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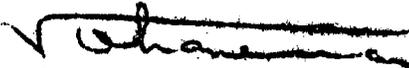
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1-31 October 1966

1. In accordance with references (a) thru (d), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

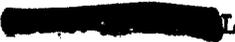

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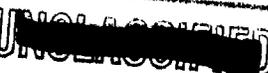
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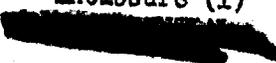
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November through 31 November 1966

Part I Organizational Data Sheet
Part II Significant Events
Part III Supporting Documents

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
2. Command Post. DA NANG, RVN, Coordinates (AT 916582)
3. Period Covered. 1 October - 31 October 1966
4. Date of Submission. 5 November 1966
5. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC	USN
Officers	31	3
Enlisted	926	54

6. Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN
7. Principal Staff

Executive Officer	Major T. J. WILLIS	USMC
S-1	2ndLt C. E. HURST	USMC
S-2	2ndLt R. COOK	USMC
S-3	Capt R. F. SHERIDAN	USMC
S-4	Capt C. E. BOCKEWITZ	USMC

8. Subordinate Units

H&S Co	2ndLt R. H. JENKINS	USMC
Co E	Capt J. E. RAGSDALE Jr.	USMC
Co F	Capt R. C. MADONNA	USMC
Co G	1stLt J. R. KOPKA	USMCR
Co H	Capt J. T. CARROLL Jr.	USMC
*1stPlt, Co B 3dTkbN	SSgt J. J. ALVAIADO	USMC
*3dPlt, Co A, 3dEngrBn	SSgt T. V. SHELTON	USMC

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1stSgt SAU

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**OPCON 2/3

9. Mission.

a. To occupy, defend, and control assigned TAOR; conduct search and clear operations within the TAOR; conduct combat/reconnaissance patrolling throughout the TAOR; maintain control of the populated areas to preclude the Viet Cong from infiltrating into such areas and to preclude them from exerting influence on the populace; and be prepared to conduct operations involving adjacent units within and/or beyond assigned TAOR.

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PART II

1. Personnel

a. Replacements. During the reporting period the Battalion joined the following replacements:

(1) USMC Enlisted 137

(2) USN Enlisted 10

b. Rotation. The following number of personnel were rotated to CONUS:

(1) USMC Officers 2

(2) USMC Enlisted 39

(3) USN Enlisted 10

c. Personnel lost through attrition other than rotation

(1) WIA: Seven USMC enlisted.

(2) KIA: Two USMC officers and nine USMC enlisted.

(3) Three USMC enlisted granted emergency leave.

(4) Nonbattle casualties: Four USMC enlisted.

(5) Intra Division/Regimental Transfers

(a) Division Transfers. None

(b) Regimental Transfers. One USMC officer and one USMC enlisted.

d. R&R. During the period the following number of personnel visited the places indicated:

Tokyo	19	Manila	6
Bangkok	20	Taipei	16
Okinawa	22	Kuala Lumpur	9
Hong Kong	22	Hawaii	7
Singapore	9		

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2. Administration

- a. Personnel Accounting. A shortage of consumable supplies still exists.
- b. Postal. Satisfactory
- c. Pay. No problem area.
- d. Post Exchange. The Battalion is currently served by mobile exchange truck. Arrangements are currently being made for an exchange trailer which will provide seven day service.

e. Legal and Discipline

(1) Two Summary Courts-Martial and one Special Court-Martial were held during the period.

(2) One man is confined in III MAF brig.

(3) One Bad Conduct Discharge is pending.

(4) The following Article 15 punishments were held during the period within the Battalion:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Total NJP's</u>
86 1	Battalion 6
89 1	Company 8
92 10	
113 3	
107 3	
134 2	

f. Awards. One Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement, two Air Medals and 16 Purple Hearts were awarded during the period.

g. Promotions. The following promotions were delivered during this period:

(1) Corporal 44

(2) Lance Corporal 186

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3. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at Beginning of Period.

- (1) Captured documents have confirmed the 402d (AKA T-89) NVA Sapper Battalion as operating in the Dong Lam Mountains, vicinity GS (AT 8060).
- (2) The R20 (Doc Lap) Battalion is carried as confirmed vicinity GS (AT 8053) south of the Song Vu Gia. However reports have been received in this district that elements of this Battalion have moved across the Song Vu Gia to supervise the harvesting of rice. It has been reported that the approximate strength of this Unit is 500 men.
- (3) The Dai Loc (LF) Company with a strength of 80 men is confirmed in the western portion of the TAOR vicinity GS (AT 8055).
- (4) The Hoa Hieu (LF) Company with a strength of 120 men, is confirmed vicinity GS (AT 9664), 1000 meters northeast of this TAOR.
- (5) The 5/V25 Battalion with a strength of 500 men is carried as probable vicinity GS (AT 8753), approximately 3000 meters south of the TAOR. Reports received from ralliers and captured documents indicate that the R20 and the 5/V25 Battalions are one and the same.
- (6) Dai Loc District has reported the presence of approximately five Guerrilla platoons operating within the TAOR. The strength of each varies from 20 to 40 men.

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b. Enemy Initiated Incidents During the Reporting Period

- (1) 011345H - Company F: Elements from PPB, vicinity AT 861572, received two rounds small arms fire. Patrol returned fire, Results: Sniper ceased firing.
- (2) 020830H - Army Advisory Team: Unit received small arms fire from estimated platoon of VC in foxholes, vicinity AT 820552. Artillery mission requested, resulting in a cease fire from enemy.
- (3) 021315H - Army Advisory Team: Unit received automatic weapons fire from estimated platoon of VC, vicinity AT 814556. Artillery mission conducted, and area searched. Unit made contact with a civilian who reported that VC withdrew from area heading west, and taking their casualties with them.
- (4) 031645H - Company A 7th Eng: While conducting mine sweep on the MSR (Rt 5), the team discovered one (1) 81mm casing buried 2" below the surface of the road. The casing was covered carefully so as to be non-detectable to the eye. No wires or other means of detonation discovered. The area was searched and the casing blown in place. No secondary explosion.
- (5) 031645H - Army Advisory Team: AAT located vicinity AT 817548, reported receiving enemy mortar fire. Fire mission conducted. Results: Enemy mortar ceased.
- (6) 031835H - Company H: Company OP observed eight VC, vicinity AT 825560. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Enemy action ceased.
- (7) 031930H - Company H: Elements vicinity AT 833567, received two rounds small arms fire. Small arms fire and 3.5" WP returned. Results: Direct hit on target. One KIA (prob).
- (8) 031930H - Company H: Elements vicinity AT 833567 observed six to eight VC engaging five RF's, which were part of unit involved in the rice harvest. Small arms fire directed on VC, contact was broken. VC were observed carrying one WIA (conf) south into treeline.

