANY "M" PICKED UP A VN DRESSED IN AN ARVN UNIFORM WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE SHOULDER AND ARM VIC (BT 441099). WOUNDS WERE PARTIALLY HEELED.

AT 0830H, COMPANY "M" PATROL RECEIVED 4 TO 5 ROUNDS SA FIRE VIC (BT 441090) FROM THE HIGH GROUND WEST OF THEIR POSITION, FROM AN ESTIMATED 5 VC WITH WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE CARBINES. BOTH COMPANY "I" AND "M" PATROLS RETURNED FIRE. ONE VC MOVED FROM COVER AND WAS HIT BY AR FIRE. ANOTHER ARMED VC RAN TO THE BODY, TURNED IT OVER AND TOOK THE DEAD VC'S WEAPON. THE VC THEN VANISHED INTO THE UNDERBRUSH. UPON CHECKING THE AREA A WOUNDED GIRL AND THE BODY OF (1) DEAD VC WERE FOUND. THE GIRL WAS PUT ABOARD A TRUCK AND TRANSPORTED TO "B" MED.

AT 1550H, LY TIN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS REQUESTED ARTILLERY TO BE FIRED ON 70 VC VIC (BT 438099). PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY SWAIN 6 AND 18 ROUNDS WERE FIRED. NO SURVEILLANCE AS OF YET.

AT 1320H, SW 24 REPORTS: PAT PLATOON LEADER REPORTS ONE (1) VC COMPANY LOCATED AT (BT 395123 AND 409113). VC FIRED BAR AT KY CHANH MARKET (BT 419121). NO CASUALTIES. VC MOVED FIVE (5) BOATS ACROSS RIVER (BT 415137). DO NOT KNOW WHAT, WHO OR HOW MANY IN BOATS. THREE (3) VC STOPPED A WOMAN ON HIGHWAY # 1 NORTH OF KY CHANH MARKET AND ASKED HER THE LOCATION OF PAT PLATOON. THEY DID NOT HARM HER. (EVALUATION C/3).

AT 1655H, SW 24 REPORTS: AS OF 211200H OCT 65, THERE IS PRESENTLY ONE (1) VC REGULAR FORCE BN IN MY SON VIC GS (BT 3502) UNDER NGUYEN TAI TOAN'S COMMAND. THEY MOVED FROM TIEN PHUOC (BT 110210) AT 191500H OCT 65. STRENGTH 300, WEAPONS 1-81MM MORTAR AND 2 HEAVY MG. THEY HAVE INTENDED TO ATTACK KY CHANH (BT 419121) WITH COORDINATION WITH THE 94TH BN AND CO A/21.

AT 222232H, SW 24 REPORTS: ONE (1) MF VC BN (94TH) COMMANDED BY NGUYEN TAI TOAN (300 MEMBERS) MOVED FROM TIEN PHUOC (RECEIVED AT PROVINCE AT 191500H) MOVED TO MY SON (1) (BT 353026). WEAPONS 1-81MM MORTAR AND 2-30 CAL MG. INTEND TO COORDINATE WITH A/21 COMPANY AND ATTACK KY CHANH, (BT 417124). (EVALUATION C/3 BY LY TIN)

AT 230630H, COMPANY "MIKE" 3/3. DISEMBARKED FROM TRUCKS. AT 0634H, THEY WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE VIC (BT 436097). ROUNDS CAME FROM VIC (BT 428092). UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CARBINE FIRE. AT 0640H, MOVED TO AREA ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM. AT 0640H, 1 WIA, GUN SHOT WOUND IN LEG AND SHOULDER. MED EVAC REQUESTED. AT 0640H, CARBINE FIRE CEASED. AT 0655H, MOVING TO CORDON POSITION (BT 428095).

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4. a. 1 DEAD VC.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED AT THE SW "I" ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST ISUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIVILIANS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 230800H THROUGH 240800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. AT 0850H, WH 3 REPORTS FINDING ONE VC PACK VIC (BT 427097).  
CONTENTS: CLOTHES, WALLET, SOME MONEY, PAPERS AND I.D.  
BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

AT 0915H, WH "I" RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS OF CARBINE  
FIRE FROM AT LEAST 2 VC AT COORD (BT 420094). COMPANY "I"  
RETURNED FIRE AND PROBABLY HIT 1 VC, BUT COULD NOT CONFIRM  
AS RIVER WAS UNFORDABLE. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

AT 0915H, WH "M" RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM (BT 427097). COMPANY  
"M" WENT TO AREA OF SA FIRE BUT COULD NOT LOCATE SOURCE. NO  
FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

AT 1035H, SW 24 REPORTS: MEDIC DESERTER FROM ARVN 2ND DIV  
BELIEVED WORKING FOR MARINES AT AIRFIELD. DISTRICT HEAD-  
QUARTERS DESIRES MAN BE APPREHENDED. NAME: TRAN CONG TRUC.

4. a. NO CONFIRMED WOUNDED OR DEAD.

6. TWO INTERPRETERS WERE UTILIZED ON OPERATION "TRIPLE THREAT".


10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

13. VN CIVILIANS IN KHUONG DAI (1) AND (2) (BT 4410 - 4510 - 4511)  
STATE THE VC SELDOM ENTER THEIR VILLAGES, DO NOT COLLECT TAXES  
OR RICE DUE TO PATROLS THRU THE AREA BY PFS AND MARINES.

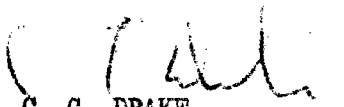
VN CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET AT (BT 425094) STATED THAT ON 21 OR  
22 OCTOBER APPROXIMATELY ONE PLATOON OF VC ENTERED THAT HAMLET  
MADE THE VILLAGERS DIG FIGHTING HOLES AND LEFT. SEVEN VC MAY  
HAVE BEEN IN THE HAMLET EARLY IN THE MORNING OF 23 OCTOBER BUT  
LEFT WHEN THE MARINES APPROACHED.

  
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## INTSUM # 159

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 240800H THROUGH 250800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 1100H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED 3 VCS (NID) VIC (BT 448080). AT 1115H, 2 MORE VCS APPREHENDED VIC (BT 456080) ALSO WITH NO I.D. THE 5 VCS WERE FORWARDED TO THE CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.  
  
AT 2100H, SWAIN 24 SENDS C/3 INTELLIGENCE REPORT: 1) 200 VC IN GREEN FATIGUES, WEAPONS 2-57MM RR, 1-60MM MORTAR, UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF MINES, WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 35 POUNDS. 100 LABORERS WITH THE VC VIC (BT 398105) AT 231300H. POSSIBLE INTENT: TO ATTACK ONG BO BRIDGE AND KY CHANH VILLAGE. COMMENT: PROBABLY 2 COMPANIES OF 94TH BATTALION.  
2) 100 VC, WEAPONS 1-60MM MORTAR, 1-LMG, LOCATED VIC (BT 447146) AT 230500H. COMMENT: PROBABLY A/21 COMPANY.
4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE SWAIN "I" ROADBLOCK.
10. BATTALION SURGEON REPORTS A VERY HIGH POSSIBILITY THAT FOUR MEMBERS OF COMPANY "K" CONTRACTED POSSIBLY FALCIPARUM MALARIA, A CHLOROQUIN AND PRIM. QUIN PROPHYLAXIS RESISTANT TYPE. DISEASE CONTRACTED DURING OPERATION ON 4, 5, 6 OCTOBER IN VICINITY OF (BT 420065).
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

  
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INTSUM # 160

1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 250800H THROUGH 260800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. AT 1235H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED 1 VCS WITH A WOUND IN HIS FOOT VIC (BT 455075). VCS WAS TAKEN TO 3/3 BAS, WOUND WAS DRESSED AND VCS WAS FOUWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. VCS SAYS HE WAS HIT BY ARTILLERY VIC (BT 458076) AT 251200H. (BATTALION SURGEON STATED WOUND WAS SEVERAL WEEKS OLD)

AT 1100H, SWAIN 24 SENDS INTELLIGENCE REPORT EVALUATED AS C/2: ON 241900H OCT 65 THE 94TH BATTALION (300 MEN) COMMANDED BY NGUYEN TAN TOAN, FROM KY THANH DIRECTION - MOVED TO LOCATION AT (BT 346017 - 363018) KY SANH, ARMED WITH 1-81MM MORTAR, 2-60MM MORTARS, 1-81.30 MG, 9-BARS AND 1-PRC/10.

AT 1600H, COMPANY "I" PATROL WAS APPROACHED BY VN COUPLE AND A SMALL BOY WHO WAS WOUNDED IN HAND, CHEST AND FACE. PARENTS STATED THAT BOY WAS HOLDING GRENADE WHEN IT WENT OFF. BOY WAS EVACUATED TO LY TIN DISPENSARY AND FURTHER EVACUATED TO IMPRESSIVE DISPENSARY.

AT 1720H, SWAIN 24 SENDS INTELLIGENCE REPORT WITH LY TIN EVALUATION OF C/3: 1 VC BATTALION OF 108TH REGIMENT, COMMANDED BY CAO ASA THANG MOVED FROM KY YAN, TAM KY DISTRICT TO (BT 368016 AND 325028). INTENT UNKNOWN.

AT 1730H, SWAIN 24 SENDS INTELLIGENCE REPORT WITH LY TIN EVALUATION OF C/3: 6 VC ASSASSINATION TEAMS TO MOVE FROM VIC (BT 469059) TO VIC (BT 475068). PF AMBUSH SET FOR (BT 475068) FOR 251900H TO 260300H.

AT 1953H, SWAIN 24 SENDS SURVALLIANCE REPORT ON 201000H ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION AT COORD (BT 430039 - 437040 - AND - 432039). 8 VC KILLED, 3 VC WOUNDED AND OTHER VC DISPERSED. SOME INTEND TO SURRENDER.

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.

6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH SWAIN "I" ON THE ROADBLOCK.

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

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12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

13. AT 251000H, COMPANY "I" REPORTS AN TAN HAMLET CHIEF ADVISES TWO VC COMPANIES (HARD CORE) OPERATING IN GS (BT 4308 AND 4309). MANY WOMEN SYMPATHIZERS ARE WITH THEM.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 260800H THROUGH 270800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. NO ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 1115H, SWAIN 24 - INTELLIGENCE REPORT EVALUATED A/1 BY DISTRICT, TRAN ONG BONG, AGE 21 WAS DRAFTED BY THE VC 23 JULY 1965 UNTIL 8 AUGUST 1965. SUBJECT BECAME SICK AND RETURNED HOME TO KY CHANH VILLAGE (BT 417122). SUBJECT HAS INFORMATION ON SECRET CAVE FROM BACK OF MR. TRAN SI'S HOUSE TO A WELL WHICH IS 200 METERS LONG. SUBJECT DOES NOT KNOW (BT), BUT CAN POINT OUT ANYTIME. (1 VC TRAINING CENTER (BT 348085) TO (BT 350080). HOSPITAL AT (BT 353078). MARKET AT (BT 346088).

AT 1730H, SWAIN 24 - INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF 1 VC MAINFORCE BN (94TH), AT (BT 457993 - 466984 - 466001). ALSO 1 VC MAIN FORCE BN (34TH), COMMANDED BY THU LOCATED VIC (BT 334017 - 343027 - 353025). WEAPONS 2-81MM MORTARS, 4-60MM MORTARS, 5 RUSSIAN MACHINE GUNS. INTENT: ATTACK MARINE UNITS WHEN ON OPERATION VIC (BT 4603 - 4605 - 4604). NO EVALUATION BY DISTRICT. (F/6)

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
6. ONE INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE SWAIN "I" ROADBLOCK AND ONE IS BEING UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "L" ON OPERATIONS.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
13. CIVILIANS IN AN TAN HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MARINE EFFORTS IN THEIR BEHALF, PARTICULARLY THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO A PREGNANT VIETNAMESE WOMAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT 25 OCTOBER.

  
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## INTSUM # 162

1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 270800H THROUGH 280800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 0740H, COMPANY "I" PATROL APPREHENDED TWO VCS, MILITARY AGE, MALES WITH NO I.D. MALES WERE HOLDING CHILDREN. APPREHENDED VIC (BT 437097).

AT 0745H, VIC (BT 437096), COMPANY "I" PATROL RECEIVED 20-30 ROUNDS, PROBABLY CARPINE (1 AUTOMATIC). PATROL ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE THE ENEMY AT (BT 433094) UNSUCCESSFULLY. DURATION OF FIRE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 MINUTES.

AT 0800H, VIC (BT 437095), 1 VCS WAS APPREHENDED BY COMPANY "I" PATROL, WITH NO I.D. ALSO AT 0930H, VIC (BT 457075) 2 MORE VCS WITH NO I.D. WERE APPREHENDED. ALL 5 VCS WERE FORWARDED TO THE CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. PATROL CONTINUED ON DESIGNATED ROUTE, CHECKING APPROXIMATELY 25 CAVES.

AT 1745H, SW 24 SENDS ARVN SURVEILLANCE ON ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION OF 262100H, VIC (BT 397112): 2 VC KILLED, 4 VC WOUNDED.

AT 1730H, SW 24, AO REPORT (BT 360064) - APPEARED TO BE A RADIO ANTENNA. A/C WAS FIRED ON BY SA (APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS). MANY LOOSE WATER BUFFALO IN THE AREA.

AT 1735H, SW 24 REPORTS THAT THE ARVN HAD CONTACT AT 271400H WITH 2 VC COMPANIES AT (BT 290103 TO 285110 - 295110 - 300100 AND 290095).

INFILTRATION AND EFFILTRATION OF VC DESTRUCTION TEAMS INTO THE CHE LAI AIRFIELD.


INFILTRATION AND ATTACK COMMENCED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT. COMPANY "K" WAS ALERTED BY ACTION IN THE 7TH MARINE ZOA AND WAS ON 100% ALERT. AFTER VC ATTACKED AIRFIELD, THREE VC WERE CAUGHT BY A COMPANY "K" MACHINE GUN AND ALL WERE AT LEAST WOUNDED BY THE BURST OF FIRE. A BLOOD SOAKED PISTOL BELT WAS FOUND, BUT NO BODIES. SMALL VC PARTIES WERE ENGAGED FROM THIS TIME ON WHILE CONDUCTING A SEARCH OF THE AREA. AT 0150H, COMPANY "M" REPORTED 5 VC AT (BT 513068). VC TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITHOUT ANY ASSESSED RESULTS. PERSONS MOVING TO THE REAR OF THE 2KM AREA. AT 0340H, COMPANY "I" KILLED ONE VC AT (BT 518058). VC WAS ARMED WITH A THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN AND WAS WEARING ONLY TRUNKS. AT 0440H, 2 VC WERE KILLED BY COMPANY "K" AT (BT 528075) AND 2 THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUNS RECOVERED. 1 VC WAS WEARING BLACK KNEE LENGTH SHORTS, NO

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SHOES, SHIRT OR HAT. THE SECOND VC WORE WHITE KNEE LENGTH SHORTS AND A SHIRT MADE OF CAMOUFLAGE PARACHUTE MATERIAL. AT 0445H, COMPANY "K" RECEIVED 25 ROUNDS OF FIRE FROM LEFT FLANK VIC (BT 540059). FIRE WAS PROBABLY FROM ONE MAN WITH A CARBINE OR LIGHT AUTOMATIC WEAPON.

IN EVERY INSTANCE, FIRE WAS RETURNED QUICKLY AND AGGRESSIVE SEARCHES OF THE AREA WERE INITIATED, WITH RESULTS THAT THE VC WERE UNABLE TO REGROUP OR OFFER ORGANIZED RESISTANCE IN THE 3/3 AREA. THERE WAS ONE MARINE WIA, SLIGHT, REPORTED FROM COMPANY "K".

4. a. 3 VC KILLED, 3 VC WOUNDED.  
b. 3 - THOMPSON MACHINE GUNS  
5 - GRENADES (TYPE UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME)  
2 - PISTOL BELTS  
1 - WRIST WATCH (TAKEN FROM BODY)
6. ONE INTERPRETER IS BEING UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "L" ON OPERATIONS AND ONE IS BEING UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "I" ON THE ROADBLOCK.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

  
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1. SWAIN - 2

2. PERIOD 280800H THROUGH 290800H OCTOBER 1965

3. a. AT 0910H, COMPANY "I", "K", AND "M" WERE IN CORDON POSITIONS AROUND AN TAN READY FOR SEARCH OF VILLAGE FOR VC CONNECTED WITH THE SABOTAGE OF CHU LAI AIRFIELD DURING THE NIGHT. SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE WAS CONDUCTED BY VN INTELLIGENCE AGENT, POLICE CHIEF A SQUAD OF PF AND A SQUAD OF MARINES. AT 1150H, WH 3 FORWARD REPORTS 10 VCS BEING TAKEN TO LY TIN FOR INTERROGATION. CORDON SECURED.

AT 1540H, SW 24 REPORTS 1 VC MF BN MOVED FROM NORTH TO AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 4 TO 5 KILOMETERS NW OF MY SON (BT 310050). 2/3 OF THEM ARE CHINESE, 1/3 NORTH VN. (C/3 - DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE) ALSO AT 1540; 2 OR 3 DAYS AGO VC WENT DOWN THE ELBOW ROAD, VIC (BT 450092), DUG COMMUNICATION TRENCHES, COMBAT FOXHOLES IN ORDER TO PREPARE ATTACKING A CONVOY. THEY HAVE BEEN THERE EVERY NIGHT. STRENGTH ABOUT 40 TO 50 MEN. NAME OF UNIT UNKNOWN. (C/3 - PROVIDENCE AGENT)

AT 1640H, SW 24 REPORTS: INTELLIGENCE SECTION HAS 1 VC GUERRILLA PICKED UP IN AN TAN TODAY. NAME AO CHAI, HE WAS TRYING TO AID HIS BROTHER DO NHY LAI WHO WAS INVOLVED IN SABOTAGE OF CHU LAI AIRFIELD. 2 ESCAPED, DO NHY LAI HAD ALREADY FORCED NGUYEN NUI, A BOAT OWNER TO CARRY HIM ACROSS THE RIVER TO ISLAND BETWEEN KY LIEN AT KY XUAN WHERE HE WAS SPOTTED BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION BUT RAN WHEN CHALLENGED.

AT 2350H, SW 24 SENDS ISUM: 1VC BN VIC (BT 462998, 456996, 470003). WEAPONS 2-81MM MORTAR, 1 L MACHINE GUN, 4 RADIOS AND 2 CAMERAS. UNIFORMS ARE GRAY. COMMENT: POSSIBLE ATTACK U.S. ISOLATED OUT POSTS AROUND CHU LAI.

AT 2315, COMPANY "K" REQUESTED ILLUMINATION BECAUSE OF MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT. PERMISSION GRANTED, ILLUMINATION FIRED. AT 2330H, KILO'S ILLUMINATION CEASED. NEGATIVE OBSERVATION.

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.

6. ONE INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "L" ON OPERATIONS AND ONE INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED WITH COMPANY "I" ON THE ROADBLOCK AND CORDON OPERATION AT AN TAN.

10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.

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11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 290800H THROUGH 300800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

AT 1630H, SW 24 REPORTS 1 VC BN (34) CHINESE COMMUNIST, CO UNKNOWN, MOVED TO (BT 440983) AT 281900H. STRENGTH 300, WEAPONS 1-81MM MORTAR, 1-57MM RR, 3-60MM MORTARS, 1 ROCKET LAUNCHER, 3 LMG. UNIFORMS ARE GREEN WITH FIELD CAPS, RUBBER SANDALS. INTENT: COMBINE WITH 94TH BN AND 3 RF COMPANIES, IN ORDER TO ATTACK DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND USMC. OPS FROM 27 OCT THROUGH 3 NOV 65. EVALUATION (C/3).

AT 1700H, SW 24 REPORTS 1 VC MF BN (180), CO UNKNOWN LOCATED VIC (BT 358147 - 362139 - 368147). WEAPONS 1-57MM RR, 2-60MM MORTARS, 4 LIGHT MG. INTENT: WERE ISSUED 200 PLASTERS PER PERSON IN ORDER TO PURCHASE FOOD SUPPLIES AND ATTACK KY CHANH (BT 4211) AND ADJACENT AREAS. BA BAU AND ONG BO (BT 429109) BRIDGES ON OCCASION OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY. EVALUATION (C/3).

AT 1700H, SW 24 REPORTS 1 VC MF BN (120) CO HOX VN DNH MOVED FROM DIRECTION OF QUANG NGAI TO VIC (BT 414997). STRENGTH 300 MOSTLY MONTAGNARDS. WEAPONS 2-60MM MORTARS, 1 RUSSIAN LIGHT MG AND 2 LMG. INTENT: TO HARASS FORCES IN LY TIN ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL HOLIDAY. EVALUATION (C/2).

SW-24 REPORTS:

AT 300700H, 1 VC PLATOON ENGAGED BY PFS AT (BT 469075) AT 300200H. LY TIN REPORTS 7 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA. PFS CAPTURED 1 CARBINE, 2 TRANSISTOR RADIOS AND 1 MEDICAL KIT. SEVERAL CIVILIANS WOUNDED.

4. a. ONE INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED ON THE SWAIN "I" ROADBLOCK.
6. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
11. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
13. NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIVILIAN SOURCES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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1. SWAIN - 2
2. PERIOD 300000H THROUGH 310800H OCTOBER 1965
3. a. AT 0849H, COMPANY "K" REPORTS THAT APPROXIMATELY 1 PLATOON OF VC WERE ENGAGED BY PFS VIC (BT 469075) AT 300200H. LY TIN REPORTS 7 VC KILLED, 2 VC WOUNDED. PFS CAPTURED 1 CARBINE, 2 TRANSISTOR RADIOS AND 1 MEDICAL KIT. SEVERAL CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED.

AT 0915H, COMPANY "K" REPORTS FINDING ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE WITH CARRYING STRAP FOUND AT (BT 528076) BY H&S 3/3 MARINE IN COMPANY "K" AREA PRESUMABLY DROPPED BY VC DURING THE RAID. THE GRENADE HAD SIX FEET OF MONOFILAMENT LINE WRAPPED AROUND THE BASE POSSIBLY FOR ANTICIPATED USE AS A BOOBY TRAP. GRENADE WAS LOST BY VC WHEN CARRYING STRAP BROKE.

ONE BLOCK OF TNT WAS FOUND APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS NORTH OF THE GRENADE UNDER THE FORTIFICATION WIRE. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET FROM NEAREST STEEL STAKE AND 2½ FEET FROM NEXT STAKE. IT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS A BREACHING CHARGE. FUZING APPEARED TO BE PULL TYPE WITH A COPPER WIRE ENTERING THE DETONATING CAP TO WHICH WAS AFFIXED A 7" PIECE OF STRING TIED IN A LOOP. CAP WAS HELD IN PLACE BY STRAW STRING AND A PIECE OF BANDING WIRE. A PIECE OF BAMBOO TIED TO THE TOP OF THE BLOCK APPARENTLY WAS USED TO FASTEN THE BLOCK TO A BELT WHILE THE OTHER END OF THE BAMBOO WAS HELD DOWN BY A RUBBER BAND. BOTH DEVICES WERE RECOVERED BY 3/3 S-2 SECTION AND WILL BE DESTROYED BY MOD.

AT 1035H, COMPANY "M" REPORTS ONE VN MALE AT (BT 520065) OBSERVING LINES. PATROL ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND VN, BUT HE FLED. ONE SHOT WAS FIRED. VN DISAPPEARED IN DIRECTION OF AIRFIELD AND COMPANY "L" WAS NOTIFIED.

AT 1140H, SW 24 REPORTS: AT 291600H, THE 94TH BN OF THE 108TH REGIMENT, CO CAO DUC THANG. XO DONG. (XO FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE NORTH) 94TH LOC VIC (BT 374006 - 418007 - 430003), AND HAS ORGANIZED ONE GALLANTRY PLATOON (DEMO PLATOON) WHICH WAS DIVIDED INTO 3 MAN TEAMS WITH THE INTENT OF HARRASSING USMC AREAS. INTENT OF THE 94TH BN UNKNOWN. FROM LOCAL SOURCES - EVALUATION (C/3).


AT 1227H, COMPANY "K" REPORTS FINDING 400-500 POUNDS OF RICE IN TOWN AT (BT 434090) WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BELONG TO CIVILIANS. ALSO ONE VCS APPREHENDED AT (BT 434090). VCS WAS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. AT 1335H, COMPANY "K" 3D PLATOON RECEIVED 3 ROUNDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 430097). NO CASUALTIES, NO ACTION TAKEN AND NO FURTHER CONTACT.

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AT 1550H, ONE VCS WAS APPREHENDED VIC (BT 532077) BY A PLATOON FROM H&S COMPANY 3/3 MANNING COMPANY "K" LINES. YOUNG MALE WAS FOUND WITH A CRUDE SAND SKETCH OF NORTH END OF THE AIRFIELD LAYOUT INCLUDING AIRCRAFT. VCS WAS TAKEN TO THE CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT BY CAPTURING UNIT AND COMMANDING OFFICER "L" 3/3.

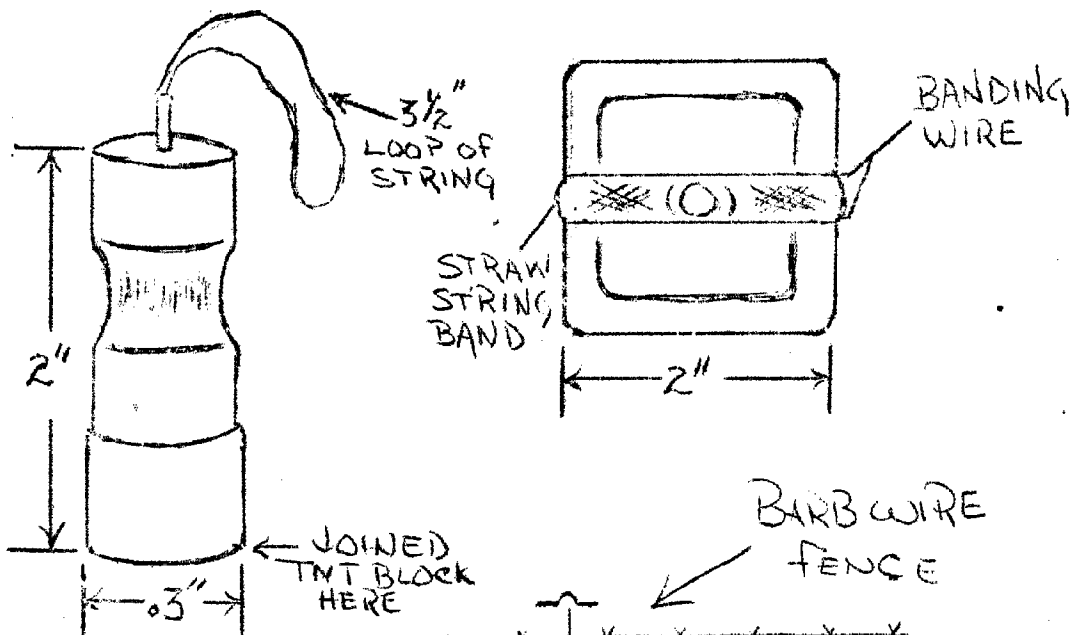
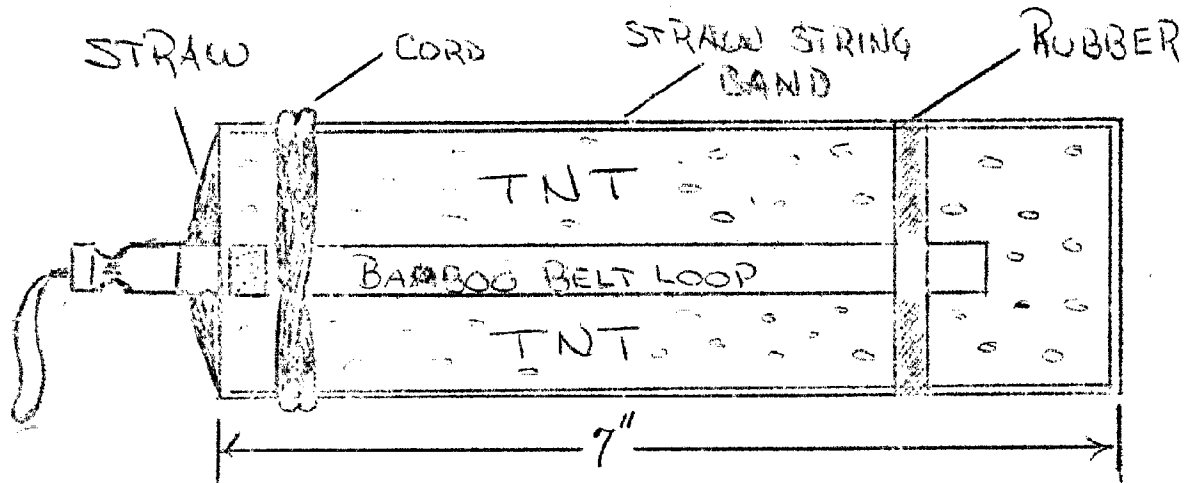
4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.
6. AN INTERPRETER WAS UTILIZED BY THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER FROM  
PENDIX.
10. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
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12. NO CHANGE SINCE LAST INTSUM.
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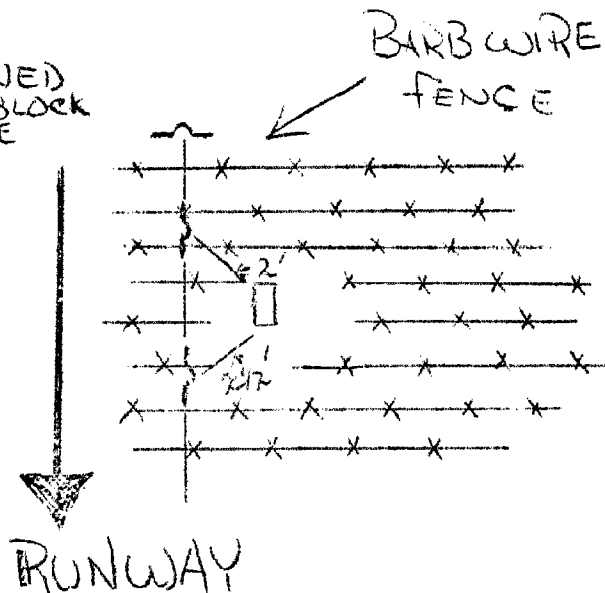
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# VC EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND VIC (BT 528075)



1 # BLOCK of  
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2. PERIOD 310800H OCT THROUGH 010800H NOV 1965

3. a. 0840H, COMPANY "K" APPREHENDED ONE VCS WITH TWO I.D. CARDS VIC (BT 535064). VCS TAGGED AND FORWARDED TO THE CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. AT 1155H, ITT REPORTS VCS WAS A QUALIFIED RESIDENT OF THE AREA AND IS BEING RELEASED.

1150H, SWAIN 24 REPORTS 1 VC COMPANY VIC (BT 390145) AND REQUESTS ARTILLERY AND AN AO FOR OBSERVATION. VC INTENDED TO AMBUSH ROAD CLEARING DETAIL. AO COULD NOT SPOT VC - ARTILLERY WAS NOT FIRED.

1540H, COMPANY "L" REPORTS MINE SWEEPING DETAIL RETURNED FROM SWEEPING AREA (BT 525080) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

1155H, SWAIN 24 REQUESTED ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION ON A VC COMPANY VIC (BT 422110). AT 2010H, FIRE MISSION COMMENCED. NEGATIVE SURVEILLANCE ON MISSION AT THIS TIME.

2035H, SWAIN 24 REPORTS 1 VC UNIT (ABOUT COMPANY SIZE) MOVED ACROSS HIGHWAY # 1 AT (BT 441100) AT APPROXIMATELY 1920H, FROM WEST TO EAST. DESTINATION UNKNOWN. REPORT COMES FROM LOCAL SOURCES AND WAS GIVEN NO INTELLIGENCE RATING.

2045H, COMPANY "L" SPOTTED 2 MEN VIC (BT 529075). COMPANY "L" TRIED TO ILLUMINATE AREA WITH TANK SPOT LIGHT, FIRED 81 ILLUMINATION AND MEN COULD NOT BE SIGHTED AGAIN.

010038H, COMPANY "I" BRIDGE GUARD SPOTTED 10 PEOPLE 100 METERS SOUTH OF THE AN TAN BRIDGE VIC (BT 497065). PEOPLE FIRED 2 ROUNDS SA AT THE BRIDGE AND THE GUARD RETURNED FIRE WITH AN M-60. ONE ROUND OF 81 ILLUMINATION REQUESTED AND PATROL SENT TO INVESTIGATE. PATROL RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. a. NO DEAD. NO WOUNDED.

6. NO INTERPRETERS WERE UTILIZED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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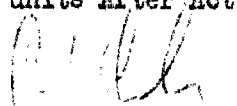
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1. Enclosure (1) is prepared by S-2 Section 3/3, forwarded for information and actions as appropriate.
2. Operation "TRIPLE PLAY" occurred on 18 and 19 October 1965. Tactical considerations were covered in this units After Action Report 40-65.

  
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Appendix (A)

CHARACTERISTICS OF AREA OF OPERATION

Weather: During the first day weather was a minor factor in tactical operations as it did not reach extremes of temperature or humidity to a degree that it affected troop efficiency. Likewise there was no noticeable effect of weather on the V.C. Helicopter operations were feasible and conducted throughout the daylight hours of the first day. Rain commenced shortly after 181700H and continued most of the night, reducing visibility and making conditions for the troops less than ideal but not materially affecting their efficiency or hampering the units tactical employment. Helicopters operated until 1830 without great impairment of efficiency due to rain or humidity but it should be considered that all lifts were personnel or internal cargo. No tactical use was made of land vehicles.

Terrain: The terrain shown on the VIETNAM 1:50,000 L701 Series Sheets 6757 III and IV is basically accurate. However, on Sheet 6757 III in Grid Square 3612, 3712, and 3713, the representation of relief is so far lacking in detail that it fails to represent the terrain sufficiently for tactical use. A trail is shown from (BT 365132) southeast to (BT 375127) which does not exist. Hydrography is accurately portrayed except that during the wet season much of the terrain is flooded in varying degrees from several inches to several feet and streams may become obstacles to foot or vehicle traffic. Most of the terrain would be only marginally passable to vehicles in the cultivated areas due to soggy soil and dikes during the wet season.

The villages are not located in reference to a roadnet but are isolated or semi-isolated houses connected by a trail net and distinctly separated by dense shrubbery, trees and hedgerows. Shrubby and trees near the houses include pineapple, manioc, various palm trees, thorn bushes and fruits. By their density, thorns, and mass they present a problem in troop movement presenting concealment and cover to the enemy and channelization and obstacles for our personnel. The hedgerows, at gaps and gates make excellent sites for ambushes, mines, and booby traps should the V.C. decide to use them. Cultivated lands are largely devoted to rice divided into moderate size paddies with dikes raised more than one foot above the paddy bottom in most places and as high as three feet in some. Other crops include sweet potatoes, manioc, beans and various table vegetables, with tree crops limited to the immediate vicinity of the houses. Observation, except where limited by housing and surrounding trees, is good. The vicinity of the built up area it varies from feet to yards. The slopes of the hills south of DUC BO are brush and grass covered. On the higher hills where slopes are steeper the brush cover is thicker and brush may be up to five or six feet high. Brush is mixed, many thorn bushes and grasses. Area south of DUC BO and north of hills is used for cattle grazing. Some of the streams have trees along the banks. Visibility is good from slopes with excellent concealment in the brush. From high ground south of DUC BO in (BT 3513 and 3612) and NUI MIEU at vicinity (BT 3815) observation of the entire objective area is possible. From NUI MIEU observation of Highway 1 and the railroad can be obtained.

There are no paved roads in the objective area. Some of the trails are wide enough for M422 or M274 traffic. The trail leading from the mine (BT 364 133) northward might support light vehicle traffic. Helicopter landing zones are available throughout the area in drier paddies and the cultivated dry crop areas. The slopes are used for grazing and where cleared, make excellent landing zones.

Streams flow generally southward but meander greatly as shown on the maps. Stream bottoms are generally muddy and soft. Some of the smaller streams are fast running. Most stream banks are steep making crossing by vehicles doubtful or difficult. In the dry season general trafficability would be greatly increased throughout the area and many of the streams could be completely dry. SONG BA TUC and SUOI VAO DOI are the major streams in the area. Both join the SONG VINH AN at the north of the objective area.

The area is devoted mainly to rice culture. No market areas were located. No industries except farming were noted. At the south end of the objective area at (BT 364133) a mine is located on the west bank of the SONG BA TUC. This mine shows no evidence of recent working or any activity other than the effects of air and artillery bombardment. A single smokestack approximately 25 feet high and six to eight feet in diameter remains. One cave was discovered and several smaller holes were found that may have been the remains of smaller mining attempts. What appears to have been a brick kiln was located near the mine and smokestack. It was destroyed as it would have been easily convertible to a defensive position.

The local populace was not seemingly hostile to Marine units or individuals upon entry into the objective area. The attitudes and actions of the PF accompanying the Marines acted to the detriment of relations with the area inhabitants. Seizure of property and intimidation of the people did not serve any obvious purpose. Property was seized as VC without the owners being held by the PF as VCS raising the suspicion that the property was being appropriated for PF use.

ENEMY SITUATION. Enemy dead were identified by the villagers to the PF and interpreters as members of the VC 802D Regiment and/or 152D Company. These were the V.C. killed by Company "M" 3/3 during the afternoon of 18 October. Villagers stated that the V.C. were in the hills to the south of DUC BO during the morning of 18 October. They said the V.C. entered the hamlets at night. There were several extensive trench lines dug with three and four strand barbed wire and some with thorn bushes and punji traps used to supplement the barrier. The trench lines are oriented to defend built up areas. Many of the better, most used trails had fighting holes dug at irregular intervals along the sides under overhanging bushes or in the shadow of hedge-rows. One VC mine/booby trap was encountered by Company "L" 3/3 at (BT 382145). This mine was found at 181230H and blown in place by engineers. It was a booby trapped punji pit. Another mine was located at (BT 364145) and destroyed. A third boobytrap was found at approximately 181700H at (BT 372137) and blown in place at 190700H by engineers. This boobytrap was a rifle grenade, possibly of French manufacture, placed with the ogive up so anyone jumping into the foxhole would detonate the device.

No indication of total enemy strength in the objective area was obtained. The VC were able to move ahead of the sweeping force successfully until late in the afternoon when the VC became trapped in approximately squad strength on the peninsula formed by the SONG BA TUC, SUOI VAO DI and the SONG VINH AN. The group was killed or captured. These VC attempted to hide by submerging wholly or partially in the rice paddies and had to be found almost by stepping on the individual. It is likely since the operation did not begin until 1100H, many of the VC were already in the hills south of the objective area as a normal part of their daily routine or after being alerted by the preparation of the landing zones. The information obtained from the villagers

indicated that the main body of the force was in the hills since morning. Since the number of weapons recovered was limited to two, one MAS 36 carbine and a CHI COM 7.62MM carbine, both taken by Company "L" it is reasonable to assume the VC were able to hide their weapons in either prearranged and prepared hiding places or, hastily by throwing them into flooded paddies. Company "M" recovered two M-26 U.S. fragmentation grenades, and a third was detonated by the VC from whom they were recovered. The VC was killed by his own grenade.

The VC force in and around DUC BO was not aggressive and defended with only sporadic small arms fire. It adopted passive withdrawal and escape and evasion tactics. No attempt was made to reinforce the personnel in the DUC BO area or to actively assist them by neighboring forces. It would appear likely that the VC was able to extract the majority of his forces from the DUC BO area or to conceal them from our search but it is obvious that he suffered disproportionate losses of personnel and prestige. The DUC BO complex now must be considered a dangerous area for troop concentrations by the VC.

The mine area centered at (BT 364133) which has been the site of several artillery and air bombardments shows no signs of V.C. attempts to utilize the main shaft which is a vertical mortar and brick shaft 12 X 12 feet in area descending vertically approximately 60 feet to mortar and brick bottom. It appeared to be partially waterfilled. No evidence of side galleries or material from recent mining or excavating was found. The product of the mine is unknown. A strongly built brick and mortar smoke stack is standing approximately 75 meters northwest and up hill from the main shaft. Another cave located at (BT 362134) 25 to 30 meters deep cut into solid rock that could not be destroyed by available explosives was located by Company "M". It had been occupied apparently by VC. The shaft was essentially horizontal. A brick furnace that could have been used as a bunker at (BT 362131) was blown by the engineers.

A cave at (BT 366127) was partially destroyed by 140 pounds of C-4. It was probably an abandoned mine of some type. The cave was horizontal tunnel running 30 meters into the hillside then making an 80 degree turn to the right and proceeding for an unknown distance. This tunnel may have at one time gone completely through the ridge, emerging in a slide area on the other side that showed evidence of having been a part of a mine tunnel. There was some evidence of use of the cave, one ceramic bowl and a single rubber tire sandal found near the mouth of the cave. The cave entrance was 10 feet wide by 6½ feet high. There was no evidence of detritus from the mine near the entrance but the interior showed evidence of use of explosives in its construction. There were no tracks or rails for mine cars and no evidence of mine cars. The interior of the mine was shored with 6x6 timbers in selected spots. The floor of the mine was damp clay without tracks indicating any use. There is evidence of three or four simple lean-tos capable of holding four or five men each at (BT 364129). These shelters had been collapsed by removing the supports but could be easily re-erected. The area also showed evidence of cooking fires. No evidence of the purpose of the shaft was found. Probably these shafts are used by the VC part time. An "L" shaped cut approximately five and one half feet wide and four feet deep increasing to 12 feet deep at the deepest is cut into the hill at (BT 373123). There is evidence of a small fire having been built in this cut. There is no evidence of the cut ever having been covered and probably was made as part of a mining or quarrying operation.

VC ACTIVITY. Company "L" reported that alongside the trail 80 meters from a CHICOM grenade rigged as a boobytrap (BT 364145) a bamboo marker was found. The marker was a "U" shaped bent bamboo laid on the ground with the closed end toward the device. A boobytrapped punji pit at (BT 382145) was marked similarly but with two short pieces of bamboo placed parallel within the "U". This marker was found 180-190 meters from the device. Both devices were destroyed by engineers.

At coordinates (BT 364145) the VC have constructed 32 well camouflaged fighting holes with bushes tied over them. The holes are eight to nine meters apart, sited to cover the river which, in this area, is chest deep. One sniper fired from this area during the sweep.

A "Maylayan gate" was found near these positions with a vine trip wire four and a half feet above the trail. The vine had three knots of bamboo fibers around it and was easily seen and deliberately tripped without injury to our troops.

Overt VC reaction to "Operation Triple Play" was largely scattered sporadic rifle and automatic weapons fire. No evidence of a concerted defense were encountered.

VC Equipment Captured:

- (1) 1 MAS 36 rifle ser # L 34525
- (2) 1 CHICOM Mossin Nagant type 53 7.62MM Carbine Ser # D 3218
- (3) 2 M-26 grenades
- (4) 1 light shoulder bag with documents, flashlight, razor and toothpaste and brush and nearby, a flag 30" x 36" Yellow and blue with a red five pointed star.
- (5) 4-15 round U.S. Carbine magazines with carrier pouches on a pistol belt with 18 rounds of ammunition.
- (6) 7 rounds of ammunition for the MAS 36.

VC Killed - 9

VC Captured - 6 (Sent to ITT)

VCS Apprehended - 20

USMC: 2 WIA (Both Co. "L")

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is urged that S-2 scouts continue to be employed as intelligence and information collecting, recording, and reporting agents with the companies. It is recommended that two or three man teams be formed for this purpose.

2. It is strongly recommended that aerial photos both vertical and obliques be obtained of all possible operating areas and hand held obliques of particular targets to be used for briefing and planning. Hand held photos are particularly useful for landing zone selection and briefing of pilots. For most practical value at least five prints each are needed. The quick response of the AO section was very helpful but it is on an unofficial basis with inadequate support and immediate steps should be taken to furnish this section with developing and printing support necessary to fulfill its mission and capitalize on its potential.
3. If polaroid cameras were available for use by scout teams much information could have been instantly recorded and comparative photography of certain areas obtained that would enhance the value of intelligence reports and efforts.
4. Continued surveillance of the mine shaft area at (BT 364133), the ridge line from (BT 365130) to (BT 372124) and the paddy area within 500 meters around (BT 372124) may develop information on the VC activity in this area. The paddy lands at these coordinates do not present the appearance of regular tending usually found in the villagers' fields and there were no used trails into the area so they might be VC rice supplies.

CHRONOLOGY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>
181130H	(BT 371153)	"M"	1 Male VCS apprehended
181145H	(BT 362142)	"M"	1 Male VCS apprehended
181235H	(BT 382145)	"L"	1 Boobytrapped punji pit destroyed
181315H	(BT 377149)	"L"	1 VC KILLED, 1 VCC apprehended
181345H	(BT 380156)	"L"	1 VC KILLED, 1 CHICOM Carbine captured
181400H	(BT 383156)	"L"	1 VC KILLED by helicopters found
181430H	(BT 370150)	"M"	1 Male VCS apprehended
181500H	(BT 375158)	"L"	12 VCS apprehended
	(BT 376160)	"L"	3 VCC apprehended
181515H	(BT 365154)	"M"	1 Male, 1 Female VCS; male killed when he attempted to escape.
181530H	(BT 374162)	"L"	1 VC KILLED when he attacked a Marine with a machete.
	(BT 368155)	"M"	2 VCC male apprehended
	(BT 366166)	"M"	1 VC KILLED



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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>
181600H	(BT 367157)	"M"	VC attempted to throw M-26 grenade at Marines. He was knocked down with a rifle butt and fell on his own grenade and killed. 2 M-26 grenades taken from body.
181700H	(BT 372127)	"L"	Boobytrapped fighting hole found
181830H	(BT 372132)	CP	4 rounds fired at lead helicopter of second wave of resupply. No hits. Unable to find VC.
19	(BT 377122)	"L"	2 VC Spotted. 1 escaped, 1 WIA. When Marine attempted to locate the wounded VC he threw a grenade - 2 WIA USMC and killing himself. A MAS 36 rifle was found by the body but the VC was wearing a pistol belt with 4 carbine magazines.