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- (9) 032130H - Company H: Patrol heard movement to their rear, vicinity AT 927583 and 929582. Patrol challenged and reconned by fire. Area searched with negative results.
- (10) 051040H - Company G: Patrol received three rounds small arms fire. Unable to determine direction of fire. Area searched with negative results.
- (11) 051050H - Company G: Patrol received 10 rounds small arms fire, vicinity AT 953633. Prior to complete radio failure, patrol instructed to withdraw. Patrol searched area with negative results.
- (12) 051620H - Company F: Observed with 20 power binoculars, VC moving supplies across Song Vu Gia, moving north to south, vicinity AT 849553. Fire mission conducted. Results: VC dispersed and one boat damaged.
- (13) 070745H - 7th Engineers: Sweep team discovered box type mine on shoulder of road, vicinity AT 886573. Following examination of area, mine was detonated in place.
- (14) 071215H - Company F: Perimeter received five rounds sniper fire from vicinity AT 886588. Fire was returned and one female (VCS) wounded. One VC observed running to northwest. (female VCS med evac to ARVN hospital.)
- (15) 081634H - Company H: Company received sniper fire from vicinity AT 817550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Sniper activity ceased.
- (16) 080759H - Company H: Company received sniper fire from vicinity AT 817550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Three KIA (prob) two WIA (prob), enemy broke contact.
- (17) 080816H - Company H: Company received enemy fire from vicinity AT 817550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two WIA (prob) and loss of contact with enemy.
- (18) 080821H - Company H: Company observed VC squad vicinity AT 815570. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Unobserved.
- (19) 080845H - Company H: Company received sniper fire from vicinity AT 816550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two KIA (prob), Three WIA (prob), enemy loss of contact with enemy.

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- (20) 080851H - Company H: Company received enemy fire from vicinity AT 816550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two KIA (prob) one WIA (conf) and loss of contact with enemy.
- (21) 080915H - Company H: Company received sniper fire from treeline, vicinity AT 824570. Small arms fire returned resulting in cease fire by sniper.
- (22) 080941H - Company H: Company received enemy fire from approximately 10 VC, vicinity AT 813547. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in one KIA (prob).
- (23) 081025H - Company C. 3d Recon Bn: Squad observed two VC, vicinity AT 814646, dressed in utility jackets and black PJ's. They were observed moving down the hillside traveling west. Ambush resulted in one VC KIA (conf). The other VC escaped with weapon.
- (24) 081027H - Company H: Company received mortar fire from vicinity AT 813547. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in one KIA (prob) and one mortar (prob).
- (25) 081030H - Company H: Platoon received automatic weapons fire from estimated platoon of VC, vicinity AT 818552. VC platoon reinforced with 60mm mortars and M-79. Air strike conducted, resulting in 18 VC KIA (prob), 12 huts were destroyed and one bunker.
- (26) 081043H - Company H: Company observed eight VC, vicinity AT 810569. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in three KIA (prob).
- (27) 081110H - Company H: Company observed occupied VC bunker positions vicinity AT 817550. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in one KIA (prob), two WIA (prob) one bunker destroyed.
- (28) 081150H - Company H: Company observed VC positions, vicinity AT 815557. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in one KIA (prob) two WIA (prob).
- (29) 081200H - Company H: Company received sniper fire from vicinity AT 8156. Small arms fire returned, resulting in three KIA (conf).
- (30) 110020H - Company E: Mortar FO, located AT 923690, observed 10 VC on abandoned G/2/26 position AT 920704. Artillery mission conducted, resulting in six KIA (prob). Four VC were [REDACTED] away.

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- (32) 111500H - Company E: A truck from Engineers, upon returning to E Company CP detonated a mine, vicinity AT 948663. Forces moved to that area to provide security.
- (33) 121000H - Company F: Patrol moving vicinity GS 8756, received one sniper round, patrol returned fire but did not search area because it was south of Song Vu Gia.
- (34) 121135H - 9th Marines: AO reported observing 70 VC, vicinity AT 845724, moving northeast direction.
- (35) 121645H - Company F: OP #65 observed with 20 power binoculars, five VC with packs moving south, vicinity AT 875540. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Unobserved.
- (36) 121820H - Company F: Observed with 20 power binoculars, five VC boats moving east, vicinity AT 838547. Artillery mission conducted, with good area coverage. Results: Two KIA (prob).
- (37) 121830H - Company F: Observed five boats and continued fire mission vicinity AT 838547, with 20 power binoculars. Results: Five VC boats destroyed.
- (38) 130745H - Company E: Box type mine discovered vicinity AT 943660, containing approximately 20-30 lbs explosives. It was buried 2½ inches below the surface of the road and had a pressure type fuse. Following search of area, mine was blown in place.
- (39) 131233H - Company H: Security elements, vicinity AT 950631, received small arms fire. Artillery mission fired at 131500H with following results: Three VC KIA (prob).
- (40) 131400H - Wire Chief: The wire line from Co. E to CAC 31 shorted out by placing a small fire on top of line which melted the installation. Line replaced.
- (41) 131840H - Hieu Duc District: A VN boy walking cow, detonated a booby trap vicinity AT 951669. Boy forwarded to District Headquarters for interrogation and treatment.
- (42) 132100H - Company G: CAC 21 received five rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 932603. Elements returned fire and the enemy fire ceased.
- (43) 132115H - 8" Howitzer: Platoon, vicinity AT 886584, received eight incoming grenades and 50 rounds small arms fire. 81mm mortars fired HE and illumination. Results: Enemy firing ceased. Area searched at first light with negative results.

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- (44) 141100H - Company E: Patrol, vicinity AT 946695, received 20 rounds small arms fire from approximately 200 feet north of position. Patrol returned fire. Results: Enemy broke contact.
- (45) 141135H - Company F: Observed three VC boats on river, vicinity AT 851557. Artillery mission fired. Results: Two VC boats damaged, one destroyed with load of supplies.
- (46) 141210H - Company F: Observed three VC boats with supplies, vicinity AT 853555. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Three boats damaged.
- (47) 141350H - Company F: Observed two VC boats on Song Vu Gia moving supplies. Tanks fired two rounds. Results: Direct hit, two boats destroyed.
- (48) 141600H - Company E: Approximately 11-15 Vietnamese observed vicinity AT 920703. Suspected of wiring French bunker for booby traps. They were observed wearing black pajamas, no weapons were observed.
- (49) 141630H - Company F: Air strike on stockpile of corn and rice, vicinity AT 853557. Aircraft dropped 7X250 lb. bombs and fired 300 20mm rounds. Results: Destroyed unknown amount of rice and corn.
- (50) 141815H - Operations: S-3 clerk was sitting on COC bunker when incoming sniper round passed close by, from vicinity AT 912584. Round was also heard passing over by Hotel Company Commander.
- (51) 141900H - Company F: Observed through 20 power binoculars, five VC boats with supplies moving north to south vicinity AT 843550. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two VC boats destroyed.
- (52) 150120H - Company F: CAC 22 received four rounds small arms fire from the southeast corner of their perimeter, vicinity AT 902573. Fire was returned with unknown results: Area will be searched at first light.
- (53) 151703H - 3d Recon: Patrol reported unidentified movement, vicinity AT 832619. Artillery mission conducted with excellent target coverage. Results: Unobserved.
- (55) 151800H - Company E: Engineers destroyed bunkers, vicinity AT 921674. Searched area and discovered 1XM6A1 mine and seven punji pits. All were destroyed in place.