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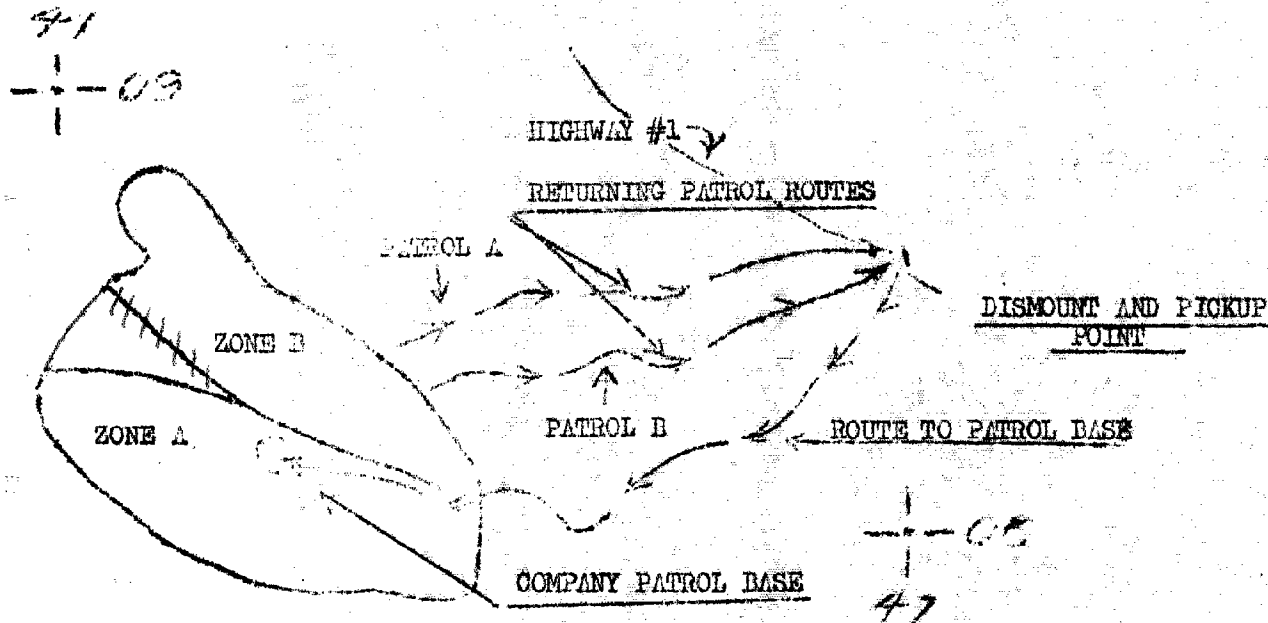
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Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 1965

Ref: Map: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 AMS L701 Sheet 6757III

Time Zone: H



Note #1.

Operation in Zone A to be conducted on D-day.

Note #2

Operation in Zone B to be conducted on D+1.

Note #3

Patrols A & B to be conducted on D+2

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Ref: (a) Map VIETNAM AMS Series L701, Sheet 6757 III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces - Current INTSUMS
  - b. Friendly Forces
    - (1) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, General Support, 4th Marines
  - c. Attachments and Detachments. - No Change
2. MISSION Commencing H-hour on Dday, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducts cordon and search operation of designated village. Return to battalion area on order.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations - One company moves by truck to dismount point (BT 440098) and moves into cordon position around Hamlet vicinity (BT 425094). One company moves on foot to cordon position around Hamlet vicinity (BT 425094). On order, companies conduct search of Hamlet. (Operation Overlay)
- b. Company "I"
  - (1) Moves by foot into cordon position around Hamlet, vicinity (BT 425094) (Operation Overlay).
  - (2) On Order, conduct search of Hamlet.
  - (3) On Order moves to loading point (BT 440098) for retraction by truck.
- c. Company "M"
  - (1) Move by truck to dismount point vicinity (BT 440098).
  - (2) Move into cordon position around village vicinity (BT 425094). (Operation Overlay).

(3) On Order, conducts search operation of assigned hamlet (BT 425094).

(4) On order move to night defensive position.

d. Company "K"

(1) Commencing D-1, moves two platoons to Company "I" & Company "M" positions.

(a) On Order with two squads assume responsibility of MLR.

(b) Two squads man outpost for defense of bridge (BT 498067).

(c) Two squads maintain combat out post on Hill 69 (BT 468068).

(2) On Order, return to airfield defense.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

(1) Moves by truck to dismount point (BT 440098).

(2) Maintains firing position (BT 440098).

(3) General Support

(4) On order, begin retracting by truck.

f. 3d Platoon, Company "B", 3d AT Battalion

(1) Provide truck convoy security to dismount point (BT 440098).

(2) Move into defensive position (BT 440098).

(3) Be prepared for further assignment during duration of operation.

(4) On order, provide truck convoy security during retraction.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Truck movement to dismount point begins 0445H, D-day.

(2) H-hour 0630H.

(3) D-day 23 October 1965.

(4) Exercise caution for mines and booby traps.

(5) Enemy will not be by-passed.

- (6) All armed indigine except assigned PF's will be considered VC.
- (7) Premisuous distruction of personal property or mistreatment of civilias populace will not be tolerated.
- (8) All searched huts will be marked to avoid duplication of effort.
- (9) Operations Overlay.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

##### a. Supply

##### 1. Initial Levels

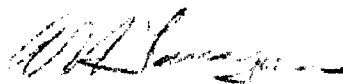
- (a) Class I Each man carry 1 MCI.
- (b) Class II One day supply of batteries.
- (c) Class III None
- (d) Class IV None
- (e) Class V Basic allowance.
- (f) Water - Two full conteens per Marine

##### b. Resupply - None

##### c. Evacuation & Hospitalization - Normal

#### 5. COMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Normal communications and pyrotechnics.
- b. Companies report CP locations as established.
- c. Bn Tac Net relay will be established on Hill 69



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Time Zone: H

# 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces - Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces -

(1) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, General Support, 4th Marines

c. Attachments and Detachments - No change

2. MISSION Commencing L-Hour on D-Day, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducts cordon and search operation of XUAN NGOC (1) and XUAN NGOC (2). One company returns to battalion area on order and one company sweeps TIN XUAN (1) and continues South to conduct a two day patrol.

# 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations - One company (-) moves on foot to cordon position West and South of village vicinity grid squares (BT 3912) and (BT 3911). One platoon (rein) secures Landing Zone vicinity (BT 403121) and on order searches hamlet (obj 1). One company lands at L-Hour by helicopter in LZ (BT 403121) and searches hamlets (objectives 2, 3, and 4). (Operation overlay). Helicopter landed company, on order, sweeps TIN XUAN (1), establishes Patrol Base vicinity grid square (BT 4007) and patrols in general area for two days.

b. Company K

(1) At L-Hour on D-Day land by helicopter in LZ (BT 403121).

(2) On order conduct thorough search of hamlets (objectives 2, 3, and 4) (Operation Overlay).

(3) On order, sweep TIN XUAN (1), patrol South to vicinity grid squares (BT 3808), (BT 3908), (BT 4008), (BT 3807), (BT 4007) (BT 3906), (BT 3806), (BT 3906), (BT 4006), and conduct patrols until 30 October 1965.

c. Company L

- (1) Two platoons move by foot to Line of Departure by L-30.
- (2) One platoon (rein) move by foot to secure LZ (BT 403121) by L-30.
- (3) At L-Hour 2 platoons move into cordon positions on West and South sides of village vicinity grid squares (BT 3912) and (BT 3911).
- (4) On order LZ security platoon searches hamlet (obj 1).
- (5) On order move to LZ (BT 403121) for helilift to Battalion area.

d. Company I~~discontinue~~

- (1) Furnish one platoon to man Company M positions on the MLR.

e. Company M

- (1) Man the airfield defense positions.
- (2) Assume duties of Regimental Reserve Company.

f. H&S Company

- (1) Furnish one platoon to man Company M positions on the MLR.

g. 81 Mortar Platoon (-)

- (1) At H-Hour on D-Day land by helicopter in LZ (BT 403121).
- (2) On order displace to firing position (BT 397116).
- (3) General Support
- (4) On order, displace to LZ (BT 403121) for helilift to Battalion area.

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-Hour \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) D-Day 28 October 1965

- (3) Exercise caution for mines and booby traps.
- (4) Promiscuous destruction of personal property or mistreatment of civilians or prisoners will not be tolerated.
- (5) Operations overlay

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS


##### a. Supply

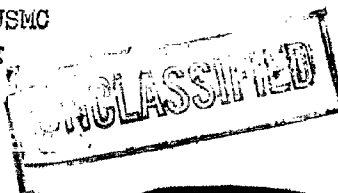
##### (1) Initial Levels

- a. Company K, as prescribed by Company Commander.
- b. Command Group and 81's
  - (1) Class I each Marine carry one MCI.
  - (2) Class II one day supply of batteries.
  - (3) Class III none
  - (4) Class IV none
  - (5) Class V basic allowance.
  - (6) Water - Two full canteens per Marine.
- c. Re-Supply - None
- d. Evacuation & Hospitalization - Normal

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Normal communications and pyrotechnics.
- b. Companies report CP Locations as established.
- c. Bn Tac Net relay will be established on Hill 69.

  
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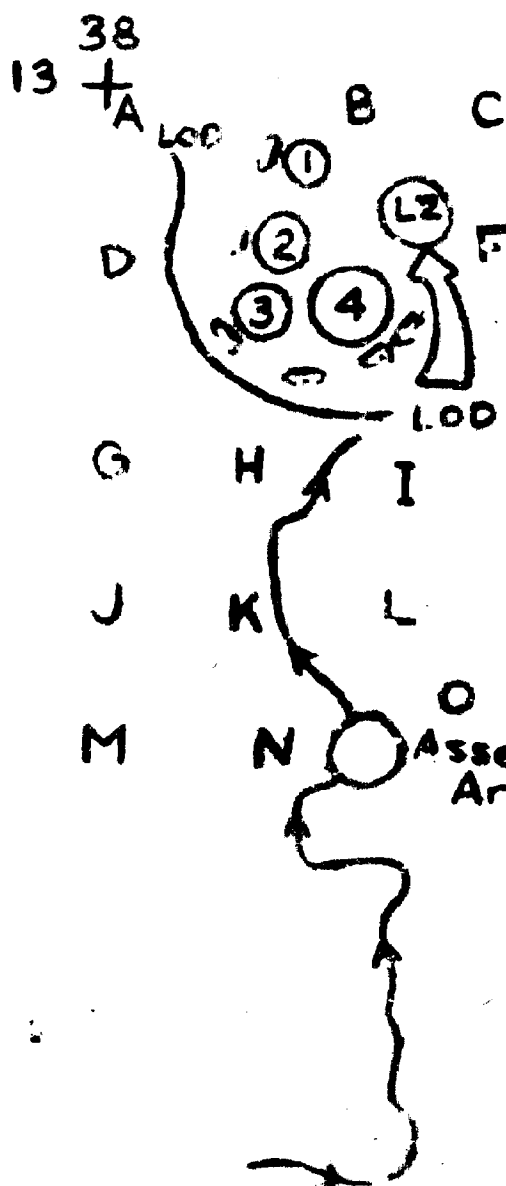
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Chu Lai, Vietnam  
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Operation Overlay to Frag Order 39-65

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L701, Sheet 6757 III

Time Zone: H



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Assembly Area

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Concept of Operations for Supporting Arms in Support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Frag Order No. 39-65

1. The following supporting arms are required to support a company (A) lift from Battalion LZ Polecat, (BT 532071) to (BT 403121).
  - a. Artillery - The 155mm howitzers will be utilized for any necessary on call missions to suppress enemy activity in the general vicinity of the landing zone.
  - b. Air
    - (1) No terrain feature neutralization and landing zone straffing will be required. The area will be secured by friendly troops operating under the cover of darkness.
    - (2)
      - a. Normal strip alert aircraft will be utilized for any necessary close air support missions.
      - b. All Aircraft Ordnance will be requested on T&R mission request.
    - (3) Helicopter Support
      - a. A flight of 12 helicopters will be utilized to lift 234 combat troops from LZ Polecat to (BT 403121).
      - b. 280545H loading of troops
      - c. 280600H takes off from LZ Polecat
      - d. 280610H, L-Hour
      - e. Contact helo escort on button Pink.
    - (4) Helicopter Escort
      - a. Four Huey aircraft armed with 20mm and rockets.
      - b. Contact helicopter flight leader for control on button Pink.
      - c. Hueys to remain on station for L / I hour for spot and observe missions.
    - (5) Additional Helicopter Support
      - a. A flight of 12 helicopters will be required to lift 236 men from (BT 403121) to Battalion LZ Polecat (BT 539061).

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- b. Time to be designated, approximately 281300H.
- c. Landing zone will be marked with Red Panels.
- d. Landing zone will be secure.
- e. Contact Warehouse 14 on button Pink or Warehouse 3 on 42.9.

(6), Additional Information

- a. L-Hour 0610H
- b. Resupply will be requested as required.
- c. Medical Evacuation as required in following categories,  
Emergency - immediate evacuation to sustain life.  
Priority - evacuee in serious condition.  
Routine - evacuation required to continue mission.
- d. Emergency and Priority evacuation will be taken to B-Med.
- e. Communications to Contact ground units:

Warehouse	14	396.5
Warehouse	3	42.9
Warehouse	K	48.6
Warehouse	L	51.8



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Bn, 3rdMar  
Chu Lai, Vietnam  
021600H Nov65

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Period Covered: 010001H - 312400H Oct65

1. Average Strength. The below figures indicate the average strength of the battalion during the month of October.

a.	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	40	992	3	56

2. Casualties. The Battalion sustained 7 battle casualties, 5 being evacuated. During this time the Battalion sustained 32 non battle injuries.

3. Shortages. During this reporting the Battalion was under T0 in the following fields.

a. 0311 - 101	2511 - 1
0331 - 3	2541 - 2
0341 - 12	3537 - 1

4. Excesses. During this reporting period the Battalion was over T0 in the following fields.

a. 0351 - 4	2543 - 3
0369 - 25	2841 - 1
0441 - 2	2861 - 1
2111 - 2	3051 - 2
2531 - 1	3371 - 2
2533 - 4	3516 - 6

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APPENDIX A

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 141200H Oct65

Periodic Personnel Report #22

Period Covered: 062400H - 132400H Oct65

1. Strengths

- a. See PDS report for period 120001 H - 132400H Oct65

2. Replacements

- a. There have been two replacements during this reporting period.

3. Discipline, Law and Order

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| a. AWOL or deserters      | None |
| b. General Courts Martial | None |
| Special Courts Martial    | None |
| Summary Courts Martial    | 1    |
| Battalion Commander's OH  | 3    |

4. Prisoners of War

- a. Twelve POWs were taken during this reporting period. All were turned over to the Regimental Collection Point. No reports received at this time concerning their status.

5. Graves Registration

- a. There were no personnel from this command killed during this reporting period. There were no KIA's processed or buried by BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services

- a. Morale is considered high.
- b. Personnel services are improving but there continues to be a lack of health and comfort items, due to limited PX services available to the troops.

7. Civil Affairs

- a. Approximately 375 persons were given medical treatment in the Long Binh, An Tan area during this reporting period.

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8. Personnel Procedures

a. Nothing to report.

9. Interior Management

a. Nothing to report.

10. Civilian Employment

a. There are no civilians employed by this unit at the present time.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Inter Battalion transfer continue in accordance with Division Bulletin 1300 of 29 September 1965.

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First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Battalion Adjutant

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211200H Oct65

Periodic Personnel Report #23

Period Covered: 132400H - 202400H Oct65

1. Strengths

- a. See PDS report for period 200001H - 202400H Oct65

2. Replacements

- a. There have been no replacements this reporting period.

3. Discipline, Law and Order

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| a. AWOL or deserters      | None |
| b. General Courts Martial | None |
| Special Courts Martial    | None |
| Summary Courts Martial    | 0    |
| Battalion Commander's OH  | 2    |

4. Prisoners of War

- a. Six POWs were taken during this reporting period. All were turned over to the Regimental Collection Point. No reports received at this time concerning their status.

5. Graves Registration

- a. There were no personnel from this command killed during this reporting period. There were no KIA's processed or buried by BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services

- a. Morale is considered high.
- b. Personnel services are improving but there continues to be a lack of health and comfort items, due to limited PX services available to the troops.

7. Civil Affairs

- a. Approximately 400 persons were given medical treatment in the Long Binh, An Tan area during this reporting period.

8. Personnel Procedures

- a. Nothing to report.

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Chu Lai, Vietnam  
211200H Oct65

9. Personnel Procedures.

1. a. Nothing to report.

10. Civilian Employment.

a. There are no civilians employed by this unit at the present time.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Inter Battalion transfer continue in accordance with Division Bulletin 1300 of 29 September, with the last element to be transferred on 22 October 1965.

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Battalion Adjutant



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Periodic Personnel Report #24

Period Covered: 202400H - 272400H Oct65

1. Strengths

- a. See PDS report for period 262400H - 272400H Oct65

2. Replacements

- a. During this reporting period, 8 Marine Corps and 3 Navy replacements joined this Battalion.

3. Discipline, Law and Order

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| a. AWOL or deserters      | None |
| b. General Courts Martial | None |
| Special Courts Martial    | None |
| Summary Courts Martial    | None |
| Battalion Commander's OH  | None |

4. Prisoners of War

- a. No POWs were taken during this reporting period.

5. Graves Registration

- a. There were no personnel from this command killed during this reporting period. There were no KIA's processed or buried by BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services

- a. Morale is considered high.
- b. Personnel services are improving but there continues to be a lack of health and comfort items, due to limited PX services available to the troops.

7. Civil Affairs

- a. Approximately 265 persons were given medical treatment in the Long Binh, An Tan area during this reporting period.

8. Personnel Procedures

- a. Nothing to report.

APPENDIX B

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9. Interior Management

- a. Nothing to report

10. Civilian Employment

- a. There are no civilians employed by this unit at the present time.

11. Miscellaneous

- a. Inter Battalion transfers in accordance with Division Bulletin 1300 of 29 September are completed as of this date.

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Periodic Personnel Report #25

Period Covered: 28001H - 032400H

1. Strengths

a. See PDS report period 022400H - 032400H

2. Replacements

a. During this reporting period, this unit received 5 Marine Corps enlisted and 1 Navy enlisted from CONUS.

3. Discipline, Law and Order

a. AWOL or deserters	None
b. General Courts Martial	None
Special Courts Martial	None
Summary Courts Martial	None
Battalion Commander's OH	1

4. Prisoners of War

a. During this reporting period 13 POW's were taken and turned over to the Regimental Collection Point.

5. Graves Registration

a. There were no personnel from this command killed or wounded during this reporting period. There were also no KIA's processed or buried through our BAS during this reporting period.

6. Morale and Personnel Services

a. Morale is considered high.

b. Personnel services are not satisfactory due to limited amounts of PX supplies available.

7. Civil Affairs

a. Liaison has been made with the American Advisors located at Ly Tin. Plans for a civil affairs program of a more advanced degree were discussed.

b. MEDCAP was run in An Tan on 31 October 1965. Approximately 200 people were treated.

8. Personnel Procedures

a. Nothing to report.

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9. Interior Management

a. Nothing to report.

10. Civilian Employment

a. There are no civilians employed by this battalion at the present time.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Nothing to report.

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CHU LAI, VIETNAM

031600H October 1965

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Frag Order 37-65

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM; 1:50,000, AMS L701, Sheet 6757III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Company "K" (Rein), 3d Battalion 3d Marines1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. See current ISUMS.b. Friendly Forces. No change.c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) One (1) Arty FO Team

(2) One (1) 81mm Mortar FO Team

(3) One (1) Engineer Team

(4) One (1) FAC Team

2. MISSION. Company "K" will establish a company patrol base vicinity (BT 427067) and conduct a three day search and destroy operation in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 37-65.3. EXECUTIONa. Company "I". No change from present mission.b. Company "K"

(1) At H-hour on D-day board trucks at present company CP location and be transported to vicinity coordinates (BT 470079) to arrive about H+30.

(2) From (BT 470079) move along the route prescribed in Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 37-65 to vicinity coordinates (BT 427067) and establish a company patrol base.

(3) On D-day and D+1 conduct search and destroy operations in the areas indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 37-65.

(4) On D+2 conduct a two (2) platoon patrol along the route described in Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 37-65.

- (5) One (1) platoon will be left in the vicinity of the company patrol base until relieved by a platoon from Company "I". Follow patrol route B to pick up point.
  - (6) Transportation will pick up Company "K" (-) (Rein) at (BT 470079) at about 071400H Oct 1965 and return them to their normal locations on the CHU LAI airfield.
  - (7) Company K will be relieved of the mission of Regimental Reserve during the duration of the operation.
- c. Company "K"
- (1) Be prepared to assume the mission of the Regimental Reserve effective 050001 Oct 1965 for the duration of Company "K's" operation.
  - (2) Furnish one (1) platoon to occupy the left half of Company "K" defensive positions on the CHU LAI airfield.
- d. Company "M". No change from present mission.
- e. H&S Company
- (1) Furnish one (1) provisional rifle platoon of forty (40) men to occupy the right half of Company "K" defensive positions on the CHU LAI airfield for the duration of the operation.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) D-day 5 October 1965, H-hour 050600H October 1965
  - (2) Physical relief of Company "K" on the CHU LAI airfield by one (1) platoon from Company "L" and one (1) provisional platoon from H&S Company will be effected at 050530H Oct 1965. Option Company "L"
  - (3) Prior liaison will be effected with Company "K" by company leaders assuming Company "K" defensive positions on the CHU LAI airfield.
  - (4) Transportation for Company "K" will be effected through this Headquarters (Attn S-4).
  - (5) All enemy contacts will be reported to this Headquarters (Attn S-3).
  - (6) Attachments effective 041800H October 1965.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Rations. Company will carry ~~sufficient~~ (4) meals MCI. Request resupply on D+1 for D+2.

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- b. Arms and Ammunition. As designated by company commander.
- c. Resupply. Submit requests for resupply by helicopter prior to 1730 for resupply the next day between the hours of 0900-1100 or 1500-1700. Prepare helo landing site and mark with red air panels.
- d. Casualties. All casualties will be reported in accordance with existing casualty reporting orders. BnO 3040.2
- f. POW's will be evacuated by helo to the Regimental Collection Point.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Communications

- (1) Company "K" will submit a SITREP every hour commencing at 050000H October 1965 and SPOT REPORTS on contact.
- (2) Carry sufficient shackle sheets to cover period of operation.
- (3) Radio communications. A radio relay station on the Bn TAC net will be maintained on Hill 69.

b. Command

- (1) Command Post locations will be reported as soon as established.
- (2) Report location of helo landing site as soon as established.

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Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
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ANNEX

A - Operation Overlay

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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 090930H OCT 65

RECON/COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON (REINFORCED), 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY "M", 3/3
2. MISSION: SEARCH AND DESTROY
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 070730H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 090930H
5. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. NO ENEMY CONTACT.
  - b. LOCATED HLZ AT (BT 424063) CAPACITY 4-5 HELICOPTERS AND (BT 420066) CAPACITY 1-2 HELICOPTERS.
  - c. DRINKABLE WATER WAS LOCATED AT (BT 428060) AND A MUCH POORER SUPPLY AT (BT 417068).
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. VEGETATION THICK 10-12 FEET, CAN BE WEAIVED THROUGH, BUT SLOW.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
  - a. NO ENEMY CONTACT.
  - b. ONE VGS WAS APPREHENDED AT 081545H VIC (BT 434076) WHILE LOOKING IN DITCH AND OVER GROUND AS IF HE WAS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING. SENT TO REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
  - a. NO DEAD OR WOUNDED.
  - b. PATROL RETURNED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

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10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: HIGH GROUND IS SLOW MOVING,  
NO OBSERVATION, DIFFICULT NAVIGATION, RECOMMEND PATROLS NOT  
BE BOUND TO HIGH GROUND DOCTRIN.

/s/W. T. Wright  
W. T. WRIGHT  
SSgt USMC  
1ST Plat/I/3/3

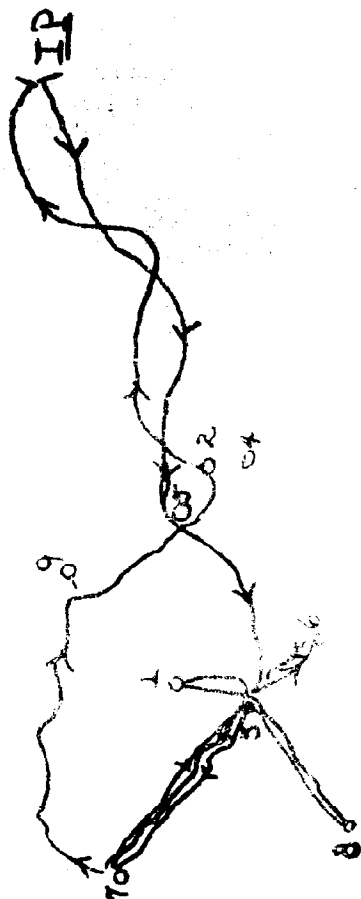
11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: NONE.

/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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1ST PLATOON  
CHU LAI  
TOD: 070  
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- 1- PATROL BASE (NIGHT OF 7 OCT)
- 2- PATROL BASE (NIGHT OF 8 OCT)
- 3- LZ FOR RESUPPLY
- 4- BOO AMBUSH
- 5- BOO AMBUSH
- 6- WATER RESUPPLY (STREAM)
- 7- WOMEN WORKING IN FIELDS
- 8- BOO POSITION TO SECURE LZ 080730H-080930H  
(LUMIN GRENADE TRIPPED ON THIS TRAIL)
- 9- VOS PICKED UP AT THIS LOCATION

## PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 121000H OCT 65

## COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON, 2ND PLATOON,  
COMPANY "M", 3/3
2. MISSION: DENY VC OPERATIONS IN ZONE OF PATROL TAOR.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 100700H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 121000H
5. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY ATTACHED.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 101020H, (BT 435078), FROM THIS HILL COMMANDING VIEW OF AREA.
  - b. AT 101335H, (BT 441066), FROM THIS HILL SIGHTED SEVERAL VIETNAMESE ON HILL AT COORDINATES (BT 435078).
  - c. AT 101537H, (BT 433064), NO INDIGINOUS PERSONNEL SIGHTED. THIS AREA IS COVERED WITH MEDIUM VEGETATION LIMITING OBSERVATION.
  - d. AT 110915H, (BT 421078), TWELVE (12) M-79 ROUNDS FOUND IN CONTAINER AT THIS LOCATION.
  - e. AT 111000H, (BT 417076), TERRAIN IN THIS AREA COVERED WITH HEAVY VEGETATION.
  - f. AT 120900H, (BT 434089), TWO VCS OF MILITARY AGE APPREHENDED IN VILLAGE. NEITHER CARRIED IDENTIFICATION. VCS WERE FORWARDED TO REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. VEGETATION ATOP HILL # 100 EXTREMELY HEAVY. SLOWS MOVEMENT GREATLY.
  - b. TRAIL BETWEEN COORDINATES (BT 413073 AND BT 414078) HAS SMALL QUANTITIES OF RICE ALONG TRAIL AND TRACKS OF OXEN OR WATER BUFFALO.

## 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

- a. AT 0815H, RECEIVED FIRE APPROXIMATELY 10 ROUNDS FROM COORD (BT 425089). AT THAT TIME PATROL ABOUT, 500-600 METERS AWAY AT COORD (BT 426084). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND APPARENTLY THE VC RAN. THERE WERE 2 RIFLEMEN.
- b. AT 0945H, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE, 10-20 ROUNDS FROM APPROXIMATELY (BT 454086). PLATOON WAS MOVING SE AT COORDINATES (BT 452083). THE LEFT FLANK SQUAD RETURNED FIRE. PLATOON MANEUVERED TO RAILROAD TRACKS, OBSERVED A SQUAD OF ARVN OR PF PROCEEDING DOWN HIGHWAY #1 TOWARD LY TIN. NO VC SIGHTED.

## 9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

- a. NO DEAD OR WOUNDED.
- b. CONDITION OF PATROL GOOD.

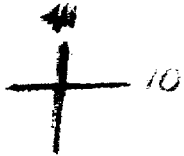
## 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. IT APPEARS THAT HILLS AT COORDINATES (BT 434078 AND BT 441066) ARE THE KEY TERRAIN FEATURES IN THE AREA. OBSERVATION IS EXCELLENT FROM THESE POINTS.
- b. RECOMMEND THAT OBSERVATION BE CONTINUED UPON TRAIL AT COORDINATES (BT 413073 - BT 414078).

/s/F. C. Moring  
F. C. MORING  
1/Lt USMC  
2D Plat/M/3/3

- 11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: SIGHTING OF RICE SPILLED ALONG TRAIL AT (BT 413073 - BT 414078) AND TRACKS OF OXEN OR WATER BUFFALO MAY INDICATE THAT TRAIL IS USED AS SUPPLY ROUTE. NIGHT AMBUSH ON THIS TRAIL MIGHT PROVE PRODUCTIVE.

/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer



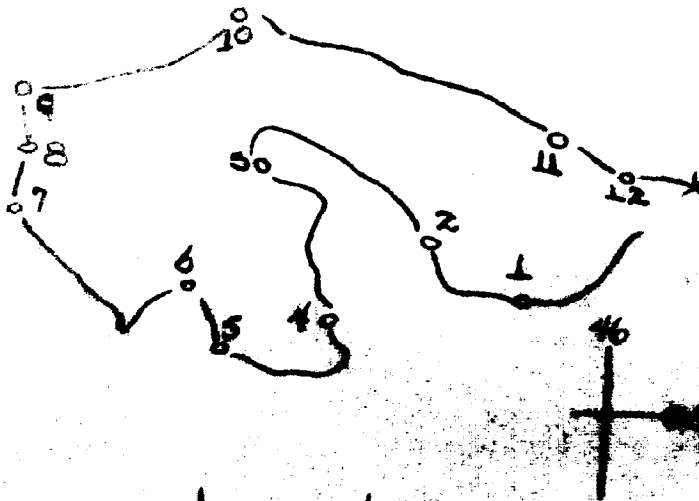
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TOD: 10 07 00H

TOR: 12 10 00H

POD: (BT 460075)

PO4: (BT 460075)



PROPOSED AMBUSH SITES

(BT 460067 - 424065 - 412072)

(BT 412074 - 420073)

Patrol Base at (BT 417074)

## PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "I"  
 PLACE: CHU LAI  
 TIME: 121300H OCT 65

COMBAT/RECON PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON REINFORCED, 2ND PLATOON, COMPANY "I", 3/3
2. MISSION: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OF ASSIGNED AREA AND ENGAGE ANY ENEMY UNITS DISCOVERED.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 120810H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 121300H
5. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 121130H, (BT 445083), PATROL RECEIVED A BURST OF FULL AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM THE EQUIVALENT OF 2 CARBINES ON AUTOMATIC AND ONE CARBINE FIRING SEMIAUTOMATIC. INITIAL BURST OF FIRE WAS 20 - 40 ROUNDS. FIRE WAS IMMEDIATELY RETURNED AND A SQUAD DEPLOYED TO FLANK THE AMBUSH PARTY. SIX VC MALES VISUALLY SIGHTED FIRING. FIRE CAME FROM A HOUSE, VC FLED WHEN PATROL GAINED FIRE SUPERIORITY AND WERE MANEUVERING AGAINST THEM. THREE VC SEEN FLEEING INTO BRUSH CARRYING WEAPONS.
  - b. AT 121200H, (BT 445083), PATROL HEARD WHAT APPEARED TO BE VC SIGNALS MADE BY BEATING BAMBOO.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT ANOTHER PATROL FROM COMPANY "M" 3/3 HAD PASSED OVER THIS SAME AREA APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES BEFORE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE VC WERE FOLLOWING THE COMPANY "M" PATROL WHICH WAS SOUTHBOUND WHEN THE COMPANY "I" PATROL APPEARED HEADED WEST AND THE VC WERE FORCED TO FIGHT. THE VC WERE DRESSED IN BLACK PAJAMA TYPE CLOTHING, NO HEADWEAR OR SHOES. NO PACKS OR OTHER EXTERNAL GEAR WAS NOTED.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: THREE VC WERE KIA AND 3 APPARENTLY ESCAPED UNWOUNDED. NO WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED BUT IT IS SURMISED THAT THE ESCAPING VC WERE ABLE TO REMOVE ANY WEAPONS THE DEAD MAY HAVE HAD A SEARCH OF THE BODIES DID NOT PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTS. THE FIRST SQUAD TO THE BODIES SEARCHED ONLY FOR WEAPONS BEFORE CONTINUING THE PURSUIT OF

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THE FLEEING VC AND IT WAS SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE BODIES COULD BE CONDUCTED. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT DOCUMENTS COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE THREE WHO ESCAPED OR BY VC SYMPATHIZERS IN THE AREA. 12 CIVILIANS WERE FOUND IN AN UNDERGROUND SHELTER TOWARD WHICH ONE OF THE DEAD WAS APPARENTLY MOVING WHEN HE DIED OF HIS WOUNDS. SHELTER WAS EMPTIED, SEARCHED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT RESULTS AND DESTROYED.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

- a. NO CASUALTIES.
- b. CONDITION OF PATROL WAS GOOD.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: SINCE VC MAY BE FOLLOWING OUR PATROLS IT MIGHT BE ADVISEABLE TO DROP OFF AMBUSH PARTIES TO COVER THE REAR OF PATROLS ON OCCAISION AND TRY TO PICK UP ANY FOLLOWING VC.

/s/Rask  
RASK Lt. USMC  
2ND Plat/1/3/3

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: VC WERE NOT EQUIPPED FOR LONG STAY IN AREA UNLESS THEY WERE LIVING IN A HOUSE OR OTHER SHELTER AND WERE BEING PROVIDED WITH FOOD BY LOCAL POPULACE. THEY MAY HAVE A BASE CAMP IN AREA THAT WAS NOT FOUND. THIS IS THE THIRD INCIDENT WITHIN 17 HOURS THAT HAS OCCURRED IN AN AREA ROUGHLY TRIANGULAR WITH SIDES APPROXIMATELY 1400 METERS EACH. AT KHUONG NEON (1) AT 1700H, AN ADVISORY TEAM WAS AMBUSHED; AT 120720H AT (BT 425088) A 3/3 PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND THIS UNSUCCESSFUL VC AMBUSH. THIS AMBUSH WAS VC INITIATED.

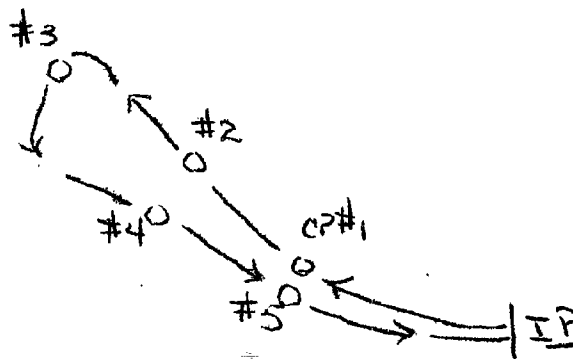
/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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PATROL OVERLAY

UNIT: CO, "I"  
 PLACE: CHU LAI  
 TOD: 120810H  
 TOR: 121300H  
 POD: (BT 470079)  
 POR: (BT 470078)  
 2ND PLATOON

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## PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 141615H OCT 65

## COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 3D PLATOON REINFORCED; 2 M60 MG,  
3 M79, 2 3.5RL, COMPANY "M", 3/3
2. MISSION: SEEK OUT VC IN AREA.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 120730H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 141615H
5. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY ATTACHED.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 121100H, VIC (BT 448073), FOUND ONE (1) M-26 FRAG GRENADE WITH PIN PULLED HALF WAY OUT AND VINE USED AS TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL. NEARBY, 3 CONNECTED TUNNELS TOTALING 45 FEET IN LENGTH.
  - b. AT 131400H, BETWEEN (BT 403079) AND (BT 405060), RICE HAS BEEN DROPPED ALONG TRAIL. APPEARS TO HAVE LEAKED FROM BASKETS OR SACKS.
  - c. AT 141300H, VIC (BT 408055), OBSERVED 3 PEOPLE DRESSED IN BLACK AND CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES BUT DUE TO DISTANCE COULD NOT TELL IF THEY WERE ARMED.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NO ENCOUNTERS.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:  
GOOD -- NO DEAD OR WOUNDED.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: TRAILS IN THIS AREA ARE GOOD. THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO THEIR USE BY VILLAGERS OR VC FOR MOVING RICE BETWEEN HAMLETS.

/s/G. R. Young  
G. R. YOUNG  
MSgt USMC  
3D Plat/M/3/3

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: THE TUNNELS AND ATTEMPT TO BOOBY TRAP THE TRAIL WITH THE M-26 GRENADE INDICATE VC USE OF THE AREA BUT THE SINGLE GRENADE WAS NOT WELL CONCEALED AND USED THIS WAY PROBABLY MEANS THAT IT WAS LAID BY A HAMLET GUERRILLA. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO REPORTS OF RICE ALONG TRAILS IN THIS AREA BUT THIS IS THE FALL RICE HARVEST AND COULD WELL BE FROM VILLAGERS IN THE AREA MOVING BETWEEN HAMLETS AND FIELDS.

/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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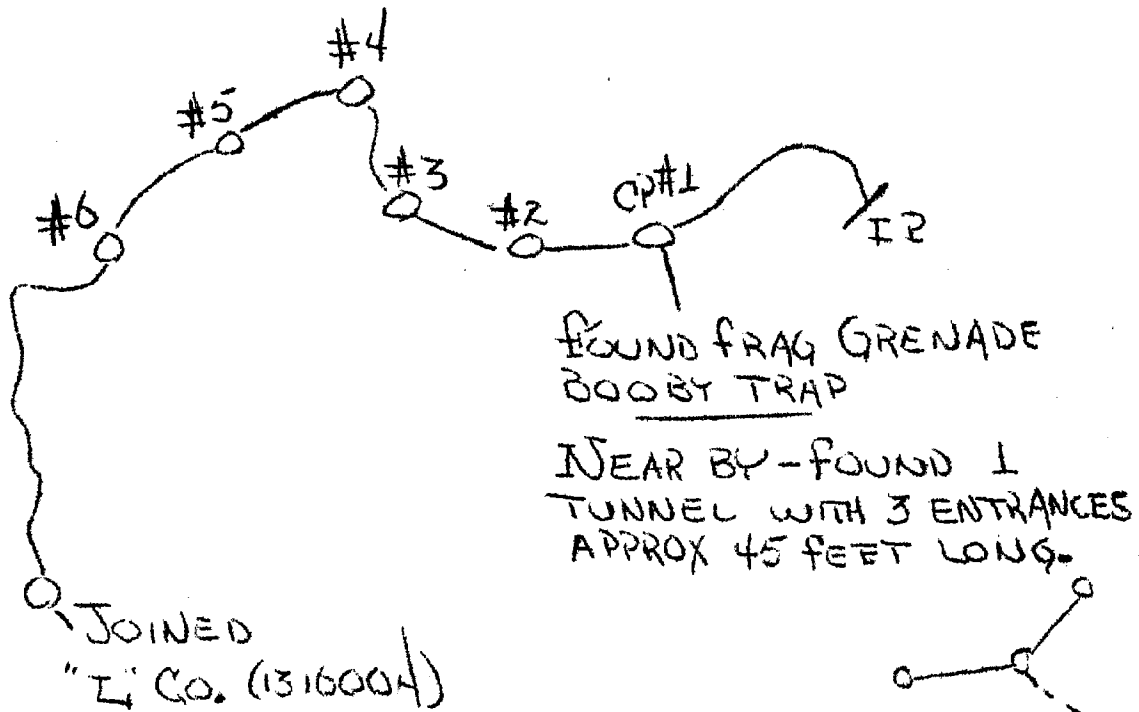
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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "K"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 211430H OCT 65

RECON PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON REINFORCED (2 M60 MG, 3 M79, 1 3.5RL), 2D PLATOON, COMPANY "K" 3/3
2. MISSION: RECON NE SECTOR OF TAOR.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 210800H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 211430H
5. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. BETWEEN 0800 - 1230H AND COORD (BT 470085 - 450114), WATER HAS RISEN TO RICE PADDIES FROM SEA SO THAT ALL TRAILS ARE WASHED OUT.
  - b. AT 1100H, VIC (BT 452112), OCCUPIED HOUSE WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF TON OF RICE AND 300 POUNDS OF CORN.
  - c. AT 1130H, VIC (BT 438108), FOUND A 155 DUD WHICH WAS STRIPPED OF FUZE AND ALL EXPLOSIVES.
  - d. AT 1315H, VIC (BT 441099), AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE HEARD FROM APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS UP HIGHWAY # 1 TO THE NORTH. FIRETEAM SENT TO RECON AHEAD FOUND GROUP OF IFS AT SCHOOL HOUSE. DID NOT CHECK FURTHER.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:

THIS AREA IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO NAVIGATE PRECISELY DUE TO WASHED OUT COASTLINE AND NO OTHER LANDMARKS. TRAILS ARE GENERALLY ONLY FOOTPATHS WHICH FOLLOW THE EDGES OF PADDIES AND LEVELS.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

GOOD - - NO DEAD OR WOUNDED.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THERE ARE NO SUITABLE HLZ IN THE AREA EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY USE IN VIC (BT 438108). THE TRAIL SYSTEM

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IS SO HAPHAZARD THAT ALL MOVEMENT IS BY "NOSE". A GREAT DEAL OF NAVIGATIONAL HELP WOULD BE AFFORDED BY KNOWING COORDINATES OF RADAR DOME VIC (BT 5210). WITH HILL 69 RESECTION CAN BE MADE.

/s/P. W. Miles  
P. W. MILES  
1STLt USMC  
2DFlat K/3/3

11. ADDITION COMMENTS BY EBRIEFER:

RICE CACHE SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AS IT MAY BE VC.

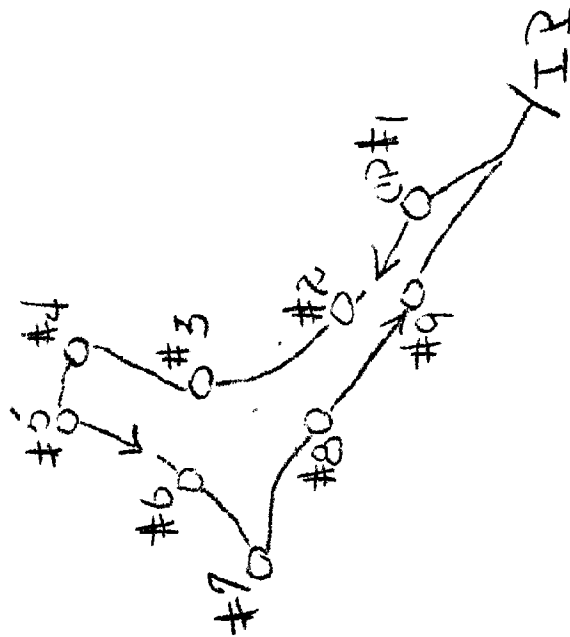
/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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UNIT: CO, "K"  
 PLACE: CHU LAI  
 TOL: 210800H  
 FOR: 211430H

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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "I"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 220930H OCT 65

COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: 3D PLATOON, COMPANY "K", 3/3
2. MISSION: COMBAT PATROL ALONG OVERLAY ROUTE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 212300H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 220930H
5. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 220615H, MOVED OUT TO SWEEP VILLAGE AT (BT 435089). HAD GONE ALMOST THROUGH VILLAGE WHEN COMPANY "M" ARRIVED BY TRUCK AND BOTH UNITS WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE FROM VIC (BT 433090). COMPANY "M" AT APPROXIMATELY (BT 441091). ESTIMATED 5 VC FIRING (PROBABLY U.S. CARBINES). ONE (1) VC MOVED FROM COVER AND WAS HIT BY AR, ANOTHER VC TURNED OVER THE BODY AND TOOK DEAD VC'S WEAPON (SECOND VC WAS ALSO ARMED).
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. VCS PICKED UP AT THE FOLLOWING COORD: 1 VCS AT (BT 434090), 5 VCS (BT 449083) AND 2 VCS (BT 458081). ALL WERE WITHOUT I.D. (NID) AND WERE PICKED UP PRIOR TO SWEEP OF VILLAGE.
  - b. 15 TO 20 MALES RAN FROM VILLAGE ON APPROACH OF PLATOON TO VILLAGE. SQUAD ATTEMPTED TO FLANK BUT UNABLE TO DO SO. 45 MINUTES ELAPSED BETWEEN THIS AND THE TIME VC OPENED FIRE.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: ONE (1) VC KILLED. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. WEAPON OF VC CARRIED OFF BY ANOTHER ARMED VC.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED.  
  