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- (56) 152245H - Company F: Hill 65, received two incoming grenades, vicinity 8" Gun positions. Small arms fire returned with 61mm mortar illumination. Results: Enemy activity ceased.
- (57) 161420H - Company F: Observed with 20 power binoculars, two VC boats loaded with supplies, vicinity AT 847553. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two boats destroyed.
- (58) 161615H - 3d Recon: OP, vicinity AT 789596, observed four VC with packs and weapons moving south along trail, vicinity AT 792598. OP elements engaged VC. Results: Three KIA (conf) one VC escaped with weapons.
- (59) 161930H - Company E: Patrol received five rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 942653. Returned small arms fire and searched area with negative results.
- (60) 161930H - Hieu Duc District HQ. Reported one VC squad in Khuong My (1) (927684). Patrol searched area with negative results. Continued patrol as scheduled.
- (61) 162300H - Company G: CAC 21 heard noise outside perimeter, vicinity AT 923603. Three grenades and small arms fire was directed toward suspected area. Area searched with negative results.
- (62) 170030H - S-2 Officer: Investigation has determined that PF's and Biet Chin were playing cards and argument resulted. Grenades were thrown and small arms fired, resulting in three persons killed and five wounded. No VC activity involved.
- (63) 171100H - Company F: Patrol received approximately 100 rounds small arms and automatic weapons fire from vicinity AT 892557, 887559. Patrol returned small arms fire and two 3.5 rounds Artillery mission conducted with good target coverage. Results: Unobserved artillery mission and Enemy weapons fire ceased.
- (64) 171105H - Company F: OP observed five VC wearing black pajamas, moving from southeast to northwest, vicinity AT 892665. Artillery mission conducted with excellent target coverage. Results: Unobserved.
- (65) 171122H - Company F: OP observed VC snipers across Song Vu Gia, vicinity AT 892557. Artillery mission conducted with excellent target coverage. Results: Unobserved.
- (66) 171905H - Company F: OP observed with 20 power binoculars, two VC boats moving east to west vicinity AT 855555. Tank fired five rounds HE. Results: Three KIA (conf) and two boats destroyed.

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- (67) 172000H - Company G: Security squad bridge #3, received one incoming grenade, vicinity AT 919598. Returned small arms fire and searched area with negative results.
- (68) 180015H - Company G: Patrol observed movement on road vicinity AT 927614. Fired approximately 10 rounds small arms, and searched area with negative results.
- (69) 180830H - Communication Officer: Deliberate cut in land line, vicinity AT 942643. Line repaired.
- (70) 180830H - Company E: Artillery unit truck traveling on MSR, vicinity AT 942663, detonated a mine. Squad dispatched from Echo and truck was towed to Hill 41. Area searched with negative results.
- (71) 180830H - Company E: Engineer sweep team, vicinity AT 955655, received five rounds small arms fire, vicinity AT 955656. Returned fire and searched area with negative results.
- (72) 180900H - Company F: Patrol, vicinity AT 878564, received automatic weapons fire. Artillery mission conducted with good target coverage. Results: Area neutralized.
- (73) 181030H - Company F: OP observed through 20 power binoculars, five VC with weapons vicinity AT 875572. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Three KIA (prob).
- (74) 181245H - Company E: Patrol received small arms fire, vicinity AT 964667. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Small arms fire ceased. Artillery mission unobserved.
- (75) 181230H - Company F: OP observed with 20 power binoculars, five boats docked and full of supplies, vicinity AT 845551. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Five boats with supplies destroyed.
- (76) 181415H - Company E: Perimeter received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 925689. Returned approximately 200 rounds small arms fire. Results: Enemy fire ceased.
- (77) 191622H - Company F: Patrol from CAC 22, moving medical supplies back to Dai Loc District HQ. received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 904569. Returned small arms fire. Results: Sniper fire ceased.
- (78) 191622H - Company F: Patrol from CAC 22, apprehended boat with six VCS carrying medical supplies, vicinity AT 907574. Six VCS transferred to Battalion S-2 for interrogation. Medical supplies redistributed. Further investigation resulted in three VCS being forwarded to 3rd IIT.

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- (79) 191700H - Communication Officer: Wire team checking line to Company E, received information of VC in area, vicinity AT 842648. Squad dispatched from H Company PPB. Searched area with negative results.
- (80) 201000H - Company E: Patrol discovered possible 105 dud, vicinity AT 924682. Following search of area, dud was detonated in place.
- (81) 201240H - Company F: Patrol received heavy small arms fire from vicinity AT 885554, while checking supplies left behind by VCS who fled in boat upon approach of Marines. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Unobserved. Sample of supplies were taken and remainder destroyed.
- (82) 201430H - Company E: Patrol observed one Vietnamese male, vicinity AT 917668. Upon approach of patrol, he ran to the west. Patrol opened fire, and man was believed to have been wounded. Patrol searched area with negative results.
- (83) 210800H - Company E: Patrol received small arms fire from vicinity AT 948658. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Two KIA (conf) Three KIA (prob).
- (84) 211100H - Operation KERN: Vietnamese male showed Command Group the location of 17 graves, vicinity AT 860380. Man said graves contained North Vietnamese soldiers killed in previous combat. Patrol searched graves. Resulting in finding 17 bodies (conf).
- (85) 211130H - Company E: Patrol discovered one M-26 Grenade boobytrap, vicinity AT 934663. Following search of area, grenade was blown in place.
- (86) 211705H - Company H: Vehicle traveling on MSR (Rt 5) received sniper fire from vicinity AT 943632. H Company PPB fired five 60mm mortar into area. Results: One KIA (prob).
- (87) 211930H - Company E: Received information that one VC Company located vicinity AT 924703, 925704, 921706. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Unobserved.
- (88) 230730H - Operation KERN: FO with Command Group, observed 10 VC moving north to south, vicinity AT 875385. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Four VC KIA (prob).
- (89) 231430H - Operation KERN: FO observed VC policing up bodies after artillery mission vicinity AT 878382. Artillery mission conducted. Results: 25 VC KIA (prob) 20 VC WIA (prob).
- (90) 231530H - Operation KERN: Observed 200 VC wearing black pajamas and khaki uniforms vicinity AT 829383. Artillery mission conducted. Results: 30 VC KIA (prob) 20 VC WIA (prob).

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- (91) 240700H - Company G: Observed six VC policing up bodies vicinity AT 874379. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Three VC KIA (prob). The VC dispersed.
- (92) 240750H - Command Group: FO observed supply column of six VC vicinity AT 876380. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Four VC KIA (prob).
- (93) 240945H - Company G: Patrol searching for enemy weapons vicinity AT 872392, found two VC bodies and five weapons which were left from engagement on 23 October 66.
- (94) 240949H - Company G: Patrol sighted 36 communication type poles strung with wire, vicinity AT 888382. Possible communication system or helicopter entanglement.
- (95) 241445H - 3d Recon: Patrol observed 15 men and two women moving in a northwest direction vicinity ZC 163687. Patrol observed eight rifles and three sacks of food. Artillery mission conducted with excellent target coverage.
- (96) 250215H - Company E: CAC 33 position received 10 rounds sniper fire from vicinity AT 942678. Fire returned and area searched with negative results.
- (97) 250645H - Company E: Patrol checking what was earlier reported to be communication poles and wire, were found to be high poles connected with wire, designed to entangle helicopters. Below the wires were eight to ten foot punji stakes.
- (98) 250900H - Company G: Patrol found 47 graves containing 93 NVA bodies.
- (99) 251150H - Company E: Patrol received five rounds sniper fire from vicinity AT 958676. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results.
- (100) 270745H - Air Observer: Reports unusual amount of people moving west, vicinity AT 915667 to 924667. No weapons observed.
- (101) 271250H - Air Observer: Observed unusual large group moving vicinity AT 870523, and trench lines and bunkers around villages south of TAOR, vicinity AT 870523.
- (102) 271715H - Company H: Patrol received two rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 940628. Returned fire with approximately 50 rounds M-60. Area was searched with negative results.