GOOD - - NO CASUALTIES.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

/s/J. Hartman  
J. HARTMAN  
1STLt USMC  
3DPlat 1/3/3

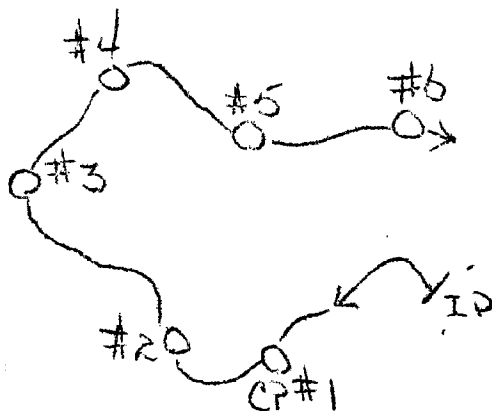
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PATROL OVERLAY

UNIT: CO, "I"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TOD: 212300H  
TOR: 220930H  
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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 221500H OCT 65

RECON PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON REINFORCED (2 M60, 3 M79),  
3D PLATOON, COMPANY "M", 3/3
2. MISSION: TO RECON AREA OF PATROL AND PARTICULARLY THE STREAM AT  
(BT 431088 - 431092).
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 220630H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 221500H
5. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY ATTACHED.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT (BT 443099), LARGE AMOUNT OF RICE STORED IN BUILDING, APPROXIMATELY 6 SACKS WHICH SEEMED TO BE TOO MUCH FOR THE 2 OLD WOMEN WHO WERE FOUND THERE.
  - b. AT (BT 441099), ONE VCS APPREHENDED. NO I.D. (NID) CARD. WAS WEARING PANTS OF AN ARVN UNIFORM. HE HAD NEWLY HEALED WOUNDS ON THE RIGHT FOREARM AND RIGHT SIDE OF CHEST, DELIVERED TO ITT.
  - c. AT (BT 434089), FOUR VCS APPREHENDED FOR LACK OF I.D. CARDS (NID).
  - d. AT APPROXIMATELY 0700H, WHILE PLATOON WAS SEARCHING AREA EAST OF HIGHWAY # 1, AFTER DISEMBARKING FROM TRUCKS, THE TRUCKS RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. FIRE WAS RETURNED BY THE TROOPS AT THE TRUCKS. A WOUNDED GIRL WAS DELIVERED BY HER FAMILY AND EVACUATED BY THE TRUCKS. WOUND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE SERIOUS.
  - e. THE UNNAMED STREAM FROM VIC (BT 431088 - 431092) IS FORDABLE BY FOOT TROOPS. SEVERAL SMALL FOOT BRIDGES CROSS THE STREAM IN THIS STRETCH. BUSHES, SMALL TREES AND PLANTS LINE THE STREAM BANKS MOST OF THE WAY. WATER IN MOST PLACES IS APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET DEEP. BOTTOM IS MUDDY. WIDTH IN MOST PLACES IS ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE FEET BUT WIDENS TO 12 TO 15 FEET IN SOME FLOODED AREAS.
  - f. THE KNOB AT (BT 433089) HAS A THICK HEDGEROW RUNNING ALONG THE WESTERN BASE WITH FIGHTING HOLES DUG BEHIND THE HEDGE EVERY 10 TO 15 FEET. MOST ARE FILLED OR PARTIALLY FILLED WITH WATER. ONE OR TWO PUNJI TRAPS LOCATED BETWEEN HEDGEROW AND STREAM. NO SIGN OF OTHER BOOBY TRAPS.

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- g. PADDIES ARE MOSTLY FLOODED NOW BUT SANDY AREA NORTHEAST OF KNOB AT (BT 433089) PROVIDES EXCELLENT HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES.
- h. HOUSES IN UNNAMED HAMLET NORTH OF KNOB (BT 433089) WERE HASTILY EVACUATED. COALS WERE STILL WARM BUT NO ONE FOUND IN AREA OR SEEN BY PATROL.
- 8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NO CONTACT WITH THE VC WAS MADE BY THIS PATROL.
- 10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: EXCESS OF RICE IN HOUSE OCCUPIED BY 2 OLD LADIES IS SUSPICIOUS AND MIGHT BE A VC RICE CACHE, FURTHER CHECKING BY OTHER PATROLS OR PFS IS RECOMMENDED.

/s/ G. R. Young  
G. R. YOUNG  
SSgt USMC  
3DElat M/3/3

- 11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: VACANT HOUSES NEAR KNOB (BT 431089) INDICATE AN EFFICIENT WARNING SYSTEM IN OPERATION. PATROL DID NOT HEAR SIGNALS BEING PASSED. VC WHO FIRED ON TROOPS EARLIER IN THE MORNING MAY HAVE SOUNDED A GENERAL WARNING IN THE AREA TO ACCOUNT FOR VACANT HOMES. POSSIBLY THAT RICE MAY BE FOUND IN HOUSE AT (BT 443099), BUT IF VC OWNED IT, IT PROBABLY WILL BE MOVED IMMEDIATELY UPON DISCOVERY BY OUR FORCES.

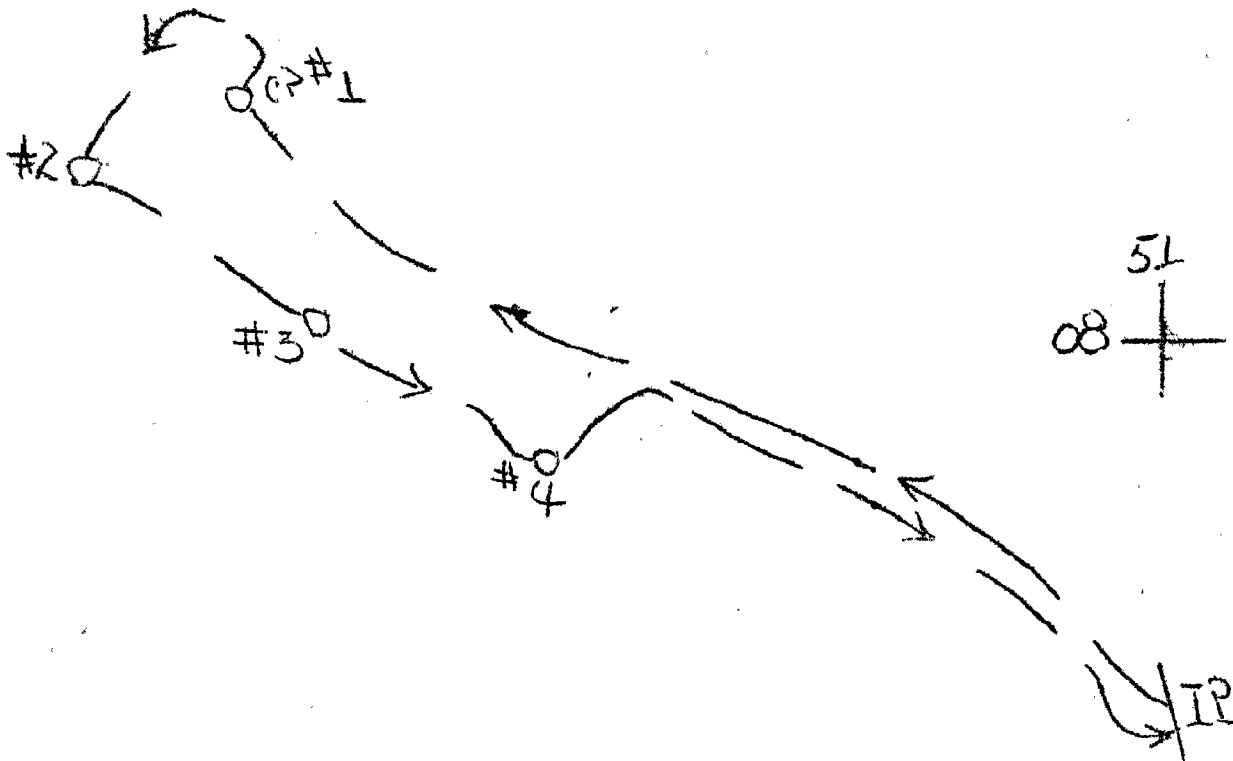
/s/ C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
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PATROL OVERLAY

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TOD: 220630H  
TOR: 220500H

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From: CO, 3d Bn, 3d Marines  
To: CO, 4th Marines (ATTN: S-3)

Subj: Psychological Warfare Report for period 15 September 1965 -  
15 October 1965

Ref: (a) RegtO 3410.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

- a. On 27 and 28 September 1965, pamphlets were distributed to the rifle companies with instructions for patrols to pass them out along their patrol routes for the Vietnamese people to read.
- b. On 7 and 8 October 1965, Company "I" with attachments, accompanied by Popular Forces and interpreter, provided security for a Psychological Warfare Team to conduct lectures in the village of KHUONG THO (1). The team consisted of the LY TIN District Intelligence Chief and four of his agents. The Marines with the aid of intelligence personnel and Popular Force troops summoned the inhabitants from their hamlet and moved them to an assembly area. After the lectures, the inhabitants of the village began destroying local VC trenches and fighting holes. The people became very congenial with both Marines and PF Troops. A definite rapport was established between military and civilian. Limited medical assistance was provided by company corpsmen.
- c. Following a successful operation in the LY TIN District that netted 12 VCS, by Marines from Company "I" and Popular Forces troops, the Hamlet Chief spoke to 53 villagers explaining the role of the U.S. Marine Corps and our purpose in present activities.
- d. MEDCAP patrols from Company "M" along with medical assistance teams have treated over 1,000 persons in the AN TAN and LONG BINH Hamlets, during the last 20 days, promoting good will and providing medical assistance.
- e. Intelligence reports from the LY TIN District Headquarters indicate an 81mm Mortar is buried somewhere in LONG BINH (BT 505070). Our intentions are to take an 81mm Mortar into the village, with a Psychological Warfare Team, and show it to the villagers, offering a reward for the uncovering of the 81mm Mortar buried in the Hamlet.
- f. In upcoming plans and intentions a more active employment and increased coordination in this section will be formulated.

*G. V. Gardner*  
G. V. GARDNER  
By direction

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S-3 CHRONOLOGY1. Significant Events

- a. On the evening of 7 October 1965 Company K made a night helicopter landing at (BT 435055) as a response to intelligence received. The lift was executed smoothly with the company receiving only sporadic sniper fire during touch-down from vicinity of KY LONG (1) village. See After Action Report #39.
- b. Again reacting to intelligence Company L was helilifted on 14 October 1965 to vicinity (BT 405055) to act as a striking force against 30(+) VC reported in area by a Recon Platoon Patrol. The company accounted for one VC killed, captured one 7.62mm Carbine and ammunition. Also uncovered was a cache of rice estimated at four and one half tons along with one ton of salt and 30 gallons of kerosene. The rice was recovered and redistributed to villagers in the CHU LAI area, the salt, grain and kerosene were destroyed.
- c. On 18 October 1965 Companies L and M were helilifted to a position twelve miles North of CHU LAI, as OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY commenced. The operation was supported by Artillery, Tanks, Ontos and Engineers. As a result of the operation 9 VC were killed, 6 VC captured, 20 VCS held, and two weapons captured. The only Marine casualties during the entire operation were 2 WIA's slightly wounded from a grenade thrown by a VC. See After Action Report #40.
- d. On 23 October 1965 Companies I and M participated in OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT. During the first part of the operation the Battalion Medical Officer, aided by Company Corpsman, administered medical aid to local inhabitants. After a search of the village of KHUONG NHON (AT 426093) the Main Marines ordered a search of the Northern section of the 3/3 TAOR to check reported enemy movement within that area. The search netted no VC. See After Action Report #41.
- e. On 24 October 1965 Company M provided a blocking force along the SONG CAO River from coord (BT 415132) to (BT 435114) as part of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines OPERATION PIED PIPER, and also is providing security for Battery H, 12th Marines in conjunction with the same operation.
- f. Early on the morning 28 October 1965 the airfield at CHU LAI was attacked. Companies I and K engaged the fleeing VC in front of and behind their lines resulting in 3 VC killed, capturing 3 Thompson-Sub Machine Guns and 2 pouches containing a total of 5 grenades. Company K sustained two slightly wounded Marines from this action. The 81mm Mortar Platoon provided illumination throughout the night.

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g. On 30 October 1965 the battalion was placed on 100% alert, as a result of a reported attack on DA NANG. All companies and attachments were alerted. Company M was moved by C-130 aircraft to DA NANG for employment. A section of 81mm Mortars and 196 Recoilless Rifles accompanied the company.

2. New Developments - Not applicable
3. Problem Areas - Not applicable
4. Training - During the reporting period designated Marines of this Battalion attended Land Mine Warfare School conducted by Headquarters 4th Marines.

- Following  
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5. a. SITREPS #133-163 (See Appendix (4))
  - b. WEEKLY SITUATION OVERLAY (9, 16, 23 Oct) (See Appendix (5))
  - c. AFTER ACTION REPORT #37, 39-40 (See Appendix (6))
  - d. Op Order #18-65; Frag Order #37-65 - #39-65 (See Appendix (4))

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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LOGISTICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Journal See APPENDIX (A)

2. Estimates One hundred and nine General Purpose tents are still needed to support planned cantonment. It is considered that each company should have at least three stoves installed in G. P. tents to facilitate drying of clothing and equipment during the monsoon season.

3. Staff Studies N/A

4. Supply Requirements See APPENDIX (B). (Critical Priority 02 and 05 requisitions outstanding)

5. Procurement Problems N/A

6. Problems and Solutions

a. Storage

(1) Problem Adequate protection for Class I and V supplies.

(2) Solution Provide adequate and appropriate materials to establish waterproof bunkers.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization of POW's N/A

c. Transportation

(1) Problem Lack of adequate transportation to support both Tactical and Logistical requirements.

(2) Solution

(a) An increase in the T/E allowance of vehicles for Infantry Battalions. A study is currently being conducted for the purpose of submitting recommendations regarding same.

(b) Adequate stockage of repair parts and/or replacement end items to keep authorized Motor Transport vehicles operational, both for this organization and supporting Motor Transport Units.

d. Maintenance

(1) Problem Shortage of repair parts, end items, and test equipment.

(2) Solution Re-evaluate current processing of priority requisitions, and of priority assignment of shipping. Insure prompt delivery of filled requisitions to unit assigned.

e. Construction and Fortifications

- (1) Problem: Lack of Class IV, including Modular Shelters.
- (2) Solution: Fulfillment of requisitions.

f. Sanitation(1) Problem:

- (a) Disinfecting of urinals and heads.
- (b) Messhall soap powder is a recurrent problem.
- (c) Lack of transportation for daily trash and garbage disposal.

(2) Solution:

- (a) Problem items (1) and (2) could be eliminated by insuring that sanitation items receive proper recognition as priority items.
- (b) Problem item (3) could be solved as outlined in Paragraph 6, c, (1).

7. Deadlined Equipment by Type

	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
a. <u>Motor Transport</u>	M-422	13
	M-274	7
b. <u>Comm-Elect</u>	PRC-6	12
	PRC-10	10
	FP-3240	2
	FU-181	2
c. <u>Ordnance</u>	M-60	7
	M-79	2
	3.5	4
	AN/M4	1
	81mm	1
	Flamethrower	1

8. Employment of Indigenous Personnel N/A

9. Embarkation The embarkation posture of this unit is less than desirable because non-availability of adequate mount-out boxes and rifle boxes, or necessary material to fabricate same.



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S-4 Journal  
Month of October

TIME		ENTRY
IN	OUT SER. NO.	
1 October 1965		
0530	1	4 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to L & K co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to messhall & 1 to Supply.
0545	2	6 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. To stand by for operation.
1200	3	New Items of Comm-Elect Equipment Report submitted to CG 3rd MarDiv.
1200	4	Space Requirement Report submitted to Div Embark.
1200	5	Equipment Density Report submitted to 4th Marines.
1345	6	Helo Resup to OP #1 (LZ Maggot). 15 cans wtr, 8 cs MCI/Heat, 4 cs 81mm C225, 10 cs 81mm C222.
2 October 1965		
0630	1	4 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to L & K co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to messhall & 1 to Supply.
1100	2	Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to 3rd Marines.
1200	3	Helo Resup to OP #1. 29 cans wtr, 12 cs MCI/Heat.
1220	4	Helo returned 31 cans from OP #1.
1230	5	6 Trks on stand by released to 9th MI.
1700	6	Notified by S-3 Bn is off stand by.
3 October 1965		
0630	1	5 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to K & L co.s, 1 to I co., 1 to M co., 1 to messhall and 1 to Supply.
1250	2	Messhall Trk and Supply Trk disp to L co. for patrol.
1430	3	Helo Resup to OP #1. 30 cans wtr, 12 cs MCI/Heat, 10 cs 81mm C222 and 4 cs 81mm C225.
1500	4	Helo returned 32 cans.
1800	5	Trk disp to S-3 to take FAC team to I co.
1930	6	L 3 req vehicle to L co. CP to take diarrhea medicine to 3rd Plt.
1935	7	MI directed to disp vehicle to L co. CP.
4 October 1965		
0600	1	9 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to Letter co.s, 2 to messhall, 2 to Supply and 1 for PX run.
0900	2	Supply Trks on stand by to shuttle transferees to & from Air Freight.
1300	3	Helo Resup to OP #1. 32 cans wtr, 12 cs MCI/Heat, 4 cs 81mm C225, 4 cs 81mm C222 and 2 items of TFS-21 gear.
1330	4	Helo returned 27 cans.
1330	5	K co. req Helo Resup for 5Oct65. Helo request in to TAR.
5 October 1965		
0430	1	4 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 2 disp to L co., 2 to H&S to take troops to K co. position. Trks will then take K co. to patrol drop off point.
0500	2	4 Trks Rpt'd from FISU. 4 disp to K co. to join first 4 Trks in transporting K co. patrol.
0630	3	L co. rpt'd 1 trk broken down. Wrecker called.
0715	4	Wrecker rpt'd to S-4. Disp to L co.
0820	5	Trks returned from K co. patrol. Disp to I, L & M co.s, messhall and Supply.

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APPENDIX (A)

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER.NO.	ENTRY
0930			6	K co. delivered 60 wtr cans, 1 Lister Bag to Bn Supply for Helo Resup.
1330			7	Helo Resup to OP #1. 30 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat, 10 cs 81mm C222, 4 cs 81mm C225 and tissue paper.
1400			8	Helo returned 25 cans from OP #1.
1410			9	WHK confirmed Resup Coord. 422063.
1500			10	Helo Resup to K co. Coord 422063. 30 wtr, 27 cs MCI/Heat, 6 BA-279, 12 BA-270, antenna 292, lister bag, 50 ft. fuse, 20 fuze lighters & 10 nonelectric blasting caps.
6 October 1965				
0630			1	8 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to M co., 2 to I co., 1 to K co., 1 to L co., 2 to Supply.
1000			2	Helo Resup to K co. 30 wtr, 27 MCI/Heat, 1 cs BA-279, msg from S-3 to Capt Kerr.
1020			3	Helo returned 29 cans, garbage and msg from Capt Kerr to S-3.
1115			4	M co. req Helo Resup for 8 Oct 65 0615 at Coord 470079.
1330			5	Helo Resup OP #1. 28 wtr, 10 cs 81mm C222, 4 cs 81mm C225, 12 cs MCI/Heat and 1 bolt plug.
1400			6	Helo returned 43 cans, 1 gas can, 2 TPS-21 components and 1 personnel.
1510			7	Helo Resup to K co. Coord 421063. 28 wtr., 1 BB-451 and 1 Corpsman.
1530			8	Helo returned 18 cans and 2 personnel.
1715			9	K co. cancelled 0700 resupply for 7 Oct 65 and requested confirmation of 0800 pickup of empties. Affirmative.
7 October 1965				
0600			1	4 trks rpt'd from FISU. 2 disp to M co. and 2 disp to I co.
0630			2	4 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to K co., L co., mess-hall and Supply.
0815			3	Helo returned 41 cans, lister bag, antenna 292, and 1 BB-451 from K co. patrol.
1230			4	M co. rpt'd trk broken down at their position.
1235			5	Wrecker called for disabled trk.
1320			6	Helo Resup to OP #1. 29 wtr, 12 cs MCI/Heat, 10 cs 81mm C222, and 4 cs 81mm C225.
1345			7	Helo returned 22 cans.
8 October 1965				
0630			1	8 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to I & M co.s, 1 to K co., 2 to L co., 1 to messhall and 1 to Supply.
0900			2	Helo Resup to M co. Coord 423062. 10 cs MCI/Heat, 8 BA-279, 1 PRC-10 and 1 cs fruit.
0930			3	Helo returned WH 5 and 2 other personnel.
0930			4	WHK 5 req Helo Resup 15 cs MCI/Heat and 20 wtr to accompany M co. resupply. Req received too late to make M co. resupply flight.
0935			5	ASAP Helo request submitted to TAR 1-4 operator.
1100			6	Helo Resup to K co. Coord 423062. 15 cs MCI/Heat and 20 cans wtr.
1315			7	Helo Resup to OP #1. 27 wtr and 5 cs MCI/Heat.
1415			8	Helo returned 2 cs 81mm C222.

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TIME	OUT	SER.NO.	ENTRY
1615		9	Notified by I co. 2 3.5 WP duds and 2 misfires located on Hill 69.
1630		10	EOD notified. Will report first thing in the morning. 9 October 1965
0545		1	Trk rpt'd from FISU. Disp to L co.
0630		2	5 trks reported from FISU. 1 each disp to I, M & K co.s, messhall and Supply.
0900		3	Equipment Density Report submitted to 4th Marines.
1330		4	Helo Resup to OP #1. 29 wtr, 12 cs MCI/Heat.
1350		5	Helo returned 56 cans from OP #1.
1750		6	M co. rpt'd found M-14 rifle ser.no. 426281 in village of An Tan. 10 October 1965
0600		1	3 trks rpt'd from FISU. 2 disp to M co. and 1 to I co.
0630		2	4 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to L co., K co., messhall and Supply.
0700		3	Trk rpt'd in to S-4 with no brakes. Returned to Motor Pool.
1320		4	Helo Resup to OP #1. 30 wtr and 10 MCI/Heat.
1345		5	Helo returned 37 cans from OP #1. 11 October 1965
0615		1	8 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 returned for repairs. 1 disp to I co., 1 to K & L co.s, 1 to M co., 1 to H&S, 2 to messhall and 1 to Supply.
0705		2	Trk rpt'd from FISU. Disp to Regt for PX run.
0710		3	Notified by TAR 1-4 operator that M co. 0900 Helo Resup has been changed to 1300.
1300		4	Helo Resup to M 2. Coord 433067. 9 cs MCI/Heat, 1 cs BA-279 1 cs fruit juice and 3 yellow smoke grenades.
1320		5	Helo returned 1 med evac from M 2.
1330		6	Helo Resup to OP #1. 40 wtr and 12 cs MCI/Heat.
1450		7	Helo returned 28 cans from OP #1. 12 October 1965
0700		1	7 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to all co.s, messhall & Supply.
1320		2	Helo Resup to OP #1. 40 wtr and 20 cs MCI/Heat.
1345		3	Helo returned 37 cans, 2 personnel and 2 components of TPS-21 gear. 13 October 1965
0630		1	6 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to letter co.s, 1 to messhall and 1 to Supply.
0900		2	Helo resup to M co. 2nd Plt. Coord 411071. 9 MCI/Heat, 4 BA-279, 1 cs fruit juice and 1 arty radiomen.
0930		3	Helo returned 1 radio operator.
1630		4	Helo resup to OP #1 due in at 1320 not arrived yet. Priority mission request submitted. Advised mission doubtful due to weather.
1800		5	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr and 20 MCI/Heat.
1845		6	Helo resup to OP #1 undeliverable due to misinformation from personnel at LZ Maggot.
1900		7	Req submitted to run mission ASAP 14 Oct 65.

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14 October 1965				
0630			1	5 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to I & M co.s, 1 to L co., 1 to K co., 1 to messhall and 1 to Supply.
0645			2	Helo arrived for resup to OP #1. s-4 not notified of arrival by TAR. Cargo - 40 wtr, 20 MCI/Heat. No cans returned.
1115			3	Helo delivered 1 personnel and captured material from L co. patrol.
1120			4	Helo picked up 100 burlap bags at Wildcat LZ to deliver to L co. patrol (to bag captured rice)
1330			5	Helo resup to OP #1. 80 MCI/Heat.
1350			6	Helo returned 43 cans from OP #1.
1410			7	Helo picked up 100 more burlap bags for L co. patrol.
1430			8	Helo shuttling bagged rice in to Wildcat LZ. 2 LVTs on location to receive bags.
1645			9	Weeklt Log Stat report submitted to 4th Marines.
15			10	Notified by Supply of BA-279 shortage. Check with 4th Marines. 150 available at FISU for 3/3. Supply directed to pick up same.
1900			11	2 trks and working party disp to deliver captured rice to FISU.
15 October 1965				
0630			1	5 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to K & L co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to Supply, 1 to messhall and 1 to H&S co.
0715			2	Helo req for resup to operation 15 Oct 65 cancelled.
1400			3	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr and 20 MCI/Heat.
1425			4	Helo returned 46 cans. LZ directly atop Hill 69 now to be designated as Housecat. To be used instead of Maggot in inclement weather. Must be marked with smoke.
1600			5	Semi-Annual D/L Combat Essential Equip report submitted to 4th Marines.
16 October 1965				
0730			1	6 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 each disp to Letter co.s, 1 to Supply and 1 to messhall.
0730			2	Supply and messhall trks disp to Air Freight with 30 personnel.
0800			3	7.62mm rifle found in Head of Air Freight in Da Nang & turned over to incoming transferee delivered to this office. Rifle ser.no. 854290.
1045			4	FISU notified of possible commitment of trks to move troops in lieu of operation.
1330			5	1320 daily resup to OP #1 being held due to inclement weather. TAR will notify S-4 when mission to be run.
1900			6	Helo resup to OP #1 cancelled. To be run morning of 17 Oct 65.
1930			7	10 trks disp in convoy to M co. with platoon from H&S co. Trks to remain overnight and bring M co., 81's and PFs to L co. LZ.
2030			8	Operation delayed for 1 hour (lift off time)
17 October 1965				
0730			1	Trks dropped M co., 81's and PFs at L co. LZ. Trks secured except 5 to be used for logistical purposes.

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER. NO.	ENTRY
0730			2	Operation on hold due to inclement weather. Resup to OP #1 on hold for same reason.
1045			3	Operation cancelled until 18 Oct. Trks req for same move as 17 Oct. Trks also req to return M co., 81's and PFs to their respective areas.
1115			4	11 trks rep'd from FISU to return troops to their areas.
1130			5	11 trks disp to L co. LZ to pick up troops.
1300			6	Helo resup to OP #1 awaiting break in weather.
1735			7	Helo resup to OP #1. 39 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat, 1 TPS-21 Gen, 3 Air Panels, mail and 1 personnel. No return flight.
2000			8	Trks to remain overnight. 10 at M co. and 2 at S-4.
				18 October 1965
0630			1	2 trks disp to messhall and 1 to Supply, 1 to L & K co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to PX and 1 to H&S co. 5 trks secured.
0700			2	Notified by TAR resup to OP #1 to be run early.
0900			3	Notified operation to go 0930. Transportation requested.
0905			4	All available trks disp to L co. to move co. to M co. LZ.
0945			5	H&S platoon departed CP for M co. area via LVT.
1000			6	Mite and tlr disp to Supply to pick up pyro and ammo at class V dump.
1010			7	Trk disp to Supply to pick up ammo and rations. Mite secured.
1100			8	Helo landed at OP #1. No cargo or personnel to load. Rpt'd same to Wildcat. Advised by S-4 to secure. Pilot said he will make 1 pass over OP #1 and if no gear, will secure.
1145			9	Helo returned 24 cans to Wildcat from OP #1.
1630			10	4 helos arrived for 1700 resup to troops on operation(L & M co.s) Coord 371140. Helos loaded and awaiting confirmation of readiness to receive from WH FWD. Choppers shut down.
1645			11	Msg from WH FWD - Delay resup until 1800.
1650			12	Helos returned to Landshark Alpha LZ. Will lift from there to resup operation. Cargo - 92 wtr, 16 vac cans coffee, 2 lister bags and poles.
1810			13	Helos departed Landshark to resup WH FWD.
1830			14	4 helos returned from Coord 371140 with 3 BB-451s, 1 PRC-10 and handset, POWs with guards.
1835			15	Helos loaded with 72 MCI/Heat, 36 BA-279s, 12 BA-270s and 18 81mm C222.
1905			16	Helo returned 1 personnel from WH FWD.
				19 October 1965
0630			1	4 trks rpt'd from FISU. 1 disp to L & K co.s, 1 to Supply, 1 to messhall, and 1 to H&S co.
0815			2	WH FWD req ASAP pick up of empty cans and Vac cans. ASAP helo req submitted to Landshark Alpha. Mule standing by at S-4 for additional resup.
0920			3	2 helo picked up 5 personnel, 2 PRC-47s and 1 BB-451. To deliver to Coord 371140.
1115			4	Helo returned from Coord 371140. Cargo - 92 cans, 22 BA-279, 7 BA-270, 2 PRC-47, 2 rolls comm wire, 2 lister bags and poles, 8 MCI, 16 vac cans and 1 personnel.

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TIME	OUT	SER.NO.	ENTRY
1310		5	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat and 4 cases frag grenades.
1325		6	Helo returned 41 cans, 3 pieces of TPS-21 gear and 1 personnel from OP #1.
1445		7	10 trk convoy rpt'd from FLSU to move troops coming in from operation.
1500		8	Msg from WH FWD - Troops to land at L co. LZ.
1510		9	16 trks disp to L co. LZ. 20 Oct 1965
0630		1	6 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 each disp to letter co.s, 1 to supply and 1 to messhall.
1320		2	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 11 MCI/Heat.
1340		3	2 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to I co., and 1 disp to M co.
1345		4	Helo returned 34 cans. 21 October 1965
1350		1	4 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to K & L co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to supply and 1 to messhall.
1445		2	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat and 1 buffer for M 60.
1500		3	Helo returned 40 cans from OP #1.
1800		4	Wkly Log Stat rpt submitted to 4th Marines. 22 October 1965
0530		1	3 trks rpt'd from FLSU. All disp to M co.
0630		2	2 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to L & K co.s, and 1 to supply.
0730		3	2 trks returned from M co. 1 disp to messhall and 1 to H & S co.
1350		4	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat, 2 pieces of TPS-21 gear and 5 cases beer and pop.
1410		5	Helo returned 20 cans.
1600		6	Trk commitments submitted to FLSU for 23 October 1965 for tactical operation.
2030		7	Qty and size submitted to Division 4 for jungle boots and combat boots needed to outfit 3/3. 23 October 1965
0330		1	10 trks rpt'd from FLSU. All disp to M co. 6 to remain with patrol, and 4 to return to S-4. To be disp: 1 to messhall, 1 to supply and 1 to K & L co.s.
1345		2	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat and 2 cans gas.
1400		3	Helo returned 16 cans.
1450		4	9 trks disp to pick up M co. 24 October 1965
0445		1	4 trks rpt'd from FLSU. All disp to M co. with shotguns and 2 cases batteries.
0700		2	2 trks returned from M co. patrol. 1 disp to K & L co.s and 1 to Messhall.
0830		3	1 trk returned from M co. patrol and 1 trk retained for I and M co.s use. Returned trk disp to Supply.

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER. NO.	ENTRY
1330			4	Helo resup to OP #1. 28 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat, 1 case Green Smoke gran and 2 cans gas.
1345			5	Helo returned 80 cans.
1500			6	K & L co's, supply's and messhall's trks called in to S-4 and disp to pick up M co. patrol.
				25 October 1965
0640			1	5 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to I & M co.s, 1 to K & L co.s, 1 to messhall, 1 to supply and 1 for PX run.
0700			2	Trk rpt'd from FLSU. Disp to messhall.
1330			3	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat and parts for TPS-21.
1345			4	Helo returned 21 cans.
				26 October 1965
0500			1	9 trks rpt'd from FLSU. Disp in convoy to L co.
0710			2	4 trks secured from L co. convoy. Remaining 5 disp: 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to L & K co.s, 1 to messhall, 1 to supply and 1 to H & S co.
1330			3	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat, newspapers and laundry.
1345			4	Helo returned 52 cans from OP #1.
				27 October 1965
0630			1	4 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to I & M co.s, 1 to K & L co.s, 1 to messhall and 1 to supply.
1400			2	2 trks disp to S-1 to transport transferees to and from air freight.
				28 October 1965
0155			1	81's req 50 rds illumination be delivered to their position.
0230			2	Helo resup to 81's. 96 rds illumination.
0600			3	5 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to K co., 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to H & S co., 1 to messhall and 1 to supply.
1100			4	7 trks disp to M co. area to pick up L co. patrol.
1330			5	Helo resup to OP #1. Delayed due to shortage of Helo's.
1630			6	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr, 12 MCI/Heat and mail.
1700			7	Helo returned 52 cans from OP #1.
2000			8	Wkly Log Stat rpt submitted to 4th Marines.
			9	Informed by I co. trk to be retained overnight due to darkness.
				29 October 1965
0630			1	3 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to I & M co.s, 1 to L & K co.s, and 1 to messhall/CP area.
0900			2	Messhall trk disp to 81's to switch sections to HILL 69.
1000			3	Jungle Boot rpt submitted to CG 3rd MarDiv.
1330			4	Helo resup to OP #1. 40 wtr and 12 MCI/Heat.
1345			5	Helo returned 28 cans from OP #1.
				30 October 1965
0630			1	4 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to K & L co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, 1 to supply and 1 to messhall.
1330			2	Helo resup to OP #1. 46 cans wtr.
1345			3	Helo returned 50 cans from OP #1.
				31 October 1965
0			1	3 trks rpt'd from FLSU. 1 disp to K & L co.s, 1 to I & M co.s, and 1 to messhall.
1330			2	Helo resup to OP #1. 46 cans wtr.
1345			3	Helo returned 41 cans, 5 personnel/gear and TPS-21 generator.

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Wire, MX-306	6145-160-7795	04397	22 May 65	20	02
Wire, RL-159	6145-243-8466	04398	22 May 65	15	02
Connector	6140-981-5867	04400	22 May 65	30	02
Antenna, AT-271	5820-242-4967	04416	29 May 65	10	02
Brush, Chamber	1005-610-8828	04514	30 May 65	10	05
Magazine, 45 Cal,	1005-550-8694	04527	30 May 65	100	05
Antenna, AT-1042	5985-733-6045	04537	01 Jun 65	1	05
Kit, Electrolyte	6140-981-5864	04543	01 Jun 65	6	05
Lubriplate	9150-248-3480	04573	04 Jun 65	1000	05
Brush, Bore	1005-556-4174	04575	04 Jun 65	300	05
Brush, Chamber	1005-690-8441	04578	04 Jun 65	200	05
Battery, BA-42	6135-120-1010	04587	04 Jun 65	150	05
Terminal	5940-689-9999	04601	05 Jun 65	6	05
Spring Assy	2510-724-3066	04640	10 Jun 65	2	02
Lamp Reticle	6240-796-6915	04647	11 Jun 65	2	05
Screw Driver	5120-227-7356	04648	11 Jun 65	3	05
Lens Paper	6640-240-5851	04649	11 Jun 65	1	05
Wrench, Lens	1090-885-8452	04651	11 Jun 65	1	05
Wrench, Lens	1090-885-8451	04652	11 Jun 65	2	05
Mount, Body	1090-829-6623	04653	11 Jun 65	2	05
Bag, Carry	8105-446-5987	04654	11 Jun 65	6	05
Bag, Tool	5140-878-9804	04655	11 Jun 65	1	05
Filter, Light	5850-796-8758	04656	11 Jun 65	1	05
Lamp, Light	6240-796-6916	04657	11 Jun 65	2	05
Nut	5310-045-1063	04665	12 Jun 65	8	02
Nut	5310-045-1063	04666	12 Jun 65	8	05
Spring	2510-724-3066	04668	12 Jun 65	2	05
DD 95	0101-800-1701	04680	15 Jun 65	10	05
Vacuum Jug	7330-557-5864	04682	15 Jun 65	2	05
Extinguisher, Fire	4210-202-9858	04683	15 Jun 65	1	05
Gasket	5330-729-5288	04691	17 Jun 65	1	05
Tube, Jacket	2530-772-8056	04692	17 Jun 65	1	05
Seal, Plain	5330-724-3171	04698	17 Jun 65	1	05
Spring, Sear	1005-600-8502	04713	22 Jun 65	5	05
Tubing, Copper	4710-350-9886	04743	25 Jun 65	25	02
Refrigerator	4110-289-7966	04750	28 Jun 65	2	05

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Watch, Wrist	6645-808-1407	00001	05 Jul 65	48	05
Screw	5305-018-0021	00021	05 Jul 65	80	02
Bolt	5306-088-5742	00023	05 Jul 65	40	02
Nut	5310-012-0377	00024	05 Jul 65	1	02
Bracket	2520-979-0549	00025	05 Jul 65	40	02
Leaf Spring	2510-724-3066	00026	05 Jul 65	3	02
Leaf Spring	2510-726-7490	00027	05 Jul 65	2	02
Timing Light	4910-500-2135	00030	05 Jul 65	1	05
Magazine, 45 Cal.	1005-550-8694	00015	05 Jul 65	220	05
Tube 6:00X16	2610-350-9975	00032	05 Jul 65	6	05
Leaf Spring	2510-726-7490	00053	05 Jul 65	6	05
Leaf Spring	2510-724-3066	00054	05 Jul 65	6	05
Pin, Straight	53150754-0848	00076	05 Jul 65	24	05
CV Joint	2520-765-4799	00082	05 Jul 65	4	05
Wheel Cylinder	2530-554-8776	00083	05 Jul 65	10	05
Kit, Locking Device	2510-076-7764	00094	05 Jul 65	20	05
Cup, Leather	7310-379-2498	00095	05 Jul 65	25	05
Cap, Filler Gas	7310-379-2545	00096	05 Jul 65	25	05
Knob, Flame Stem	5355-379-2523	00097	05 Jul 65	25	05
Valve, Flame	7310-379-2594	00098	05 Jul 65	24	05
Valve, Air	7310-379-2569	00099	05 Jul 65	25	05
Tube, Manifold	7310-379-2588	00100	05 Jul 65	25	05
Rim	2530-287-2314	00114	05 Jul 65	2	05
Pole, F/Fly, E/G	8340-188-8406	00132	05 Jul 65	60	05
Pole, F/Fly, E/G	8340-227-1400	00133	05 Jul 65	30	05
Tent, Fly, E/G	8340-267-3129	00134	05 Jul 65	15	05
Battery, BA-414	6135-125-5256	00317	15 Jul 65	4	05
Battery, BA-279	6135-240-3200	00340	16 Jul 65	200	05
Cable Assy, Conduit	5995-170-4515	00343	16 Jul 65	1	05
Terminal Assy PSIT	5935-790-0179	00344	16 Jul 65	6	05
Fuse 5A 32V	5240-284-4131	00345	16 Jul 65	6	05
Battery Box	6140-981-5860	00346	16 Jul 65	2	05
Cover, Battery Box	6140-981-5858	00348	16 Jul 65	2	05
Glow Plug	2920-675-0534	00349	16 Jul 65	2	05
Motor 60 Cps	6107-798-0347	00354	16 Jul 65	2	05
Teletypewriter	5815-892-1031	00357	16 Jul 65	2	05

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Antenna AT 272	5820-225-1674	00402	21 Jul 65	10	05
Leaf Spring	2510-726-7490	00403	21 Jul 65	2	05
Leaf Spring	2510-724-3066	00404	21 Jul 65	2	05
Insecticide, Powder	6840-242-4222	00436	27 Jul 65	10	05
Insecticide, Halth	6840-685-5438	00437	27 Jul 65	5	05
Binoculars 6X30	6650-530-0973	00479	27 Jul 65	7	05
Pocket Ammo M-14	8465-823-6956	00795	14 Aug 65	600	05
Soap, Laundry	7930-224-7901	00863	19 Aug 65	6	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	00988	24 Aug 65	1	05
PRC-10	5820-861-3539	01236	16 Sep 65	1	02
PRC-47	5820-861-3539	01237	16 Sep 65	1	02
Hand Set H-33PT	9965-163-9941	01314	20 Sep 65	50	05
Battery BA 279	6135-240-3200	01316	20 Sep 65	225	02
Electron Tube	5960-188-0829	01334	23 Sep 65	20	05
Electron Tube	5960-243-5025	01337	23 Sep 65	15	05
Electron Tube	5960-188-6588	01335	23 Sep 65	15	05
Electron Tube	5960-193-5135	01338	23 Sep 65	10	05
Acid	6810-249-9354	01636	15 Oct 65	2	05
Crystall Unit	5455-194-6471	01648	16 Oct 65	5	05
Crystall Unit	5955-194-6500	01649	16 Oct 65	5	05
Crystall Unit	5955-892-3262	01650	16 Oct 65	7	05
Crystall Unit	5955-892-3281	01651	16 Oct 65	6	05
Magazine M-14	1005-628-9048	01701	16 Oct 65	150	05
Pocket Ammo M-14	8465-823-6936	01702	16 Oct 65	200	05
Reel, Quip Cell	5605-407-7122	01796	22 Oct 65	2	05
AN/URR-23	5820-642-6858	01805	22 Oct 65	1	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	01806	23 Oct 65	2	05
Sight Unit M34	1240-759-7854	01828	23 Oct 65	2	05
Tent Pin 24"	8340-261-9251	01867	25 Oct 65	2616	05
Tent Pole 16'2"	8340-188-8406	01868	25 Oct 65	164	05
Tent Pole 5'8"	8340-188-8405	01869	25 Oct 65	410	05
Tent Pole 17'	8340-188-8400	01870	25 Oct 65	41	05
Tent Pin 16"	8340-261-9750	01871	25 Oct 65	5232	05
Tent Pole Jointed	8340-227-1400	01872	25 Oct 65	82	05
Propellar Shaft	2520-724-3064	01923	25 Oct 65	4	05

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<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Doc #</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>Ant</u>	<u>Priority</u>
Shaft Assy, Clutch	2520-712-8080	01924	25 Oct 65	1	05
Belt, Generator	3030-528-4446	01925	25 Oct 65	2	05
M-274	2320-064-6373	01931	26 Oct 65	1	05
Tent Pole 5'8"	8340-188-8405	01932	26 Oct 65	680	05
Tent Pole 17'	8340-188-8400	01933	26 Oct 65	68	05
Tent Pole 6'2"	8340-188-8406	01934	26 Oct 65	272	05
Tent Pole Jointed	8340-227-1400	01935	26 Oct 65	136	05
Tent, General Purpose	8340-543-7779	01938	27 Oct 65	109	05
Battery BB 429/U	1090-446-5920	01942	27 Oct 65	11	05
Thermo Switch	5460-563-4535	01945	28 Oct 65	1	05
Brake Shoe	2530-724-3224	01946	28 Oct 65	2	05
Shaft Assy	2520-865-5364	01947	28 Oct 65	1	05
Spring Bellows	2530-754-1566	01998	30 Oct 65	1	05
Exh Elbow, left Rear	2805-710-4796	01999	30 Oct 65	1	05
CV Bellows Retainer	9320-729-5116	02000	30 Oct 65	1	05
Starter	2920-724-3194	02001	30 Oct 65	1	05
Starter Cable	2990-724-3191	02002	30 Oct 65	1	05
Carb. Assy.	2910-724-3195	02004	30 Oct 65	1	05
Wheel Cyl.	2530-554-8776	02005	30 Oct 65	4	05
CV Joint	2520-765-4799	02006	30 Oct 65	1	05
Shaft	2520-865-5364	02007	30 Oct 65	1	05
Cup, Bearing	3110-606-1840	02008	30 Oct 65	2	05
Propellar Shaft	2520-724-3069	02009	30 Oct 65	2	05
Brake Shoe	2530-724-3224	02010	30 Oct 65	4	05
Battery BB 451	6140-889-1027	01527	7 Oct 65	3	02

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APPENDIX (B)

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AIR SUPPORT AND DEFENSE CHRONOLOGY

1. Significant Events- Not applicable
2. New Developments - New helicopter request procedures for company size and larger operations have been put into effect.
3. Problem Areas
  - a. It is almost impossible for this battalion to react quickly and effectively on intelligence due to the newly imposed helicopter request procedures.
  - b. The battalion TACP at the present time is almost out of operation due to a shortage in batteries for its radios. At the present time we have no batteries. The only operable piece of gear is the M-87 radio Jeep.
  - c. It is requested that helicopter crews handle logistic supplies, such as empty water cans, with greater care, instead of throwing them out of the helos.
  - d. Helicopter units seem to refrain from accepting a lift that will require proceeding to a landing zone under the hours of darkness so a unit can have troops lifted into a landing zone at first light. This type of lift is essential to capture VC units that harbor in a village at night and then move to the hills during the hours of daylight.
4. Contributions - UH-1E aircraft are very useful in their spot/observer missions. The helicopters can direct a troop unit to the exact areas where VC have hidden. If this can't be done satisfactorily over a radio the helo can take the unit commander up so he can see the terrain and show him where the enemy is. This has been done in this battalion and has been very successful, resulting in VC kills and captured.
5. Air Support And Defense
  - a. Number of Air Support Requirements - One
  - b. Target Analysis - One mission-ordnance was expended on a suspected VC position. Upon sweeping the area, no enemy was found.
  - c. Number and Type of Air Missions Requested

(1) TROOPS	14
(2) LOGISTICS	37
(3) ADMIN	3
(4) RECON	11
(5) SPOT/OBSERVE	1
(6) EVAC	10

ENCLOSURE (5)

5. NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIR MISSIONS COMPLETED

(1) TROOPS	8
(2) LOGISTICS	30
(3) ADMIN	3
(4) RECON	7
(5) SPOT/OBSERVE	1
(6) EVAL	8

\*NOTE: One evac cancelled because Platoon Commander thought it faster to take Vietnamese to VN aid station by Mite instead of by helicopter to B MED. One evac cancelled because vietnamese died before helicopters arrived.

6. AIR EMPLOYMENT DURING MAJOR OPERATIONS, PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS ENCOUNTERED. See paragraphs 3 through 5.7. EXISTING AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. Not applicable.