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- (103) 271740H - Company E: Patrol discovered one 81mm mortar round, boobytrap: vicinity AT 929668. Boobytrap was approximately 15 meters off the road. Area was searched with negative results. Mortar round was detonated in place.
- (104) 291700H - District Personnel: Discovered one M-16A1 mine, vicinity AT 953586. Mine was removed and destroyed.
- (105) 300740H - Company F: Patrol observed nine VC with weapons and packs vicinity AT 877558. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Unobserved.
- (106) 300845H - Company F: Patrol observed three VC with weapons, enter house vicinity AT 877554. Artillery mission conducted. Results: Three VC KIA (prob) one structure destroyed.
- (107) 300945H - Company E: Truck from 7th Engineers, vicinity AT 941645, detonated a mine, containing approximately 10 lbs C-4. The truck was not damaged. Mine sweep was conducted.
- (108) 301830H - Communication Officer: Wire to Company G, was cut, vicinity AT 918517. Line was repaired 310900H.
- (109) 301930H - Company E: Eight vehicle convoy from 7th Engineers was ambushed vicinity AT 942650. Convoy received heavy small arms fire and grenades from vicinity AT 944657, 843673. Convoy returned small arms fire, resulting in an enemy cease fire.
- (110) 311445H - Company E: Patrol received approximately 25 to 35 rounds small arms fire from vicinity AT 956667. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results.
- (111) 311800H - Company F: Patrol observed two VC and supplies, vicinity AT 880558. Tank mission requested and fired. Results: Two KIA (prob), one boat destroyed and following supplies captured: 20 lbs. salt, five gallons fuel oil and two cans kerosene.

c. ENEMY LOSSES FOR THE PERIOD:

(1) Personnel

KIA:	103 (conf)	170 (prob)
WIA:	11 (conf)	32 (prob)
VCS:	11	

(2) Munitions/Weapons

Mines (Unknown type)	4
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Box Mine	2	Browning Auto. Rifle	
81mm Shell	2	BAR Magazines	10
105mm Shell	1	Armo 7.62	1000 rounds
M-16A1 mine	1	Armo 30 Cal.	200 rounds
M-26 Grenades	5	SKS Rifle 56	1
Cartridge Belt	1	LMG Model T-56	1

(3) Fortifications

Bunkers	5
Huts	14
Punji Pits	7
Caves	2
Trench Line	1

(4) Others

Boats	22
Rice	3600 lbs.
Corn	2500 lbs.

Medical Supplies	20 lbs. (approximately)
Bear Traps	3
Salt	170 lbs.
Kerosine	20 Gallons
Graves	148 Bodies
Fuel Oil	5 Gallons

d. Enemy Situation at the End of the Period.

- (1) The 402d (AKA T-89) NVA Sapper Battalion is carried as confirmed vicinity GS (AT 8060).
- (2) The R20 (Doc Lap) Battalion is carried as confirmed south of the Song Vu Gia, approximately 1000 to 3000 meters south of the TAOR. Numerous reports have been received during the period to indicate that elements of this Battalion have moved north of the river. The strength of this Battalion is estimated at 500 men.
- (3) The Dai Loc (LF) Company with a strength of 80 men is confirmed vicinity GS (AT 8055).
- (4) The Hoa Hieu (LF) Company with a strength of 120 men is confirmed vicinity GS (AT 9664) approximately 1000 meters northeast of the TAOR.
- (5) The 5/V25 Battalions with a strength of 500 men is carried as probable vicinity GS (AT 8753) approximately 3000 meters south of our TAOR. Reports have been received that the R20 and the V25 Battalions are one and the same.

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- (6) Numerous reports have been received that one Company, unidentified, had moved into the northern portion of this TAOR. It is being carried as probable vicinity GS (AT 8767).
- (7) Dai Loc District Headquarters has reported the presence of three Platoons operating within the TAOR, and are presently being carried as probable in the following areas:
GS's (AT 9462), (AT9566).

4. Training

a. Objectives

(1) To maintain peak combat efficiency and increase the knowledge and relationship of U. S. Marines and Vietnamese people.

(2) The objectives for training personnel with the Combined Action Company are to provide professional guidance and train Vietnamese Popular Force personnel to a degree that enables them to provide for the defense of their respective villages and hamlets. To date, six Combined Action Platoons have been established.

b. Major Training Highlights

- (1) FAM Firing Individual and Crew Served Weapons
- (2) Tactical Trends and VC Tactics
- (3) FDC Operating Procedures for 81mm Mortar Personnel
- (4) Field Fortifications
- (5) Field Sanitation
- (6) Moral Guidance
- (7) Handling POW's
- (8) Ambush Techniques
- (9) Laying of Protective Wire
- (10) Map Reading
- (11) Care and Maintenance of Individual Equipment
- (12) Detection of Mines and Booby Traps
- (13) Combat Patrolling

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(14) Field Radio Procedure

(15) Information Program

(a) Mission, Objectives and Responsibilities

(b) Rules of Engagement

(c) Treatment of Captured Personnel

(d) Chieu Hoi Program (Rallier)

5. Special Operationsa. Amphibious Operations. Noneb. Combined Operations. During the reporting period, this Battalion conducted two combined operations (See Part III - Supporting Documents)c. Psychological/Warfare Operations. During the reporting period psychological/warfare activities consisted of passing out leaflets (8000) by patrols in hamlets throughout this Battalion's TAOR. Over 30,000 leaflets were air dropped in support of Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 (See Part III - Supporting Documents).6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and Other Special Type Warfare

a. This Battalion has not employed CBR weapons. However, scout sniper teams with squad patrols and platoon size patrols have been utilized.

b. Each company has assigned one NBC officer and three enlisted personnel as company NBC NCO's. Each company has assigned personnel by name to either a monitoring or decontamination team that is trained at company level.

c. Status of NBC equipment on hand is in serviceable condition and maintained by Battalion supply.

7. Command and Controla. Task Organization2d Battalion, 3d Marines

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H&S Company

2ndLt R. H. JENKINS

Company E

Capt J. E. RAGSDALE Jr

Company F

Capt R. C. MADONNA

Company G

1stLt J. R. KOPKA

Company H

Capt J. T. CARROLL Jr

b. Location of Command Posts

2nd Bn, 3d Marines

AT 916582

H&S Company

AT 916582

Company E

AT 935663

Company F

AT 879577

Company G

AT 914598

Company H

AT 917583

Btry A; 1st Bn, 12th Mar

AT 883578

3d Plt, Co A, 3d Engr Bn

AT 916582

1st Plt, Co B, 3d Tk Bn

AT 878576

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) During this period, Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and Company E, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines were under operational control of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines participating in a combined operation in the DUC DUC District (See Part III - Supporting Documents)

8. Communications-Electronics.

a. Wire. During the current period wire was laid to Hill #41 from DAI LOC. Although frequent deliberate cuts and floods have hampered maintenance of this line, acquisition of appropriate overheading materials promises to alleviate the difficulties encountered.

b. Radio

(1) Personnel. Radio operator shortages still continue to be a problem. Reassigned infantrymen are filling the immediate shortages

(2) Equipment. Radio equipment functioned well for the most part. Repair difficulties encountered were in the AN/PRC-41 radio due to the poor quality of floated modules. The T/E shortage of watt meter URM 43 poses an equipment test problem.

c. Radio Relay. The AN/TRC-27 link to 3d Marine Regiment was discontinued and replaced by an AN/TRC-27 to 9th Marine Regiment. Frequent problems have been encountered due to poor power resources.

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d. Message Center. The AN/GCC-3 tape cutter was returned from FLSG. Problems now encountered concern the AN/TGC-14 teletypewriters which now are malfunctioning due to bad key boards. During the current flood lack of transportation to the 3d Echelon Repair Facility at FLSG added to the problem.

e. Maintenance

(1) 1st and 2nd Echelon maintenance continues to be stressed.

(2) Due to transportation restrictions caused from recent floods, PO-2 poles for overheading of wire lines are problem items.

f. Power. The electrical installation by the Mobile Construction Battalion plus excellent daily maintenance on the generator has produced a much more workable power system. Still deadlined for repairs are the PU-348 and the PU-239. It is visualized that return of the PU-239 will provide daytime power while the PU-482 can be used for night power. This arrangement will provide uninterrupted power throughout the cantonment.

9. Close Combat

a. Operations Conducted

(1) This Battalion has conducted two Battalion (-) (reinf) size operations during the reporting period (See Part III - Supporting Documents).

(2) During the reporting period, this Battalion conducted 259 squad size day patrols, 155 squad size night patrols, 285 ambushes, and 404 listening posts.

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b. Significant Activities

- (1) 1 October - At 011000H, minesweep team from 7th Engineer Battalion discovered three mines in road at AT 936634. Mines were blown in place and area searched for additional mines with negative results. At 011345H, Company F FPB received small arms fire from AT 863564. Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, seven squad size night patrols, six ambushes, ten listening posts, and 84 H&I fires.
- (2) 2 October - At 020830H, the Army Advisory Team with DAI LOC District forces received small arms fire from an estimated platoon of VC in dug in positions at AT 820552. Army Advisory Team was working with District forces conducting a rice harvest operation. Artillery mission requested and fired eight 105mm rounds with excellent target coverage. Small arms fire ceased and an assessment of enemy casualties was not available. At 021332H, Army Advisory Team received automatic weapons fire from an estimated VC platoon located at AT 814556. Artillery mission requested and fired 13 rounds 105mm rounds and unit sent to check area and returned with negative findings. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, eight ambushes, ten listening posts, and 82 H&I fires.
- (3) 3 October - At 030840H, sweep team from Company A, 7th Engineer Battalion found an 81mm mortar round buried in the middle of Route #5 at AT 937614. Engineers blew round in place and searched area for additional mines with negative findings. At 031005H, Company H forward observer sighted eight VC at AT 825560. Artillery mission requested and cleared through Army Advisory Team for possible Vietnamese forces in area. Army Advisory Team conducted entire mission because of better observation. 18 HE 105mm rounds were fired with excellent target coverage. At 031237H, Army Advisory Team was receiving mortar fire from AT 817548. Artillery mission requested and 12 HE 105mm rounds fired silencing enemy mortars. At 031020H, 2d Platoon, Company H observed six to eight VC engaging five AT 83567. Company H

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Platoon took VC under fire with machineguns wounding one VC (confirmed). VC dispersed and broke contact. At 031245H, Company H CP at AT 833567 received sporadic sniper fire which wounded one USMC from a ricochet projectile. USMC treated at Battalion Aid Station. At 031340H, Company H CP at AT 833567 received two rounds small arms fire from VC in hut at AT 827569. VC taken under fire with small arms and 3.5 rocket launcher. One WP round landed directly inside the hut resulting in one VC KIA (probable). This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, one platoon size day patrol, seven squad size night patrols, seven ambushes, ten listening posts and 93 H&I fires.

- (4) 4 October - At 041204H, FSCC received SPAR Report from Regimental FSCC requesting fire mission on following coordinates: ZC 207590, ZC 200601, and AT 790595. Two rounds HE 8" were fired on each coordinates. This Battalion conducted six squad size day patrols, seven squad size night patrols, seven ambushes, ten listening posts, and 99 H&I fires.
- (5) 5 October - At 051040H, Company G patrol received two to five rounds small arms sniper fire from AT 951630. Patrol searched surrounding area with negative results and continued on assigned patrol route. At 051050H, Company G patrol received ten additional rounds of sniper fire from across the SONG AI NGHIA at AT 953633. Patrol returned fire, sniper fire ceased, and patrol continued on assigned patrol route without further incident. At 051620H, Company F observation post sighted VC hauling rice across the river from north to south in boats at AT 849555. Artillery mission requested and fired eight rounds 105mm HE damaging boat and VC dispersed out of area of observation. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, nine squad size night patrols, eight ambushes, ten listening posts, and 79 H&I fires.
- (6) 6 October - At 060830H, Company H patrol suffered one non-battle casualty when a patrol member dislocated his knee. USMC evacuated by vehicle to Battalion Aid Station and patrol continued on assigned route. This Battalion conducted eight squad size patrols, eight squad size night patrols, eight ambushes, ten listening posts, and 86 H&I fires.

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(7) 7 October - At 070725H, engineer sweep team discovered box type mine buried on shoulder of road at AT 886657. Mine was 6"x7"x6" buried 5" below surface. Mine was blown in place by engineers and area searched for additional mines with negative results. At 071215H, Company E received five rounds sniper fire from AT 888588. Sniper observed running from north to west and taken under fire. A stray round wounded a Vietnamese female who was med-evaced by Army helicopter to ARVN Hospital in Danang. At 072330H, CAC patrol was ambushed at AT 892569 by Biet Chin ambush wounding one USMC. USMC med-evaced and investigation conducted with District Headquarters to ascertain why this unit was not advised of friendly activity in area. Biet Chin had not cleared ambush sight with District Headquarters. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, eight squad size night patrols, eight ambushes, ten listening posts, and 83 H&I fires.

(8) 8 October - At 080643H, Company F received sniper fire from AT 820570. Fire mission requested and fired ten HE 105mm rounds with good target coverage silencing sniper fire. At 080759H, Company F received sniper fire from AT 816550. Fire mission requested and fired 16 HE 105mm rounds with good coverage silencing enemy sniper fire. At 080816H, Company H received sniper fire from AT 835526. Artillery mission requested and fired two rounds HE 105mm rounds on target silencing enemy sniper fire. At 080821H, Company F forward observer spotted a squad of VC at AT 815570. Artillery mission requested and fired 12 HE 105mm rounds with excellent coverage. Casualty assessment unknown due to VC dispersing into treeline and out of observation. At 080851H, Company H received sniper fire from AT 816550. Fire mission requested and fired ten 105mm rounds silencing enemy sniper fire. At 080915H, Company F received sniper fire from treeline at AT 824570. Artillery fire mission requested and cancelled due to proximity of friendly forces. At 080914H, Company H received sniper fire from five VC at AT 813547. Artillery mission requested and fired eight 105mm silencing enemy sniper fire. At 081027H, Company H received incoming 60mm mortar fire from AT 813547. Artillery mission requested and fired 12 HE 105mm rounds with good target coverage silencing mortars.