ENCLOSURE (5)

3rdBn, 3rdMar  
Chu Lai, Vietnam  
121100H Oct65

CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT OF AIR IN SUPPORT OF 3RD BATTALION, 3RD MARINES

1. Supporting Arms

a. Artillery from 140620H - 140640H prep of LZ RED (BT to be briefed) and LZ WHITE (BT prep) last two rounds W.P.

b. Air: Terrain neutralization and prep of LZ RED (BT to be briefed) and LZ WHITE (BT to be briefed) will be conducted 140640H - 140700H.

(1) 4 aircraft will be utilized dropping bombs, rockets and 20mm as available.

(2) Contact TAC(A) on button pink for control

2. a. TAC(A) and artillery will be on station at 140610H to control prep of LZ RED (BT to be briefed) and LZ WHITE (BT to be briefed).

b. Communications on button pink with helicopter flight leader.

c. Upon completion of troop lift into LZ RED (BT to be briefed) and LZ WHITE (BT to be briefed) return to MAG 36 pad.

d. TAC(A) will be briefed at MAG 12 S-3 on 13 October 1965.

3. Helicopter Support

a. 10 UH34D will be used to transport 170 personnel from LZ FAT CAT (BT 510062) to LZ RED (BT to be briefed).

b. 10 UH34D will be used to transport 160 personnel from LZ BEAR CAT (BT 539061) and 40 personnel from LI TIN (BT 478077) to LZ WHITE (BT to be briefed).

c. 140630 loading M Company at LZ FAT CAT (BT 510062)

d. 140630 loading L Company at LZ BEAR CAT (BT 539061).

e. 140700 L-Hour, helicopters land at LZ RED (BT to be briefed) and LZ WHITE (BT to be briefed).

f. Upon completion of first wave lift helicopters return to LZ FAT CAT and LZ BEAR CAT and continue to lift personnel to complete lift into LZ RED and LZ WHITE.

g. 2 UH34D remain on standby at MAG 36 pad for med evac and emergency resupply, POW evacs and troop carrier missions as required upon completion of troop lift into LZ WHITE.

4. Helicopter Escort

a. 2 armed HU-1E aircraft on station from 140630 to completion of troop lift to LZ WHITE.

b. Contact helicopter flight leader for control on button pink in vicinity of LZ FAT CAT (BT 510062)

5. Close Air Support

a. 2 A4 aircraft to provide close air support from 140700 to 140900 as required.

b. Ordnance will be 4 MK81 bombs and 20mm each aircraft or 2 area 7D and 20mm each aircraft.

c. Contact will be made by Warehouse 14A in the vicinity of LZ RED at 140700. Aircraft scrambled after this time orbit over highway #1 at BT 400140 approximately 320/12NM Chu Lai

d. Communications: Initial contact will be made with Warehouse 14A on button violet.

6. Additional Information

a. L-Hour 140700H

b. Re supply as required. Pickup supplies at LZ WILDCAT (BT 536076). Contact Warehouse 14 on pink in vicinity of WILDCAT (BT 536076) and Warehouse 14 in vicinity of Warehouse 14A at destination coords.

c. Medical evacuation as required in the following categories:

EMERGENCY-Immediate evacuation to save life.

PRIORITY-Evacuee in serious condition.

ORDINARY-Evacuation required to continue mission.

d. Emergency, priority and KIA evacuations will be taken to B-Med.

e. POW's will be taken to the collection point (BT 556052).

f. Communication will be with Warehouse 14 in vicinity of LZ WILDCAT on button pink and with Warehouse 14A in vicinity of operation area on button pink.

g. The DASC at Chu Lai will establish priority of all air missions. TARS will be forwarded to DASC when on station aircraft are unable to handle the need.

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1st Lt USMCR  
FAC 3/3

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL

## A. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

1. Significant Events - Five (5) confirmed cases of malaria from the 2nd platoon of Kilo Company symptomatic between the 19th and the 23rd of October 1965. These men were apparently infected during a 3 day operation beginning 4 October 65 in the foothills at grid coordinates BT421065. All of these men had been taking the malaria prophylaxis weekly by roster  
  
The use of mosquito repellent and the practice of keeping as much of the body covered as possible were emphasized again.
2. New Developments - Due to the increase of mosquitoes following the recent rainy spell a mosquito control program has been instituted which include, area spraying, water oiling and individual control instructions.
3. Problem Areas
  - a. Heads
    - (1) Due to the prevalence of beach sand in the area, it has been necessary to support the dropping holes with 55 gallon drums in order to make the heads fly proof.
    - (2) Material for framing-in heads is in short supply.
  - b. Supply
    - (1) Medical - No Change
    - (2) Lime - None presently available in the Chu Lai area.
    - (3) Soap - During the last week of the month, soap for the galley was not available. Numerous individuals donated a portion of their personal box of detergent so that the galley would continue to operate.
4. Other contributions under the cognizance of the Battalion Surgeon: Medical Civil Affairs Program - 1,437 civilians were treated in the hamlets of An Tan and Long Binh.

## B. Patient Statistical Data

1. Average daily number of patients seen: 34
2. Number of referrals to B-MED: 64

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3. Routine Medical complaints: Skin infections, rashes,  
External Otitis's, Diarrhea, Dental Problems
4. Significant diseases peculiar to the area:
  - (a) Malaria - 08 confirmed
  - (b) Dengue - 03 confirmed
5. Number of emergency treatments and type:
  - (a) Missile wound, Penetrating - 04
  - (b) Scrapnel wound, - 03
  - (c) Burn - 01
  - (d) Lacerations - 07
  - (e) Heat Exhaustion - 05
6. Innoculations and prophylactic medicine administered:
  - (a) Innoculations - 340
  - (b) Malaria prophylactic - 6,000
7. Dental referrals: 42

COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS CHRONOLOGY

1. Status of Communications Gear. The overall status of the operable equipment is barely satisfactory for two reasons. First, the equipment is in constant use and does not receive the required maintenance at the proper time. Second, most of the equipment is missing small parts that contribute to the operational capability of the equipment and prolong its life (ie, gaskets, spare fuses, switch covers, antennas).
2. Inoperative or Unserviceable Gear.
  - a. 2 Radar Set AN/TPS-21, 3d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - b. 1 Radio Set AN/MRC-83, 3d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - c. 4 Radio Set AN/PRC-6, CODE-X, on order.
  - d. 12 Radio Set AN/PRC-6, 2d ECH, awaiting parts
  - e. 6 Radio Set AN/PRC-6, 3d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - f. 2 Radio Set AN/PRC-10, 2d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - g. 13 Radio Set AN/PRC-10, 3d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - h. 1 Telephone EE-8, 3d ECH, awaiting parts.
  - i. 2 Telephone TA-1/PT, 2d ECH, awaiting parts.
3. Security Violations - None
4. Amount of Message Traffic Sent and Received:
  - a. Sent - 11
  - b. Received - 334
5. Overages and Shortages of Personnel - None
6. Operational Training Conducted
  - a. Communications security - 4 hours
  - b. Preventions maintenance & records - 16 hours
7. Summary of Operations and Lessons Learned - No battalion size operations were conducted. Three small operations of two company size with a small command group were conducted and again brought out the need for rifle platoons to be equipped with Radio Set AN/PRC-10 vice Radio Set AN/PRC-6 over distances greater than 1/3 mile and this seriously limits their tactical capability.

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8. Regimental/Battalion Phone Book - Not applicable.
9. Equipment and Personnel Located in area Other than the CHU LAI Enclave;  
One Radio Operator 2531 and One Radio Set AN/PRC-10 located at LY  
TIN District Headquarters as communications for 3d Battalion, 3d Marines,  
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SECRET

ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND SUPPORT COORDINATION CHRONOLOGY1. Artillery.

- a. Significant Events. Not applicable
- b. New Developments. Not applicable
- c. Problem Areas. Not applicable
- d. Other Contributions under the cognizance of each Executive/Special Staff Officer. Not applicable.
- e. Number of Missions Fired. 74
- f. Types of Missions Fired.
  - (1) Observed
    - (a) Actual Fire Missions
    - (b) Registrations
  - (2) Unobserved
    - (a) H and I fires
    - (b) Prep fires
- g. Total Number of Rounds Fired by Type

TYPE	NO. RDS
M107	133
105	2306
155H	419
155G	311
8in	29
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3198</u>

h. Surveillance of Missions Fired

- (1) 14 1140 October 1965: 155mm H fired on a VC Platoon; 1 KILLED, 4 WOUNDED.
- (2) 20 0537 October 1965: 155mm G fired on 1 VC Bn: 15 casualties were reportedly removed from area.
- (3) 22 1615 October 1965: 105mm fired on 70 VC; 8 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED.
- (4) 31 2020 October 1965: 105mm fired on 1 VC Company; 1 WOUNDED, later died of wounds.

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SECRET1. Number of Enemy Killed and/or Wounded as a Result of Fire Missions(1) Body Sight. 32(2) Estimated. Unknown2. Naval Gun Fire. Not applicable.3. Fire Support Coordinationa. Significant Events. Not applicable.b. New Developments. Not applicable.c. Problem Areas. Not applicable.

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UNIT: 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines  
 CE: Chu Lai, Vietnam

OPENED: 010001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 012400H Oct65

UNIT	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0050	1	010050H	SWM reports patrol 1 C departed at 0045
X	0058	2	010058H	SW 24 line check
X	0150	3	010150H	SWM reports firing in TAOB approx 1500 meters from SWM CP
X	0235	4	010235H	SWM 1 C patrol at CP #1
X	0310	5	010310H	SWM patrol 1 C returned
X	0320	6	010320H	ICo patrol returned
X	0400	7	010400H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0500	8	010500H	SW 24 line check
X	0800	9	010800H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1300	10	011300H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1600	11	011600H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1630	12	011630H	Stand down on operation from two to six hours
X	1830	13	011830H	PF ambshes from SW 24
X	1830	14	011830H	435100 position of squad of VC
X	1930	15	011930H	Road Block Report
X	2000	16	012000H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	2055	17	012055H	MCo patrol 3 A departed
X	2115	18	012115H	About 15 rds carbine fired in MAG area
X	2130	19	012130H	SW I squad layout departed
X	2115 LE	20	012115H	TPS 21 not working
X	2350	21	012350H	SW I patrol #3 in position, no contact with enemy
X	2400	22	012400H	SW M patrol #3 negative sit rep

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UNIT: 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines  
 CE: Cmn Lai, Vietnam

OPENED: 020001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 022400H Oct65

IO NU T	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0005	23	020055H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0053	24	020053H	SW M patrol 1 C departed
X	0115	25	020115H	SW M patrol 1 C in position
X	0350	26	020350H	SW M patrol 1 C returned
X	0400	27	020400H	SW M negative sit rep
X	0400	28	020400H	SW K negative sit rep
X	0405	29	020405H	SW 24 All secure
X	0407	30	020407H	SW L negative sit rep
X	0457	31	020457H	SW 24 all secure
X	0630	32	020630H	SW L D patrol crossed IP
X	0658	33	020658H	SW L D patrol at CP #1
X	0700	34	020700H	Engr's req permission to go to Thran Tra (2) and creek to west to do some surveying permission granted
	0530	LE 35	020530H	SW I patrol returned
X	0705	36	020705H	SW L patrol picked up VCS at BT 455077
X	0715	37	020715H	SW L D patrol at CP #2
X	0720	38	020720H	SW L D patrol at CP #2 and have received 3 rds SA fire. Are moving out to try to kill or capture the VC
X	0740	39	020740H	SW L d patrol spotted 2 VC running into brush 1200 meters north of CP #2
X	0800	40	020800H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
	0832	41	020832H	SW L d patrol at CP #3
X	0912	42	020912H	SW L D patrol at CP #4
X	0925	43	020925H	SW L D patrol CP #5
X	0955	44	020955H	SW L D patrol at CP #6
X	1021	45	021021H	SW L D patrol apprehended 1 VCS at CP #6 at 1016H
X	1032	46	021032H	SW L D patrol at CP #7
X	1050	47	021050H	SW L D patrol at CP #8
X	1100	48	021100H	SW M ModAsst patrol departed
X	1110	49	021110H	SW L D patrol at CP #9
X	1200	50	021200H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative contact
X	1350	51	021350H	Stand down on Operation Dagger thrust
X	1400	52	021400H	SW L D patrol returned
X	1730	53	021730H	SW M patrol (2ndsqd) returned at 1630
X	1805	54	021805H	SW K, heard SA fire approx 5-600 meters determined not incoming Arty is checking
X	1940	55	021940H	AG 2 sends CIT spot report from Ly Tin VC infiltrator team
X	2000	56	022000H	MCo patrol 1 B departed 021930
X	2001	57	022001H	ICo patrol departed
X	2020	58	022020H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	2025	59	022025H	SW M 1 B patrol reports in position
X	2035	60	022035H	One squad LCo to rock crusher
X X	1955	LE 61	021955H	Roadblock count to AG
X	2045	62	022045H	En SW K movement to front Check to see if other units are on patrol Sending squad out to investigate will report results
	2045	63	022045H	IF ambushes
X	2055	64	022055H	SW I patrol at CP #1
X	2100	65	022100H	SW K back (see #62) negative contact

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UNIT: 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines  
 PLACE: Chu Lai, Vietnam

OPENED: 020001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 022400H Oct65

IO NU T	TIME	SER NO	DTC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	2200	66	022200H	453073 ICo patrol hit One (1) MIA Med evac on way of #2
X	2220	67	022220H	Med evac on the way/airborn
X	2225	68	022225H	Med evac on the way to B Med
X	2235	69	022235H	SW L withdrew rock crusher patrol
X	2236	70	022236H	Med evac completed
X	2400	71	022400H	SW L rock crusher patrol has returned



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UNIT: 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines  
 PLACE: Chu Lai, Vietnam

OPENED: 030001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 032400H Oct65

UNIT	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0003	72	030003H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0030	73	030030H	WH I is at CP #4 and returning to CP #1
X	0100	74	030100H	WH I has reached WH I #2 position
X	0125	75	030125H	WH M 1B at CP#2
X	0135	76	030135H	WH M 1B returned to CP
X	0245	77	030245H	WH M 1C has departed
X	0400	78	030400H	WH I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0500	79	030500H	WH M patrol 1 A departed
X	0545	80	030545H	WH M patrol 1 A at CP #1
X	0645	81	030645H	WH M patrol 1 C returned
X	0755	82	030755H	WH I patrol departed
X	0800	83	030800H	SW I, K, L, M negative sit rep
X	0825	84	030825H	SW M reports all weapons cleared
X	0855	85	030855H	SW M patrol 1 A at CP #2
X	0905	86	030905H	ICo patrol received sniper fire at coord 453073
X	0915	87	030915H	SW M (1A) patrol has returned
X	0930	88	030930H	At 020630 MCo saw 25 young men leaving Long Binh Two apprehended but released
X	1105	89	031105H	SW M (3A) now departing
X	1115	90	031115H	SW I patrol #2 returned
X	1145	91	031145H	Detail from BCo 3rd Recon
X	1200	92	031200H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1300	93	031300H	From WH 3 to WH L request you send GC of dr
X	1550	94	031550H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1630	95	031630H	SW M (3A) patrol has returned
X	1730	96	031730H	SW roadblock requested interpreter - Instructed to contact SW 24 to have local interpreter sent out
X	1900	97	031900H	PF ambushes
X	1945	98	031945H	SW M (1A) departed
X	1955	99	031955H	SW M (1B) departed
X	2030	100	032030H	SW M (3B) is in position
X	2032	101	032032H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	2035	102	032035H	No local police available for ICo operation will increase the number of PF instead Having trouble gathering psy warfare team
X	2040	103	032040H	SW L (X) is in position (3A)
X	2050	104	032050H	Fm AG Nail File has activity in their area They have asked AG to black out the their CP No action required by Swain
X	2100	105	032100H	WH L 3 A reported seeing unidentified person
X	2101	106	032101H	Roadblock report (To AG 3)
X	2125	107	032125H	LL to Lima is out Rock crusher patrol departed
X	2147	108	032147H	WH L 2 in 180 at rock crusher
X	2245	109	032245H	SW M 2 A patrol at CP #1
X	2255	110	032255H	SW M (1B) patrol departed
X	2340	111	032340H	SW M (1B) at CP #1 SW M 1 A returned
X	2350	112	032350H	SW 24 All secure
X	2400	113	032400H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep

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UNIT: 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines  
 AGE: Chu Lai, Vietnam

OPENED: 040001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 042400H Oct65

UNIT	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0001	114	040001H	SW L negative sit rep. All secure
X	0005	115	040005H	SW M 1B set in, SW M 2A at CP #2
X	0010	116	040010H	WH L negative contact. Have lost contact with L 2 our LL is down
X	0025	117	040025H	OP Hill 69, patrol departed no resistance as yet
X	0030	118	040030H	SW M SW M 3B patrol returned
X	0100	119	040100H	SW 24 all secure
X	0130	120	040130H	SW L 3A patrol returned, no enemy contact
X	0147	121	040147H	SW 24 all secure
X	0225	122	040225H	SW M patrol 1B has reached CP #3
X	0230	123	040230H	SW I called for sit rep on 0100 patrol informed left at 240
X	0257	124	040257H	SW M patrol 1B has returned
X	0318	125	040318H	SW I patrol at assembly point
X	0350	126	040350H	SW L negative sit rep
X	0351	127	040351H	SW K negative sit rep
X	0400	128	040400H	SW M negative sit rep
X	0410	129	040410H	SW I negative sit rep
X	0630	130	040630H	SW I is now in position
X	0720	131	040720H	SW 24 reports helicopters lifted off and will be touching down in objective area any time now
X	0630LE	132	040630H	Rock Crusher detail has returned to, CP
X	0755	133	040755H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0800	134	040800H	SW medical teams attended 57 persons in Long Binh yesterday
X	0820	135	040820H	M (1A) MedAsist has departed
X	0821	136	040821H	The Regimental reserve has been alerted
X	0845	137	040845H	ONTOS alerted to meet PX truck at An Tan at 1030, ICo negative sit rep. One platoon blowing caves and one platoon is searching village
X	1145	138	041145H	SW M (1A) patrol has returned
X	1200	139	041200H	SW M, L negative sit rep
X	1210	140	041210H	Mike 1 B patrol has departed CP
X	1220	141	041220H	Mike 1 B patrol has reached CP #1
X	1240	142	041240H	Mike 1 H patrol has reached CP #2
X	1615	143	041615H	I, K, L, M negative sitrep
X	1630	144	041630H	Fm Imp 3 changes to patrol schedule
X	1640	145	041640H	Fm AG to Rock Crusher detail will work tonight request you send squad as security
X	1735	146	041735H	MCo (1B) patrol returned at 1625
X	1800	147	041800H	FM SW 24 PF ambushes
X	1830	148	041830H	SW L 2 is now at rock crusher
X	1845	149	041845H	AG-2 Intel report on VC Bn (94) vic (BS 454987).
X	1845	150	041845H	AG-2 Intel report of VC Co (36) vic (BT 412125)
X	1845	151	041845H	AG-2 Intel report on VC Bn (54) (BT 415011)
X	1955	152	041955H	SW M (1C) departed
X	2000	153	042000H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	2001	154	042001H	TFS 21 is now operational on OP #1
X	2002	155	042002H	Roadblock count
X	2030	156	042030H	MCo (1B) patrol at CP #1
X	2400	157	042400H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep

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X	0026	159	050026H	SW M patrol 1 B returned negative contact
X	0050	160	050050H	SW M patrol 2 A has just departed
X	0055	161	050055H	SW 24 All secure
X	0155	162	050155H	SW 24 All secure
X	0325	163	050325H	MCo patrol 2 has returned
X	0400	164	050400H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0600	165	050600H	SW L reported being in position and relieving K SW K loaded on trucks
X	0655	166	050655H	SW K has dismounted and is preparing to move out
X	0759	167	050759H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0800	168	050800H	Asst hamlet chief killed (BT 467074)
X	0820	169	050820H	MCo patrol 1A departed
X	0821	170	050821H	KCo found bounding type mine Will destroy
X	0835	171	050835H	K has air on station at this time
X	0836	172	050836H	K found four AP mines at coord 459070 Will destroy
X	0845	173	050845H	K ran an airstrike on hill 100 coord 425068 (Preping Hill)
X	0920	174	050920H	K found six more bounding type mines at 459070
X	0940	175	050940H	K at coord A054028
X	1005	176	051005H	K at base of hill 51 (approx BT 448064)
X	1020	177	051020H	MCo pat 1 A has returned
X	1021	178	051021H	MCo patrol 1 B Med Assist has departed
X	1030	179	051030H	SW - 24 - Sgt LO (Interpreter) requests when Marines go on an operation to Dong Thanh and Phu Vinh hamlets to let him know as he can show them some VC secret hideouts
X	1055	180	051055H	Anti Tanks have ceased fire on Hill 69
X	1056	181	051056H	MCo patrol 1 B Med Assist now in position
X	1100	182	051100H	WH K neg con my pos CP #22 am continuing etc.
X	1135	183	051135H	WH K found one 155mm dud vic CP #6 engr blowing it
X	1208	184	051208H	WH K neg enemy contact am at CP #7 engr now getting ready to blow 155 dud at CP #6 etc
X	1215	185	051215H	I, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1305	186	051305H	Negative enemy contact am 300 m from CP 12 Continue to patrol base
X	1413	187	051413H	WH K at CP #4
X	1415	188	051415H	WH K to WH 4 request you send 27 cases instead of 25 cases MCI on 1500 r suply
X	1445	189	051445H	SW M patrol 1 B Med Assist has returned
X	1512	190	051512H	SW K negative enemy contact still at CP #4 and being resupplied will commence sweeping zone A upon completion of resupply
X	1514	191	051514H	SW K reports excellent resupply
X	1600	192	051600H	WH I negative sit rep
X	1605	193	051605H	WH Land M negative sit rep
X	1615	194	051615H	WH K negative sit rep no enemy contact
X	1715	195	051715H	WH K reports negative enemy contact am l cated at patrol base patrols report many old punjii stakes and traps around trails vic CP #4 and #5 need additional resu ply at 1500 6 OCT
X	1745	196	051745H	PF ambushes from SW 24

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X	1800	197	051800H	Negative enemy contact for Kilo position remains the same new punji traps at CP #5 will have 3 layouts at CP #5,7 have patrols out to CP #3&11
X	1945	198	051945H	WH M 1 A patrol departed (layout)
X	1950	199	051950H	WH K negative contact My position remaining same All patrol have returned Possible sq harboring point located vic BT 413067 all night layouts moving into pos prev rpt pat base estab for night
X	2000	200	052000H	Kilo neg con pos remains same
X	2100	201	052100H	Kilo neg con pos remains same
X	2210	202	052210H	Kilo neg con pos remains same
X	2315	203	052315H	Kilo neg con pos remains same
X	2355	204	052355H	SW M patrol 1 A leaving position
X	2400	205	052400H	SW M patrol 1 A at CP #1

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X	0010	206	060010H	SW M patrol 1 A returned
X	0300	207	060300H	SW 24 all secure
X	0310	208	060310H	SW M patrol 2A departed
X	0350	209	060350H	SW K negative sit rep
X	0350	210	060350H	SW M patrol 2 A in position
X	0410	211	060410H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0615	212	060615H	SW 24 negative sit rep SW K negative sit rep
X	0625	213	060625H	SW M patrol 2 A returned
X	0715	214	060715H	SW K negative enemy contact positions remain the same layout at CP #1 will remain planning to patrol zone B commencing 0900H
X	0800	215	060800H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0805	216	060805H	SW M 3rd platoon patrol has departed
X	0822	217	060822H	KCo negative sit rep position unchanged three patrols departing for area B prior to 0900
X	0825	218	060825H	SW M 3rd platoon patrol at CP #1
X	0900	219	060900H	SW M 3rd platoon patrol at CP #2
X	0909	220	060909H	SW K negative contact position unchanged patrolling zone B
X	1019	221	061019H	WH K negative contact 1000 resupply affected Will report Pappa Bear and Robbers Roost when established
X	1115	222	061115H	MCo Med patrol returned
X	1145	223	061145H	KCo negative sit rep
X	1146	224	061146H	Pappa Bear "B" 049031 Robbers Roost 048032
X	1205	225	061205H	MCo patrol 2 A departed
X	1205	226	061205H	AG-2 Aircraft reports that at 1145H village observed burning vic (BT 302177) Passed to SW 24 and Dist HQ
X	1230	227	061230H	MCo patrol 2 A located at CP #1
X	1235	228	061235H	WH K negative contact Patrol of zone B continuing moving to patrol base
X	1310	229	061310H	KCo negative sit rep
X	1350	230	061350H	KCo negative sit rep (049032)
X	1415	231	061415H	KCo negative sit rep patrols as planned
X	1520	232	061520H	KCo negative sit rep patrols as planned
X	1540	233	061540H	MCo patrol 2 A has returned
X	1600	234	061600H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	1635	235	061635H	KCo found rice tanks Five people running from area
X	1644	236	061644H	Congratulations on rice find Destroy or bring back
X	1710	237	061710H	SW K negative enemy contact location now at patrol base will have platoon ambush at 431057
X	1800	238	061800H	Negative contact Rice cache too heavy to carry out bamboo signal will be brought in tomorrow
X	2000	239	062000H	SW M patrol 2 B departed
X	2000	240	062000H	SW I roadblock report
X	2000	241	062000H	SW I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	2005	242	062005H	PF Ambush sites
X	2045	243	062045H	SW M patrol 2 B in position
X	2125	244	062125H	SW K negative enemy contact position remains the same
X	2210	245	062210H	SW K, M negative enemy contact
X	2308	246	062308H	WH K negative sit rep all secure
X	2345	247	062345H	SW I negative sit rep
X	2359	248	062359H	WH K negative sit rep

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X	0001	249	070001H	I, K, L, MCo negative sit rep
X	0045	250	070045H	SW M patrol 2 B returned
X	0100	251	070100H	SW 24 LL check all s <sup>e</sup> cure
X	0200	252	070200H	SW 24 LL check all secure
X	0225	253	070225H	WH K negative sit r-p
X	0300	254	070300H	SW 24 negative sit rep
X	0555	255	070555H	WH K negative sit rep
X	0725	256	070725H	Em WH K to platoon patrol will meet you on patrol route B at approx half way point
X	0735	257	070735H	MCo platoon patrol departed area
X	0800	258	070800H	KCo negative sit rep Description of bambpo signal
X	0801	259	070801H	I, K, MCo negative sit rep
X	0835	260	070835H	MCo platoon patrol at CP #1
X	0848	261	070840H	KCo Do you desire I leave a wolf at papa bear
X	0945	262	070945H	MCo platoon patrol at CP #2
X	1005	263	071005H	To WH K was rice destroyed How many gallon drums
X	1007	264	071007H	MI to WH 3 3 signal rds fired at 451077
X	1010	265	071010H	Rice was destroyed with cave demo
X	1011	266	071011H	Negative enemy contact my position CP #7 WHK
X	1012	267	071012H	WHM situation normal no bulls eyes
X	1015	268	071015H	WH K lead element approach 056013 Have spotted big bad wol
X	1024	269	071024H	WH K have made contact with wolf
X	1025	270	071025H	To WH K Do not pull wolf from papa bearunt untill relieved by wolf.
X	1055	271	071055H	M Co pat at CP #9
X	1120	272	071120H	WH M 1 continuing search for mines negative contact.
X	1200	273	071200H	WH K negative contact
X	1220	274	071220H	SW 24 - LY TIN Intell rpt of VC Regt (C-2 Local Sources)
X	1220	275	071220H	WH K Neg TitRep, My position C-057013. Big Red Wolf relieved from Papa Bear and is at my position continuing movement from A and B.
X	1220	276	071120H	Late entry. WH M (2B) patrol departed.
X	1220	277	071220H	WH I, L, M Neg SitRep
X	1300	278	071300H	WH M 1 at CP 7 sit normal negative contact
X	1305	279	071305H	WH K reports situation normal 1500 meters from pickup point.
X	1335	280	071335H	WH K Picked up a VCS and are taking him to the pickup point.
X	1400	281	071400H	WH K negative enemy contact. Standing by to board trucks, PF's checkedout VCS and turned him loose.
X	1425	282	071425H	WH K is at original CP WH M (1) reports in at check point 6.
X	1620	283	071620H	M Co pat (2B) returned
X	1625	284	071625H	I K L M negative sit rep
X	1710	285	071710H	SW M 1 reports negative contact. LZ 423062 Mission completed on trail 426066.
X	1755	286	071755H	Nail File will blow a few bombs in front of their position at 1800.

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X	1757 287	071757H	SW - 24 Intel rpt of 2 VC Co vic (BT429072-424064) AG Notified. S-3 Notified.
X	1815 288	071815H	Helo ordered for air recon of sus VC position.
X	1835 289	071835H	All elements are at landing zone. WH M 1 reports
X	1850 290	071850H	Fm WH 3 to WH L 1 Expect WH K at CP #8 to arrive by helo.
X	LE1808 291	071808H	WH M 6 reports in patrol base negative contact
X	LE1825 292	071825H	SW-24 PE Ambush Patrol sites
X	1919 293	071919H	WH M 1 reports negative contact
X	LE1915 294	071915H	WH M 1 request one Prc 10 on resupply
X	1920 295	071920H	WH K acting as reaction force is airborne with first wave. Their LZ will be M (1) checkpoint #8
X	1929 296	071929H	WH M 2 (A) patrol departed
X	1955 297	071955H	WH K is commencing their second lift and are on their way to LZ.
X	2000 298	072000H	WH I patrol departed
X	2000 299	072000H	WH K position 431055
X	2015 300	072015H	I, K, L, M, negative sitrep
X	2016 301	072016H	WH K position 430155 LZ 041995
X	2017 302	072017H	Six rds SA fire received from 434054 (K Co)
X	2020 303	072020H	K moving to CP #8
X	2030 304	072030H	Flare plane and CAS on station
X	2045 305	072045H	Minefield cdnter 435056. 200 meter diameter.
X	2044 306	072044H	CAP on station till 2200, smokey till 2300.
X	2057 307	072057H	Minefield is VC. 440055 and 440060.
X	2105 308	072105H	MIKE 1 no contact
X	2112 309	072112H	K 900 meters from CP #8
X	2135 310	072135H	Road Block count
X	2200 311	072200H	Mike 1 no contact
X	2210 312	072210H	K Co negative contact on way to CP #8
X	2307 313	072307H	WH M 1 no contact
X	2325 314	072325H	WH K neg Bulls Eye am proceeding to Las Vegas as planned
X	2400 315	072400H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, M.

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X	0010	316	080010H	WH K No bullseye on way to Las Vegas. In CP #8 vic
X	0015	317	080015H	WH L 5 Neg SITREP all secure
X	0020	318	080020H	M2A returned
X	0110	319	080110H	WH K reports negative contact. His position Checkpoint #8. LZ secure.
X	0111	320	080111H	WH I patrol returned negative contact
X	0112	321	080112H	WH M 1 negative contact
X	0210	322	080210H	WH M 1 no bullseye
X	0240	322	080240H	WH K Neg contact, am preparing to leave CP for LZ.
X	0305	323	080305H	WH M 1 no bullseye
X	0320	324	080320H	WH K no bullseye am currently at Las Vegas as planned. Snoopers Dispatched.
	0430	325	080430H	WH K rpts snoopers has returned.
X	0555	326	080555H	SW M rpts no bullseye
X	0555	327	080555H	I, K, L, M, Neg SITREP
X	0735	328	080735H	WH I SITREP Normal, No bullseyes.
X	LE0735	329	080735H	WH I Plat (-) pat departed 0700
X	0751	330	080751H	WH M 1 Normal no bullseyes
X	0802	331	080802H	WH K neg SITREP
	0812	332	080812H	WH I, L, and M neg SITREP
	0828	333	080828H	WH K neg SITREP at CP #7
X	0900	334	080900H	WH I Plat (-) pat CP #1
X	0920	335	080920H	WH M-1 Dice Table secured.
X	0923	336	080923H	WH M reported six rds of carbine fire at 503066
X	0935	337	080935H	WH K No bandits. Present position Badger #7
X	0936	338	080936H	WH K WH-6 will return with WH M-1 resupply.
X	1035	339	081035H	WH K SITREP
	1036	340	081036H	WH M med asst pat departed
X	1200	341	081200H	WH I Plat (-) pat at CP #3
X	1210	342	081210H	WH I is in Village of KI SON (2) Neg enemy contact.
X	1210	343	081210H	WH I received 2 rds carbine fire from BT456063
X	1210	344	081210H	SW M-1 We are 500 yds NW 6 Fox. No bulleye.
X	1300	345	081300H	SW "I" two rds sniper fire from (BT456063) Pat is checking area.
X	1301	346	081301H	WH K No bandits. Trail network with new punjis. 429058 being checked out. Pos unch.
X	1302	347	081302H	WH I Plat (-) pat at CP #5 at 1208.
X	1315	348	081315H	WH K neg SITREP
X	1316	349	081316H	WH I Plat (-) pat returned.
X	1400	350	081400H	WH M med asst pat returned
X	1410	351	081410H	WH K neg SITREP
X	1445	352	081445H	WH K on way to choppers.
X	1500	353	081500H	WH M-1 position 422078.

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X	1610	354	081610H	Neg SITREP M, L
X	1635	355	081635H	WH-I -105mm at 425067
X	1650	356	081650H	Neg SITREP K and L
X	1700	357	081700H	WH M-1 has one (1) VCS Neg SITREP
X	1701	358	081701H	WH M-1 base 441067. Will send in ambush in later.
X	1735	359	081735H	SW 24 to SW 2 Physc warfare team 481053
X	1745	360	081745H	SW 24 to SW 3 PT Ambush sites
X	1908	361	081908H	WH M-1 is in Las Vegas
X	1909	362	081909H	WH M-1 ambushes 441065 and 438069
X	1918	363	081918H	WH-3 to WH M-1. Send positions of all patrol bases and ambushes
X	1950	364	081950H	Neg SITREP "I".
X	1955	365	081955H	WH M-1 3 rds fired. Believed to be signal rds
X	2000	366	082000H	WH K, L, M, negative SITREPS
X	2123	367	082123H	Patrol base loc (441067) Lima patrol is at WH M I position. Ambushes are located at (441065) and (438069)
X	2200	368	082200H	WH M-1 WH 3 negative SITREP
X	2300	369	082300H	WH K reports auto-rifle fire at grid 525073, approx 300 to 500 meters direct front at 2750 One burst only.
X LE	2220	370	082220H	"B" Recon reported heavy s/a fire and seme mortar fire in GS (BT3910). Has been continuous from 2135 until present.
X	2400	371	082400H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, M, Co

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X	0050	372	090050H	SW24 wire check
X	0100	373	090100H	WH M-1 Situation normal, no bullseye
X	0200	374	090200H	WH M-1 Situation normal, no bullseye
X	0220	375	090220H	SW M-3 patrol departed
X	0305	376	090305H	WH M-1 SITREP remains the same, no bullseye.
X	0400	377	090400H	SW I & K neg SITREP
X	0402	378	090402H	SW 24 All secure
X LE	0350	379	090350H	WH R WH M-1 Neg SITREP, no bullseyes
X	0405	380	090405H	WH L Neg SITREP
X LE	0400	381	090400H	WH M Neg SITREP
X	0505	382	090505H	WH M-1 No bullseyes
X	0557	383	090557H	WH M-1 Sit normal no bullseye
X	0626	384	090626H	Mike 3B returned
X	0755	385	090755H	WH I Neg SITREP
X	0755	386	090755H	WH L-1 Bananna Snooper Killer Chevrolet
X	0807	387	090807H	WH M-1 SITREP neg no bullseye
X	0808	388	090808H	WH K Neg SITREP, M Co neg SITREP
X	0815	389	090815H	M Co (3-A) pat dep rted
X	0825	390	090825H	WH L-1 Int 24 hours Destroyer at Tiger (Reg inst)
X	0825	391	090825H	WH L-1 Bananna Killer Snooper Elephant 16
X	0845	392	090845H	WH L-1 Bananna Elephant 13
X	0915	393	090915H	WH L-1 Have one bananna snooper out
X	0916	394	090916H	WH L 0900 neg SITREP
X	0917	395	090917H	WH M-1 Approx 500 Meters from pick up point
X	0918	396	090918H	WH L-1 Is 24 hour destroyer to be at Tiger 5
X	0919	397	090919H	WH M-1 We are at pick up point.
X	0927	398	090927H	WH L-1 Banana elephant 15
X	1220	399	091220H	WH L-1 Banana elephant 14
X	1223	400	091223H	WH M Permission to fire 3.5s and M-60's
X	1224	401	091224H	WH L-1 Banana elephant #14
X	1240	402	091240H	WH M Co pat (3B) at CP #1
X	1241	403	091241H	WH L-1 Banana elephant #11
X	1242	404	091242H	One (1) VC Regt (Wpns and Units)
X	1243	405	091243H	One (1) VC Plat loc vic 438152
X	1244	406	091243H	WH L have secured fire on hill 69
X	1245	407	091245H	WH L-1 Banana elephant #2
X	1246	408	091246H	WH L-1 Banana New York
X	1247	409	091247H	WH L-1 Bababa killer snooper at Las Vegas
X	1248	410	091248H	WH M (3-B) has departed
X	1249	411	091249H	WH I Neg SITREP
X	1250	412	091250H	WH M (3-B) at CP #1
X	1300	413	091300H	WH L-1 Killer snooper apple chevrolet will go through elephant.
X	1305	414	091305H	WH M (3A) pat returned
X	1400	415	091400H	WH L-1 at CP #17
X	1400	416	091400H	WH M-1 at CP #18
X	1430	417	091430H	WH L-1 have heard auto fire to our N, changing course.
X	1515	418	091515H	WH L-1 approx 40 rds auto fire from coord (434086 behind hillmass. Moving into position

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X	1518	419	091518H	TS 2 message for info on significant dates.
X	1540	420	091540H	SW "M" Patrol 3B returned.
X	1600	421	091600H	SW "L" negative contact
X	1615	422	091615H	TS 2 msg concerning missing wallet.
X	1758	423	091758H	WH L-1 Sqd ambush 434079 2000-0100 439075 0100-0500.
X	1759	424	091759H	Two marines approached for sale of wpns.
X	1830	425	091830H	SW 24 PF Ambushes: 505070 470080 415110 500066 429109 410117 464084 433107 466083 460079 430114 425114 424116
X	1910	426	091910H	WH L is taking SA fire coord BT437086 apprx 10 rds.
X	1925	427	091925H	WH L-1 Ambush patrol departing
X	1930	428	091930H	WH I pat (Sqd) departed.
X	2000	429	092000H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, and M.
X	2001	430	092001H	WH L-1 Neg enemy contact
X	2145	431	092145H	WH L-1 Ambush in position
X	2146	432	092146H	Road block count
X	2147	433	092147H	At 2030 rock crusher and I Co rept two (2) rds SA fire.
X	2148	434	092148H	WH I pat (2) departed 2115.
X	2215	435	092215H	WH M (1A) has departed.
X	2225	436	092225H	WH M (1A) in position
X	2250	437	092250H	SW 24 line check.
X	2300	438	092300H	WH L-1 Neg SITREP.
X	2355	439	092355H	SW K, I, 24 Neg SITREP, L Neg SITREP

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X	0021	440	100021H	WH L-1 Bananna Destroyer Cleveland
X	0105	441	100105H	WH I Patrol returned, neg contact
X	0107	442	100107H	SW 24 all secure
X	0107	443	100107H	WH L-1 Bananna Destroyer Cadillac
X	0145	444	100145H	WH I-3 Patrol returned, no contact
X	0205	445	100205H	SW M patrol returned
X	0206	446	100206H	SW M patrol 3 Charley has departed.
X	0255	447	100255H	WH L-2 All secure, neg contact
X	0405	448	100405H	WH K Neg SITREP
X	0410	449	100410H	WH I, L, M, 24 Neg SITREP all secure.
X	0505	450	100505H	WH 24 All secure
X	0600	451	100600H	SW 24 All Secure
X	0620	452	100620H	SW M Patrol 3 Charley has returned
X	0650	453	100650H	WH L-1 requesting info on relief.
X	0800	454	100800H	I, K, L, and M Neg SITREP's
X	0825	455	100825H	I Co Plat (/) departed 0810.
X	0845	456	100845H	WH M-1 passed CP #1, having radio trouble
X	0910	457	100910H	M Co med asst pat has departed.
X LE	0855	458	100855H	WH M-1 passed CP #3, c'n see friendly troops
X LE	0905	459	100905H	I Co Plat (/) at CP #1.
X	0920	460	100920H	
X	0950	461	100950H	M Co med asst pat at CP #1
X	0950	462	100950H	SW 24 rpt of 1VC Regt.
X	1035	463	101035H	WH M-1 passed CP #4
X	1210	464	101210H	WH I platoon (Rein) patrol pushed 65 VCS
X	1215	465	101215H	WH I, K, L, M Neg SITREP
X	1230	466	101230H	M Co (3B) pat departed 1105 and arr CP #2 at 1230.
X	1255	467	101255H	M Co pat (3 B) at CP #3.
X	1258	468	101258H	M Co 2 We are still moving. N <sup>W</sup> bullseyes
X	1330	469	101330H	M Co 2 at CP #5.
X	1355	470	101355H	I Co plat pat has returned
X	1358	471	101358H	M Co 2 requested helo evac. Man sick CP #5
X	1410	472	101410H	M Co pat (3A) has returned.
X	1450	473	101450H	M Co MEDCAP pat reports a VN Male had info on VC in village of KY XUAN across from AN TAN.
X	1525	474	101525H	M Co pat (3B) has returned.
X	1600	475	101600H	WH I, K, L, M Neg SITREP
X	1610	476	101610H	WH M2 at CP #2, Neg contact
X	1630	477	101630H	PC 1 rpts observing 9 VN with cows at coord BT435078.
X	1720	478	101720H	WH M-2 at CP #6 Patrol base 433067.
X	1735	479	101735H	WH M-2 resupply, sent to S-4.
X	1745	480	101745H	WH M-2 Neg SITREP
X	1805	481	101805H	WH M-2 Pat base 433067, Sqd a bush 435065 LZ 436065.
X	1930	482	101930H	WH M-2 re per to bypass CP #7. Change LZ to 417067,

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X	1931	483	101931H	WH-3 to WH M-2 Choose your own route.
X	1932	484	101932H	PF ambushes. Called to AG-3.
X	1945	485	101945H	Lost wallet report.
X	1952	486	101952H	WH M-2 At Las Vegas
X	2000	487	102000H	Neg SITREP I, K, L,
X	2010	488	102010H	M Co pat (3B) departed.
X	2050	489	102050H	Road block count. To AG-3.
X	2055	490	102055H	I Co (3) pat departed
X	2230	491	102230H	M Co pat (3C) departed
X	2355	492	102355H	Neg SITREP K, M, I, L.