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At 081043H, Company F forward observer spotted eight VC at AT 810569. Fire mission requested and fired 24 HE 105mm rounds resulting in three probable VC KIA. At 081025H, reconnaissance unit at AT 814646 spotted two VC moving from east to west carrying one rifle wearing utility shirts and black pajamas. Reconnaissance unit set in ambush and took VC under fire killing one (confirmed). The other VC took weapon and escaped moving in a westerly direction. Reconnaissance unit moved position. At 081150H, Company H forward observer spotted VC positions at AT 815557. Artillery mission requested and fired 38 HE 105mm rounds neutralizing the target. At 081030H, Company H engaged an estimated VC squad reinforced. VC were armed with automatic weapons, 60mm mortars and an M-79. VC taken under fire with small arms, machineguns and 3.5 rocket launchers. Artillery mission requested and fired. Air strike requested and conducted. A forward air control team adjusted the air strike and assessed damage as 20 probable VC KIA's, 12 huts destroyed and one bunker destroyed. Company H suffered one KIA and seven WIA's which were med-evaced. At 081200H, Company F received sniper fire from grid square AT 8156. Three VC were spotted running to the west and were taken under fire by FAC located on high ground to the north resulting in three confirmed VC KIA. At 081110H, Company H forward observer spotted VC and gun positions with bunkers occupied at AT 816550. Artillery mission requested and fired 15 HE 105mm rounds with good target coverage. Enemy sniper fire ceased. At 081622H, Company H forward observer spotted VC firing from village at AT 818559. Artillery mission requested and fired two rounds HE 105mm rounds with all rounds on target. At 081200H, Company H received incoming 60mm mortar round which wounded one USMC while moving out of area of operation. Casualty treated and patrol deployed to search area and returned with negative results. This Battalion conducted one combined operation with Regional Forces, Popular Forces, and two reinforced rifle companies and a Command Group. Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines conducted 19 fire missions in support of combined operation. The mission of this combined operation was to provide harvesters protection and security and deny foodstuffs to the Viet Cong. At 080900H,

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Company E returned to operational control of Second Battalion, Third Marines. In addition, this Battalion conducted two squad size day patrols, three ambushes, 10 listening posts, and 94 H&I fires.

- (9) 9 October - This Battalion made no enemy contact or enemy initiated activities. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, eight squad size patrols, eleven ambushes, ten listening posts, and 104 H&I fires.
- (10) 10 October - At 102115H, reconnaissance unit at AT 875645 received from eight to ten rounds of incoming machine fire. Artillery mission requested and fired two illumination and one WP 105mm rounds. Patrol set up an ambush for the remainder of night with negative results. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, eleven squad size night patrols, eleven ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 122 H&I fires.
- (11) 11 October - At 111458H, an M-35 truck enroute to Company E CP on Route #5 (MSR) detonated a mine at AT 948663. Road was swept by engineers earlier in day. Reaction force from Company E dispatched as security for vehicle until vehicle was towed away by 3d Motor Transport Battalion. At 111500H, Company F observation post spotted four VC in supply column at AT 821561. Artillery mission fired expending eight 105mm rounds. One VC seen falling and being carried away by another VC (one VC WIA confirmed). At 111645H, Company F forward observer spotted six VC with packs moving south at AT 875540. Artillery mission requested but cancelled as VC moved out of area of observation before mission could be cleared. Observation of area continued with negative sightings. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, eleven squad size night patrols, eleven ambushes, 16 listening posts and 144 H&I fires.
- (12) 12 October - At 120900H, reconnaissance patrol at AT 843634 received incoming automatic weapons fire while waiting extraction. Two USMC were wounded. Patrol returned fire and requested gunship as reinforcements for med-evac. Patrol extracted at 121045H. At 121000H, Company F patrol at AT 876573 received

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one sniper round from AT 875565. Patrol returned initial fire and searched entire area with negative results. At 121820H, Company F observation post spotted five VC in boats with supplies moving from west to east on SONG VU GIA at AT 838547. Fire mission requested and 18 HE 105mm rounds fired with good target coverage resulting in two probable VC KIA. At 121838H, Company F continued fire mission on same target. 8" guns fired 36 HE rounds destroying five VC boats. This Battalion conducted seven squad size patrols, 12 squad size night patrols, 11 ambushes, 16 listening posts and 159 H&I fires.

(13) 13 October - At 130715H, engineer sweep team discovered box type mine containing 20 to 30 pounds of explosives, buried approximately 2 1/2" below surface with pressure type fuze at AT 943660. Mine was blown in place by engineers and area searched for additional mines with negative results. At 131235H, Company H patrol providing security for VIP visit received sniper fire from across the SONG YEN resulting in one USMC KIA. Fire was returned and artillery mission called on area as patrol withdrew to PPB. Forward observer with Company H patrol assessed results as three VC KIA (prob). At approximately 131400H, the wire line from Company E CP to CAC 31 was shorted out by a fire melting insulation on line. Area was searched and line replaced. At 131840H, a Vietnamese boy detonated a VC booby trap at AT 951669 while walking a cow. Villagers brought boy to Company E CP where he was treated and taken to Hieu Duc District Headquarters for further treatment and med-evaced to ARVN Hospital in Danang. At 132015H, 8" howitzer platoon on Hill #65 received eight incoming grenades and approximately 50 rounds small arms fire into perimeter from AT 886584. M-60 machinegun and 50 caliber machinegun fire returned. Area was illuminated with 81mm mortars and HE fired on suspected VC activity area. Firing ceased and area searched with negative results. At 132100H, CAC 21 received five incoming rounds of small arms fire from AT 932603. This Battalion conducted eight squad size day patrols, eight squad size night patrols, nine ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 131 H&I fires.

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(14) 14 October - At 141124H, Company F forward observer spotted three VC in boat moving west at AT 851557. Artillery mission requested and fired 10 HE 105mm rounds and 29 WP 105mm rounds. As a result of fire mission, two boats were severely damaged, one boat destroyed, and one load of grain destroyed. At 141210H, Company F forward observer spotted three VC in boats at AT 853555. Fire mission requested and fired 20 HE 105mm rounds extensively damaging three boats. At 141305H, Company F observation post spotted two boats in river with supplies. Tanks took VC boats under fire expending two HE 90mm rounds. Results of mission were three VC KIA (confirmed) and two boats destroyed. At 141530H, an air strike was conducted on VC stockpiles of corn and rice. Fixed-wing aircraft dropped seven 250 pound bombs and fired 300 80mm rounds. Results of air strike assessed by an aerial observer were nine large stockpiles of VC corn and rice destroyed. At 141900H, Company F observation post spotted five VC boats with supplies heading north to south at AT 843550. Fire mission requested and 20 HE 105mm rounds fired destroying two boats. At 141250H, Battalion S-2 received SPAR report of enemy units located at AT 859526. Artillery mission called on enemy positions expending 16 105mm rounds. This Battalion conducted nine squad size day patrols, twelve squad size night patrols, seven ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 147 H&I fires.

(15) 15 October - At 150220H, CAC 22 received four incoming rounds small arms fire from southeast corner of their perimeter at AT 902573. Small arms fire returned at muzzle flash and area searched at first light with negative findings. At 151703H, reconnaissance unit reported unidentified movement at AT 832619. Artillery mission requested and ten WP and six HE 105mm rounds fired with excellent target coverage. At 151530H, Company E patrol reinforced with engineers was dispatched from Company E to destroy friendly bunkers at AT 921674 which were abandoned. Friendly bunkers were destroyed with demolitions and while searching area one M-16A1, seven punji pits, two punji traps and six punji stakes were found and destroyed. At 152245H, 8" gun positions on Hill #65 at AT 883585 received three

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incoming grenades. Twenty to thirty rounds small arms fire returned and four rounds 81mm illumination fired with negative sightings. Two USMC were slightly wounded and were treated by company corpsman and returned to duty. Area was searched with negative results. At 151215H, Major General NICKERSON, Commanding General First Marine Division, visited Battalion CP and departed at 151300H. This Battalion conducted nine squad size day patrols, nine squad size night patrols, six ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 114 H&I fires.