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 PLACE: Chu Lai Vietnam

OPENED: 110001H Oct65  
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N U T	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0018	493	110018H	SW-M Patrol has returned (Bravo)
X	0105	494	110105H	SW-24 all secure
X	0138	495	110138H	SW-1 (3) patrol returned, neg contact
X	0208	496	110208H	SW 24 All secure
X	0330	497	110330H	SW M patrol 3 (C) returned
X	0402	498	110402H	SW I, K, L, M neg SITREP
X	0410	499	110410H	SW 24 all secure
X	0750	500	110750H	WH M-2 passed CP #7
X	0800	501	110800H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, and M.
X	0805	502	110805H	M Co (A) pat departed 0730.
X	0822	503	110822H	VC Bn moved. (C-3)
X	0855	504	110855H	I Co plat pat departed 0730
X	0925	505	110925H	I Co (Plat) at check point #1
X	1030	506	111030H	WH I Co (Plat) pat at CP #2
X	1130	507	111130H	WH I Co (Plat) pat at CP #3
X	1149	508	111149H	WH M-2 pos 414074. Secure LZ 415068.
X	1200	509	111200H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, and M.
X	1215	510	111215H	WH I (Plat) at CP #4
X	1230	511	111230H	WH I Co (Plat) at CP #5
X	1245	512	111245H	WH I (Plat) pat at CP #6
X	1255	513	111255H	WH M pat (3A) returned.
X	1300	514	111300H	WH M pat (3B) departed.
X	1305	515	111305H	WH I (2) pat returned.
X	1330	516	111330H	WH M-2 resupply completed.
X	1500	517	111500H	Daily S-2 report
X	1510	518	111510H	WH M-2 neg contact, and combat pat in area
X	1535	519	111535H	WH M (3B) has returned
X	1600	520	111600H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, and M.
X	1615	521	111615H	WH M-2 negative contact
X	1625	522	111625H	WH M-2 patrol base 414075
X	1730	523	111730H	Local agent information.
X	1732	524	111732H	At 1700 a PF plat pat was ambushed.
X	1740	525	111740H	WH M-2 will start return movement at first light
X	1800	526	111800H	WH M-2 Neg SITREP
X	1925	527	111925H	PF Ambush report
X	2000	528	112000H	SW I, K, L, M Neg SITREP
X	2000	529	112000H	SW road block rep neg
X	2205	530	112205H	SW M-1 patrol has departed
X	2207	531	112207H	SW I shots fired from south and of AN TAN
X	2313	532	112313H	SW I-3 has departed
X	2314	533	112314H	SW 24 rpts VC NF Co vic BT 438078 (C/3)
X	2350	534	112350H	WH I, K, L, M, neg SITREP

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UNIT	TIME	SR	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0104	535	120104H	WH 24 All secure.
X	0135	536	120135H	WH I patrol at CP #2
X	0156	537	120156H	SW M patrol returned, negative contact
X	0230	538	120230H	SW I patrol at CP #3.
X	0300	539	120300H	SW M patrol departed
X	0307	540	120307H	SW 24 All secure.
X	0320	541	120320H	SW M patrol at CP #1
X	0325	542	120325H	SW I patrol has reached CP #4
X	0400	543	120400H	SW I, K, L, M, Neg SITREP
X	0405	544	120405H	SW 24 All secure.
X	0535	545	120535H	SI I-3 just left CP #6
X	0550	546	120550H	SI I-3 just returned to friendly lines.
X	0730	547	120730H	WH M 2 has reached check point #9.
X	0730	548	120730H	WH M 2 has reached check point #10.
X	0730	549	120730H	SW M 2 received SA fire (10) rounds from (BT433088) to (BT425089). Enemy withdrew.
X	0800	550	120800H	SW I, K, L, M, Neg SITREP
X	0840	551	120840H	WH M 2 has reached CP #12 and is proceeding to rendezvous.
X	0845	552	120845H	WH M2 have picked up two Vietnamese males without ID cards are bringing them in
X	0945	553	120945H	M Co. pat at CP #1.
X	0946	554	120946H	I 2 pat has reached CP #1
X	1005	555	121005H	Medical patrol at Check Point #2.
X	1020	556	121020H	Air strikes
X	1040	557	121040H	SW M-3 pat at CP #1
X	1200	558	121200H	Neg SITREP M, L.
X	1224	559	121224H	WH I Enemy contact, 3 enemy KIA confirmed No WIA.
X	1320	560	121320H	M 3 at CP #4
X	1330	561	121330H	M 1B at CP #3
X	1345	562	121345H	M 1B returned
X	1435	563	121435H	SW-K commenced 60 Mortar & M-Gun firing.
X	1535	564	121535H	SW-K cease fire of 60 Mortar & Gun firing.
X	1540	565	121540H	WH M-3 have reached CP#6
X	1600	566	121600H	SW I, M, L, and K Neg SITREP.
X	1920	567	121920H	PF Ambushes
X	LE 1911	568	121911H	M-3 has patrol at (BT411071) and squad size ambushes at (BT414078) (BT414071)
X	1936	569	121936H	WH-L Rock Crusher Patrol now in position
X	2005	570	122005H	Late entry; I Co patrol #2 returned 1300
X	2006	571	122006H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, M.
X	2007	572	122007H	Roadblock report
X	2107	573	122107H	WH M reports no change.
X	2115	574	122115H	SW L-1 saw green star clusters 300 meters to front.
X	2205	575	122205H	WH Relay rpts no change-neg contact.
X	2303	576	122303H	WH Relay: WHM3 no change-neg contact
X	2310	577	122310H	WH M (1A) patrol departing.
X	2315	578	122315H	WH M (1A) patrol at CP #1
X	2400	579	122400H	WH I, K, L, M neg SITREP

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UNIT	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0010	580	130010H	SW "I" Squad Patrol departed
X	0245	581	130245H	SM "M" 1A has returned
X	0307	582	130307H	SM "M" 2A just left
X	0400	583	130400H	SM SITREP neg. contact.
X	0425	584	130425H	SW "I" patrol returned, negative sit rep.
X	0425	585	130425H	SW "K" "K" "M" Co neg SITREP
X	0515	586	130515H	SW 24 LL check all secure
X	0800	587	130800H	SW "K" "I" "L" and "M" neg SITREP
X	0840	588	130840H	SW "M" 2A returned at 0500
X IE	0810	589	130810H	SW "I" departing patrol (1, 3)
X	0916	590	130916H	SW "I" Co at CP #1
X	1050	591	131050H	WH a warning order to prepare "L" for immediate helilift to LZ beyond TAOR.
X	1051	592	131051H	To WH "L" have two MCI's, Mortars (60mm) and flashlites. LZ will be secured by Scat B
X	1115	593	131115H	"M" Co pat (1B) departed
X	1217	594	131217H	SW "L" Co picked up by helicopters
X IE	1215	595	131215H	"I" Co pat returned (3)
X	1221	596	131221H	SW "L" "I" "M" and "K" neg SITREP
X IE	1145	597	131145H	WH 3 to WH M3 proceed immediately from present position to.
X	1300	598	131300H	SW "L" Co position at 403058
X	1315	599	131315H	WH "L" encountered 3 VC at (BT4011051)
X	1418	600	131418H	WH L discovered (6) 5 gal. ans of kerosene at 402148
X	1450	601	131450H	WH M pat 1A at CP #3
X	1452	602	131452H	WH L found one dead VC right 2.0 down 1.2
X	1453	603	131453H	"K" Co has completed firing on Hill #69
X	1510	604	131510H	SW "M" 1B has returned
X	1548	605	131548H	WH L found blood on trail. Right 1.0 down 1.1 will patrol in that direction.
X	1620	606	131620H	SW "L" "M" "K" and "I" neg SITREP
X	1620	607	131620H	En countered VC at 399051. VC fired 20 rounds killed 1 VC
X	1736	609	131736H	No entry made Present location is 404049. Location of "L"-3 399051, of "L"-1 404049, of "L"-2 405052 of WH M 2 405055, no enemy contact.
X	1745	610	131745H	"L" Co requests chopper for wounded VC. Chopper denied.
X	1825	611	131825H	WH I reports 4 rds sniper fire from south during Heli resupply GS (BT 467075)
X LE	1805	612	131805H	To Land Shark a delayed Heli request 24 hours Request approved for morning of the 1st

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 PLACE: Chu Lai Vietnam

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X	1915	613	131915H	PF Ambushes
X	2000	614	132000H	Suspected VC locations
X	2000	615	132000H	SW I road block reports
X	2000	616	132000H	SW I, K, L, M Neg SITREP
X	2040	617	132040H	WH L All destroyers in pos. Wounded VC is still alive. He will be put on copter with captured gear in the morning
X	2105	618	132105H	From Pied Piper to Pinch Hitter; info WH3 Pennet Winner says convoy of 15 vehicles will depart here at 140800H for your location.
X	2210	619	132210H	SW 24 all secure
X	2225	620	132225H	SW M Patrol 1C departed
X	2255	621	132255H	SW M Patrol 1C at CP #1
X	2305	622	132305H	SW 24 All secure
X	2400	623	132400H	SW I, K, M, Neg SITREP
X	2400	624	132400H	SW 24 All secure

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 PLACE: Chu Lai Vietnam

OPENED: 140001H Oct65  
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UNIT	TIME	SER NO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0001	625	140001H	SW "M" Patrol 1B departed
X	0015	626	140015H	SW "M" Patrol 1B has reached CP #1
X	0020	627	140020H	SW "L" Neg SITREP except 13 fired 2 rds at VC. VC prisoner died.
X	0216	628	140216H	SM MLC is at checkpoint 2
X	0217	629	140217H	SI I Co Patrol just left.
X	0315	630	140315H	SW "M" Co patrol 1D at CP #3
X	0345	631	140345H	SW "M" Co patrol 1D at CP #4, Pat m-1C has returned
X	0350	632	140350H	SW "M" Co Patrol 1 D has returned
X	0400	633	140400H	SW K, I, L, M, Neg SITREP
X	0608	634	140608H	SW I patrol returned, neg contact
X	0800	635	140800H	SW I, M, and K neg SITREP
X	0814	636	140814H	SW L have squad combat vicinity of 401048, no enemy this morning. Found patch of Salt. Buried VC this morning, will bring in personal effects.
X	0815	637	140815H	WH L-6 have located patch of rice and grain
X	0830	638	140830H	SW M Co commence firing on hill #69
X	0840	639	140840H	SW M Co 1A has departed
X	0900	640	140900H	WH L have secured LZ for rice pickup, need containers as soon as choppers can be sent.
X	0935	641	140935H	WH 1-4 may be picked up at Grid Coord (BT405048)
X	1023	642	141023H	M Co. has completed firing on Hill #69
X	1110	643	141110H	SW after -glow from WH 16 to thick skin 6 Neg SITREP No enemy contact. Have discover d smoke coming from (BT405039) have approx 1T. salt, bringing sample, destroyed the rest.
X	1054	644	141054H	WH -3 will Helos arrive for rice bags. Will need a few hours to load rice prior to our lift off.
X	1154	645	141154H	Insure max dispersion and security until pick up Complete.
X	1102	646	141102H	Helos will bring bags asap. Will let you know when.
X	1200	647	141200H	K and M Neg SITREP
X	1240	648	141240H	"M" Co pat departed
X	1253	649	141253H	M Co at CP #1
X	1329	650	141329H	M Co at CP #2 (1A)
X	1437	651	141437H	SW OP 1 request permission to commence firing 60mm practice rds. Permission granted.
X	1524	652	141524H	SW M 2A returned from pat
X	1600	653	141600H	Seg SITREP "K",
X	1602	654	141602H	M Co Sqd combat pat departed 1235 and returned 1524
X	1603	655	141603H	M Co and Recon/Med pat departed 0842 and returned 1310
X	0400	656	140400H	I K and M neg SITREP
X	0800	657	140800H	I K M and L neg SITREP
X	2000	658	142000H	PF Ambush report
X	2010	659	142010H	Road block report
X	2132	660	142132H	Topsy on Hill #69 is not working
X	2205	661	142205H	SM M Co patrol departed.
X	2221	662	142221H	SI I Co patrol just left
X	2235	663	142235H	SM M Co patrol at CP #1
X	2350	664	142350H	S <sup>m</sup> SITREP neg contact
X	2354	665	142354H	SI SITREP neg contact
X	2359	666	142359H	SL SM Both reported neg contact.

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UNIT: 3d Battalion, 3d Marines  
 ACE: Chu Lai Vietnam

OPENED: 150001H Oct65  
 CLOSED: 152400H Oct65

UNIT	TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
X	0115	667	150115H	SW 21 All Secure
X	0130	668	150130H	SW M Mike 2 Bravo Patrol returned
X	0305	669	150305H	SW M Mike 1A Patrol has departed.
X	0353	670	150353H	SW K, L, Neg SITREP
X	0355	671	150355H	SW I, M, Neg SITREP. All Quiet
X	0540	672	150540H	SW M 1A Patrol has returned to CP
X	0745	673	150745H	Neg SITREP I, K, L, M.
X	0815	674	150815H	I Co plat pat dep at 0730
X	0827	675	150827H	SW M Med pat dep
X	0925	676	150925H	SW I has reached CP #1
X	1300	677	151300H	SW M med pat has returned
X	1318	678	151318H	SW I at Hill #69 with five (5) VC suspects.
X	1530	679	151530H	SW 23 sends 2 incident reports and 1 agent rpt.
X	1610	680	151610H	SW I plat pat returned
X	1611	681	151611H	Neg SITREP I, L, M
X	1704	682	151704H	No rock crusher detail
X	1745	683	151745H	PF ambush reports.
X	1746	684	151746H	I, K, L, M, Neg SITREP
X	2015	685	152015H	Road block report.
X	2130	686	152130H	SW I 3A has departed
X	2245	687	152245H	SW M patrol 1A departed
X	2255	689	152255H	SW I patrol 3B departed
X	2315	690	152315H	SW M patrol 1A at CP #1
X	2325	691	152325H	SW M patrol 1A in position
X	2400	692	152400H	SW K, I, L, and M, Neg SITREP.

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PLACE: CHU LAI, VIETNAM

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X 0050	692		SW 24 all secure
X 0130	693		SW I Co (3A) patrol returned
X 0222	694		SW ICo 3B patrol in position
X 0230	695		SW M Co 2A has returned
X 0240	696		SW I, M, L AND K. NEG SIT REP
X 0330	697		SW M 2A has returned
X 0400	698		SW AG message
X 0600	699		SW M Co patrol depart
X 0650	700		SW I Co pat dep
X 0805	701		SW I, K, L, AND M NEG SIT REP
X 0900	702		SW M 2A has dep
X 0915	703		SW M 2A at CP #1
X 0940	704		SW M 2A at CP #2
X 1120	705		SW PF will operate (mess) to support the people to gather rice
X 1200	706		SW I, K, L AND M NEG SIT REP
X 1200	707		SW M Co pat dep
X 1210	708		SW AG INFO TO L AND K
X 1235	709		SW M 3A AT CP #1
X 1304	710		SW M 3A AT CP #2
X 1315	711		SW M 3A AT CP #3
X 1154 LE	712		SW 24 - SW 2 2 VC REGT MOVED FROM VIC OF BUND NGAL TO GS's 3305, 3306 ONE REGT IDENTIFIED AS 803rd command BY LUDLUNG. 2 BN. MOVED TO VIC 365120-263120 375138, 375125 on 12 Oct. plan to atk IF at KY CHAMK
X 1330	713		SW M M 2A patrol back
X 1345	714		SW M 3B is at CP #3
X 1600	715		NEG SIT REP I, K, L AND M
X 1601	716		SW M 3B has returned
X 1745	717		WE AG FRAG ORDER
X 1800	718		SW 24 PF AMBUSHES
X 1840	719		SW 24 MESSAGE
X 2000	720		SW K, I, L AND M NEG SIT REP
X 2045	721		SW ROAD BLOCK REPORT
X 2045	722		NEG SIT REP K, I, M AND L
X 0400	723		SW 24 line check
X 0655	724		AG delay operation indef
X 0805	725		SW I, M, K AND L NEG SIT REP
X 0825	726		PLT 1A HAS DEP
X 0920	727		SW 24 sends intell report forw to AG
X 1200	728		IK, L and M neg sitrep
X 1350	729		has pat 1A ret at 1050
X 1600	730		SW I, K, M AND L NEG SIT REP
X 1930	731		PF AMBUSHES
X 2000	732		SW 24 INTELLIGENCE INFO
X 2000	733		SW I, K, M AND L NEG SIT REP
X 2050	734		SW I REPORTS SEEING FOUR MEN PROBING ON HILL #69
X 2115	735		ROAD BLOCK REPORT
X 2325	736		BELIEVED VC STILL PROBING BELIEVED AT HILL 69
X 2400	737		K, L, M, AND I NEG SIT REP

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 PLACE: CHU LAM, VIETNAM

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X 0345	738		I Co 81's fired 7 HE rds, all secure
X 0345	739		NEG SIT REP I, K, M AND L
X 0355	740		SW 24 line check
X 0400	741		SW I PATROL HAS RETURNED, NEG CONTACT
X 0800	742		SW I, ML and K neg sit rep
X 0815	743		Operation TRIPLE PLAY will be executed
X 1050	744		H&S IS M's POSITION
X 1200	745		K and I neg sit rep
X 1300	746		H&S PAT 2A dep
X 1320	747		TRIPLE PLAY. UNITS 1500 meters south of PL #1
X 1340	748		K BTRY registering
X 1415	749		SW from H&S TO SW 24 see messaged
X 1441	750		SW LG TO SW 3 WH L KILLED ONE VC CAP TWO
X 1540	751		SW LG TO SW 3 no new contact
X 1542	752		SW LG TO SW 3 1 VC KILLED TWO GARS CAP
X 1642	753		SW K, AND I NEG SIT REP
X 1625	754		SW H&S PAT M 2A HAS RETURNED
X 1630	755		TRIPLE PLAY. SITREP 1630, 1 VC KILLED 8 VCS
X 1755	756		373137 AX. POSITION FOR HL SUPPLY
X 1845	757		4 VCS by helo dropped in Bn CP
X 1855	758		FF AMBUSHES
X 1950	759		ALL VC'S CAPTURED HAVE BEEN EVAC TO LY TIN
X 1954	760		I, K neg sit rep
X 2030	761		WH POSITION 369137
X 2100	762		H&S CO at SW M all secure
X 2045	763		INTELL REP FOR 24
X 2105	764		ROAD BLOCK REPORT
X 2313	765		H&S PAT HAS DEP FROM M Co
X 2400	766		SW I and K neg sit rep, flames neg sit rep

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Opened 1190001H October 1965

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IN	TIME	OUT	Ser	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
0115			767	LG Reports Neg SITREP for OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY
0415			768	SW I NEG SIT REP
0515			769	SW M ALL SECURE
0525			770	SW M-3 patrol returned all secure
0630			771	SW M 2B PATROL RETURNED ALL SECURE.
0631			772	SW LG REPORTS NEG SITREP FOR OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY (0400)
0750			773	CP group receiving S/A fire
0809			774	370135 blew grenade hooby trap
0827			775	I and K neg sit rep
0830			776	Helo resupply requested
0857			777	WH M see mess
0900			778	SW H&S Recon MED/ASSIST dep
0950			779	VC KILLED (8) CAP (6) CAP VCS(18) WEAPONS (1)
1015			780	TS 3 to WH 24 req clearance for air strike
1020			781	WH to TS see mess
1027			782	TS 2 to WH 24 see mess
1135			783	K neg sit rep
1140			784	Searching from 363133 to 372125. neg contact. Mine entrance found to be 60-70 feet deep. Sides 15 feet in diameter. Mine appeared unused.
1205			785	I and K neg sit rep
1206			786	Sit Rep, searching same area neg contact
1320			787	Position 364128. Heading for 3911. Blew cave at at 368126. Confirm helo pick up.
1350			788	Request for one helo pick up.
1350			789	at 1500 troops will be helilifted from pat to CP area
1417			790	SW MEDCAP heliolift accomplished
1450			791	SW H&S RECON MED/ASST returned 1400
1451			792	SW H&S RECON pat dep 1300
1452			793	TWO WIA's at B Med
1508			794	1st wave lifting off
1537			795	SW H&S recon pat returned
1540			796	2nd wave lifting off
1550			797	3d wave lifting off
1600			798	SW I and K neg sit rep
1730			799	SW all Companies are in
2000			800	SW I,K,L and M neg sit rep
2005			801	Road Block Report
2110			802	TS - 2 Missing Wallet report Robertson, B.K. 2037566
2350			803	SW H&S layout has dep
2355			804	SW 24 line check - neg sit rep

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OPENED 0200001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED 0202400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME		SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	NO	
0015		805	SITREP I,K,L and M - neg sit rep
0256		806	SW M 3 pat dep
0315		807	SW M 2B has dep
0415		808	SW K,M, and I neg sit rep
0525		809	SW L neg sit rep
0550		810	PF pat called in a fire mission see mess
0555		811	SW M patrol 2B is at CP #1
0600		812	SW 24 VC Bn attacked 3 PF platoons with MG and MOTARS Correction on journal entry #810 fire mission from 155 gun battery stopped attack.
0615		813	SW M pat 2B has ret
0639		814	SW 24 1 VC Bn is moving see mess
0805		815	neg sit rep L,I,M and K
0810		816	Alerted to have one Co stand by for help movement
1015		817	Stand by on help alert. Alert two plat from K
1045		818	SW 24 INTELLIGENCE REPORT from 24
1100		819	Amplifying Info of VC ambush see mess
1600		820	SW I,K,M and neg sit rep
1605		821	SW 24 neg sit rep
1900		822	PF ambushes reports see mess
1955		823	SW 24 casualty count
2000		824	SW K,I,M and L neg sit rep
2025		825	Road block report
2035		826	Intelligence report
2205		827	SW M patrol just left
2357		828	SW K,I,M and L neg sit rep

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OPENED: 20210001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED: 20212400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	#
0030	829	Impressive 2 to AG 2 at 202210H information pertaining to 2 VC Co. On KYCHANH Bridge at (BT 1215) PF received information from brother who was wounded at ONG BON Bridge at (BT 430109) last night. PF said there were 240 VC with automatic wpns, and usual uniforms crossing SONG CHO river by foot and boat at 200400H. Name of brother will be relayed later.
0100	830	SW M Patrol 3A has returned.
0120	831	SW M 3 pat had dep
0300	832	SW L neg sit rep
0340	833	SW I pat has ret
0400	834	SW I,M,K and L neg sit rep
0450	835	SW pat 3B has returned
0805	836	SW I,M,K and L neg sit rep
0815	837	SW K pat dep CP
0830	838	SW K pat at CP #1
0913	839	SW K pat at CP #2
1015	840	SW K p t at CP #3
1100	841	SW K pat at CP #4
1140	842	SW SW K pat at CP #5 and also found a 155 dud (BT 438108) it has been defused and inside emptied.
1200	843	SW K,I,L and M neg sit rep
1205	844	SW K pat at CP #6
1235	845	SW M layout patrol departed 0945
1240	846	Lost ID card PFC HAGADORN
1335	847	SW K pat at CP #7
1345	848	SW K at CP #8 and #9
1420	849	SW K patrol returned
1516	850	SW 24 to SW 3 INFO REP SEE MESS
1615	851	I,K,L and M neg sit rep
1730	852	SW M pat returned 1530
1800	853	SW 24 sends intelligence rep on assassination and demolitions team. see mess
1830	854	PF ambushes reports
1920	855	SW 2 to AG 2 relay from SW 24 info report see mess
2030	856	Road block reports
2050	857	PF ambushes reports
2230	858	SW M patrol 3C dep
2300	859	SW I patrol departed
2400	860	SW K,M, I pat departed.
2400	861	SW M pat at CP #1

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OPENED: 21 220001H OCTOBER 1965

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IN	TIME	OUT	SER #	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
	0230		862	SW M pat 3C has ret
	0400		863	SW I, K, L and M sitrep neg
	0705		864	SW I pat is at CP #4 with 1 VCS neg enemy contact
	0730		865	SW I pat has picked up 5 additional VCS are proceeding to CP #5
	0805		866	SW I pat picked up a total of 8 VCS
	0830		867	SW I patrol has picked up a VN in ARVN uniform wounded in shoulder and arm will take him till they return at 1400. Pick up at 220815H
	0849		868	No entries were made from 869 to 877,
	0849		878	TS reports missing wallet (Cpl Johnny W. Edington
	0915		879	SW M pat was fired on by 4-5 S/A
	1009		880	SW M plat patrol at CP #3
	1010		881	SW M killed VC at (BT 442081)
	1040		882	Sit rep neg from 24
	1045		883	SW I pat ret at 0840
	1100		884	SW M JED/ASSIST patrol in position
	1200		885	Neg sit rep I, K, L, and M
	1225		886	SW M 3A patrol at CP #3
	1226		887	Company L alerted by Regt
	1240		888	SW M 3A pat at CP #3
	1245		889	Company L relieved from alert status
	1320		890	C-3 Intel report from SW 24
	1500		891	SW M MED/ASST and platoons patrols returned
	1555		892	LY TIN requested arty on (438099) 70 VC
	1605		893	SW 6 gave permission to fire 18 rds
	1655		894	SW L, I, M and K neg sit rep
	1758		895	K all set in on Hill 69
	1800		896	Intelligence report from 24
	2000		897	K, K, L and M neg sit rep
	2040		898	SW I road block report
	2200		899	SW PF ambushe
	2232		900	Info report from 24 see mess
	2235		901	PF ambushes along highway have been called off.
	2400		902	SW L, K, M and I neg sit rep

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OPENED: 22230001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED: 22232400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	#
0420		903 SW L neg sit rep
0540		904 SW K lines are back in operation - Neg
0605		905 SW 24 reports that 3/3 units of TRIPLE THREAT are at their positions neg contact
0700		906 WH 6 requests MED Evac for 1 WIA at coord (BT 433094)
0715		907 Med evac 433094. Mark w/yellow smoke
0728		908 Med evac on the way
0730		909 0630 disembarked from trucks. rept of carbine fire and report of WIA
0740		910 L and K neg sit rep
0745		911 all units in position
0823		912 WH continuing to search NO MAY village
0850		913 WH 3 to TS neg sit rep found 1 VC pack see mess
0905		914 WH L neg sit rep CP remains same
1000		915 Change mission Execute oper JUNK FLEET LOD see mess
1035		916 Medic Destarter from ARVN 2nd div believed working for Marines at airfield Dist Hq desires man be apprehended. Name is TRAN CONG THVC
1039		917 Rec approx 20 rounds carb fire. see mess
1045		918 WH no casualties see mess
1105		919 WH moving from village to LOD
1125		920 Request EPL of trucks, send 1-4 op plan with trucks
1240		921 BT crossed LOD at 1215
1345		922 SW 24 neg sit rep
1345		923 SW WH 6 to WH3 neg contact continuing sweep
1350		924 SW operation as scheduled, see mess WH 3 to WH 6
1355		925 neg trucks at pida pipper have trucks where planned WH 6 to WH 3
1430		926 Sweep completed Neg contact at pick up awaiting trucks. WH 3 fr WH 6
1600		927 I and M neg sit rep
1600		928 K and L neg sit rep
1835		929 SW k back in position
1900		930 SW 24 PF ambushes
1930		931 SW I has sent 1 squad XO 3 corpsman to CHULAI Village because of a fire approx 3houses
1945		932 Beach traffic is prohibited
2000		933 Neg sit rep from K, M, I and L
2030		934 Fire fighting detail has returned. No ops
2040		935 SW I reports on fire in CHU LAI Village
2045		936 SW I roadblock report
2100		937 Heard approx 20 rds AR fire and 1 Gren
2120		938 AG 6 send large security to construction area to protect workers Squad from H&S being mustered as security.
2250		939 AG 2 sends intelligence report received from Impressive, also SPOT REPORT on AR and Grenade fire of 2100.
2300		940 WH Security squad now departing CP
2320		941 WH now in position around construction area
2355		942 SW I, K, L and M neg sit rep

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OPENED: 17240001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED: 17242400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	
0350	943	I, K, L and M neg sit rep
0500	944	SW 24 neg sit rep
0750	945	SW I patrol has departed
0800	946	SW I, K, L and neg sit rep
0820	947	SW I TO SW 3, I pat CP #1
0920	948	SW I 2 at CP #2
1000	949	SW I 2 pat at CP #3
1027	950	SW I 2 pat at CP #4
1100	951	SW I 3 VCS at (BT 440888) no proper ID
1115	952	SW I 2 VCS at (BT 456080) no proper ID
1125	953	SW I pat at CP #5
1200	954	SW L, K, and M neg sit rep
1455	955	SW I pat has returned
1456	956	SW I MEDCAP patrol departed
1600	957	SW L, M, K and I neg sit rep
1610	958	WH M 6 to WH 3. 3 6X's have arrived at WH m position
1612	959	WH 3 to WH 6 M contact PEID PIPER for word to move out
1703	960	Grom AG 3 to SW 3 and SW L, Oxwood 2 reports there will be a para drop tomorrow on the airfield. 25 Oct 1965 0930 to 1030
1750	961	I company med cap patrol returned
1835	962	Co M back in position
1930	963	PF ambush reports see mess
2000	964	SW K, I, M and L neg sit rep
2000	965	Roadblock report
2040	966	SW I reported 9 red streamers and 1 green parachute coord 474055
2045	967	AG called said all H&I fires have been cancelled
2310	968	Intelligence report from 24
2312	969	Women at AN TAN having difficult child birth I Co inform Dr. Johnson requests heliolift to I Co positions
2313	970	helicopter on the way for Dr. Johnson
2326	971	Dr. Johnson on way.
2355	972	Sit rep neg 2/4 L and K

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3d Battalion, 1st Marines.

OPENED 250001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED 252400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0015	973	I 6 back in CP, AN TAN woman evacuated to hospital
0100	974	SW 2/4 all secure
0400	975	SW I, K, M and L neg sit rep
0645	976	SW I patrol departed 24230H and returned 250130H
0745	977	Neg sit rep M, I, L, and K.
0930	978	SW I is at CP #2
0940	979	AG 3 reports paradrop cancelled for today
1045	980	AN TAN Hamlet Chief states TW 2 (BT 4308 & 4309) many women sympathizers are with them (F-6)
1100	981	WH I is crossing #3
1200	984	Neg Sit Rep M, K, L and I
1330	985	SW I reports AN TAN Hamlet Chief advises two VC hard Core companies operation in grid squares (BT 4308 & 4309). Many women sympathizers are with them.
1348	987	SW M is CP #3
1410	988	SW I reports VN girl wounded by hand grenade need med evac and had blood
1235 LATE	989	SW I patrol found wounded VCS at (BT 455075) are sending ambulance to pick up; Medivac request in.
1425	990	Message on wounded VCS and wounded boy
1445	991	I patrol return
1600	992	From Impressive to S-3 Beach excess point will open at 260500 to night fisherman will return tomorrow,
1621	993	I, K, L and M neg sit rep
2000	994	WH 24 to WH 2 radio report
2015	995	2/4 to SW 2 Mess from LY TIN
2020	996	2/4 to SW 2 Assassination Teams see mess
2035	997	WH M 2 A has dep
2050	998	WH M 2 A has ret
2300	999	WH L, I, m and K neg sit rep
2400	1000	

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OPENED 250001H

CLOSED 252400H

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	
0100	1001	SW 24 neg sit rep
0100	1002	WH M 4 A has dep to CP #1
0255	1003	WH M 4 A has returned to CP
0400	1004	I, K, L neg sit rep
0530	1005	WH I has arrived at CP #1
0705	1006	WH L has CP #2
0720	1007	WH L has reached WH I CP at 0640
0755	1008	WH L has crossed CP 2 at 0745
0810	1009	K and I neg sit rep
0820	1010	M L C has departed at 0820
0825	1011	AG WH 3 L Co cannot proceed into areas O, B, C, R, Y. on their two day patrol.
0840	1012	WH L has crossed CP 3 at 260830
1020	1013	WH L has reached CP #5 at 1020
1100	1014	WH L is at CP #6
1200	1015	I, M, K and L neg sit rep
1350	1016	L is at (BT 040049)
1355	1017	WH 3 to WH L today confine operations to V
1400	1018	WH 24 to WH 2 training centre see mess
1430	1019	WH areas confined (see Mess).
1430	1020	WH L to WH sit rep see mess
1530	1021	WH position of combat patrol
1645	1022	Req pos (WH L TO WH) see mess
1730	1023	pat in pos WH L to WH 3 see mess
1730	1024	24 to WH 3 see mess
2000	1025	SW K, M, I and L neg sit rep
2020	1026	FF: ambushes
2035	1027	Road block report
2100	1028	M 1 A has dep
2130	1029	M 1 A has dep
2140	1030	I 3 A has cancelled patrol
2209	1031	From WH to WH 3 cancel pat or alter FF
2400	1032	WH M 6 A has dep
2400	1033	K, I, L, and M neg sitrep

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OPENED <sup>26</sup>270001H OCTOBER 1965CLOSED <sup>26</sup>272400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0132	1034	WH L - Negative Sit Rep
0225	1035	WH L - Negative Sit Rep
0330	1036	WH M A has returned
0335	1037	WH L Neg sit rep
0400	1038	WH I, K, M - Negative sit rep
0435	1039	WE M - 7A has departed
0610	1040	WH M 7A has returned
0715	1041	WH I 5C is departing
0825	1042	WH I has crossed CP #1 received heavy volume of fire
0830	1043	WH L are now at M-50 and moving to MV 32
0850	1044	WH I has crossed CP #2
0930	1045	WH I at CP #3
0945	1046	WH I at CP #4
0945	1047	WH did patrol captured weapons? WH TO WH I
0950	1048	WH I Captured no weapons
1000	1049	WH I patrol I 5C enemy contact (BT 433094) no casualties 3 VCS CAPTURED SEE MESS
1020	1050	WH L is at patrol base with patrol out see mess
1035	1051	WH L to WH 4 location of L see mess
1156	1052	WH I is returning to CP with 5 VCS
1159	1053	M, K, K and L neg sit rep
1149	1054	WH L to 24 request 8 trucks at (BT 465073)
1425	1055	WH L neg sit rep
1745	1056	SW 24 reports surveillance on artillery fire fission of 262100H: 2 VC KIA, 4 VC WIA. ARVN Body count
1745	1057	WH L sit rep- patrol base at (BT 406058)
1825	1058	There were 38 persons treated on WH M MEDCAP Patrol in LONG BINH.
1845	1059	AG 3 to SW 3 Info report see mess
1850	1060	AG to SW all personnel have rounded up by 3/12 all but one had a ID card let the rest go.
2000	1061	I, K, M, and L neg sit rep
2000	1062	PF: ambushes report
2000	1063	SW I roadblock report
2030	1064	WH M 10/A has departed
2035	1065	TS sends report of missing wallet see mess
2050	1066	WH I has departed
2132	1067	WH L neg contact
2227	1068	WH L negative contact
2345	1069	WH M 11/A has departed
2350	1070	WH L negative contact
2355	1071	WH M 11/A at CP 1
2400	1072	WH I, K, and M negative sit rep

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OPENED 280001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED 282400H OCTOBER 1965

TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0015	1073	sporadic fire and small explosion coming from airfield M reported some type of recoilless Rifle or rocket launcher.
0030	1074	K reported VC penetrating their lines also report 1 WIA arm and leg with sharpnel
0040	1075	area around airfield is being illuminated
0050	1076	K has activity to the rear of their lines checking for 3 VC.
0052	1077	light sporadic s/a fire being illuminated
0100	1078	K rep fire coming from West and North airfield . Illumination continues.
0107	1079	Ambulance is on the way to K position
0110	1080	Tanks are on 100% security
0120	1081	AG 3 reported possibility on a 2nd attack
0125	1082	SW 81's request 50 rds of resupply of illumination
0126	1083	K rep 4 people approx 400 yds to their front req per to check it out. Permission granted
0130	1084	C batt dead VC behind their position 1 wounded VC
0135	1085	sending one heavy section of tanks to K for rein two reported dead VC
0140	1086	Two reported dead VC were armed with grease guns grenades and sachel charges. Illumination continues
0150	1087	M Co reports 5 VC were armed with grease guns (BT 513068) fired at them but don't know if hit anyone .
0153	1088	Tanks are at K position begin search North of airfield with infantry
0200	1089	SW 24 reports all quiet
0215	1090	at 0130 81's ceased awaiting resupply flare plane took over illumination
0216	1091	WH L neg sit rep. choppers on way to K position with supply of illumination
0250	1092	Choppers arrived at 81's position with ammo resupply
0300	1093	K reported they did not find any bodies but did find a lot of blood, also K 6 said it was his opinion the VC used rocket launchers in their attack.
0330	1094	SW M to SW 3 M neg sit rep
0335	1095	WH L 1 sit rep neg contact
0340	1096	SW k reported they are searching in front of their lines, found two pouches on a belt full of grenades covered with blood. They are continuing to search in front of their lines.
0400	1097	SW k reported sit rep neg contact
0417	1098	81's are fire illumination on North end of the strip
0440	1099	AO be on Bn Tac Net for K sweep in mornign
0443	1100	K has one confirmed kill also found on him a Thompson sub-machine gun.
0445	1101	I has one confirmed kill also found on him a Thompson sub-machine gun.
0520	1102	SW K reported they just killed 1 VC with a submachine gun found on the VC

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OPENED 280001H OCTOBER 1965

CLOSED 282400H OCTOBER 1965

IN	TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESS GES, ORDERS
	OUT	#	
0535		1103	WH L Sit Rep Neg contact.
0545		1104	SW K reported receiving small arms fire approx 400 Meters to their left, of their 3d platoon.
0550		1105	2 Rein platoons on way to K position for sweep of high way
0600		1106	AG just reported that OXWOOD is commencing a sweep at 0615 from runway on West side to beach on east. will be on line.
0605		1107	SW 24 Neg contact
0610		1108	SW k fire fight of 0545 broke up before any contact was made K recieved approx 25 rds incoming
0620		1109	SW K jumped off on sweep at 0613.
0620		1110	Rosemount 5 WH 3 have 6 people running across rice paddy to villiage at coords (BT 487062).
0630		1111	SW M 10 & 11 A returned geg contact
0640		1112	WH L is departing from CP using same route to return neg sit rep
0645		1113	WH 3 to WH K will send a unit from I to search West of AN TAN. Maintain tight control of Huey utilize to full extent.
0645		1114	LY TIN Reports agent says VC attackers were demo squad from LONG BINH.
0655		1115	I sent a squad to search SW of AN TAN. VC reported they are hiding in tree line.
0700		1116	WH L is at CP 7
0710		1117	SW 3 to rosemount 4 at coords 487062 were PF's instruction LY TIN not to fire
0741		1118	WH K to WH 3 has heuy #1 in sight are opposite of WH I CP neg contact.
0742		1119	WH R to WH L is at CI #6
0750		1120	SW 24 neg sit rep



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OPENED 240001H OCTOBER 1965

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IN	TIME	OUT	SER #	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
	0700		1121	AG every available man to AN TAN
	0752		1122	AG seal off bridge coming and going
	0800		1123	K to close off East side of AN TAN
				I and M are taking West side
	0804		1124	K began moving to AN TAN
	0830		1125	L is at CP #5
	0900		1126	L is at CP #4
	0910		1127	K & I rep in pos at AN TAN
	0925		1128	M Co is stretched from river to Highway #1
	0928		1129	L is at CP #3
	0950		1130	M Co is in position
	0955		1131	L is at CP #2
	0955		1132	The forward CP is at (BT 498066)
	1010		1133	L Co is at CP #1
	1035		1134	L is at pickup point now awaiting transposition
	1040		1135	WH 3 to WH sit rep began search of vill. Cordon holding everything in. Search is being conducted by VN intelligence agent, Police Chief, FF Squad, a Marine Rifle Squad.
	1108		1136	WH 3 to WH Vill still cordon. Continuing, WH 6 departed for meeting with shove 6 WH 5 in command of Fwd CP
	1150		1137	WH 3 to WH search completed. 10 VCS being taken to LY TIN FOR interrogation. M&I going back to normal routine. K will sweep back from highway #1 to air strip. CP Fwd group returning
	1216		1138	WH K cont sweep back to airstrip
	1220		1139	WH I neg sit rep
	1307		1140	WH K now approaching K lines
	1312		1141	WH K sweep completed neg contact
	1445		1142	I bridge to WS 3 Squad patrol left bridge to find VC that fired 3 rds. Accompanied by a GySgt that knows where the VC is located. 1VN policeman and interpreter with patrol.
	1520		1143	S quad patrol returned. Could not find VC or spent cartridges.
	1600		1144	WH I to WH Sit Rep. Neg contact all secure
	1540	late	1145	SW 24 intelligence information
	1640		1146	SW 24 sends intelligence info on VC involved in sabotage of Chu Lai Airfield.
	1730		1147	BAS treated 30 villagers
	1930		1148	Road Block rep see mess
	2005		1149	SW M 8A has dep
	2007		1150	K, K, M, and L neg sit rep
	2140		1151	SW M 13 A has dep
	2255		1152	SW M 14 A has dep
	2315		1153	SW K request illumination of movement in front
	2330		1154	SW I 1 8A has returned
	2350		1155	At 2100 received Ison report from SW 24
	2400		1156	Sit Rep from SW K, I, L.

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TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0030	1157	Patrol M 13 A returned
0100	1158	Patrol M 15 A departed
0200	1159	SW 2/4 all secure
0245	1160	Patrol M 14 A returned
0400	1161	I, M, K and L neg sit rep
0545	1162	M 15 A has returned
0720	1163	AG 3 to SW request perm for PF to fire ATRY at coord (BT 438099), 446082, 439100 and 450085, perm denied.
0720	1164	SW I 9C dep
0800	1165	SW I, M, K, and I neg sit rep
0830	1166	AG 2 intelligence information see mess
1021	1167	AG reports Ontos in support of 2/4 hit land mine that blew off a track
1026	1168	Condition RED practice
1145	1169	Condition WHITE practice
1145	1170	I 9C has returned to this CP
1200	1171	M, K, I and L neg sit rep
1257	1172	M 6C has dep
1315	1173	M 6C has reached CP #1
1410	1174	M 16 C has returned
1430	1175	K is now displacing
1509	1176	M 16 C has returned
1530	1177	K is on the road and moving
1500	1178	K, L, M and I neg sit rep
1610	1179	K is in position ready to consolidate
1700	1180	Three reports from SW 24
1701	1181	From WH 3 to WH K subject inquiry on raid.
1707	1182	WH K is in position
1708	1183	BAS report 15 villagers treated in AN TAN and 28 in LONG BINH
1730	1184	FF ambush rep
1800	1185	SW I, K, L and M neg sit rep
2005	1186	M 17A departed
2010	1187	Road Block report
2011	1188	SW 2/4 Man from 2/4 over the hill his name is RUFFEL No shirt on heading for AN TAN.
2020	1189	Man from 2/4 found
2045	1190	SW 2/4 FF ambushes
2200	1191	M Co reported trip flare set off in front of lines figures were seen running
2200	1192	SW 2/4 all secure, K neg sit rep
2215	1193	M 18 A departed
2300	1194	SW 2/4 all secure
2300	1195	SW k reports neg contact
2400	1196	SW M, K, L and I neg sit rep

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TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0004	1197	WH M 18/A has returned
0100	1198	Gunshot and illumination from LY TIN reported by Hill 69
0210	1199	Hill 69 reports they have had contact
0230	1200	WH M 19/A has departed
0250	1201	WH M 19/A is now position
0400	1202	WH M, L, I and K neg sit rep
0545	1203	WH M 19/A is now in - neg contact
0730	1204	WH M 20/C now at CP #1
0812	1205	WH M I, L, K neg sit rep
0815	1206	WH M 20/C now at CP #2 commenced practice firing of 3.5 and 60mm MG at Hill 69
0817	1207	SW 24 neg sit rep
0840	1208	AG 3 WH placed on 100% alert - DA NANG being attacked
0850	1209	All companies notified to go on 100% alert
0850	1210	SW 24 reports action between IVC platoon and FF's
0900	1211	At 0630 gave permission to Flt Sgt from Amtracks to use one tractor to check out sampans in water to close to shore.
0915	1212	WH L found 1 block fused front of K lines North end of strip.
0935	1213	Secure from 100% alert all companies notified.
0935	1214	WH M 20/C is at CP #3
0935	1215	WH K reports on patrols and on night action
0945	1216	WH M 20/C is at CP #4
1015	1217	TS - Intelligence report
1029	1218	WH M 20 C has returned
1031	1219	WH K 3 at CP 1
1040	1220	Tanks given permission to secure from airfield to L from SW 3
1040	1221	WH M to 3 M company reports VN observing lines. They attempted to apprehend him. He fled and they fired one shot. He disappeared in the direction of airfield. L company alerted
1140	1222	WH 24 Intelligence see mess
1159	1223	WH K found 300-400 lbs of rice in town at E 40 request instructions as to disposition. Also 1 dragnet suspect same location.
1300	1224	M C patrol just returned
1300 LATE	1225	SW M - SW K does rice belong to any body? Do you know if rice belongs to VC can you carry it to A ty position
1340	1226	WH K - WH 3 return with 1 VCS see mess
1345	1227	AG e warning order be prepared to move one Co to DA NANG area by 1500
1346	1228	WH 3 to WH M be prepared to lift out at 1500
1355	1229	AG 2 to WH 3 send 1 section of 81's and 1 section of 106's w/co
1523	1230	WH 3 to WH K see mess
40	1231	Received word that plane is waiting for M Co at airfield.

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IN	TIME	OUT	SER #	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
1615			1232	SW L - SW 3 send REP Neg contact
		1615	1233	WH 3 - WH K, send dragnet suspect in by any means make sure blind folded tied & tagged
1640			1234	AG spotted 70-96 sailing sampans entering river
1722			1235	One more truck and move will be complete for M Co
1800			1236	H&S Platoon picked up one VCS at (BT 532077)
1801			1237	M req to take Mite (ok)
1810			1238	to all Co total black out 2030 to 0500
1818			1239	1st GV lift completed
1820			1240	Total of M Co 185
1840			1241	Trucks dispatched to pick up K
1805			1242	Land K informed of Black out
1825			1243	Primary pass word has been changed
1845			1244	Advice check with TS
1846			1245	Do we still link at M positions
1848			1246	WH K would like a clarification of FT FY.
1850			1247	alternate password in effect
1950			1248	RoadBlock report
1930			1249	PF Ambushes
2000			1250	K is back at CP moving into position
2015			1251	WH I all secure K has arrived
2040			1252	AG 3 to SW 3 at 2030 2/7 will set off a red cluster
2042			1253	K is in position
2105			1254	H&S Platoon has returned from airfield
2110			1255	GV will be down in and ready to go in 2 hours
2140			1256	There will be no rock crusher detail
2158			1257	I 10A has departed
2320			1258	WH I and K neg sit rep
2348			1259	WH I 11A has departed
2400			1260	The last of M Co troops have left
2400			1261	WH I, L, K neg sit rep

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TIME	SER	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT #	
0100	1262	SW 24 line check - all secure
0210	1263	WH I 10/A has returned - Neg Contact
0240	1264	WH I 11/A has returned - Neg Contact
0306	1265	WH K Negative Contact Sit Rep
0345	1266	WH 24 line check - All Secure
0359	1267	WH I and K Neg Sit Rep
0417	1268	WH L neg sit rep
0800	1269	WH L neg sit rep
0955	1270	SW K has one VCS taking him to Collection Point.
1155	1271	VCS picked up by K is qualified resident of area-is being released.
1130	1272	SW 24 reports 1 VC Co at (BT 390145). Request Arty fire
1140	1273	AO will launch
1150	1274	WH L Neg Sit Rep
1150	1275	WH I Neg Sit Rep
1230	1276	Incident #1273 VC Co intent is to ambush road clearing detail
1231	1277	I 12-C at CHECK POINT #1
1305	1278	AO reports does not see VC (1273) Co. returning to base.
142	1279	I 12-C at Check Point #2
142	1280	Whiskey to SW-3 receiving on WH K neg sit rep on Hill 69
1455	1281	RMK Trucks will be using MSR from LST ramp to RMK HQ, will continue until finished, might continue into the night.
1500	1282	I 12 C at Check point #4 is returning.
1510	1283	Impressive 3 called see mess
1522	1284	I 12 C has returned
1540	1285	SW L found two fresh graves see mess
1600	1286	85 people treated by MEDCAP in AN TAN
1645	1287	L platoon Loc total of 5 graves
1800	1288	PF Ambushes reports
1815	1289	SW 24 request fire mission: Granted
1958	1290	AG 5 BONNEY HERO will be firing at sea to turn away some boats.
2025	1291	Road Block Report
2035	1292	See mess from 24
2045	1293	L spotted 2 men tried to illum with tank spot light firing 81 illum now.
2110	1294	Rounds on the way fire mission at 312010
2110	1295	24 all secure
2345	1296	AG 3 req info on fire they heard coming from VIC boat launch area by stream bed.
2400	1297	SW K, L, K neg sit rep

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## Appendix (1) S-2 CHRONOLOGY

PATROL REPORT	021100H	Oct 65	W/OVERLAY
" "	061300H	Oct 65	W/OVERLAY
" "	081310H	Oct 65	"
" "	09093H	Oct 65	"
" "	121000H	Oct 65	"
" "	121300H	Oct 65	"
" "	141615H	Oct 65	"
" "	211430H	Oct 65	"
" "	220930H	Oct 65	"
" "	221500H	Oct 65	"

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Appendix (2)

## PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "L"  
 PLACE: CHU LAI  
 TIME: 021100H OCT 65

## RECON/COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON REINFORCED, 2ND PLATOON, COMPANY "L", 3/3
2. MISSION: FIND AND DESTROY VC AND OBSERVE AREA ALONG PATROL ROUTE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 020615H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 021100H
5. ROUTE: SEE ATTACHED OVERLAY
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 0705H, (BT 455075), RECEIVED THREE (3) ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE, PATROL MOVED TO VIC (BT 448075) ON THE HIGH GROUND WHERE THEY RECEIVED FIVE (5) MORE ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE AND HEARD ONE (1) GRENADE EXPLODE.
  - b. AT 0715H, PATROL SAW TWO (2) VN WITH RIFLES MOVE OUT TO HIGH GROUND VIC (BT 438072). PATROL PURSUED THEM BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
  - c. AT 1000H, PICKED UP PROPAGANDA LEAFLET (BT 459056) IN THE TRUNK OF A TREE.
  - d. AT (BT 453064), PATROL FOUND FOUR DRAWINGS IN THE SAND OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WEAPONS. ONE OF WHICH WAS POINTING TOWARD HILL 69.
  - e. HILL VIC (BT 453068), SEVERAL TUNNELS WERE FOUND, SOME OF WHICH WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. ALONG HIGHWAY ONE THE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY, BUT THE FARTHER FROM HIGHWAY ONE, THE LESS FRIENDLY PEOPLE BECOME.

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b. AT 0830H, VIC (BT 454068) PATROL STOPPED FOR 15 MINUTES.

8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:

a. 0630H, (BT 455075), PICKED UP ONE VCS FROM THE VILLAGE (AGE 26).

b. 0950H, (BT 456054), PICKED UP ONE MAN (AGE 26) WHO WAS JUST SITTING IN THE HOUSE.

BOTH MEN WERE FORWARDED TO COLLECTION POINT.

9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED.

a. GOOD.

b. NO CASUALTIES FROM VC CONTACT.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. THERE IS A DEFINATE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERPRETER ON ALL PATROLS IN THIS AREA.

b. THE RICE PADDIES IN THE AREA SOUTH AND EAST OF HILL 69 ARE COVERED WITH LEECHES.

c. AN EARLY START ON PATROLS IN THIS AREA GIVES A BETTER CHANCE OF ENCOUNTERING VC.

/s/J. Kerchner  
J. KERCHNER  
1/Lt USMC  
2D Plat/L/3/3

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER:

a. SEVERAL PATROLS HAVE RECEIVED FIRE FROM THE VILLAGE VIC (BT 451076). THIS SEEMS TO BE THE MOST ACTIVE AREA IN OUR TAOR.

/s/D. W. Stump  
D. W. STUMP  
1/Lt USMC  
S-2 Officer

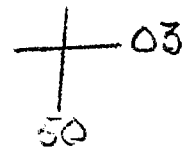
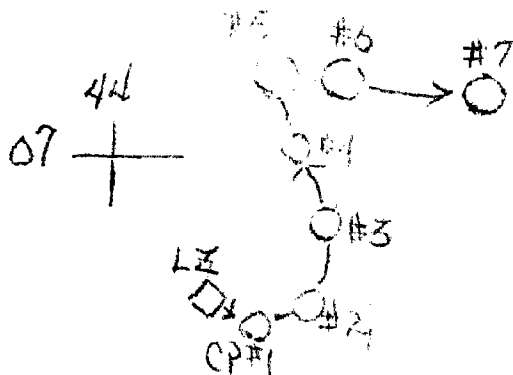
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PLACE: CHU LAI  
TOD: 020615H OCT 65  
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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 061300H OCT 65

RECON/MEDCAP PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON, 3D PLATOON, COMPANY "M", 3/3
2. MISSION: RECON AND TERRAIN FORM, MEDCAP
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 060800H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 061300H
5. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY ATTACHED
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. NO ENEMY CONTACTS.
  - b. NO SIGNIFICANT TERRAIN INFORMATION.
7. OTHER INFORMATION: NO SICK CALL HELD FOR LONG BINH SINCE CORPSMAN HAD ONLY UNIT #1'S.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY: NONE.
9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:
  - a. SATISFACTORY WITH NO CONTACT.
10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

/s/G. R. Young  
G. R. YOUNG  
SSgt USMC  
3D Plat/M/3/3

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: PATROL LEADER WAS NEVER INFORMED THAT A SENIOR CORPSMAN WAS TO GO ON PATROL. PATROL DEPARTED WITHOUT HIM. NO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN CIVILIANS BECAUSE ONLY UNIT #1'S WERE TAKEN BY PLATOON CORPSMEN.

/s/G. G. Drake  
G. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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UNIT: CO, "M"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TOD: 060800H  
TOR: 061300H  
POD: (BT 523054)  
POR: (BT 513064)  
3D PLATOON

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PATROL REPORT

UNIT: CO, "I"  
PLACE: CHU LAI  
TIME: 081310H OCT 65

COMBAT PATROL

MAPS: SERIES L701, SHEET 6757 III

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PATROL: PLATOON (MINUS), 2 SQUADS,  
3D PLATOON, COMPANY "I", 3/3
2. MISSION: CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL IN CONJUNCTION WITH ONE (1)  
PF PLATOON ALONG THE ASSIGNED ROUTE.
3. TIME OF DEPARTURE: 080700H
4. TIME OF RETURN: 081310H
5. ROUTE: SEE OVERLAY ATTACHED.
6. OBSERVATION - ENEMY AND TERRAIN:
  - a. AT 081035H, (BT 452074), EXTENSIVE TUNNEL SYSTEM LOCATED IN  
VILLAGE OF KHURONG THO (1).
  - b. AT 081150H, (BT 453068), HILL LOCATED THOSE COORDINATES HAS  
EXTENSIVE TUNNEL NETWORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH VILLAGE OF KY  
SONH (2), WELL HIDDEN AND AT LEAST 10' DOWN WITH SIDE GALLERIES.
7. OTHER INFORMATION:
  - a. A PSY WAR TEAM FROM LY TIN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ACCOMPANIED  
THE PATROL IN THE VILLAGE OF KHURONG THO (1) (BT 452074) THEY  
GAVE A TALK AND PASSED OUT LITERATURE. COMPANY "I" WAS IN  
THIS VILLAGE 3 DAYS AGO AND TODAY THE PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY  
AND NO NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED.
  - b. THE PEOPLE IN KRUNG THO (1) STATED THE VC COME TO THEIR VILLAGE  
AT NIGHT IN ABOUT SQUAD STRENGTH BUT NONE HAVE COME FOR ABOUT  
TEN DAYS.
  - c. WATER IS ABOUT 4" DEEP IN PADDIES AND RICE IS READY TO HARVEST.  
MOVEMENT IS DIFFICULT.
8. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY:
  - a. NO ENEMY CONTACT.
  - b. AT 081215H, ACCOMPANYING PF SHOT AT SUSPECTED VC (BT 456063)  
WITH NO CASUALTIES.

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9. CONDITION OF PATROL, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED:

- a. CONDITION GENERALLY GOOD AND NO CASUALTIES WERE TAKEN. IT IS NOTED THAT THE PFS HAD SOME DIFFICULTY KEEPING UP AT TIMES.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. RECOMMEND THAT MORE PATROLS WITH PF UNITS BE SCHEDULED. IT HELPS TRAIN PFS AND THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH PEOPLE AND TERRAIN.
- b. THAT THE HILL COMPLEX LOCATED VIC COORD (BT 453068) BE SEARCHED TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF TUNNELS AND THAT SAID TUNNELS BE BLOWN.
- c. THAT VC HAVE NOT BEEN IN AREA OF KRONG THO (1) AND KY SANH (2) FOR AT LEAST EIGHT DAYS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

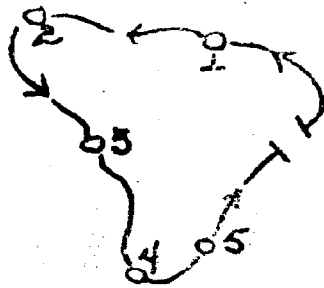
/s/J. R. Hartman  
J. R. HARTMAN  
1/Lt USMC  
1ST Plt/1/3/3

11. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY DEBRIEFER: FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF TUNNELS OR SEALING BY DEMOLITIONS MIGHT BE ADVISEABLE. A SMOKE GRENADE MIGHT REVEAL ENTRANCES.

/s/C. G. Drake  
C. G. DRAKE  
Capt USMC  
S-2 Officer

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1ST PLATOON, Co, "I"  
 TON: 080700H  
 TOR: 081310H  
 POD: (BT 466075)  
 POR: (BT 465072)

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From: CO, 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
 To: CO, 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #133 for period 301800H September 1965 to 011800H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured, Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Actions w/o Contact - 2

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducted one (1) squad-size night patrol w/o contact.
- (2) Company "K" remains as part of the airfield defense and in Regimental Reserve. Remains on two (2) hour alert in conjunction with Operation DAGGERTHRUST.
- (3) Company "L" remains as part of the airfield defense. Remains on two (2) hour alert in conjunction with Operation DAGGERTHRUST.
- (4) Company "M" conducted one (1) squad-size patrol w/o contact. Remains on two (2) hour alert in conjunction with Operation DAGGERTHRUST.
- (5) Civil Affairs treated 35 villagers in LONG BINH Village (BT 505071) during patrol of Co "M".
- (6) Attachments squad of Engineers from Co "B" 3d Engr Bn continues to clear mines vic Hill 69 (BT 465069). All attachments with the exception of LVT's, Tanks, and Ontos remain in a two (2) hour alert status in conjunction with Operation DAGGERTHRUST.

3. Plans and Intentions

- a. 1 October 1965 - SITREP #131
- b. 2 October 1965 - SITREP #132
- c. 3 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POI</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	Plat	030745H	031400H	(BT 467068)	(BT 464072)	
Co "I"	Sqd	040300H	040730H	(BT 469068)	(BT 469068)	(BT 460074)
Co "M"	Sqd	031100H	031400H	(BT 507063)	(BT 512068)	
Co "M"	Sqd	030500H	031000H	(BT 512068)	(BT 508063)	
Co "M"	Sqd	032000H	040001H	(BT 512067)	(BT 516059)	(BT 515071)
Co "M"	Sqd	032300H	040330H	(BT 512067)	(BT 512067)	(BT 501074)

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From: CO, 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
 To: CO, 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #134 for period 011800H to 021200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - one (1)

(1) Actions w/o Contact - three (3)

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" conducted one (1) squad-size night patrol w/o contact.

(2) Company "K" remains as part of the airfield defense. This unit will be placed on a thirty (30) minute alert status in support of Co "D" 3d Bn's operation.

(3) Company "L" conducted one (1) platoon-size patrol. The patrol received three (3) rounds vic (BT 454063). The patrol aggressively pursued the three (3) individuals who fired on them with negative results.

(4) Company "M" conducted two (2) squad-size patrols w/o contact.

(5) Civil Affairs medical team treated about fifty (50) people in the village of LONG BINH (BT 505071).

(6) Attachments remain in a six (6) hour alert status in conjunction with Operation DAGGER THRUST.

3. Plans and Intentions

a. 2 October 1965 - SITREP #132

b. 3 October 1965 - SITREP #133

c. 4 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	Sqd	041930H	050030H	(BT 467068)	(BT 467068)	(BT 463069)
Co "L"	Plat(Rein)	040600H	041500H	(BT 051088)	(BT 467073)	
Co "M"	Sqd	041930H	050100H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 500069)
Co "M"	Sqd	040700H	041200H	(BT 514057)	(BT 514056)	
Co "M"	Sqd	041200H	041700H	(BT 506052)	(BT 511058)	
Co "M"	Sqd	050045H	050330H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 505022)

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From: CO, 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
 To: CO, 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #135 for period 021800H to 031200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - 1 WIA - Friendly

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - One (1)

(1) Actions w/o Contact - Four (4)

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" conducted one (1) squad-size patrol that made enemy contact at 022200H coordinates (BT 453073). The patrol was taken under fire by an undetermined number of VC. Co "I" patrol immediately reacted by moving towards the snipers, pursuing the enemy with S/A fire. One Marine WIA resulted in the firefight. No known results were ascertained as to any damage inflicted on the enemy.

(2) Company "K" remains as part of the airfield defense. The company presently is on a thirty (30) minute alert status.

(3) Company "L" aggressively patrolled the vicinity of the rock crusher in defense of the rock crusher detachment of MCB-10 activity in that area.

(4) Company "M" conducted three (3) squad-size patrols w/o contact.

(5) Civil Affairs medical team treated eighty-six (86) people in AN TAN (BT 500067) and sixty-nine (69) people in LONG BINH (BT 505071).

(6) Attachments remain in general support of the battalion.

3. Plans and Intentions

a. 3 October 1965 - One platoon of Co "L" will relieve a platoon of Co "I" at roadblock for a twenty-four (24) hour period. The following patrol will be added to tonight's schedule.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "L"	Sqd	031915H	040100H	(BT 499066)	(BT 499066)	(BT 479064)

The following patrol will be deleted.

Co "I"	Sqd	040300H	040730H	(BT 467064)	(BT 460075)
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- b. 4 October 1965 - Co "I" will depart positions at 040001H and proceed to vicinity KHUONG THO (1) (BT 453075) with the mission to conduct a cordon and search operation in conjunction with LY TIN District Intelligence personnel, commencing at first light. Patrol as indicated in SITREP #136 (See attached overlay).

- c. 5 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "M"	Sqd	050500H	051000H	(BT 509061)	(BT 512067)	
Co "M"	Sqd	051030H	051530H	(BT 512067)	(BT 512067)	
Co "M"	Sqd	051930H	060030H	(BT 509072)	(BT 510070)	
Co "M"	Sqd	060300H	060700H	(BT 512078)	(BT 510070)	

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SITREP #136 for period 031800H to 041200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - None

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" is presently conducting a cordon and search of KHUONG THO (1). Also participating in the operation is a Popular Force unit in conjunction with Company "I".

(2) Company "K" remains as part of the airfield defense.

(3) Company "L" remains as part of the airfield defense. One (1) platoon relieved one (1) platoon of Company "I" on the bridge vic coord (BT 497067) for the duration of Company "I" operation. A squad size security detachment was sent to the vicinity of the rock crusher in support of MCB-10's activities.

(4) Company "M" conducted three (3) squad size patrols w/o contact.

(5) Civil Affairs medical team treated fifty-six (56) people in the village of LONG BINH (BT 505071).

(6) Attachments remain in general support of the battalion.

3. Plans and Intentions

a. 4 October 1965 - SITREP #134

b. 5 October 1965 - Company "K" is going to move from there present location on the CHU LAI airfield to vicinity of coord (BT 427067) where they will establish a company size patrol base. From this location they will conduct a two (2) day search and destroy operation

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in an assigned area (Ref our Frag Order 37-65). On the morning of 7 October two (2) platoons will return to a pick up point via coord (BT 470079) along prescribed patrol routes. One (1) platoon will remain in the vicinity of the company patrol base and establish a permanent OP/patrol base. It is planned that platoons on this OP will be rotated on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. Also see SITREP #135.

c. 6 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "M"	Plat	060800H	061300H	(BT 523054)	(BT 513064)	
Co "M"	Sqd	061200H	061600H	(BT 507062)	(BT 511066)	
Co "M"	Sqd	061930H	070100H	(BT 512066)	(BT 511064)	(BT 511069)
Co "M"	Sqd	070300H	070600H	(BT 508061)	(BT 508061)	(BT 503068)

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SITREP #137 for period 041800H to 051200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - Ten (10) Bouncing Betty ~~Anti-personnel~~ mines and one (1) booby-trapped 81mm Mortar round destroyed. All in area of (BT 459070).
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None
  - (1) Action w/o Contact - Four (4) completed patrols. One (1) squad-size patrol and one (1) company-size operation still in process. Negative contact as of this report.
- e. Enemy Captured - None
- f. Activity Summary
  - (1) Company "I" conducted one (1) squad-size patrol w/o contact.
  - (2) Company "K" presently conducting company-size operation of a duration of ~~three (3) days~~. As of this report they have had no enemy contact. See paragraph (2C).
  - (3) Company "L" remains as part of the airfield defense and assumes the role of Regimental Reserve.
  - (4) Company "M" conducted two (2) squad-size layout patrols and one (1) squad-size patrol w/o contact. One (1) squad-size medical assistance patrol to LONG BINH Village still in progress. Negative enemy contact as of this report.
  - (5) Civil Affairs medical team treated thirty-four (34) people in the village of LONG BINH (BT 505071).
  - (6) Attachments remain in direct support of the Battalion.

3. Plans and Intentions.

- a. 5 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct four (4) squad-size patrols. Company "K" will continue its company sweep and patrol action in vic of coord (BT 427067).

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- b. 6 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct four (4) squad-size patrols. Company "K" will continue its company-size operation. (See Paragraph 5A)

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- c. 7 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "M"	Plat	070800H	071300H	(BT 511067)	(BT 510060)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	071930H	080030H	(BT 510060)	(BT 511067)	(BT 506065)
Co "M"	Sqd	071100H	071600H	(BT 511060)	(BT 518060)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	080200H	080630H	(BT 511060)	(BT 518060)	(BT 511067)
Co "I"	Sqd	071930H	080030H	(BT 467068)	(BT 467068)	(BT 463069)

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SITREP #138 for period 051800H to 061200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Four (4) squad-size patrols without contact. One (1) company-size operation still in progress with no contact.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" maintained defensive position on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MLR.

(2) Company "E" presently conducting company-size operation of a duration of two (2) more days.

(3) Company "L" remains as part of the airfield defense and assumes the role of Regimental Reserve Company.

(4) Company "M" conducted three (3) squad-size patrols w/o contact. One squad-size patrol with medical team in progress in LONG BINH Village.

(5) Civil Affairs medical team treated one-hundred and fifty (150) villagers in LONG BINH Village.

(6) Attachments remain in direct support of the Battalion.

3. Plans and Intentions

a. 6 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct four (4) squad-size patrols. Co "K" will continue its company-size operation.

b. 7 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct one (1) platoon-size and three (3) squad-size patrols. Co "I" will conduct one (1) squad-size patrol. See patrols for 8 October.

c. 8 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below.

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UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
* Co "M"	Plat	070700H	08as directed	(BT 470079)	(BT 470079)	
Co "M"	Sqd	081300H	081600H	(BT 513059)	(BT 513059)	
Co "M"	Sqd	090200H	090630H	(BT 512059)	(BT 512059)	(BT 508066)
Co "I"	Plt(-)	080700H	081400H	(BT 466075)	(BT 465072)	
	w/PT Plt					
Co "I"	Sqd	081930H	082400H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 467073)

\* Add to 7 October patrols.

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SITREP #139 for period 061800H to 071200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Three (3) squad-size patrols completed, and one (1) platoon-size and one (1) company-size patrol.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" maintained defensive positions on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge.

(2) Company "K" is presently conducting company-size operation. The company has made no enemy contact during the reporting period.

(3) Company "L" remains as part of the airfield defense and assumes the role of Regimental Reserve. The company also provided security for the rock crusher throughout the night.

(4) Company "M" conducted three (3) squad-size patrols w/o contact.

(5) G&S Company, in conjunction with Co "L" provides a detachment for defense of the airfield.

(6) Attachments remain in direct support of the Battalion.

3. Plans and Intentions

a. 7 October 1965 - Company "M" has two (2) squad-size patrols and one (1) combat platoon-size patrol. Company "I" has one (1) squad-size patrol.

b. 8 October 1965 - Company "I" has one (1) platoon-size and one (1) squad-size patrol. Company "M" has one (1) platoon and two (2) squad-size patrols.

c. 9 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I" Sqd		091900H	092400H	(BT 498066)	(BT 498068)	(BT 497063)
Co "I" Sqd		092100H	100200H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 473069)
Co "M" Sqd		090000H	091300H	(BT 511067)	(BT 510060)	
Co "M" Sqd		091930H	092400H	(BT 515064)	(BT 515064)	(BT 517068)
Co "M" Sqd		091200H	091600H	(BT 518060)	(BT 518060)	
Co "M" Sqd		100200H	100600H	(BT 511060)	(BT 518060)	(BT 511067)

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SITREP #140 for period 071800H to 081200H October 1965

1. General. During the reporting period, Company "K", reacting on intelligence, was helolifted during the hours of darkness to an objective area. The night helo movement was conducted smoothly receiving sporadic sniper fire during touch-down from vicinity of KY LONG (1) Village (BT 436032).

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Four (4) completed patrols. Currently, Co "M" and Co "I" are each conducting one (1) platoon-size patrol and Co "K" is conducting a company-size patrol.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" maintains defensive positions on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge. Also, the company is currently conducting one (1) platoon-size patrol which has made no enemy contact during the reporting period.

(2) Company "K", in rapid reaction to intelligence, conducted a night helo-borne operation, landing at (BT 435055). They effectively joined with a platoon from Co "M" who were in the area. They are continuing to patrol the area scheduled to return to the airfield approx 081500H October.

(3) Company "L" continue as airfield defense company. Conducted rock crusher patrol w/o contact.

(4) Company "M" continued their platoon-size patrol in the Western portion of 3/3 TAOR. Conducted one (1) Squad-size layout patrol w/o contact is presently conducting a squad-size MEDCAP patrol in vic of LONG BINH Village.

(5) H&S Company, in conjunction with Co "L" provides a detachment for defense of the airfield.

(6) Attachments remain in direct support of the Battalion.

(7) Civil Affairs presently conducting a medical assistance program in LONG BINH Village. The Marines of this Battalion have not sent home for medical supplies and soap, in view of reported availability of these items through local USOM channels.

(8) Psychological Warfare Company "I" patrol, accompanied by PT's and interpreter conducted Psychological Warfare lectures while passing through the village of KHUONG THO (1).

### 3. Plans and Intentions

- a. 8 October 1965 - Company "I" has one (1) platoon-size and one (1) squad-size patrol. Company "M" has one (1) platoon-size and two (2) squad-size patrols.
- b. 9 October 1965 - Company "I" has two (2) squad-size patrols. Company "M" has four (4) squad-size patrols and one (1) platoon size patrol.
- c. 10 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOC</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	Plat.	100800H	101500H	(BT470079)	(BT470079)	(BT439009)
Co "I"	Sqd.	102100H	110100H	(BT468068)	(BT468068)	(BT467073)
Co "M"	Sqd.	100900H	101400H	(BT513063)	(BT506062)	
Co "M"	Sqd.	102230H	110300H	(BT510060)	(BT516064)	(BT506067)
Co "M"	Sqd.	101100H	101600H	(BT506062)	(BT513063)	
Co "M"	Sqd.	101930H	110030H	(BT512060)	(BT516064)	(BT509074)
Co "M"	Plat.	100800H	12 as directed	(BT466073)	(BT468075)	

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SITREP #141 for period 081800H to 091200H October 1965

1. General. No change

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Two (2) completed patrols. Currently Co "N" and Co "L" are each conducting one (1) platoon size patrol. One (1) squad size MEDCAP patrol in process from "M" Co.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" - Maintains defensive positions on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge.

(2) Company "K" - continues as airfield defense and Regimental Reserve Company. Will conduct a counter-attack rehearsal at 091330H to blocking positions Echo and Golf.

(3) Company "J" - Reacting to intelligence, a squad was dispatched to provide security for the rock crusher detail at the rock quarry. One (1) platoon is currently conducting a patrol in western portion of 3rd Bn, 3rd Mar. TACR.

(4) Company "M" - Continuing their platoon-size patrol in the western portion of 3/3 TACR. Conducted one (1) squad layout patrol. Is presently conducting MEDCAP patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH village.

(5) Attachments remain in general support of the Battalion.

(6) Civil Affairs - A MEDCAP patrol to LONG BINH village and treated 128 villagers.

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3. Plans and Intentions

- a. 9 October 1965 - Company "I" has two (2) squad-size patrols. company "M" has four (4) squad-size patrols and one platoon size patrol. Company "L" continues its platoon-size patrol.
- b. 10 October 1965 - Company "I" has one (1) platoon and one (1) squad-size patrol. Company "M" has Four (4) squad-size patrols and one (1) platoon size patrol.
- c. 11 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOB</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	Plat.	112300H	120600H	(BT468068)	(BT468068)	(None)
Co "I"	Plat.	110730H	11400H	(BT468068)	(BT468068)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	111300H	111600H	(BT510060)	(BT510060)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	110730H	111200H	(BT510060)	(BT510060)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	11930H	1112400 H	(BT510060)	(BT510060)	(BT505060)
Co "M"	Sqd	120300H	120700H	(BT510060)	(BT510060)	(BT518067)

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SITREP #142 for period 091800H to 101200H October 1965

1. Highlights. Company "I" is utilizing two (2) Ontos to accompany a platoon size patrol conducting a search and clear operation along National Route 1.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. None.
  - b. None.
  - c. None.
  - d. None.
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Five (5) completed patrols. Currently, Companies "I" and "M" are each conducting one (1) platoon size patrol. Company "M" is presently conducting one (1) MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH and one (1) squad recon patrol.
  - e. Enemy Captured - None.
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company "I" maintains defensive positions on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge. The company is presently conducting one (1) platoon size patrol forward of the MLR.
    - (2) Company "K" continues as airfield defense and regimental reserve company.
    - (3) Company "L" provided security for the rock crusher detail at the rock quarry.
    - (4) Company "M" presently is conducting one (1) platoon size patrol, one (1) MEDCAP patrol in SONG BINH, and one (1) squad recon patrol.
    - (5) Supporting Units - Ontos platoon is currently participating in a platoon size search as part of a blocking force for the Company "I" platoon patrol.

- (6) Civil Affairs - A MEDCAP patrol to AN TAN treated 92 villagers. Company "M" is presently conducting a MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH.

3. Plans and Intentions

- a. 10 October 1965 - Company "I" has one (1) platoon-size patrol and one (1) squad-size patrol. Company "M" has four (4) squad-size patrols and one (1) platoon-size patrol.
- b. 11 October 1965 - Company "I" has two (2) platoon-size patrols. Company "M" has four (4) squad-size patrols.
- c. 12 October 1965

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "M"	Sqd	122300H	130300H	(BT510060)	(BT510065)	(BT505068)
Co "M"	Sqd	120900H	121400H	(BT510060)	(BT511064)	(None)
Co "M"	Sqd	130300H	130630H	(BT510062)	(BT510062)	(BT523056)
Co "M"	Sqd	121430H	121730H	(BT510062)	(BT510062)	(None)
Co "M"	Plat	120800H	14 as dir	(BT466073)	(BT466073)	(None)

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From: CO 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
To: CO 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #143 for period 1018004 to 1112004 October 1965

1. Highlights. A rifle platoon (rein) from Company "M" continues its three day saturation patrolling from its base camp in the western portion of Third Battalion, Third Marines T&OR. As a result of the coordination and joint efforts of a platoon-size patrol from Company "I" along with officials and personnel of LY TIN District Headquarters, conducting a search and clear operation along National Route 1, the 65 VCS that were captured were interrogated and 12 were detained for further questioning. These 12 VCS will be delivered to the fourth Marines collection point. The HAMLET Chief of the area spoke to the remaining 53 persons, explaining the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS role and purpose in the day's activities, and allowed them to return to their homes. The Battalion Surgeon treated 41 villagers in the vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed patrols. Currently Company "M" is conducting one squad size and one platoon size patrol. Company "I" is conducting one platoon size patrol.

e. Enemy Captured - None.

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducts aggressive patrolling to both front and rear of its positions on Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge. The company is currently conducting one platoon size patrol.
- (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of the airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company "L" provided security for the rock crusher detail at the rock quarry and continues as part of the airfield defense perimeter. ~~Practice~~ firing of 60MM Mortars is also being conducted.

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- (4) Company "M" is presently conducting one platoon-size and one squad size patrol.
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Civil Affairs - Battalion Surgeon treated 41 people in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- (7) Psychological Warfare - Hamlet Chief of the area where the Company "M" operation took place spoke to 53 villagers explaining our role and purpose in helping their people.

### 3. Plans and Intentions

- a. 11 October 1965 - Company "M" has two platoon-size patrols. Company "M" has four squad-size patrols and a platoon size patrol.
- b. 12 October 1965 - Company "M" has one platoon size patrol and four squad-size patrols.
- c. 13 October 1965

Unit	Size	TOD	TOR	POR	AMBUSH
M Co	SQD	131100H	131600H	(BT510062)	(BT510062)
M Co	SQD	132230H	140230H	(BT510060)	(BT510060)
M Co	SQD	140001H	140400H	(BT510060)	(BT510064)
M Co	SQD	130700H	131200H	(BT516064)	(BT512062)
I Co	Plat	130830H	131400H	(BT565072)	(BT469070)
I Co	SQD	140200H	140600H	(BT479066)	(BT479066)
					(BT476060)

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From: CO 3rd Bn (Rein) 3rd Marines  
 To: CO 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #144 for period 111800H to 121200H October 1965

1. Highlights. The Third Battalion, Third Marines is continuing aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield. One platoon from Company "M" returned from its three day patrol and another platoon from Company "M" relieved them in place and continued the patrolling. Company "I" is conducting a platoon size patrol along the western side of National Route 1 northwest from Hill 69.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - One

(1) Action w/o Contact - Four completed patrols. Currently Company "M" is conducting one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH and one platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 100 (GS 433069). Company "I" is conducting one platoon size patrol along the western side of National Route 1 northwest from Hill 69.

(2) <u>Block Scores</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Unit/Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>
<u>Coordinates</u>	120730H	Combat Patrol	"M" 3/3 None	Unknown
(BT 433088)				

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducts vigorous patrolling to the front and rear of its positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill 69. The company is currently conducting one platoon size patrol along the western side of National Route 1 northwest from Hill 69.
- (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of the airfield and as regimental reserve company. The company is rehearsing regimental counter attack plans by practicing movement into blocking positions. Training and firing of 60MM Mortars is also being conducted.
- (3) Company "L" continues as part of the airfield defense perimeter. Training and firing of 60MM Mortars is also being conducted.

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- (4) Company "M" is presently conducting one platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 100 and one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070). Training and firing of 60MM Mortars is also being conducted. One patrol for today was cancelled. At 120730H a platoon size patrol at (BT 425089) received approximately ten rounds of small arms fire from (BT 433088). The platoon advanced by fire and maneuver but VC withdrew prior to contact being established.

(5) Supporting Units - None

- (6) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol from Company "M" promoting good will and providing medical aid to people in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070). 31 people were treated during the last MEDCAP patrol.

(7) Psychological Warfare - None

### 3. Plans and intentions

- a. 13 October 1965 - Company "M" will have four squad size patrols along the MLR. Company "I" will have one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad size patrol in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge.
- b. 12 October 1965 - Company "M" will have four squad size patrols along the MLR. Company "I" will have one platoon size patrols in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad size patrol in vicinity of AN TAN BRIDGE.
- c. 14 October 1965

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
L Co	Plat	140600H	161400H	(BT 450085)	(BT 447088)	
M Co	Sqd	142200H	150200H	(BT 501060)	(BT 510060)	(BT 506066)
M Co	Sqd	150300H	150630H	(BT 516064)	(BT 510060)	(BT 511067)
M Co	Sqd	141230H	141700H	(BT 513064)	(BT 513064)	
14000	Sqd	140800H	141300H	(BT 513064)	(BT 513064)	
1400	Plat	142230H	150700H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	

NOTE: The above patrols will be modified by plans for a Battalion (-) operation now being prepared for 14 OCT.

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SITREP #145 for period 121800H to 131200H October 1965

1. Highlights. In response to spot intelligence, Company "L" is to be helilifted at approximately 131200H to vicinity (BT 405055), to act as a striking force against 30 plus VC spotted by a Reconnaissance platoon. In approximately 30 minutes time Company "L" with attachments was ready to mount out upon arrival of helicopters. Expected duration unknown at this time.

Remainder of Third Battalion, Third Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield. One platoon from Company "M" continues on the second day of a three day combat patrol in the vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 468069). Company "I" has one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad size patrol was conducted in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge. MEDCAP patrol from Company "M" treated 85 people in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

- (1) Action w/o Contact - Five completed patrols. Currently Company "M" is conducting one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 468069). Company "I" is conducting one platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 69.

- e. Enemy Captured - None

- f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducts aggressive patrolling to front and rear of positions on the MLR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill 69. One platoon size patrol is currently being conducted in vicinity of Hill 69.
- (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company "L" continued as part of airfield defense perimeter until called upon to act as a mobile striking force against 30 + VC spotted by Reconnaissance Platoon in vicinity (BT 405055). As of this report Company "L" should be helilifted by 1200.

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- (4) Company "M" is presently conducting one platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 468069), as well as maintaining its position on the MLR. The platoon patrol is being dispatched to the area of reported VC activity to reinforce Company "L".
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol from Company "M" promoted good will and provided medical aid for 85 people in LONG BINH (BT 505070).
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None

### 3. Plans and Integrations

- a. 13 October 1965 - Company "M" has one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 468069) which is moving to (BT 405055), and three squad size patrols on MLR. Company "I" will have one platoon size patrol and one squad size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69.
- b. 14 October 1965 - Company "I" will conduct a platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 69. Company "L" will conduct a platoon size patrol in the vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 468069). Company "M" will conduct three squad size patrols to front and rear of MLR.
- c. 15 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co "I"	PLT.	150800H	151500H	(BT 468068)	(BT 466074)	
Co "I"	SQD.	152130H	160130H	(BT 467068)	(BT 467068)	(BT 460068)
Co "I"	SQD.	152230H	160230H	(BT 467068)	(BT 467068)	(BT 465074)

NOTE: The above patrols will be modified by plans for a Battalion (-) operation now being prepared, which has been postponed one day until 15 Oct.

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SITREP #146 for period 131800H to 141200H October 1965

1. Highlights. Company "L" responded to spot intelligence and was helilifted to vicinity (BT 405055), acting as a striking force against VC spotted by a Reconnaissance platoon. Company "L" located six 5-gallon cans of Kerosene at coord (BT 402048), one dead VC at coord (BT 420048). Determined to be a result of earlier VC encounter by Reconnaissance platoon patrol, critically wounded one VC (LOW) at coord (BT 397050), capturing one 7.62mm carbine and ammo, and uncovered approximately two tons of rice along with salt and grain. A platoon size patrol from Company "I" with a team of engineers used 450 lbs. of C-4 and blew 125 meters of tunnels, and 4 spider holes. There was nothing in them. This took place at coord (BT 454068).

Remainder of Third Battalion, Third Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the T.AOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - 2 VC KIA
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - one Carbine rifle captured / ammo.
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - six 5-gallon cans of Kerosene captured plus approximately 2 tons of rice with salt and grain. Poured kerosene over salt and burned it. Bringing in salt sample and kerosene cans for possible intelligence use.
- d. Total number of contacts - One
  - (1) Action w/ Contact - Four completed patrols. Currently Company "L" and one platoon from Company "M" are conducting a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of (BT 398047). Company "I" will conduct one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill #69.

(2) Block Scores

Coordinates	DTG	ACTION	UNIT/LOSSES	ENEMY LOSSES
(BT 397050)	131733H	Combat Patrol	Co "L" None	One VC KIA

- e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducts aggressive patrolling to front and rear of positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill #69.

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- (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company "L" conducts aggressive patrolling in vicinity of (BT 398047) after uncovering approximately 2 tons of rice at these coordinates along with salt and grain.
- (4) Company "M" presently has one platoon size patrol under Company "L" OpCon in the vicinity of (BT 398047) as well as maintaining its position of the MLR.
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Civil Affairs - None
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None

3. 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Two
- b. No. of night patrols - Four
- c. No. of day contacts - one
- d. No. of night contacts - none
- e. No. of ambushes - Three

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 14 October 1965 - Company "I" will conduct a platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill #69. Company "M" will conduct three squad size patrols to front and rear of MLR.
- b. 15 October 1965 - Third Battalion, Third Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct a 2 company size operation in vicinity of grid squares 3714, 3715, 3814, 3815, 3914, and 3915. Map series L701, 6757 III, 6757 IV. Company "I" will conduct one platoon size patrol and two squad size patrols in vicinity of Hill #69.
- c. 16 October 1965 - Continuation of Battalion (-) operation. MEDCAP patrol from Company "I" will be working in LONG BINH Hamlet, and patrols will cover the MLR positions of the companies.

  
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SITREP #147 for period 141800H to 151200H October 1965

1. Highlights. Company "L" and one platoon from Company "M" retracted by helicopter to the Battalion area after successfully completing a two day search and destroy operation outside of TAOR. By 141800H all troops had returned and 145 bags of rice brought in totalling approximately 9000 lbs. Company "M" had one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) treating 29 people. Third Battalion, Third Marines (-) operation planned for 15 October has been temporarily postponed. Remainder of Third Battalion, Third Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - None
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Four completed patrols. Currently Company "I" has a platoon size patrol forward of Hill 69. Company "M" has one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
  - e. Enemy Captured - None
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company "I" conducts aggressive patrolling to front and rear of positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill 69. Currently one platoon size patrol is operating to the north and west of Hill 69.
    - (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
    - (3) Company "L" maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield.
    - (4) Company "M" maintains its position on MLR with aggressive patrolling to both front and rear. Currently, Company "M" is conducting a MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
    - (5) Supporting Units - None
    - (6) Psychological Warfare - None

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3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - two
- b. No. of night patrols - four
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - two

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 15 October 1965 - Company "I" will conduct one platoon size patrol and two squad size patrols in vicinity of Hill 69. Company "M" conducts a MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- b. 16 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct three squad size patrol in vicinity of MLR and one squad size recon/Med. Assist in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- c. 17 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	FOR	FOR	AMBUSH
Co "I"	SQUAD	172300H	180230H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 472068)
Co "I"	SQUAD	172400H	180330H	(BT 497066)	(BT 497066)	(BT 496063)
Co "M"	SQUAD	172200H	180200H	(BT 501060)	(BT 510060)	(BT 506066)
Co "M"	SQUAD	180300H	180630H	(BT 516064)	(BT 510060)	(BT 511067)
Co "M"	SQUAD	171230H	171700H	(BT 513064)	(BT 513064)	
Co "M"	SQUAD	170600H	171300H	(BT 513064)	(BT 513064)	

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SITREP #148 for period 151800H to 161200H October 1965

1. Highlights. Platoon size patrol from Company "I" apprehended 3 VCS, one at each of the following coordinates: (BT 444083), (BT 456066), and (BT 463068). VCS forwarded to CHU LAI collection point. Company "M" had one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) treating people. Remainder of Third Battalion, Third Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

- (1) Action w/o Contact - Four completed patrols. Currently Company "M" has one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).

- e. Enemy Co. Killed - None

- f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" conducts aggressive patrol to front and rear of positions of MLR, AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69.
- (2) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company "L" maintains its position of perimeter defense of the airfield.
- (4) Company "M" continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of position on MLR. Currently Company "M" has one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Psychological Warfare - Pamphlets are being picked up to be used on 17 October 1965 in Battalion (+) operation.

- (7) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol from Company "M" treated 100 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).

3. Patrol information

- a. No. of day patrols - three
- b. No. of night patrols - four
- c. No. of day contacts - none
- d. No. of night contacts - none
- e. No. of ambushes - two

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 16 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct three squad size patrols in vicinity of MLR and one squad size recon/medassist in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- b. 17 October 1965 - 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct Operation Triple Play, a 2 Company size operation in vicinity of grid square 3714, 3715, 3815, 3914 and 3915. Map series L701, 6757III, 6757IV. Company "I" will conduct two squad sized patrols in vicinity of Hill 69.
- c. 18 October 1965 - Continuation Operation Triple Play, and patrol as indicated below.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
"H&S"	SQUAD	180900H	181400H	(BT 516005)	(BT 511061)	
"H&S"	SQUAD	181300H	181630H	(BT 511061)	(BT 511061)	
"H&S"	SQUAD	182330H	190300H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 521061)
"H&S"	SQUAD	190300H	190630H	(BT 510061)	(BT 510061)	(BT 503038)

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SITREP #149 for period 161800H to 171200H October 1965

1. Highlights - Third Battalion, Third Marines (-) (Rein) prepare to move out in OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY a two Company size operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI. Remainder of Third Battalion, Third Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - None
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Two completed patrols Currently, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) Rein is preparing to embark on OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY a two day operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI. H&S Company is providing one M&C&P patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070), and one squad size combat patrol in vicinity of MLR of Company "I" and Company "M".
  - e. Enemy Captured - None
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company "I" prepares to take part in OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY a Battalion (-) (Rein) operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.
    - (2) Company "M" prepares to take part in OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY a Battalion (-) (Rein) operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.
    - (3) Company "I" maintains positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69 with aggressive patrolling to front and rear. Company "I" has two (2) squad size patrols, one in vicinity of Hill 69 and one in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge.
    - (4) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of the airfield and as regimental reserve company.

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- (5) H&S Company is providing one RECON patrol in vicinity of MLR of Company "I" and Company "M".
- (6) Supporting Units Tanks, Ontos, 81 Mortars, Artillery and engineers prepare to support 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.
- (7) Psychological Warfare Four (4) types of pamphlets are prepared for distribution by Marine and South Vietnamese troops during the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine (-) (Rein) operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI, scheduled to begin on this date.
- (8) Civil Affairs None

3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - two (2)
- b. No. of night patrols - None
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - None

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 17 October 1965 - 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) prepares to conduct OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, a two (2) Company size operation in vicinity of grid square 3714, 3715, 3815, 3914 and 3915. Map series 4701, 675 III, 6757 IV. Company "I" will conduct two squad sized patrols in vicinity of Hill 69, and H&S Company will conduct two squad size patrols; one in vicinity of MLR on Company "I" and Company "M" positions, and one RECON patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- b. 18 October 1965 - Third Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY to begin at 180700H. H&S Company will conduct four (4) squad size patrols. One is a RECON/RECON ASSIST in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070), and the other three (3) are in vicinity of MLR positions of Companies "I" and "M".
- c. 19 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POB	FOR	AMBUSH
Co "M"	SQD	190900H	191400H	(BT 516065)	(BT 511061)	
Co "M"	SQD	191300H	191630H	(BT 511061)	(BT 511061)	
Co "M"	SQD	192330H	200300H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 521061)
Co "M"	SQD	200300H	200630H	(BT 510061)	(BT 511061)	(BT 503068)

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SITREP #150 for period 171800H to 181200H October 1965

1. Highlights - At approximately 181115H, Third Battalion, Third Marines (-) (Rein) was helilifted from the MLR to begin OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, a two (2) company size operation approximately 12 miles North of CHU LAI. The battalion along with support from artillery, Ontos, Tanks, and engineers will be conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity of grid squares 3714, 3715, 3814, 3815, 3914 and 3915, Map Series L701, 6757 III and 6757 IV.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - None
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Two completed patrols. Currently 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) was helilifted at approximately 181115H to begin OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, a two (2) company size operation approximately 12 miles North of CHU LAI. H&S Company is providing a MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
  - e. Enemy Captured - None
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company "L" was helilifted at approximately 181115H to begin OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, a two (2) company size operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.
    - (2) Company "M" was helilifted at approximately 181115H to begin OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, a two (2) company size operation approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.
    - (3) Company "I" maintains positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69 with aggressive patrolling to front and rear.
    - (4) Company "K" maintains its position on perimeter defense of the airfield and as regimental reserve company.
    - (5) H&S Company will conduct four (4) squad size patrols. One is a RECON/NEO ASSIST in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070); and the other three (3) are in vicinity of MLR positions of Companies "I" and "T".
    - (6) Supporting Units - Tanks, Ontos, Artillery and Engineers pre-in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, approximately 12 miles north of CHU LAI.

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- (7) Psychological Warfare - Four (4) types of pamphlets were distributed to be passed by Marine and South Vietnamese troops to villages in area of operation of OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, being conducted at this time approximately 12 miles North of CHU LAI.

- (8) Civil Affairs - None

3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - One
- b. No. of night patrols - One
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - One

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 18 October 1965 Third Battalion, 3rd Marines (-) (Rein) is at present conducting OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, begun at approximately 181115H. H&S Company will conduct four (4) squad size patrols. One is a RECON/MED ASSIST in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) and the other three (3) are in vicinity of MLR positions of Companies "I" and Company "M".
- b. 19 October 1965 Continue OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY. H&S Company will conduct four (4) squad size patrols in vicinity of MLR of positions of Company "I" and Company "M".
- c. 20 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
H&S Co. SQD		202200H	210130H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 506072)
H&S Co. SQD		200800H	201300H	(BT 510063)	(BT 510063)	
H&S Co. SQD		200500H	200900H	(BT 510063)	(BT 510063)	
H&S Co. SQD		210200H	210500H	(BT 510062)	(BT 510062)	(BT 505069)
Co. "I" SQD		202000H	210330H	(BT 498067)	(BT 498067)	(BT 494065)
Co. "I" SQD		202200H	210630H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT

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SITREP # 151 for period 181800H to 191200H October 1965

1. Highlights - As of latest report on OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, 8 VC have been killed, 6 VC captured, 18 VCS, one carbine and two M-26 grenades captured. No friendly casualties. Remainder of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance, relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

- (1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed patrols. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) have so far totaled 8 VC kills, 6 VC captured, 18 VCS and one carbine and two grenades captured on OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, approximately 12 miles North of CHU LAI.