- (16) 16 October - At 161420H, Company F observation post spotted two VC boats with supplies being unloaded at AT 847553. Tanks took boats under fire expending 11 HE 90mm rounds destroying supplies and damaging boats. VC observed in area but moved out of area of observation. At 161616H, reconnaissance unit in observation post at AT 789596 spotted four VC at AT 792598 moving south on trail. VC were wearing black uniforms and carrying packs and weapons. Reconnaissance unit took VC under fire killing three VC (confirmed). Remaining VC evaded unit and escaped with all weapons. At 161920H, Company E CP received five to ten rounds small arms fire from AT 942653. Approximately 50 rounds small arms fire returned at area of enemy fire. Area searched with negative results. At 161930H, Hieu Duc District Headquarters reported one VC squad at Khuong My (1) (AT 927684). Company E patrol diverted to check out area and returned with negative findings. At 162320H, CAC 21 position heard movement to the front of its perimeter. Three illumination grenades and small arms fire directed into suspected area of VC movement. Area was searched with negative results. This Battalion conducted ten squad size day patrols, 14 squad size night patrols, twelve ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 100 H&I fires.

- (17) 17 October - At 170002H, reconnaissance unit reported enemy movement at AT 795598 and requested artillery mission be fired. Artillery mission fired on suspected enemy movement expending three rounds illumination with negative sightings. At 171105H, reconnaissance unit spotted five VC at AT 892666 moving from south to north wearing black pajamas. Fire mission requested and fired expending eight 105mm rounds

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with excellent target coverage. At 171100H, CAC 22 patrol received 100 rounds small arms fire from AT 892557 and AT 887559 from semi-automatic and automatic weapons. Patrol returned fire with small arms, two WP 3.5 rocket rounds and 15 81mm rounds. Artillery mission fired. Area unable to be searched as enemy positions were across the river. Patrol suffered one USMC WIA who was taken to Battalion Aid Station for treatment and later med-evaced. At 171905H, Company F spotted two boats at AT 855555 moving east to west carrying supplies. Tanks fired five HE and two WP 90mm rounds on target resulting in three VC KIA (confirmed) and two boats with supplies destroyed. At 172000H, Company G bridge security at AT 919598 received one incoming grenade. Fire returned in vicinity of suspected VC and area searched with negative results. This Battalion conducted ten squad size day patrols, 13 squad size night patrols, 12 listening posts, and 118 H&I fires.

(18) October 18 - At 180015H, Company G ambush saw movement on the MSR (Route #5) at AT 927614. Ambush fired ten rounds small arms fire into area of movement and searched area with negative results. At 180830H, an M-35 truck detonated a mine at AT 942663 on the access road to Company E CP. One USMC was slightly wounded and med-evac was effected. Truck suffered extensive damage to front end and was towed away by parent unit, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. At 180900H, Company F patrol received heavy small arms fire from automatic weapons from across the river at AT 878564. One USMC WIA sustained and med-evac effected. 81mm mortar and artillery mission fired in support of patrol. At 180945H, Company E patrol received sniper fire from village at AT 962667. Patrol swept village with negative findings or incident. Patrol continued on assigned patrol route. At 181030H, Company F observation post spotted five VC with weapons moving from north to south at AT 875572. Artillery mission requested and fired expending 20 HE 105mm rounds resulting in three VC KIA (probable). At 180830H, engineer sweep team received approximately five rounds sniper fire from AT 955666. Patrol suffered one USMC KIA. Fire returned and two squads and one tank dispatched from Company E CP to search area. Area searched entirely with negative findings or further incident. At 180900H, Company F patrol received heavy

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automatic weapons fire from south side of SONG VU GIA at AT 872564 and were pinned down temporarily. Patrol suffered two USMC WIA from initial enemy fire. Artillery mission requested and fired 30 rounds HE 105mm rounds with good target coverage. Med evac effected for two USMC WIA's. At 181245H, Company E patrol received sniper fire from AT 964667. Patrol took snipers under fire and artillery mission requested and fired 18 HE, 2 WP, and 2 HC smoke 105mm rounds. Sniper fire ceased and patrol searched entire area with negative results. At 181415H, Company E platoon patrol received eight to ten rounds automatic weapons fire from two VC at AT 925689. Patrol returned fire and sniper fire ceased. Patrol searched area with negative results. This Battalion conducted eleven squad size day patrol, eleven squad size night patrols, 12 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 105 H&I fires.

- (19) 19 October - At 191130H, a Vietnamese (female) National was accidentally shot in the shoulder by a Marine assigned to bridge security at AT 914598. She was evacuated to DAI LOC District for medical treatment and an investigation was initiated concerning the accidental discharge. At 181230H, Company F observation post spotted five boats loaded with supplies docked at AT 845551. Artillery mission requested and fired 29 HE 155mm rounds and 12 8" HE rounds. Five boats loaded with supplies were destroyed. At 191600H, CAC 22 patrol stopped boat with six VCS loaded with medical supplies at AT 907574. Six VCS taken to District Headquarters for investigation and medical supplies turned over to District for redistribution. At 191615H, CAC 22 patrol which was taking six VCS and medical supplies to District Headquarters received ten rounds small arms fire as they left the river bank wounding one USMC. USMC WIA taken to Battalion CP where medical evacuation was completed. This Battalion conducted eleven squad size day patrols, thirteen squad size night patrols, twelve ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 113 H&I fires.

- (20) 20 October - At 201000H, Company F patrol while on assigned patrol route came upon people on river bank loading supplies into boats. As people spotted Marines they fled leaving behind 200 pounds of salt and 10 gallons of gas. Patrol tried to stop boat but received

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sniper fire from AT 885555. Patrol moved to confiscate supplies and received heavy sniper fire. Patrol returned fire and 81mm mortar mission fired expending 15HE rounds ceasing sniper fire. Patrol took samples of supplies and destroyed remaining supplies. Samples taken to Battalion S-2 for evaluation. At 201000H, Company E patrol found a dud 105mm round at AT 924682. Dud was destroyed in place by engineers attached to patrol. At 201130H, wire line to Company E was deliberately cut at AT 942648. Wire line repaired and wire team checked for additional breaks in line. This Battalion conducted eleven squad size day patrols, 13 squad size night patrols, 12 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 115 H&I fires.

- (21) 21 October - At 210800H, Company E patrol found an M-26 grenade booby trap outside of Company E CP at AT 934663. Booby trap blown in place and area searched with negative results. At 211130H, Company E patrol received sniper fire from 15 to 20 VC. Mortar mission fired and fire returned with small arms fire. Search of area revealed two VC KIA (conf) and three VC KIA (prob). At 211750H, vehicle travelling south on Route #5 (MSR) received small arms fire from AT 943632. Company E PFB fired five 60mm mortar rounds at VC with one VC KIA (prob). At 211932H, Company E received information from HIEU DUC District Headquarters of a VC company at coordinates AT 924703, AT 925702, AT 924707, and AT 921706. Mortars fired four 81mm rounds on each coordinate. This Battalion conducted 11 squad size day patrols, 13 squad size night patrols, 15 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 100 H&I fires. At 211300H, Operation KERN commenced (see Part III - Supporting Documents).

- (22) 22 October - On this date, this Battalion made no enemy contact or witnessed any VC initiated incidents. This Battalion conducted seven squad size day patrols, 13 squad size night patrols, 12 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 98 H&I fires.

- (23) 23 October - At 231700H, one USMC fell and suffered a slipped disk (non-battle casualty) and was med-evacuated. At 232000H, Company E patrol received 10 to 15 rounds of small arms fire from AT 942663. Patrol returned fire and checked out area with negative results and continued on assigned patrol route. This Battalion

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conducted 12 squad size day patrols, 13 squad size night patrols, 14 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 149 H&I fires.