- e. Enemy Captured - None during this reporting period.

- f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" - maintains positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill 69 with aggressive patrolling to front and rear.
- (2) Company "K" - maintains its position on perimeter defense of the airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company "L" - continues OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY
- (4) Company "M" - continues OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY
- (5) H&S Company - will conduct four squad size patrols. One is a RECON/REC ASSIST in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070), and the other three are in vicinity of MLR positions of Companies "I" and "M".
- (6) Supporting Units - Tanks, Ontos, Artillery and Engineers are in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) on OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY, approximately 12 miles North of CHU LAI.

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- (7) Psychological Warfare - Four types of pamphlets are being distributed by Marine and South Vietnamese troops to villages in area of OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY. One pamphlet is a six picture poster concerning the success of Operation STARLIGHT. Second one asks the villagers to destroy existing punji traps because they only hurt innocent women and children since Marines have boots which are invulnerable to these traps. Third one offers medical aid to VC who will turn themselves in and promise not to fight for the VC again. Fourth one requests cooperation of Vietnamese with Marines and ARVN's to destroy the Viet Cong.

- (8) Civil Affairs - None

3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - one
- b. No. of night patrols - two
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - two

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 19 October 1965 - Continue OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY. HAS Company will conduct four squad size patrols. One is a RECON/MED ASSIST in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070), and the other three are in vicinity of MLR positions of Companies "I" and "M".
- b. 20 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct four squad size patrols, one a recon, MED ASSIST and three in vicinity of MLR. Company "I" has one squad size patrol in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge and one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69.
- c. 21 October 1965

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	Plt.	210830H	211500H	(BT 456085)	(BT 469076)	
Co "I"	Plt.	212300H	221000H	(BT 468068)	(BT 470079)	

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SITREP #152 for period 191800H to 201200H October 1965

1. Highlights. - As a result of OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY the following was accomplished; 9 VC killed, 6 VC captured, 20 VC suspects held, 2 weapons captured (one French carbine and one Chicom carbine), 2 grenades (M-26) captured also Huey helicopters accounted for one definite VC kill and possibly several others. These choppers were extremely helpful in assisting the Battalion CO to control the search operation, and also in spotting VC in the rice paddies below them. On one occasion the Huey landed, picked up a rifle platoon commander, flew him over the rice paddy area where VC were spotted and returned the platoon commander to his platoon in order that he could lead his platoon through the area. Several VC were caught hiding in the rice paddies under water breathing through bamboo tubes as Marines were crossing the area. In one case, unaware that a Marine was only a few feet behind him, a VC raised up, pulled the pin from a grenade in preparation to throw it at a Marine in front of him, and caught a severe butt stroke in the back of his head. The VC fell backwards on to his own grenade and was killed instantly. One Vietnamese woman was wounded from an undetermined origin and was evacuated by helicopter to B-Med. The battalion (-) (Rein) searched through an odd mining activity and ridge line (BT 363133). The mine was approximately 70 feet deep, 15 feet in diameter and brick lined. There were no signs of any recent activity and no apparent military significance. At BT 367126 a large cave was blown by 140 lbs of demolitions, partially destroying it. The only Marine casualties during the entire operation were 2 WIA's slightly wounded from a grenade thrown by a VC. The VC was killed immediately. There were no indications of large VC unit activity in the area searched during OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Combat - Four completed patrols.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" - maintains positions on MUR, AN TAN Bridge, and Hill 69 with aggressive patrolling to front and rear. Tonight will conduct one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad size patrol in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge.

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- (2) Company "K" is on standby for possible helilift to act as mobile striking force on spot intelligence information.
- (3) Company "L" became regimental reserve company at approximately 190900H and maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield.
- (4) Company "M" continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of position on MLR. Company "M" will conduct two squad size patrols tonight in vicinity of MLR.
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Psychological Warfare - Pamphlets described in SITREP #151 were received by villagers in area of OPERATION TRIPLE PLAY. South Vietnamese Popular Forces distributed the majority of them, put them on trees, along paths and throughout the rice paddy areas. The villagers read them with interest but no apparent reaction was noticeable.
- (7) Civil Affairs MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) treated 65 villagers yesterday.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - two
- b. No. of night patrols - two
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of ambushes - two

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 20 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct two squad size patrols in vicinity of MLR. Company "I" has one squad size patrol in vicinity of AN TAN Bridge and one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69.
- b. 21 October 1965 - Company "I" will conduct two platoon size patrols in vicinity of Hill 69.
- c. 22 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	FOR	FOR	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co "M"	Hlt.	220630H	221200H	(BT 445095)	(BT 472079)	
Co "I"	Sqd.	222130H	230100H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 466074)
Co "I"	Sqd.	222130H	230130H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 462058)

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SITREP #153 for period 201800H to 211200H October 1965

1. Highlights - Company "I" and Company "K" will be conducting one platoon size patrol each, North of Hill 69. Company "L" is presently conducting one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) and will conduct one squad size patrol in vicinity of position on MLR. Remainder of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling through out their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - None
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed Patrols
  - e. Enemy Captured - None
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company "I" - maintains positions on MLR, AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69 with aggressive patrolling to the front and rear. Tonight Company "I" will conduct one platoon size patrol covering 6000 meters in vicinity of Hill 69.
    - (2) Company "K" - maintains its position on perimeter defense and are presently conducting one platoon size patrol into the Northern most portion of the Battalion TAOR to check out reported VC activity in the area.
    - (3) Company "L" - contains to maintain its position on perimeter defense of Airfield and as regimental reserve company.
    - (4) Company "M" - continues aggressive patrolling to the front and rear of their position on the MLR. Company "M" will conduct one squad size patrol today and one squad size patrol tonight in vicinity of the MLR.
    - (5) Supporting Units - None
    - (6) Psychological Warfare - None
    - (7) Civil Affairs - Company "M" is conducting a MEDCAP patrol to LONG BINH Village today.

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3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - two
- b. No. of night patrols - two
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - two

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. Add one platoon size patrol for 21 October conducted by Company "K", TOD 210630H, TOR 211200H. Add two squad size patrols for 21 October, conducted by Company "M", TOD 211100H, TOR 211100H and TOD 212230H, TOR 220230H. Delete platoon size patrol from Company "I" TOD 210830H, TOR 211500H.
- b. 21 October 1965 - Company "I" will conduct one platoon size patrol traveling approximately 3000 meters to the North West of Hill 69. Company "K" is conducting a platoon size patrol to the Northern edge of the Battalion TAOB on the Peninsula to the East of Highway 1. Company "M" is conducting a squad size MEDCAP patrol to LONG BINH Village and will have one squad size patrol tonight in front of the MLR.
- c. 22 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct one to the West of Highway 1. Company "I" will conduct two squad size patrols in vicinity of Hill 69.
- d. 23 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co "I"	PLT.	230830H	231500H	(BT 456085)	(BT 469076)	
Co "I"	PLT.	232200H	240630H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	

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SITREP #154 for period 211800H to 221200H October 1965

1. Highlights - E

- (a) Company "I" platoon size patrol killed one V.C. at coord. (BT433090), captured one VCS at coord. (BT434090), 5 VCS at coord. (BT 449083), and 2 VCS at coord. (BT 458081), between 0700 and 0800, 22 October, 1965. Company "M" platoon size patrol received 4-5 rounds small arms at coord. (BT 445095), while dismounting from trucks, returned fire, but the enemy withdrew. The patrol checked the area and found a wounded Vietnamese girl who was carried to B-Med by truck. Company "M" also found a wounded Vietnamese in an ARVN uniform.
- (b) The battalion is preparing a two-company cordon and search operation to be conducted 23 October in GS BT 4209, entitled OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_. See paragraph 4b for details.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - One VC killed by Company "I" patrol. Company "M" platoon size patrol has picked up a wounded Vietnamese male in an ARVN uniform at coord. (BT 445095) and are taking him with them. Company "M" found one wounded Vietnamese girl at coord (BT 445095) and evacuated her by truck to B-MED.
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - One
  - (1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed patrols. Currently Company "M" is conducting one platoon size patrol Northwest of Hill 69 and a MDECAP patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070). At 220830H Company "M" platoon size patrol received 4-5 rounds small arms fire at (BT 445095) while dismounting from trucks, returned fire, checked and found wounded girl. She was carried to B-MED by truck.
- e. Enemy Captured - Company "I" platoon size patrol has captured 8 VCS and have taken them to the Regimental Collection Point.
- f. Activity Summary
  - (1) Company "I" - maintains positions on MIA, AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69, with aggressive patrolling to front and rear. Company "I" will conduct two squad size patrols in vicinity of Hill 69 tonight.

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- (2) Company "K" - maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield.
- (3) Company "L" - maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (4) Company "M" - continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of position on MLR. currently one squad is conducting a MEDCAP patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) and one platoon size patrol Northwest of Hill 69.
- (5) Supporting Units - None
- (6) Psychological Warfare - None
- (7) Civil Affairs - Company "M" is conducting a MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - One
- b. No. of night patrols - Two
- c. No. of day contacts - One
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - One

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 22 October 1965 - Company "M" will conduct one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet and one squad size patrol in vicinity of position on MLR. Company "I" will move to vicinity Hill 22 (BT 423091) in preparation for Operation \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. 23 October 1965 - Conduct a Battalion (-) operation.
- c. 24 October 1965 - to conduct patrols scheduled for 23 October 1965.  
See SIEREP #153.

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SITREP #155 for period 221800H to 231200H October 1965

1. Highlights - 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines (-) (Rein) conducts OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT, a two company size operation in vicinity of grid square BT 4209, and OPERATION JUNK FLEET in GS 4309, 4310, 4410, 4411, and 4412. The battalion has received sporadic small arms fire and had one WIA at coord. (BT 428092), and discovered a VC pack at coord. (BT 427097). The battalion has presently jumped off into OPERATION JUNK FLEET and crossed the LOD at 231215H, with negative contact as of this report. Company "M" MEDCAP patrol treated 60 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) yesterday. Remainder of 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - One friendly WIA at coord (BT 428092), gun shot wound, shoulder and leg; evacuated.
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - One VC pack coord (BT 427097). Contents: clothes, wallet, some money, papers, I.D., and birth certificate.
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - One
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Company "I" received approximately 20 rounds of carbine fire from coord (BT 428094). Company "I" returned fire, appeared to hit VC, could not confirm due to river -- unable to cross. No friendly casualties. Company "M" received small arms fire from (BT 427097). Company "M" could not locate source of firing. No friendly casualties.
  - e. Enemy Captured - None

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f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" - taking part in OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT, moved to vicinity Hill 22 (BT 423091) last night and formed a cordon around village at (BT 428095). Are presently conducting operation, JUNK FLEET.
- (2) Company "H" - maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield, and is manning positions at AN TAN Bridge and Hill 69.
- (3) Company "G" - maintains its position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (4) Company "M" - is presently participating in OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT, and OPERATION JUNK FLEET.
- (5) Supporting Units - Tanks, Ontos and Artillery are in support of OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT.
- (6) Psychological Warfare - Medical aid is being administered to local villagers as search progresses on OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT.
- (7) Civil Affairs - Company "M" MEDCAP patrol treated 60 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) yesterday.

3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - one
- b. No. of night patrols - two
- c. No. of day contacts - one
- d. No. of night contacts - none
- e. No. of ambushes - one

4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 23 October 1965 - 3d Battalion, 3d Marines is presently conducting OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT and OPERATION JUNK FLEET two company size operations in vicinity of GS (BT 4209, 4310, 4410, 4411, 4412, 4309).
- b. 24 October 1965 - patrols originally scheduled for 23 October 1965. (Sec. SUREP #153).
- c. 25 October 1965.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOH	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co "I"	PLP.	250300H	251400H	(BT 460084)	(BT 469077)	
Co "I"	SQD	252230H	260230H	(BT 498066)	(BT 498066)	

5. GP Locations

- a. Battalion GP - (BT 535077)
- b. K Company - (BT 532070)
- c. L Company - (BT 540060)
- d. I Company - (BT 513057)
- e. M Company - (BT 513057)

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From: 60 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
To: 60 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

SITREP #156 for period 231800H to 241200H October 1965

1. Highlights. - Company "M" (-) is positioned as a blocking force along SONG CRO River from coord (BT 415132) to (BT 435114) as part of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines OPERATION PIED PIPER. One platoon from Company "M" is providing security for Battery "H", 12th Marines as part of OPERATION PIED PIPER, at coord (BT 444095). Company "M" provided one squad for security of LY TIN District Psychological Warfare Team showing film in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 503070), last night from 1930H to 2030H, 23 October 1965. Company "I" provided one squad and three corpsmen to aid villagers at fire in CHU LAI village last night from 1930H to 2030H, 23 October 1965. A patrol from "I" Company picked up 3 VCS vic (BT 448038) at 241100H and 2 VCS vic (BT 456080) at 241115H. All had no I.D. and will be delivered to the Reg't Collection Point upon return of the patrol.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

- (1) Action w/o Contact - One squad from Company "I" with three corpsmen and the company XO provided aid at fire in CHU LAI village last night from 1930H to 2030H 23 October 1965. H&S Company provided one squad for security of construction workers at bridge building project near 3d Battalion, 3d Marines CP from 232300H to 240630H. Company "M" provided one squad to aid LY TIN Psych War Team in LONG BINH Hamlet for showing of film last night from 1930H to 2030H 23 October 1965.

- e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company "I" - is presently conducting one platoon size patrol in vicinity Hill 69 and will provide another platoon size patrol tonight in vicinity Hill 69. Picked up 3 VCS in vicinity of (BT 448088), they had no I.D., cards and will be delivered to regimental collection point upon the patrols return. The patrol of "I" Company also picked up 2 VCS at vicinity (BT 456080), with no I.D. cards.
- (2) Company "K" - maintains position on perimeter defense of airfield.

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- (3) Company "D" - maintains position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (4) Company "M" - is presently providing a blocking force along SONG CHO River from coord (BT 415132) to (BT 435114). Company "M" will provide 3 squad size patrols along position on MLR tonight.
- (5) Reg. Company - provided squad for security of construction workers at bridge near Battalion CP from 232300H to 240630H, October 1965.
- (6) Psychological Warfare - One squad from Company "M" and a section from 81 mortar platoon with the Psych War Team from LY TIN went into LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) on 22 October 1965 from 0400H to 1600H. Reacting to intelligence report that 81 mortar is buried somewhere in LONG BINH, villagers were shown an 81 mortar, given out pamphlets explaining to them the curfew times and other pertinent information for their own protection, and were offered a reward of 1,000 Piastres to uncover the mortar. No results so far. Company "M" provided one squad for security of LY TIN District Psych War Team showing of standard film in LONG BINH Hamlet last night, from 1930H to 2030H, 23 October 1965. During OPERATION TRIPLE THREAT approximately 10 villagers in the area of operation were provided medical aid.
- (7) Civil Affairs - Company "I" will provide one squad size MEDCAP patrol today at 1300H in LONG BINH Hamlet.
- (8) Supporting Units - None

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - One
- b. No. of night patrols - Three
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - None

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 24 October 1965 - Company "I" has two platoon size patrols, one day and one night, in vicinity Hill 69. Company "M" will provide three squad size patrols in vicinity of position on MLR tonight. Company "D" has one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet. Company "I" has a helicopter recon of area in vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 424068) in preparation for 2 day company size operation beginning tomorrow in this area. (See attached overlay).

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- b. 25 October 1965 - Company "M" will provide one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Fanlot, one squad size patrol in vicinity of MLR during the day and three squad size patrols along MLR at night. Company "K" will conduct a 2 day company size patrol in vicinity of Hill 100 (BT 424068). (See attached overlay).

c. 26 October 1965

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
MCo	Sqd.	260730H	261100H	(BT 511063)	(BT 511063)	
MCo	Sqd.	262030H	262330H	(BT 510063)	(BT 498070)	
MCo	Sqd.	262400H	270300H	(BT 511064)	(BT 510067)	
M3o	Sqd.	270400H	270630H	(BT 51064)	(BT 510064)	(BT 520060)

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SITREP #15<sup>7</sup> for period 241800H to 251200H October 1965.

1. Highlights - Company "M" returned to its position on MLR at approximately 2418354H after being positioned as a blocking force as part of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines OPERATION PIED PIPER. Remainder of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly of Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Two completed patrols.

e. Enemy Captured - None

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company "I" - Maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MLR with aggressive patrolling to front and rear of positions. Company "I" has one platoon size patrol in vicinity Hill 69 today.

(2) Company "K" - Maintains position on perimeter defense of airfield. Two day company size patrol scheduled for today has been cancelled. Company "K" will be regimental reserve company, starting at 26 700H.

(3) Company "L" - Maintains position on perimeter of airfield and prepares to move out on a 2 day company size patrol tomorrow. Presently are regimental reserve company.

(4) Company "M" - Continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of positions on MLR. MEDCAP patrol will depart at 1300 today. Company "M" will provide one squad size patrol today and three tonight in vicinity of MLR.

(5) Psychological Warfare - Nine

- (6) Civil Affairs - Company "I" MEDCAP patrol treated 30 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) at 242255H. Company "I" reported a woman yesterday afternoon in AN TAN village having difficult childbirth. Villagers requested our help and Dr. Johnson, the Battalion Surgeon was helilifted to Company "I" position, led to home in AN TAN where he determined woman should be evacuated to receive proper medical care. Evacuated to hospital at 250015H.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Two
- b. No. of night patrols - Two
- c. No. of night contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - One

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 25 October 1965 - Company "M" will provide one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet, one squad size patrol in vicinity MLR during the day and three squad size layout patrols along MLR tonight. Company "I" currently has one platoon size patrol Northwest of Hill 69. Company "K" patrol has been cancelled.
- b. 26 October 1965 - Company "M" has one squad size day patrol and 3 squad size patrols at night along MLR. Also one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070).
- c. 27 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
I-5-C	PLT.	270730H	271400H	(BT 441099)	(BT 466075)	
M-9-R	SQD.	271300H	271600H	(BT 511061)	(BT 511061)	
M-8-R	SQD.	270900H	271400H	(BT 516075)	(BT 511061)	
M-11-A	SQD.	280300H	280630H	(BT 510061)	(BT 510061)	(BT 503068)
I-4-C	PLT.	262200H	270630H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	
M-10-A	SQD.	272330H	280300H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 521061)
L Co.	Co.	26 Oct 65	28 Oct 65	(BT 465082)	(to be selected, helilift)	

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SITREP #158 for period 251800H to 261200H October 1965

1. Highlights - Company L this morning commenced a three day deep patrol operation in the high ground West of Hill 100 GS (BT 4206). No resupply is scheduled, in order to prevent disclosure. In addition to normal combat patrolling, Company L will conduct intensive searches aimed at finding VC supply and arms caches, as well as saturation ambushes over a wide area of trail networks. On the third day (28 Oct), Company L will move out of the hills by night and participate in Operation TRIPLE HEADER, a Battalion (-) cordon and search operation in GS (BT 3911).
2. Operational Summary
  - a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
  - b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
  - c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
  - d. Total Number of Contacts - None
    - (1) Action w/o Contact - Five completed patrols
  - e. Enemy Captured - Company I patrol found one VUB, wounded in foot, apparently an old wound, at (BT 455075). Carried to highway evacuated by truck approximately 251230H, and taken to Regimental Collection Point.
  - f. Activity Summary
    - (1) Company I maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MLR with aggressive patrolling to front and rear of positions. Company I has one platoon size patrol tonight in vicinity Hill 69.
    - (2) Company K maintains position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
    - (3) Company L moved out 260530H on a three day deep patrol in high ground West of Hill 100 (BT 425067).
    - (4) Company M continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of positions on MLR. Company M will provide one squad size patrol today and three ambushes tonight in vicinity MLR.
    - (5) Psychological Warfare - None

- (6) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol treated 31 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070), yesterday. Battalion Chaplain, clerk and several Marines from H&S Company Supply delivered 500 lbs of clothing, books, school supplies and materials to villagers of LONG BINH Hamlet on 251300H October 1965, as part of the Battalion's good will program in our area of responsibility.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Three
- b. No. of night patrols - Three
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - Three

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 26 October 1965 - Company L begins a three day saturation patrolling of area West of Hill 100. Company M has one squad size day patrol and three squad size patrols at night along MLR. Also one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070). Company I will conduct one platoon size patrol tonight in vicinity Hill 69.
- b. 27 October 1965 - Company L continues in 2nd day of patrolling area West Hill 100. Company M has one squad size day patrol and three squad size night patrols along MLR, and one MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet.
- c. 28 October 1965 - 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct Operation TRIPLE HEADER. Company L, presently operating in RAOR, will move into a cordon position prior to first light with two platoons on the South and West sides of XUAN NGOC (1) and (2) GS (BT 3911) and (BT 3912), with one platoon securing a landing zone on the East side of village complex. At approximately 280610H, Company K, one section of mortars and the Battalion Command group will be helilifted into the zone and will search the village complex. At approximately 281300H, Company L, mortar section and command group will return by helicopter. Company K will continue patrolling South, searching through TIEN XUAN (1) vicinity (BT 407'96) and eventually a patrol base in vicinity GS (BT 4007), conducting extensive saturation patrolling in a nine - Grid square area in this vicinity, until the morning of 30 October 1965.

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SITREP #15<sup>9</sup> for period 261800H to 271200H OCT 65

1. Highlights - Company L continues on the 2nd day of a three day deep patrol operation in the high ground West of Hill 100 GS (BT 4206). No resupply is scheduled today to prevent disclosure. In addition to normal combat patrolling, Company L is conducting intensive searches aimed at finding VC supply and arms caches, as well as saturation ambushes over a wide area of trail networks. MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet (BT 505070) treated 65 villagers yesterday afternoon. Company I platoon size patrol picked up 3 VCS at coord (BT 433094) at 271000H October 1965. Remainder of 3d Bn., 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the MAOR. This area is being kept under constant 24 hour surveillance relying mainly on platoon size patrols. Positions are also being maintained on perimeter defense of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed patrols Company I platoon size patrol received approximately 20 rounds S/A fire from vicinity (BT 433094). The enemy withdrew prior to contact being made.

e. Enemy Captured - Company I retained 3 VCS at (BT 433094)

f. Activity Summary -

- (1) Company I - maintains position on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MLR. Company I currently has one platoon size patrol Northwest of Hill 69, which captured 3 VCS at (BT 433094) at approximately 271000H October 1965.
- (2) Company K - maintains position on perimeter defense of airfield and as regimental reserve company.
- (3) Company L - continues on its second day of a three day saturation patrol deep into the high ground West of Hill 100 (BT 425067).
- (4) Company M continues vigorous patrolling to front and rear of positions on MLR. Company M will provide one squad size day patrol and three ambushes tonight in vicinity MLR.

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- (5) Psychological Warfare - None
- (6) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet treated 65 villagers yesterday.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Three
- b. No. of night patrols - Three
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - Two

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 27 October 1965 - Company L continues in 2nd day of patrolling area West Hill 100. Company I is presently conducting a platoon size patrol Northwest of Hill 69. Company M has one squad size day patrol and three squad size night patrols along MLR.
- b. 28 October 1965 - Operation TRIPLE HEADER being cancelled, 3d Bn., 3d Marines will carry out patrolling as originally planned. Company M will conduct one squad size day patrol and three squad size night patrols along MLR. Company I will conduct one platoon size patrol between Hill 69 and AN TAN Bridge and one squad size patrol in vicinity Hill 69.
- c. 29 October 1965

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	PCR	AMBUSE
Co. M	SQD.	292230H	300299H	(BT 510063)	(BT 510063)	(BT 503067)
Co. M	SQD	292000H	292400H	(BT 516064)	(BT 510065)	(BT 512068)
Co. M	SQD	291230H	291630H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	
Co. M	SQD	300230H	300600H	(BT 510062)	(BT 510062)	(BT 503066)
Co. I	PLT	290700H	291200H	(BT 513060)	(BT 513060)	

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From: CO 3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
 To: CO 4th Marines (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

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SITREP #159 for period 271800H to 281200H October 1965

1. Highlights - In connection with the raid upon the air field, the following action took place. Company K and Company I engaged the fleeing Viet Cong in front of and behind their lines resulting in 3 VC killed, capturing 3 Thompson-Sub Machine Guns and 2 pouches containing a total of 5 grenades. Company K sustained 1 slightly wounded Marine from this action as a result of grenade fragments. The 81mm Mortar Platoon provided illumination throughout the night. At daybreak Company I commenced a search of the area from the airfield to highway #1 with Company M in a blocking position along the highway. At 0800 the Battalion was ordered to cordon the village of AN TAN as result of intelligence reports of an assassination team in that village. Company K, Company M, elements of Company I and a PF unit from LY TIN are participating in the cordon. Due to the quick reaction of the companies involved, the cordon was in place by 0915. The villagers will be screened and the village searched for the VC. Company L continues on the 3d day of a 3 day deep patrol operation in the high ground West of Hill 100 GS (BT 4206). Elements of H&S Company are manning positions on the perimeter of the airfield.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly of Enemy Casualties - One Marine WIA, and 3VC killed
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - Three Thompson-Sub Machine Guns and two pouches containing a total of five grenades.
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - Four
  - (1) Action w/o Contact - Five completed patrols, one company size operation still in progress, one Battalion operation still in progress.
- e. Enemy Captured - None
- f. Activity Summary
  - (1) Company I maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MIA. Conducted one platoon size patrol. Reacting to the attack on the airfield, several contacts were made with the fleeing VC, killing one VC and capturing one Thompson-Sub Machine Gun. At day break moved into a blocking position along Highway #1. During Company K's search of the area from the airfield to the highway. Element of the company are currently participating in the cordon of AN TAN Village.

- (2) Company K - Reacting to attack on the airfield conducted aggressive patrols in area of the airfield engaging and killing two VC; capturing two Thompson-Sub Machine Guns and two pouches containing a total of 5 grenades. Conducted a search of area between airfield and highway #1. The company is now participating in a cordon of AN TAN Village.
- (3) Company L - Continues on its 3d day of a 3 day saturation patrol deep into the high Ground West of Hill 100 (BT 425067). They are scheduled to return to the Battalion area today.
- (4) Company M - Conducted 3 squad size lay-outs last night. Is currently conducting a cordon of AN TAN Village along with other elements of the Battalion.
- (5) H&S Company - Provided Battalion CP security and is currently providing one provisional platoon to occupy positions on the airfield perimeter. 81mm Mortar Platoon provided constant illumination over the airfield.
- (6) Attachments - Tanks took positions on the airfield perimeter and assisted in patrolling the area in to the West of airfield, after the VC attack.
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None
- (8) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol treated 38 villagers in LONG BINH Hamlet.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Two
- b. No. of night patrols - Four
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None on patrols. Four as result on attack on airfield.
- e. No. of ambushes - Three

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 28 October 1965 - Company will conduct three squad size night patrols along the MLR. Company I will conduct one squad size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69. One platoon size patrol of Company I and one squad size patrol of Company M were canceled due to Battalion cordon of AN TAN Village by Companies M, K and I.



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b. 29 October 1965 - Company M will conduct one squad size day patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH Village and three squad size lay-out patrols along the MLR. Company I will have one platoon size day patrol in vicinity of Hill 69.

c. 30 October 1965 -

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>POR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co M	SQD	300700H	301100H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	
Co M	SQD	302100H	310100H	(BT 510063)	(BT 510063)	(BT 509069)
Co M	SQD	302330H	310700H	(BT 515064)	(BT 515064)	(BT 506072)
Co M	SQD	310300H	310700H	(BT 510062)	(BT 510062)	(BT 505068)

Note: The cordon and search of AN TAN Village was completed at 281230H. 10 VCS were picked up and taken to LY TIN for interrogation.

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SITREP #160 for period 281800H to 291200H October 1965

1. Highlights - In connection with 2nd Bn, 4th Marines operation, Company K is providing security for Golf Battery in the vicinity of (BT 441099). Company K will conduct aggressive platoon and squad size patrols in the area. Remainder of 3d Bn, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TAO. Being kept

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None
- d. Total Number of Contacts - None

- (1) Action w/o Contact - Four completed patrols, one platoon size patrol still in progress.

- e. Enemy Captured - None

- f. Activity Summary

- (1) Company I maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and MLR. A squad at the Bridge position conducted a patrol into AN TAN village reacting to a report that a truck was fired on by a VC. The patrol searched the area with no results. One squad size layout was completed during the night. One platoon size patrol is being conducted vicinity of Hill 69.
- (2) Company K - is presently providing security for Golf Battery which is in support of the 2nd Bn, 4th Marines operation. Aggressive platoon and squad size patrols will be conducted in that area.
- (3) Company L - returned from its three day patrol in area West of Hill 100 (BT 425067) and is maintaining positions on the airfield perimeter.
- (4) Company M - conducted three squad size ambushes last night and continues patrolling to front and rear on positions on MLR.
- (5) Supporting Units - two Ontos are providing security of Golf Battery in vicinity of (BT 441099), one Onto was disabled by land mine at (BT 44350961). Tanks maintained positions on airfield perimeter during the night.

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- (6) H&S Company - 81mm Mortar Platoon fired one illumination fire mission in support of Company K on airfield perimeter ~~area~~ at night. One provisional platoon will be positioned on the airfield perimeter tonight.
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None
- (8) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP patrol in LONG BINH Hamlet treated 30 people yesterday. Corpman from Company I treated a three year old girl who was burned by a trip flare in vicinity of AN THU Bridge. A helicopter was dispatched and the girl was taken to B MED.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - One
- b. No. of night patrols - Four
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - Four

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 29 October 1965 - Company M will conduct one squad size day patrol vicinity of LONG BINH village and three squad size ambush patrols along the MIA. Company I will have one platoon size day patrol in vicinity of Hill 69. Company K will conduct extensive patrols while they provide security of Golf Battery.
- b. 30 October 1965 - Add: Two squad size ambushes for Company I. Information see section c. Company M will conduct one squad size patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH village and three squad size ambush patrols in front of the MIA.
- c. 31 October 1965 - Patrols as indicated below.

UNIT	SIZE	TOD	TOR	POD	POR	AMBUSH
Co I	PLT	211300H	311600H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	
Co I	SQD	312400H	010300H	(BT 498066)	(BT 498066)	(BT 494066)
Co M	SQD	310900H	312400H	(BT 510063)	(BT 515065)	
Co M	SQD	312000H	312400H	(BT 511064)	(BT 511064)	(BT 503067)
Co M	SQD	312300H	010300H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 519064)
Co M	SQD	010200H	010600H	(BT 513066)	(BT 513066)	(BT 505068)

Note: Addition to 30 October 1965

Co I	SQD	302300H	310200H	(BT 468068)	(BT 468068)	(BT 473068)
Co I	SQD	302300H	310300H	(BT 498066)	(BT 498066)	(BT 496063)

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SITREP #161 for period 291800H to 301200H October 1965

1. Highlights - In connection with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines operation, Company K is providing security for Golf Battery in vicinity of (BT 441099). Company is presently conducting aggressive platoon and squad size patrols in the area. At 0840 the Battalion was placed on 100% alert, as a result of reported attack on DA NANG. All companies and attachments were alerted. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the TACH, however the current level of patrolling activity of the Battalion is restricted by operational commitments in support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

2. Operational Summary

- a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None
- b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - None
- c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Five completed patrols, one squad size patrol still in progress.

e. Enemy Captured - One VCS was picked up off MAG 12 Beach in fishing boat by the Amtracs.

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company I - maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and the MIA. The company completed one platoon-size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69.

(2) Company K - is presently providing security for Golf Battery which is in support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines operation. Aggressive platoon and squad-size patrols will be conducted in that area.

(3) Company L - as of 291800H was designated as Regimental Reserve Company and is maintaining positions on the airfield perimeter. Additional squad was added on the left flank of Company L airfield positions to further enhance airfield security.

(4) Company M - Conducted three squad-size ambush patrols forward of the MIA, Company M's 60mm mortar squad fired practice rounds at Battalion Mortar Range. At 301030H observed a Vietnamese (BT 520065) looking at lines. They attempted to apprehend him. He fled in direction of airfield and they fired one shot at him. A patrol was sent out. They could not find him.

- (5) Supporting Units - two Ontos are providing security of Golf Battery in vicinity of (BT 441099). Tanks maintained position on airfield perimeter during the night. One Amtrac was dispatched to investigate several fishing boats that were in close to shore off of the MAG 12 Beach. This was done at the request of the MAG 12 security officer. One VCS was sent to the Regimental Collection Point.
- (6) M&S Company - one provisional platoon maintained positions on airfield perimeter. At 292115H reported trip flare set off and observed two people running away at north end of airfield.
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None
- (8) Civil Affairs - MEDCAP Patrol treated 15 villagers at AN TAN village and 28 villagers at LONG BINH Hamlet.

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - Two
- b. No. of night patrols - Three
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - Three

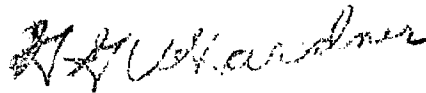
### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. 30 October 1965 - Company I will conduct two squad-size ambush patrols in vicinity of Hill 69. Company H will conduct one squad size patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH Hamlet and three squad size ambush patrols in front of the MLR.
- b. 31 October 1965 - Company will conduct one platoon size patrol in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad-size ambush patrol in same area. Company H will conduct one squad-size MEDCAP Patrol to LONG BINH and AN TAN villages and three squad size ambush patrols in vicinity of MLR.
- c. 1 November 1965 - Patrols as indicated below.

UNIT	SIZE	POD	TOE	POD	FOR	AMBUSH
Co H	SQD	010900H	011400H	(BT 516065)	(BT 511061)	
Co H	SQD	011300H	011630H	(BT 511061)	(BT 511061)	
Co H	SQD	012330H	020330H	(BT 516064)	(BT 516064)	(BT 521061)
Co H	SQD	020300H	020630H	(BT 510061)	(BT 510061)	(BT 503063)
Co I	PLT	010830H	011500H	(BT 468067)	(BT 468067)	
Co I	SQD	012300H	020300H	(BT 468067)	(BT 468067)	(BT 468067)

5. CP Locations -

- a. Battalion CP - (BT 535070)
- b. Company K - (BT 532070)
- c. Company L - (BT 540060)
- d. Company M - (BT 513057)
- e. Company I - (BT 513057)



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SITREP #16<sup>3</sup> for period 301800H to 31<sup>31</sup>1200H October 1965

1. Highlights - In connection with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines operation, Company K provided security for Golf Battery in vicinity of (BT 441099) until approximately 301830H. The company conducted aggressive platoon and squad size patrols in the area capturing one VCS in the process. At 301335H the Battalion was given a warning order to be prepared to mount-out a company to DA NANG by 301500H. Company H on the HLR was notified to stand-by. At 301540H the Battalion was notified that the company was to start loading for movement to DA NANG. Utilizing the two trucks available and two LVT's, Company M was moved to the airfield in its entirety by 1800H. The last plane-load took off 302350H. A section of 81mm Mortars and M6 Recoiless Rifle accompanied Company H. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines continues aggressive saturation patrolling throughout their sector of the T.O.R.

2. Operational Summary

a. Friendly or Enemy Casualties - None

b. Weapons Captured or Destroyed - Company L discovered a M-26 grenade and a fused 1 lb block of TMT in vicinity of the airstrip evidently dropped by the VC during the attack of 29 October 1965.

c. Material Captured or Destroyed - None

d. Total Number of Contacts - None

(1) Action w/o Contact - Three completed patrols one squad size patrol still in progress.

e. Enemy Captured - One VCS picked-up by Company K at 310840H at Coord (BT 535064). He had two ID cards.

f. Activity Summary

(1) Company I maintains positions on Hill 69, AN TAN Bridge and HLR. The company completed two squad size ambush patrols.

(2) Company K provided security for Golf Battery until 301830H. Upon their return they took up positions on the HLR with two platoons and on the airfield with one platoon. The Company completed one squad size ambush patrol. At 310840H a VCS was picked up at GS (BT 535064). He had two ID cards.

(3) Company L remains as Regimental Reserve Company and is maintaining positions on the airfield perimeter.

- (4) Company H - At 301335H was notified to prepare to mount-out for DA NANG by 301500H. At 301540H was notified to start moving to the airfield utilizing the two available trucks and two LVT's the company was at the airfield by 301800H. The last of the company departed to DA NANG by C-130 at 302350H.
- (5) H&S Company - Provided one provisional platoon on the airfield perimeter. Captured one VCS in vicinity of the airfield.
- (6) Supporting Units - Tanks maintained positions on airfield perimeter during the night.
- (7) Psychological Warfare - None
- (8) Civil Affairs - None

### 3. Patrol Information

- a. No. of day patrols - One
- b. No. of night patrols - Three
- c. No. of day contacts - None
- d. No. of night contacts - None
- e. No. of ambushes - Three

### 4. Plans and Intentions

- a. Company K will take patrols scheduled for H Company on 31 October 1965 and 1 November 1965.
- b. 31 October 1965 - Company I will conduct one platoon size patrol in the area of AN TAN Bridge. Company K will conduct one squad-size patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH village and three squad-size ambush patrols both in front and behind the MLR.
- c. 1 November 1965 - Company K will conduct one squad size patrol in vicinity of LONG BINH Village and three squad-size ambush patrols both in front and behind the MLR. Company I will conduct one platoon size day patrol in vicinity of Hill 69 and one squad size ambush patrol to the South of Hill 69.
- d. 2 November 1965 - Patrols as indicated below

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TCD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMBUSH</u>
Co K	SQD	020800H	021200H	(BT 509062)	(BT 514064)	
Co K	SQD	022000H	022400H	(BT 517063)	(BT 517063)	(BT 522057)
Co K	SQD	022300H	030300H	(BT 513065)	(BT 513065)	(BT 512069)
Co K	SQD	030230H	030600H	(BT 509061)	(BT 509061)	(BT 509069)

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WEEKLY Situation Overlay

020800H To 090800H October 1965

<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. 021015H	Co "L"	Apprehended one (1) VCS.	(BT456054)	Forwarded to collection point
2. 021020H	Co. "L"	Found propaganda leaflet requesting Americans to go home.	(BT459056)	Turned over to Regimental S-2
3. 021100H	Co "L"	Four (4) drawings in SAND OF VARIOUS WPNs	(BT451057)	Reported thru intelligence channels
4. 030905H	Co "I"	Platoon patrol received four (4) rounds of sniper fire.	(BT453073)	No rds returned Fire came from village and point of origin could not be determined
5. 040300H	Co "I"	Gordon and search operation	(BT452075)	Two (2) known VC Cell leaders apprehended. Large tunnel near village blown.
6. 050845H	Co K	Four (4) bounding type AP mines.	(BT459070)	Blown by demolitions
7. 050920H	Co K	Six (6) bounding type AP mines.	(BT459079)	Blown by demolitions
8. 051135H	Co K	One (1) 155 mm Dud	(BT4535062)	Blown by demolitions
9. 061620H	Co K	Rice Cachand cave	(BT431057)	Destroyed
10. 081330H	Co K	Unoccupied V6 Base Camp.	(BT449057)	Destroyed
11. 081345H	Co K	Punji Pit Four (4) feet in diameter thirty (30) foot deep.	(BT446058)	Still in tact
12. 081355H	Co K	One (1) Chi Com Grenade	(BT424062)	Turned over to EOD

Appendix (S)

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051300H October 1965

3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines After-Action Report #37

Ref: (a) DivOpO 321-65

1. Unit: Company "I" 3d Bn 3d Marines (Rein) (-), 3d MarDiv (Rein) FMT

Strengths: 6 Officers and 156 Enlisted

Time: 030001 to 041430H October 1965

Place: KHUONG THO (1) (BT 453074)

Casualties: None

Nature of Action: Cordon and search

2. General. Company "I", during the hours of darkness, surrounded the hamlet of KHUONG THO (1). At first light, the company moved into the village with Popular Force troops and conducted a hamlet search, psychological Warfare lectures and some medical assistance.

a. At 032400H, Company "I" proceeded from Hill 69 (BT 468068) and moved into a company assembly area vicinity (BT 446072) arriving at 040330H. From there the company dispatched recon teams to survey the objective area of KHUONG THO (1) (BT 453074). At 040530H, Company "I" moved from the assembly area to the objective area and encircled KHUONG THO (1); the company covered themselves in the trenches and fighting holes surrounding the hamlet. No persons entered or exited from the encirclement; The companies presence was unknown. The company remained around the village until the arrival by helicopter of the LY TIN District Intelligence Chief, four (4) of his agents, and a PF squad. Shortly thereafter, the Marines with the aid of intelligence personnel and Popular Force Troops summoned the inhabitants from their hamlet and moved them into an assembly area. The Vietnamese intelligence personnel conducted mass and individual interrogation, and psychological warfare lectures. The hamlet chief also participated in the lectures. Marines and Popular Force Troops with the aid of two (2) mine-detectors conducted a thorough search of the hamlet three (3) times. Nothing unusual was found. The interrogation revealed two (2) VCC and two (2) ARVN deserters. One of the VCC provided a list of names of other VC in the area. At 041030H a number of sporadic sniper rounds were fired by an estimated four (4) VC at the assembly area from vic (BT 448076). An element of the company with some PF's neutralized the sniper fire and quickly moved into the area from where the sniper fire came but could not find anyone. One of the VC captives showed the location of a cave with four (4) exits which were destroyed. After the sniper fire incident, the people of KHUONG THO (1) were allowed to return to the hamlet for noon chow, after which they began destroying local VC trenches and fighting holes. The people became very congenial with both Marines and PF troops. A definite rapport was established between the military and the civilian. Limited medical

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assistance was provided by the company corpsman. At 041300H the company departed KIUONG THO (1) and arrived at Hill 69 (BT 468068) at 041430H. One (1) M-16 mine was located and destroyed at coord (BT 451073).

3. Remarks

a. The use of skilled military personnel appear valuable in village search and psychological warfare. The use of tear gas would have aided materially in searching tunnels and large family bunkers.

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12 October 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Night Helilift of a Company Strike Force, report of

Ref: (a) Div OpO 321-65

Encl: (1) 3d Battalion (Rein) 3d Marines After Action Report #39

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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3d Bn (Main) 3d Bn After Action Report #39  
Ref: (a) Reg: 1:50000, Series L701, Sheet 6757 III  
Encl: Overlay

1. Unit: Company K, 3d Bn 3d Mar

Strength: 7 Officers and 130 enlisted

Time: 071920 H to 081530 H October 1965

Place: GS (BT 4305), (BT 4306), (BT 4206), (BT 4106).

Casualties: None

Nature of Action: Night helilift of a Company Size Mobile Striking Force.

2. Summary. In response to a reliable Vietnamese spot intelligence report, Co K conducted a quick-reaction night heliborne strike into GS (BT 4305). The area was reported to hold two (2) companies of Viet Cong heavily armed with automatic weapons, mortars and recoilless rifles. A platoon patrol from CoM, 3d Bn, 3d Mar occupied a patrol base in GS (BT 4206), at the time. Company K was lifted by HMM 362 and landed in an unsecured landing zone under aircraft flare illumination amid sporadic small arms fire. After landing the company by - passed a reported VC minefield and conducted intensive patrol operations throughout the objective area for the remainder of the night and the following day, when link - up was effected with the Co M patrol. No VC contact was made and no casualties were incurred.

3. Narrative Account

a. At 071800 3d Bn 3d Mar received an intelligence report from LY TIN District Headquarters that two VC companies were reported to be at (BT 429072) and (BT 424064). 1st platoon, Co M at this time occupied a patrol base nearby at (BT 426066). At 071820 the Battalion Commander decided to launch Co K into the objective area, and requested helicopter support through 4th Marines. At 1915 helicopters arrived at Company K loading zone and the lift commenced at 1920. The company was landed at (BT 43055), approximately 900 meters south of the requested LZ (BT 434064).

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Aircraft flares illuminated the LZ throughout the helilift and UH-1E and 14 aircraft were on station. During the helicopter movement approximately 6 rounds of SA fire were directed at helicopters approaching the LZ from KY LONG (1) (BT 436052). The lift was completed at 2000.

b. As the company began its ground movement to close with the reported VC units, information was received from the Battalion CP as to the location of two minefields (BT 435056) and (BT 440055) to (BT 440060). These were bypassed without incident. The company moved through extremely heavy growth into GS (BT 4306) and (BT 4206), searching the area and establishing ambushes during the remainder of the night. Link-up with the Company M patrol was effected early the following morning at (BT 429065). All units continued to patrol the area until 1530 that afternoon, when Company K was helilifted back to its normal location near the airfield.

c. The search operation failed to detect evidence of the two reported VC companies. However, vegetation in this area is sufficiently dense to enable a sizeable VC force to disperse and escape detection.

#### 4. Lessons Learned

a. Reaction capability. The most significant lesson derived from this operation is the knowledge that we do in fact possess in the CHU LAL Enclave the operational capability to launch a company size heliborne strike force within one hour, from a no-alert posture (it is neither Company K nor MAG 36 were in any particular alert status at the outset). In this regard three factors are worth noting:

(1) The helicopters could have been airborne approximately 15 minutes earlier had an alert or warning request been passed to MAG 36 at the time the intelligence information was received at 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. Procedures for avoiding this type of time loss in the future have subsequently been developed by the units concerned.

(2) The time of day (1800) was probably the most disadvantageous time for rapid launching of this type of operation, from the helicopter unit's standpoint. Their rapid response is considered highly commendable.

(3) The time lapse between the receipt of the intelligence information (1800) and the decision by this command to request the launch (1820) was spent in estimating the situation. Considering the necessity for evaluation certain key factors -- i.e. the reliability of the intelligence source, the potential threat to the Company M patrol, the hazards of a night landing in an unsecured and here-to-fore unused LZ, and the degree of Company K's familiarity with the objective area as well as the need to analyze alternate course of action and formulate an operation plan, twenty minutes is probably not excessive for this type of situation.

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b. Coordination and Briefing. It is considered essential that the troop unit commander and the flight leader confer on details of the landing prior to launching an operation of this type. This can be effected at the landing zone, and requires that the flight leader join the troop leader on the ground. About five minutes should suffice for this coordination.

c. LZ Identification. Landing in the wrong LZ -- an undesirable situation in VC territory -- can best be avoided if the troop leader, who should know where he wants to go, is in direct communication with the flight leader at the time of let-down. Although in this case the troop leader was in the flight leader's aircraft and was manning the inter-com, he was unable to talk with the pilot due to other radio transmissions in progress. Procedures to prevent recurrence of this are under study.

d. LZ Marking at Night

(1) The landing zone used was continuously illuminated by aircraft flares, although there was a three-quarter full moon and visibility was excellent. It is believed that the flares were not essential to the landing, and served to degrade the element of surprise possible in this type of operation.

(2) Some flight elements of the helicopter unit landed a considerable distance (approximately 600 meters) from the lead element. This probably could have been avoided had better lighting equipment been available to the troops landed in the lead element. Flashlights were employed, but unsuccessfully. (The flares may have been a factor). A more powerful light is needed to mark the LZ for subsequent waves. The pocket strobe light issued as pilot survival equipment might prove to be satisfactory for this purpose, and will be investigated.

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3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
CHU LAI, VIETNAM  
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3d Battalion, 3d Marines, After Action Report #40 (Operation TRIPLE PLAY)

Ref: (a) DivOps 521-55

(b) Map 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheet 6758IV, 6757 III.

Encl: (c) Operation Overlay for TRIPLE PLAY

1. Unit: 3d Bn (-) (Rein) 3d Marines, 3d Mar, Div (Rein) FNF

Strength: 19 Officers and 384 Enlisted

Time: 181100H to 191730H October 1965

Place: Duc Bo (GS BT 3715 and vicinity).

Casualties: 2 Marine WIA (slight), 9VC KIA (confirmed).

Nature of Action: Search and Destroy

2. Summary. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a two day search and destroy mission North of the Battalion TAOR in the vicinity of Duc Bo. Two companies and a Battalion Command Group landed by helo in two LZ's South of Duc Bo and searched Northward through the village complex, then reversed course and reswept the same area, spending the night on high ground South of Duc Bo. During the first day there were eight VC killed, six VCC captured, and eighteen VCS captured without sustaining any friendly casualties. On the second day the Marines suffered two minor WIA's by VC grenade fragments while killing one VC. The operation developed several significant lessons described in paragraph 3 below.

### 3. Narrative Account

a. Company I at 181100H, the company was helolifted into LZ WHITE (BT 383143). By 181225H the entire company was lifted in; no enemy contact was encountered during the landing phase. As the company moved through the assigned zone of action, a pyramid of sticks indicating booby traps and punji pits was found. At 1235H, punji traps were found vicinity (BT 382145). Engineers destroyed the punji's with demolitions. In the same area of the punji's, a Vietnamese male was seen ~~making~~ an old man behind a hut. The Vietnamese was apprehended and identified as a VC by accompanying PF's and the interpreter. In the vicinity of (BT 377149) at 181315H, a pair of military boots were found and two VCs were seen running from the scene. The Marines attempted to halt the VC by shouts and warning shots. One VC kept running and was killed. The other VC was captured and identified as a VC by the PF's and interpreter. At 181345H, (BT 382156) a VC with a rifle attempted to run from the approaching company. The VC was killed, his weapon and ammo captured. Meanwhile, UH - 1E helicopters were providing valuable air surveillance and firing on VC to the front and flank of the company. At 181400H, the company found the body of a dead VC killed by the supporting UH - 1E's. At 181445H, (BT 375155) two punji traps were found.

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Also, in the area of the punji traps, some military clothing was found. At 181500H, twelve VCS were found at (BT 375158). At the same time, 3VC were found hiding in a hole vicinity (BT 376160). At 181530H a VC armed with a machete was killed as he charged a Marine vicinity (BT 374157). At 181615H the company reached the LOA and began searching back towards LZ Red. At the LZ, all prisoners were tagged and helolifted out. The company moved into night defensive position on the hill mass at (BT 372137). A boobytrapped rifle grenade was found at (BT 372127). The night defense was conducted without incident. At 190630H, the booby-trapped rifle grenade was destroyed by Engineers. At (BT 366127), a large cave was discovered. The Engineers attempted to destroy the cave by demolitions; the effort only enlarged the mouth of the cave. At 191400H, two VC were spotted at (BT 377122). The VC were taken under fire and one was wounded. As the Marines followed the wounded man's trail of blood, the wounded VC exposed himself and threw a grenade which killed the VC, slightly wounded the two Marines who were evacuated shortly thereafter. From this incident, one rifle (MAS-36) and four carbine magazines were captured. The company secured the LZ (BT 378122) for retraction back to the battalion. Company L was retracted at 191715H.

b. Company M - At 181100H Company M (less one platoon) was helolifted into LZ Red (BT 372142). The other platoon was held airborne in a nearby orbit to be landed on call at LZ Red or at an LZ to be designated, in order to cut off VC escape. This strike force was landed at LZ Red at 181200H. At 181430H, two VCS were captured at (BT 371153). At 181430H, the company found five more VCS. At 181515H, a young man and girl were found hiding in the paddies under water at (BT 368154). The young man attempted to escape and was killed. A short distance away another VC was found hiding in a hole. At 181600H a knapsack and VC flag were found on a hillock at (BT 367157). Also in this vicinity, a VC attempted to throw a grenade at the Marines who had passed his hiding position. A Marine immediately behind the VC gave him a butt stroke with his rifle before the grenade could be thrown. The VC was killed by his own grenade. At (BT 365156) another VCS was apprehended. Shortly afterwards a UH-1E radioed the company that it had spotted four VCS in the bush. The 1st platoon Commander was picked up and flown to the spot, the platoon moved to the point killing one VC at (BT 360166) and another at (BT 365158) captured one VCS, found a wounded woman VCS (later evacuated) and killed one VC in the same vicinity. At 181800H, the company moved into night defensive positions on the hill mass at (BT 372137). The night defense was conducted without incident. At 190900H, (BT 363133), the company found a tall smoke stack and mine shaft 12' and 70' deep. Another cave, appearing to be recently inhabited, was found at (BT 362134). The cave was 25 to 30 meters in length with a solid rock interior. Demolitions on hand were insufficient to destroy it. A brick furnace at (BT 562161) was blown since it could have been used as a bunker to cover fields of fire in the area. The company moved to an LZ at (BT 378123) and was retracted at 191500H.

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4. Lessons Learned - Operation TRIPLE PLAY uncovered three lessons regarding air support operations which, because of their uniquely successful outcome, are considered to be of more than routine significance.

a. Use of a Heliborne Reserve - The plans for the operation included holding out one rifle platoon aboard helicopters in a nearby aerial orbit, to be landed on order of the Bn CO in one of three LZ's. The purpose of this was to have a ready mobile strike force, at hand in the objective area, capable of being landed on a few minutes notice to cut-off escaping VC or to otherwise exploit the initial ground advance. From the standpoint of helicopter availability, fuel consumption, and control, this scheme worked well. The absence of VC contact in the initial phase of the search made it unnecessary to employ this heliborne reserve as a cut-off force, and it was reverted to company control after approximately fifteen of holding in orbit. The significant thing is that this force could have been landed on call, in a different LZ (prepped as required by the situation) and could have thus provided a degree of tactical flexibility not otherwise possible. It is planned to employ such a force in future operations.

b. Use of Command Helicopter - The Troop Unit Commander (Bn CO) was lifted in the same helo (UH-1E) with the TACA and the arty AO for the entire period of the helolift. This provided a measure of close coordination and instant control that has never before achieved in the experience of the undersigned in Vietnam. The direct effects of this arrangement, which was so advantageous that it should be made SOP, were as follows:

(1) The LZ prep was directly observed, controlled and coordinated with the troop lift by the key personnel involved in this part of the operation. Had it been necessary to substitute arty for the fixed wing air prep, this could have been done quickly and safely.

(2) Landing the troops in the correct LZ's was insured, since the Bn CO pointed them out and the TACA marked them with smoke rockets.

(3) Information of the situation in the LZ's was immediately available to the people who needed it most: The Bn CO and the TACA.

(4) Targets for air strike were identified, coordinated and strikes launched in the minimum possible time, with maximum control.

c. Use of UH-1E - The UH-1E gunships which remained on station throughout D-Day were instrumental in location, fixing and assisting in the killing capturing of VC who were fleeing or hiding in the rice paddies. Ground-to-air communications were excellent, and as noted in the body of this report, the support rendered by the UH-1E's was in every respect outstanding. The normal employment of this aircraft in this role would undoubtedly enhance ground search and destroy operations more than any other single feature now lacking. It may be noted that 1st M&W policy, as understood here, precludes such a role for the armed UH-1E. This is, in my opinion, a great mistake and is directly responsible for countless missed opportunities to kill VC.

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This policy should be changed. The UH-1E is an ideal CAS weapon for this war. The fixed-wing high performance attack or fighter aircraft is virtually useless as a CAS weapon in this war with the sole exception of the Operation STARLIGHT type of situation. A 4 aircraft would have served no useful purpose on operation TRIPLE PLAY, where as the UH-1E was responsible in considerable measure for the success of the operation.

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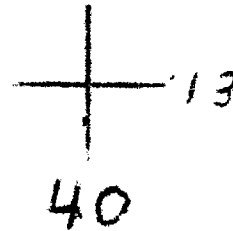
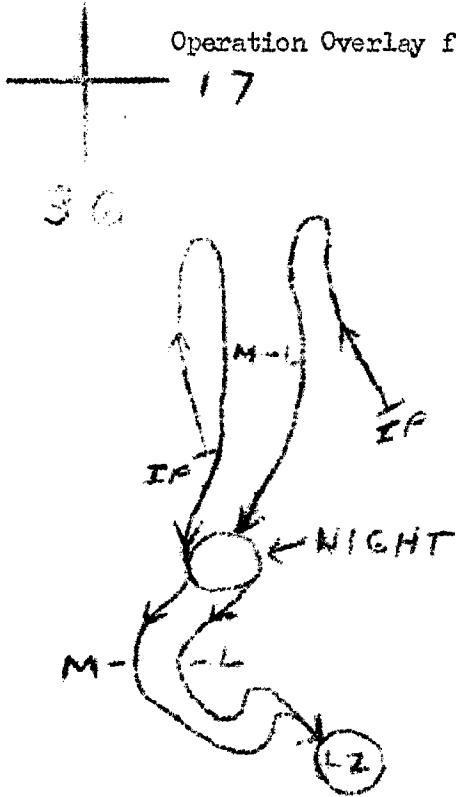
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3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
CHU LAI, VIETNAM  
261200H Oct 1965

3d Bn (Rein), 3d Marines After Action Report #41  
Ref: (a) DivOpo 321-65  
(b) Map 1:50,000, Series L701 Sheet 6757 111

1. Unit: 21 Officers, 342 Enlisted, 2 Interpreters and 20 local r forces Personnel.

Time: 222330H to 231500H October 1965

Place: Area enclosed by grid squares (BT 4208)(4308)(4209)(4309) and (BT 4310)(BT 4311)(BT 4409)(BT 4410)(BT 4411)(BT 4509)(BT 4510) and (BT 4511).

Nature of Action: Cordon and Search

Casualties: 1 WIA, 1 Non-Battle injury

2. Summary. The 3d Bn 3d Marines conducted a two-company cordon and search operation of KHUONG NHON village (BT 426093). During the operation, the Battalion Surgeon, aided by Company Corpsman, administered medical aid to the local inhabitants of the village. After a successful search of the village the Fourth Marine Regiment, acting on intelligence, ordered the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to proceed into the Northern sector of the 3/3 TAOR to search for reported enemy movement within that area. The second search netted no VC.

a. Company I. At 222330H, the company commenced movement to the objective area. By 230615H, the company was in the assigned cordon position around KHUONG NHON village. At 230940H, eight VC with weapons were sighted in the vicinity of (BT 420094) the enemy were immediately taken under fire and one of the VC was observed to be hit. However, due to the depth of a river between the Marines and the VC, the VC were able to escape. At 231100H, the company moved to search an assigned area in the Northern section of the 3/3 TAOR. The villages of KHUONG PHU (BT 445115) and KHUONG DAI (2) (BT 452112) were searched without any discovery of VC activity. The company completed its movement by moving to National Route #1 and was retracted at 231630H.

b. Company M. At 230530H the company moved by truck to a dismount point (BT 441099) arriving at 230630H. At 230645H, as the company moved towards the objective area, small arms fire was received at (BT 433098). One Marine WIA resulted from the incident. By 230730H, the company was in its assigned cordon position and the village was being searched. At 230815H, a VC pack was found at (BT 427096). At (BT 429093) an ammo box with two clips M-1 rounds and assorted brass was found. At (BT 426095) three small canvas packs, communications wire, and some M 79 empty brass was found in the bottom of a rice basket. Two ID cards hidden under a mat were found in a hut in the same area. At 230915H, the company received small arms fire from (BT 427097). The company returned fire and moved to the area but could find nothing.

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One Marine received a minor hand wound from pottery fragments caused by a VC bullet hitting an urn. At 231100H, the company moved to search an assigned area in the Northern sector of the 3/3 T/O. By 231400H, the search was completed and the company was in the loading point waiting for trucks. At 231800H, the company was retracted leaving one platoon in the area for further operations.

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# 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATION.

The area of operations is that area bounded by the SONG TRAU on the Northeast, a line running Southeast from (BT 420090) to (BT 428084) and thence Northeast through (BT 448090) to the SONG BEN VAN. This area encompasses a large sandy area where the soil is largely calcareous sand. This sandy area extends from approximately 500 meters inland from the railroad line out to the beach line. The regular crystalline nature of this sand and the relatively shallow water table permits some pools to remain after a rain shower for considerable periods. This sandy area provides almost no cover from air observation but the duning effect provide concealment from local ground observation and limited cover from flat trogeotory fire. The area east of the highway and railroad is the same sandy soil but is intensely cultivated with houses, surrounded almost unnaturally by banana trees, fruits and ferns. Paddy fields are found scattered throughout the area and some dry crops notably sweet potatoes and beans grown on raised hills within the fields. These raised rows may be 18 inches above the base level of the field and the interstices would give cover and concealment for prone persons from ground observation and cross fire. A second distinct Zone commences at the end of the sandy zone and extends inland to the base of the ridge containing hill 22. This area is almost entirely devoted to cultivation and houses. Rice is the principal crop grown. Vegetable plots, trees and shrubs are found on the raised area where the houses are located. Paddies are mostly flooded from several inches to approximately one foot. Soil in the paddy is brown mud and even the drained paddies are too soft to support wheeled traffic. The third zone is composed of the elevated ridgeline from (BT 420090) to (BT 239088). This zone is largely brush covered with some small trees, slopes are gentle and ridge is not very high but is the first high ground inland from highway in the area of operations. Brush provides only slight hindrance to foot troops and would be passable to tracked vehicles. Soil in this area is an orange clay. Housing varies considerably in the two areas between the area North of the highway and South of the highway. South of the highway the hamlets set on land raised above the paddy level. These raised "islands" in the paddy fields are the site of houses surrounded by trees and shrubs and small garden plots, but in close proximity to one another. North of the highway, houses are individually located in the fields worked by the people.

Drainage in the area of operation is generally Northwestward into Northeast flowing SONG TRAU. The main tributary stream bisecting the area of operations, at this season, is a moderately fast flowing stream about eight to ten feet wide, fordable in most places but with pot holes up to nine or ten feet deep, which could be dangerous since it is extremely difficult to detect these deep places from the bank. The banks of this stream are steep and, along the West bank in particular, aided by earth constructed dikes. Trees and bushes line most of the stream banks. Water is discolored.

The SONG TRAU is, at (BT 422095), about fifty feet wide with vertical banks. Water depth is about six to eight feet (see bottom contour profile). The current is fairly strong so that above chest deep it is difficult to stand and for fording presents extreme hazard to nonswimmers. Fording of

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foot troops at this point could be accomplished only with difficulty at (BT 431100) the SONG TRAU is 20 meters wide and approximately six feet deep. It is fordable with difficulty. Enemy interference prevented further exploration for fording sites. Vehicle fording would not be practical due to the vertical banks approximately five or six feet high. The bottom is mud and along both banks were submerged bushes cut as an abatis when fording the SONG TRAU.

No roads cross the area except the meter gauge railroad and highway 1. Highway 1 is an asphalt all-weather road approximately four meters wide. It is capable of carrying almost unlimited wheeled traffic but heavy tracked vehicles could damage the asphalt surface. Off the main roads, travel is cross country or along foot paths. No roads capable of carrying four wheeled traffic exist. Travel across paddy lands is along the paddy separators raised above paddy level one to two feet and varying from eight inches to two feet wide.

Farming provides virtually the only source of livelihood in this area. Most farming is based on rice growing with farmers living in the hamlets and traveling to the fields surrounding the hamlets. Many of the farmers apparently own water buffalo or oxen which are customarily penned at the edge of the hamlet whenever possible.

## 2. ENEMY SITUATION

The composition of enemy forces in the area of operations appears to have been mainly guerrillas armed only with small arms. All fire received in objective area was assessed as carbine fire and VC observed were reportedly carrying carbines, however 2 clips of M-1 ammunition were found in the area.

Probably the VC were alerted by warning shots fired as the company coming up highway 1 began to debark from trucks. This permitted the majority of the VC to leave the area or seek cover, safe from Marine search teams. Possibly, as reported by some civilian in the area, the VC evaded the Company "I" cordon and the Company "M" cordon before the companies joined. The first fire fight and the first Marine WIA occurred on the right flank of Company "M" (BT 433098) and the VC who opened fire escaped to the right of the advancing Marines.

VC activity in the area seemed to be devoted to preparation of fighting holes along side most trails and hedgerows. Most of the hedgerows were tunneled permitting rapid unseen movement. Within the portion of the hamlet at (BT 428093) a section of the trail had dirt dumped on it about 2½ feet deep, six feet wide and 50 feet long. Despite a thorough search, the source of the dirt could not be found. It appeared to have been dumped no more than two weeks prior to the operation. Villagers said the VC made them dig fighting holes along side the trails but made no mention of caves and denied knowledge of any. The villagers Southwest of the highway refused to answer many questions about the VC saying the VC would return and kill them. The villagers did say that there were some VC in the area in the morning. One villager said there were 3 armed with weapons similar to the carbine carried by the PFs. Another said that the day before or two days previously (unable to determine exactly due to an interpreter problem) there were 20 VC in the hamlet. Apparently this same VC group was referred to by a third Viet Namease as a VC platoon. Local inhabitants stated nervously that the VC

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fled "into the hills", "to the southeast" and "across the river" (SONG TRAU). All agreed they fled when the Marines approached. There were very few Vietnamese civilians in the area. Less than 20% of the normal population remained in the area.

The situation northeast of the highway was different in many respects. The villagers were friendly and freely answered questions. They stated the VC never come in the area because Marines and PFs patrolled the area every 3 or 4 days. The villagers claimed the VC did not collect taxes or assess rice donations from them. No evidence of punji pits or fighting holes were found in this area. They said that if the VC come to the school house at (BT 441099) they come from KHUONG HONG or KHUONG NHON (1) or further up highway 1. The people of the hamlet were not affected by them.

These villagers could furnish some food resources for the VC but neither appeared to be particularly rich areas. The few men found had no apparent special skills and were identified by their I.D. and the PFs as farmers so that no special skills of value to the VC were represented.

The VC did not appear to be able to communicate by any means but visual or sound signals and over a period of time this weakness might be exploitable. The VC apparently did not bother to booby trap this area. This oversight may have been due to lack of apprehension of Marine operations in the area or lack of booby trapping material. Since no punji traps were encountered, the former supposition would seem valid. The area east of the highway is not subject to VC operation.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>
230615H	(BT 438098)	"M"	4 single shots fired probably as signal.
230634H	(BT 428092)	"M"	Carbine fire received from 1 weapon approximately 20-30 rds. 1 USMC WIA. Fire returned no known VC casualties - VC fled NW. (1 possible VC WIA - 2 VC seen leaving area)
230650H	(BT 434098)	"M"	1 Non-battle casualty. Man attacked by water buffalo.
230715H	(BT 427097)	"M"	1 VC pack found. Pack was US Army type contained wallet, 76 Piastres, hammock, clothes, rice and some documents including a birth certificate.
230845H		"M"	Small cave located, no VC equipment or documents found. Cave not blown.
230905H	(BT 424095)	CP	VC fired 5 rounds of carbine fire into CP. Fire not returned. No casualties.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>
230910H	(BT 420094)	"I"	Two to eight VC engaged by Company "I". As VC moved into area across SONG TRAU. 1 VC possibly WIA could not cross river to pursue or confirm casualty. No USMC casualties.
230915H	(BT 427097)	"M"	Small arms fire (20 rounds) from this area. Search unable to find VC. 1 USMC WIA very minor when a piece of crockery was shattered by VC bullet.
230815H	(BT 426094)	"M"	155 Dud found with fuze removed and powder intact. 2 clips of M-1 ammunition found and turned over to PF for their use.
241500H	(BT 416125)	"M"	RF brought a VCC from "TARGET ISLAND" and requested transportation back to island to search for weapons the VCC said he had hidden. An LVT took the man to the 1/4 CP and later returned him along with the RF guards as it was too late to search. RFs and VCC went to LY TIN District Headquarters.

CHRONOLOGY

V.C. EQUIPMENT CAPTURED (contents of pack and 2 clips of M-1 ammunition)

V.C. CASUALTIES

Confirmed VC KIA 0 VCS 0  
 Confirmed VC WIA 0 Possible VC WIA 2  
 Confirmed VCC 0

USMC CASUALTIES

KIA 0  
 WIA 2  
 MIA 0

NON-BATTLE 1

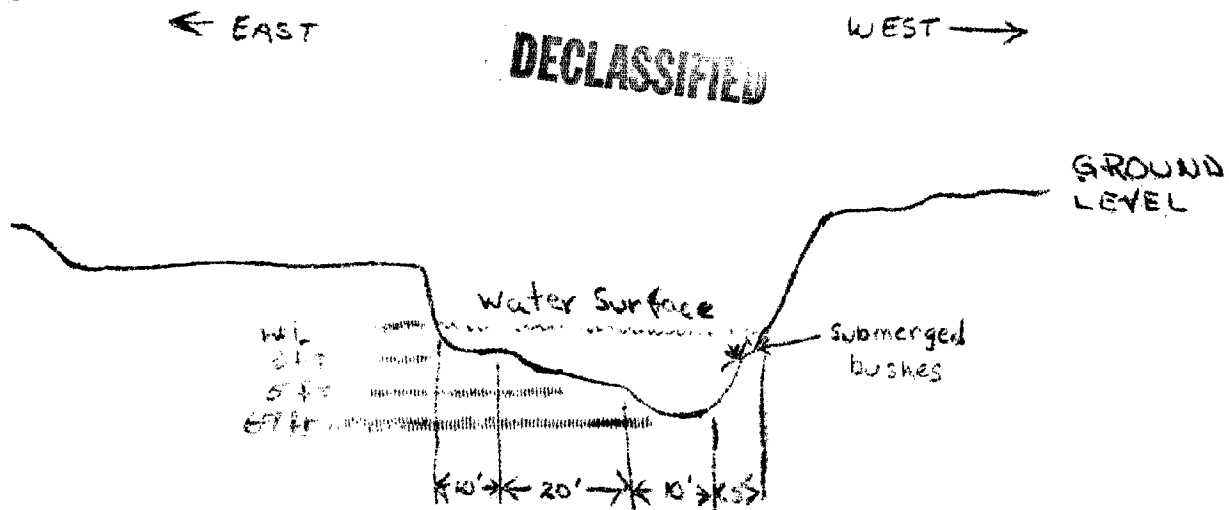
\*\* ENCLOSURE (1) - (contents of pack)

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BOTTOM PROFILE OF SONG TRAU  
Vicinity (BT 422095)  
October, 1965

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CONTENTS OF THE VC PACK PICKED UP ALONG SIDE THE TRAIL (PARTICALLY HIDDEN) DURING SWEEP OF VILLAGE, VIC (BT 426095).

ITEMS IN THE PACK

2 rolls U/I bark (5" X 1" each)	1 white cloth hammock
1 white cloth bag (10" X 14")	1 piece $\frac{1}{4}$ " rope (approximately 4')
1 brown bag (10" X 20")	1 piece plastic line (approximately 5')
black thread around twig, spool	3 pair trousers - khaki, black, blue
light green thread wrapped in	2 shirts - black, grey
pink paper	
1 multi-color towel	2 red candles
1 tooth brush in cloth bag	1 empty brown bottle (3"X1"X3/4")
1 cloth tube of rice(4' X 4")	1 billfold - 56 DONG (New bills)
	birth certificate, pamphlet 4"X5",
	notebook 4"X6".

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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3d Bn (Rein) 3d Marines  
CHU LAI, VIETNAM  
130800H October 1965

Operation Order 13-65

Ref: (a) Map VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheets 6757 III and 6757 IV

Time Zone: H

# 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides CAS and helicopter support as required.

(2) 3d Bn, 12th Marines, general support 4th, Marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments Annex A (Task Organization)

2. MISSION At L-hour on D-day 3d Bn, 3d Marines lands two companies and two PF platoons by helicopter in LZ Red, White and Blue. On D+1 conduct search and destroy operation; return to battalion area on order.

# 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Land one company (-) and one PF platoon in LZ Red, one company (-) and one PF platoon in LZ White, and one platoon (/) lands in LZ Blue and establishes blocking position vicinity (BT377165). One platoon (/) remains in helicopters in flight as a Mobile Striking Force and lands on order in assigned zone. Two companies and two PF platoons conduct search and destroy operation moving from South to North in assigned zones until blocking position is reached. On order two companies resweep from North to South to vicinity grid square (BT3713). On D+1 prior to first light two companies move into cordon positions around XUAN NGOC (1) and XUAN NGOC (2) in grid squares (BT3912) and (BT3911). At first light the two hamlets will be searched for VC and/or VC weapons.

bb. Company L

(1) At L-hour on D-day land one platoon (/) in LZ Blue.

(2) Land two platoons LZ White.

(3) Conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone from South to North. (Annex C Operation Overlay)

(4) On order resweep assigned area to vicinity grid square (BT3713).

(5) Be prepared for further operations on D + 1.

c. Company M

- (1) Commencing L-hour on D-day land in LZ Red
  - (a) One platoon (/) remains heliborne as a Mobile Striking Force and lands on order of Bn Cmdr in assigned zone; reverts to company control on order.
- (2) Conduct search and destroy operation in assigned zone from South to North. (Annex C Operation Overlay)
- (3) On order resweep assigned area to vicinity grid square (BT3713)
- (4) Be prepared for further operations on D / 1.

d. Company K

- (1) On order place one platoon in company L airfield defensive position.
- (2) Maintain thirty minute alert status as Regimental Reserve to be employed only on order CO, 4th Marines.
- (3) Continues to carry out assigned mission as Airfield Defense Company (North)

e. Company I

- (1) On order place one platoon in left half of company M MLR position.
- (2) Continue to carry out assigned mission as combat outpost Company.

f. H&S Company

- (1) On order place forty man provisional rifle platoon in right half of Company M's MLR position.

g. Detachment Co B, 3d Engineer Bn

- (1) Lands in LZ Red.
- (2) General support.

h. Section, 3d Plat, Co A, 3d Tank Bn

- (1) On order displace from present position to defensive position adjacent to Battery C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines vicinity (BT 443094).
- (2) On the afternoon of D-day, on order, proceed North on Highway #1 to vicinity of Ontos platoon (BT398150) to (BT383170) and escort ONTOS back to Battery C position.

(3) Remain in defense of Battery C position.

i. 3d Plat (4) Co B, 3d AT Bn

- (1) At L-hour on D-day proceed North on Highway #1 to establish mobile blocking positions from (DT398150) to (DT583170).
- (2) On the evening of D-day, on order, proceed South on Highway #1 to vicinity of Battery C and establish defensive positions

j. Battery C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

- (1) Annex D (Fire Support Plan)

k. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-hour to be announced.
- (2) D-day 15 October 1965
- (3) Exercise caution for mines and booby traps.
- (4) Contact left to right.
- (5) Enemy will not be by-passed.
- (6) All armed indigini except assigned PF's will be considered VC.
- (7) Promiscuous destruction of personal property or mistreatment of civilian populace will not be tolerated.
- (8) Limit of advance, SUOI VAS DOI
- (9) Annex C (Operations Overlay)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) Initial Levels

- (a) Class I Each man carry two MCI's
- (b) Class II Two day supply of batteries.
- (c) Class III None
- (d) Class IV None
- (e) Class V Basic allowance.
- (f) Water Two full canteens per Marines. Each company deliver fifty water cans to S-4 by 151100H.

- (2) Resupply By helicopter from LZ Wildcat scheduled for 151700H unless otherwise requested. Each company to receive fifty cans of water, two MCI's per Marine, and two batteries per radio. Command Group to receive ten cans of water, two MCI's per Marine, and two batteries per radio. Units submit additional requirements to S-4 two hours prior to scheduled delivery time. Emergency resupply upon request. Helicopter pick-up of empty water cans scheduled one and one half hours following delivery.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be helilifted to Company B, 3rd Medical Bn.
- (2) Individual weapons, ammunition, compasses, binoculars and classified documents of casualties requiring evacuation will be retained by the company concerned.

c. Miscellaneous

- (1) Uniform and Equipment Normal arms and equipment, helmet, light marching pack and poncho. Armored vests optional.
- (2) All personnel will have component parts in Jungle Kits including water purification tablets, salt tablets and insect repellent.
- (3) Property NCO's of units participating report to S-4 at the time of delivery of water cans to S-4.
- (4) Emphasize control of water cans. Return all water cans at helicopter resupply pick-up time.
- (5) Upon return to the Battalion area, report by telephone the amount of ammunition expended during the operation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Normal communications and pyrotechnics

b. Command posts

- (1) Subordinate units report command post locations as established.



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ANNEXES:

- A- Task Organization
- B- Intelligence
- C- Operation Overlay
- D- Fire Support
- E- Landing Plan

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 18-65

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Hqs Co (-)

Arty Liaison Tm, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

3d Plat (-) Co B, 3d Engr Bn

ALO Team

Co I (Rein)

86 T

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plat

FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Co K (Rein)

Co K

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plat

FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Co L (Rein)

Co L

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plat

FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Co M (Rein)

Co M

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plat

FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Sect, 3d Plat (Rein) Co A, 3d Tank Bn

3d Plat (Rein) Co B 3d AT Bn

LtCol LANAGAN

Capt MORRIS

Capt ORSDURN

Capt DE MARTINO

Capt RUSHING

Capt GUIBA

Lt GLOVER

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 18-65

Ref: (a) Map SHEET 6757 III, IV, Series L701, VIETNAM, 1:50,000  
(b) Divo 3800.1E

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION. Viet Cong activity in the objective area has not previously been subject to effective intervention by U.S. Forces. The VC presumably has been able to propagandize and organize the civilian population. Some enemy efforts to prepare defensive positions have been detected such as trenches and fighting holes. It must be assumed that the VC has mined the area in which our forces will operate.

- a. Reported enemy units in the objective area and area around objective area are shown below. Only item (4) is confirmed, all others are unconfirmed.

	<u>RPT DATE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
(1)	10/5	(BT 4011)	A/19 Strength: 140, Wpns 1-60MM Mortar, 1-MG, 3-BARS
(2)	10/4	(BT 3711)	A/21 Strength: 80, Wpns 1-80MM Mortar, 1-MG, 1-57RR. CO: DO THE VINH.
(3)		(BT337152)	80thBn Strength: 250, Wpns 4-57RR, 4-MGs, 9-M79s, 36-ARs, 12-B-40s, AKA: NAM HAI: 40th, CO: TIEN
(4)		(BT445145)	<u>Unk</u> Platoon (Confirmed)

REPORTED UNITS POSSIBLY IN AREA

(5)	(BT390120)	<u>Unk</u> Co.
(6)	(BT370126)	<u>Unk</u> 100 VC Operating
(7)	(BT345145)	VC District Agency - - Restricted Combat Ability.
(8)	(BT355145)	VC District Agency - - Restricted Combat Ability.
(9)	10/5 (BT415011)	54thBn Strength: 350, Wpns 1-81MM Mortar, 1-60MM Mortar, 3-MG, AKA: 94/350 Bn (?)

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	<u>RPT DATE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	
(10)	10/7	(BT349065)	74thDn	Strength: 300, Wpns 1-81MM Mortar, 1-60MM Mortar, 1-MG, 9-ARs.
(11)	10/4	(BT386005-342012-354011-361026)	<u>UnkRegt</u>	Strength: 800, CO: LU GIANG
(12)	10/4	(BT340113-BT400112)	<u>Unk</u>	Strength: 200, Wpns 1-60MM Mortar, 1-MG (Probably part of A/19).

(NOTE: Strengths, Unit identifications and weapons are estimates based largely on agent reports and may not be accurate. This list is compiled from several sources and it is probable that some reports are duplicated. These units are highly mobile and locations given are subject to change and inaccurate reports.)

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Are mines or booby traps employed in objective area? If so, where, in what numbers and types?
- b. Is Landing Zone at (BT 382163) useable? How many aircraft can it accomodate?
- c. Is there a useable helicopter Landing Zone at (BT 368158)?
- d. Will VC actively oppose helicopter landing? If so, how and in what strength?
- e. Will VC defend objective area? If so how, where, and in what strength?
- f. Is National Highway 1 capable of bearing tanks? Special attention to bridges and culverts particularly culvert at (BT 411128)?
- g. Are anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons available to VC in objective area? If so, where and how many?
- h. Can SONG VAO DOI be forded? If so, where?

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

- a. Orders to Subordinate Units. None assigned.
- b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent and Supporting Units

(1) Aerial Reconnaissance. One request has been submitted to ADC and 4th Marines for aerial photos. 4th Marines to furnish vertical coverage of objective area. ADC will provide handheld photos of landing zones, hamlets and high ground in Grid Square(BF 3815).

c. Coordinating Instructions. All units will report any information received concerning VC activities, units, weapons or intentions in objective area.

#### 4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL.

a. Prisoners. VC and VCS will be handled in accordance with reference (b). Prisoners will be treated humanely. They will be bound, blindfolded and tagged by the capturing unit to show Date-Time-Group of capture, place of capture by coordinates, circumstances of capture in sufficient detail to assist interrogators, and the identification of the capturing unit. Documents taken from VC or VCS will be tagged so they may be related to the person from whom taken and evacuated with the individual. Whenever practical, a Marine who participated in the capture of a person will be assigned as guard until delivered to the collection point. Walking wounded may be used for guards.

b. Captured Documents. Captured documents will be tagged to indicate Date-Time-Group of capture, place of capture, circumstances of capture and identification of capturing unit. Documents should be forwarded to Battalion S-2 by fastest secure means.

c. Captured Material. All captured war materiel becomes the property of the United States. Personal property, unless used to wage war or assist the enemy, is not to be seized. All property and materiel captured will be tagged with the same information as documents and forwarded to Battalion S-2. Items suitable for retention as trophies must be so indicated on the tag along with the name of the capturing individual. In this regard, weapons manufactured in the U.S. and weapons that violate federal or state firearms regulations may not be retained as trophies.

(1) Enemy automatic weapons, weapons of unusual design or employment, anti-tank weapons and new or unique mines and grenades shall be forwarded to the Battalion S-2 as expeditiously as possible.


#### 5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. The standard map for this operation is AMS VIETNAM 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6757 III (TRI BINH) and 6757 IV (PHU NAM).

## 6. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. Spot Reports. Immediate report will be made of enemy contacts, battle casualties on either side, enemy sightings, or capture of enemy personnel, significant documents or significant material. All spot reports will include Date-Time-Group of incident, location by coordinates, and information in accordance with "SALUTE" format. Whenever possible, mines and booby traps will be diagrammed before destruction with all important dimensions noted. Mines or booby traps not intentionally detonated should be diagrammed as much as possible and fragments collected to assist in identifying the device. All details of enemy activity that inflicts casualties should be noted.
- b. Incoming Intelligence. Dissemination of intelligence to units will be made by radio or messenger depending on the situation.

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### APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Situation Overlay
- 2 - Astronomical and Tidal Data

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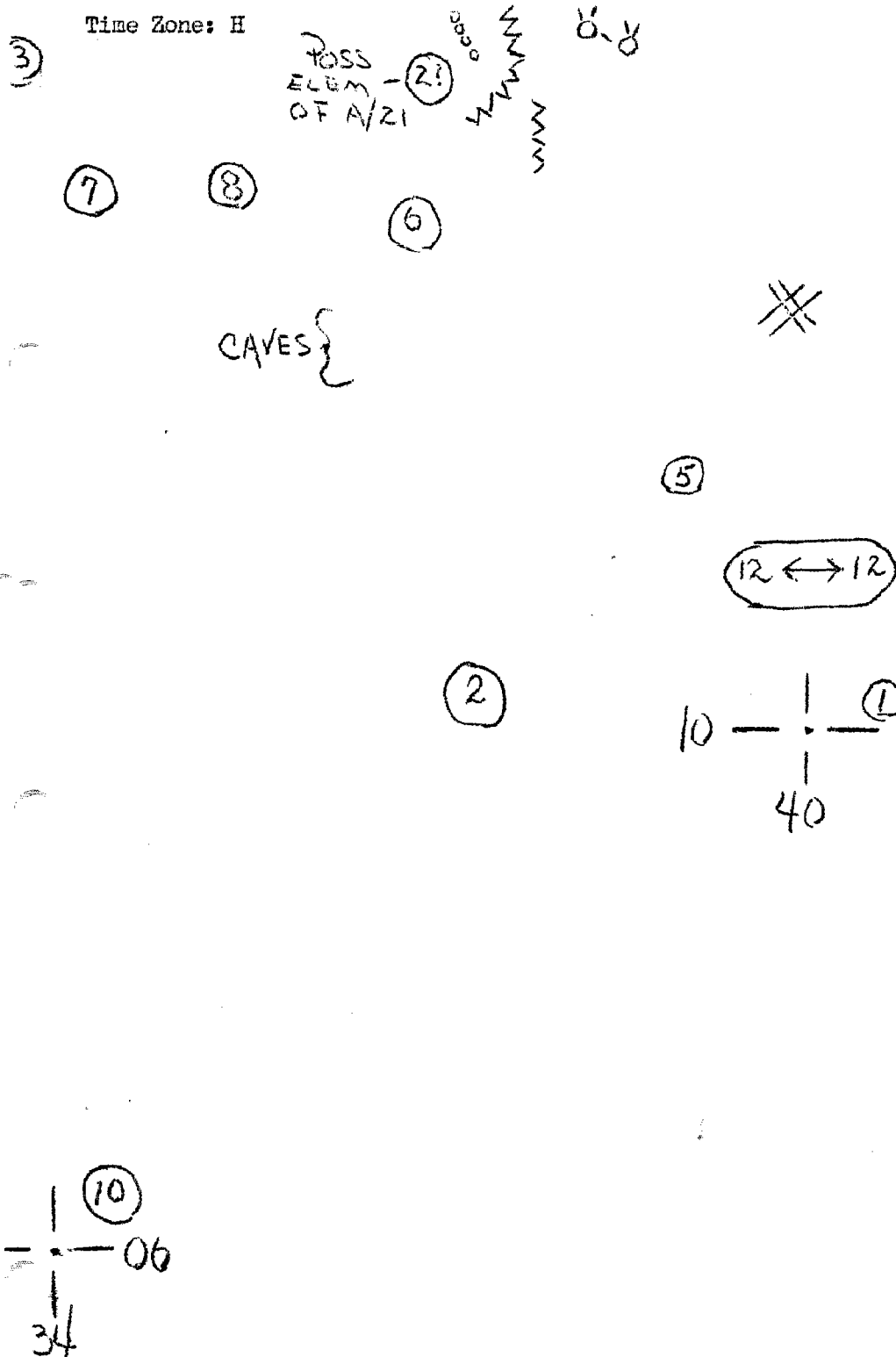
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Appendix 1 (Enemy Situation Overlay) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation  
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Appendix 2 (Astronomical and Tidal Data) to Annex B to Operation Order 18-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Astronomical Data (all times are local standard time)

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
OCT	13	0639	1828	2050	0848	3/4
	14	0639	1827	2120	0946	3/4
	15	0639	1827	2214	1047	3/4
	16	0640	1826	2312	1148	1/2
	17	0640	1825	-----	1249	1/2

BMCT - 23 minutes before sunrise

BEET - 23 minutes after sunset

2. Tidal Data (all times are local standard time)

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIRST HIGH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SECOND HIGH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIRST LOW</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SECOND LOW</u>	<u>TIME</u>
OCT	13	4.4	1249	5.7	2349	2.5	0635	3.6	1724
	14	4.0	1413	-----	-----	2.3	0732	3.7	1716
	15	5.9	0019	-----	-----	2.1	0836	-----	-----
	16	6.1	0054	-----	-----	1.9	0949	-----	-----
	17	6.3	0137	-----	-----	1.8	1110	-----	-----

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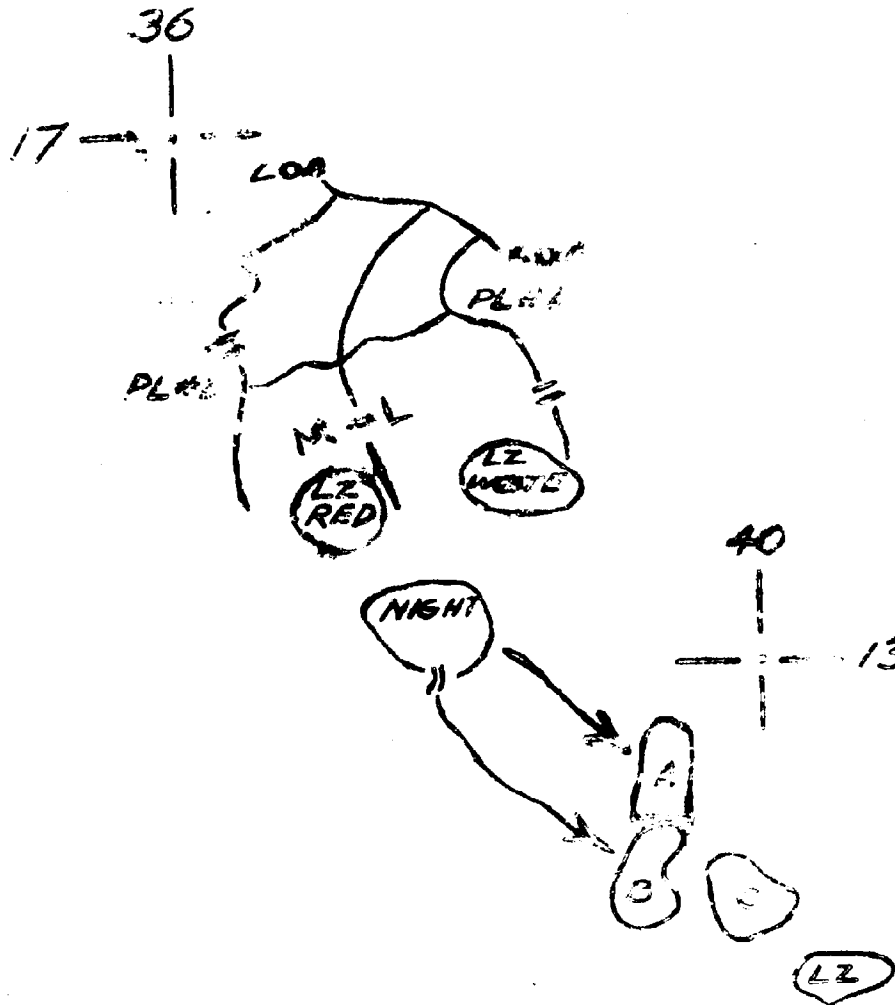
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**ANNEX C (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 18-62**

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Annex D (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Order 18-65

Ref: (a) Map VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheets 6757 III and 6757 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION See basic order
2. MISSION Provide support for 3d Bn (Rein), 3d Marines.
3. EXECUTION
  - a. One Section, 81mm Mortars
    - (1) General support 3d Bn (Rein), 3d Marines
  - b. Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
    - (1) Direct support 3d Bn (Rein), 3d Marines
    - (2) Occupy firing position vicinity (BT443094)
    - (3) Preparation fires at (BT369136) (BT372137) (BT371143) (BT384144) (BT382157) (BT385156) from L-5 to L-hour.
  - c. 3d 155 Gun Btry, FMFPac
    - (1) General support, 4th Marines and 7th Marines
  - d. Coordinating Instructions
    - (1) Fire Support Coordination, Bn Order 3000.10 (SOP for Operations and Training).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS Normal
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS
  - a. FSCC (Forward) located with Bn Command Group.
  - b. FSCC (Rear) located at 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP.
  - c. Communications Normal

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Annex E (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 18-65

Ref: (a) FMFM 6-3

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1. GENERAL This plan provides for helicopter lifting and landing the 3d Bn, 3d Marines in designated LZ's in accordance with Appendix 1 (Heliteam Wave and Serial Assignment Table) to Annex E (Landing Plan) to Operation Order 18-65.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Heliteam Wave and Serial Assignment Table (To be issued)

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