- (24) 24 October - At 241428H, reconnaissance unit spotted 15 VC men and two women moving into canopy at ZC 163678 wearing black pajamas. They were carrying eight rifles and three sacks of food. Artillery mission requested and fired 10 WP and two HE 155mm rounds with excellent target coverage. At 241840H, Company F observation post spotted 15 VC with packs in a column moving from north to south at AT 845566. Artillery mission requested and fired 30 HE 105mm rounds with excellent target coverage. Result of fire mission was eight VC KIA (prob). This Battalion conducted ten squad size day patrols, ten squad size night patrols, 12 ambushes, ten listening posts, and 62 H&I fires.
- (25) 25 October - At 250215H, CAC-33 position received ten rounds sniper fire from automatic weapons from AT 942678. Fire was returned and area searched with negative results. At 251150H, Company E patrol received four to five rounds sniper fire from AT 958676 from carbine rifle. Fire was returned with 18 to 20 rounds 7.62mm rounds and one M-79 round. Patrol swept entire area with negative findings. HIEU Duc District Headquarters reported to Company E that VC were in foxholes at AT 922707. Fire mission requested and cleared through adjacent unit, 4th Battalion, 503d Infantry Brigade, U. S. Army. Mortars fired with good target coverage. This Battalion conducted eight squad size day patrols, ten squad size night patrols, 11 ambushes, ten listening posts, and 39 H&I fires. At 251630H, Operation KERN terminated (see Part III - Supporting Documents).
- (26) 26 October - At 261745H, Company H PPB received two rounds sniper fire from AT 940628. Fire returned with 50 M-60 rounds and area searched with negative results. This Battalion conducted nine squad size day patrols, nine squad size night patrols, ten ambushes, ten listening posts, and 26 H&I fires.
- (27) 27 October - At 271040H, Company E patrol found one 81mm mortar round booby trapped at AT 929668 in road with electrical type detonation device. Engineers blew booby trap in place and searched area for additional mines with negative findings. This Battalion conducted 11 squad

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size day patrols, 11 squad size night patrols, 11 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 23 H&I fires.

(29) 29 October - At 292140H, Company E patrol picked up four VCS at AT 925699. VCS attempted to run from patrol and patrol apprehended the four Vietnamese. VCS turned over to Battalion S-2 for interrogation. This Battalion conducted ten squad size day patrols, 11 squad size night patrols, 11 ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 22 H&I fires.

(30) 30 October - At 300740H, Company F patrol spotted nine VC with weapons and packs at AT 877558. Fire mission requested and five 106mm rounds, three HE 81mm rounds, and three 3.5 inch rocket rounds fired at VC. Results unknown as VC moved out of area of observation. At 300915H, an M-35 truck detonated a wooden box type mine at AT 941645 while travelling north on Route #5. Mine contained approximately ten pounds C-4 with pressure type fuze. There were no casualties or damage to the truck. Area searched for additional mines with negative results. At 301930H, a convoy of eight vehicles from Company A, 7th Engineer Battalion travelling north on Route #5 (MSR) was ambushed at AT 942650. Fire was from AT 944657 and consisted of small arms and grenades. Convoy continued on Route #5 and again was taken under fire at AT 943673 by enemy fire from AT 954668. Convoy suffered one USMC WIA from initial fire. Convoy returned fire with small arms fire and 81mm mortar mission fired 12 81mm HEM rounds. Med-evac effected for USMC WIA. Enemy fire ceased and area searched with negative results. At 302040H, 30 Vietnamese civilians approached Company E CP with two wounded Vietnamese male civilians who were wounded from fire fight with VC and convoy. Company corpsmen treated Vietnamese and Army Advisory Team requested and conducted med-evac for Vietnamese. This Battalion conducted 12 squad size day patrols, 11 squad size night patrols, ten ambushes, 16 listening posts, and 25 H&I fires.

(31) 31 October - At 310943H, Company F forward observer conducted fire mission to interdict a known VC supply route at AT 814576. Fire mission fired ten WP and six HE 105mm rounds, and two WP and two HE 155mm rounds. At 311445H, Company E patrol received 30 to 35 rounds small arms fire from one VC in treeline at

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AT 956667. Patrol returned fire with small arms fire and two M-72 rounds. Patrol searched entire area with negative results. At 311800H, Company F observation post spotted prepared positions with 20 power binoculars at AT 882555. Supplies were spotted at AT 880558. A boat was sighted crossing the SONG VU GIA to pick up the supplies. Tanks took the boat and supplies under fire expending five 90mm rounds resulting in two VC KIA (prob) and boat destroyed. Patrol dispatched from Hill #65 to confiscate supplies. 20 pounds of salt, five gallons of fuel oil and two cans of kerosene were confiscated and distributed among PF's. This Battalion conducted 11 squad size day patrols, 11 squad size night patrols, nine ambushes, 16 listening posts and 36 H&I fires.

10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination

a. Significant Events. During the period 1-31 October, the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment. The majority of fire support for 2d Battalion, 3d Marines was provided by Battery A and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, until 15 October when Battery B displaced from Hill #41. General support artillery was provided by 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery and one platoon of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, until 9 October, when Battery K displaced from Hill #65 and was replaced by a platoon of Battery L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines on 10 October. Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 which commenced at 010100H and terminated at 082030H received supporting fires from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. (See Part III - Supporting Documents). Operation KERN which commenced at 201300H and terminated at 251800H received supporting fires from Battery F, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

b. Artillery units providing direct support or reinforcing fires:

- (1) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines - six 105mm Howitzers
- (2) Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines - six 105mm Howitzers
- (3) Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines - two 155mm (SF) Howitzers
- (4) Battery L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines - two 155mm (SF) Howitzers
- (5) 1st Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery, 12th Marines - one 8" Howitzer
- (6) Battery F, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines - six 105mm Howitzers, two 155mm Howitzers, one 155mm Gun (Towed)

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c. Naval Gunfire. There were no Naval Gunfire fire missions conducted.

d. Type and number of missions fired

(1) Artillery

(a) Observed fire missions	52
(b) Unobserved fire missions	5
(c) Groups of Fire	175
(d) Harassing and Interdiction	1260
(e) Neutralization	2
(f) Preparation Fires	8
(g) Registrations	5
(h) Training	None
(i) Total	1507

(2) Naval Gunfire missions fired None

(3) 81mm Mortar

(a) Observed fire missions	19
(b) Unobserved fire missions	None
(c) Harrassing and Interdiction	968
(d) Neutralizations	None
(e) Preparation fires	None
(f) Registrations	7
(g) Training	6
(h) Total	1000

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e. Ammunition expended by type and caliber

(1) Direct support artillery

105mm How	HE	2318
	WP	254
	HC smoke	10

(2) General support artillery

155mm How	HE	106
	WP	2

155mm Gun	HE	25
	WP	12

8" How	HE	105
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(3) Naval Gunfire Support None

(4) 81mm Mortar HEM 1321

WP 64

ILL 238

(5) Tanks, 90mm HEAT 45

(6) Ontos, 106mm HEPT 72

f. Surveillance. The artillery units supporting this Battalion amassed the following results: 50 VC KIA (conf), 54 VC KIA (prob), 21 VC WIA (conf), 3 VC WIA (prob), 13 VC boats destroyed and sunk, 6 VC boats damaged, and 22 VC structures destroyed.

11. Logisticsa. Supply

(1) Resupply for the Battalion this month was conducted daily by five ton cargo trucks except for the 10 day period when flood conditions precluded the use of segments of the MSR within this TAOR. During this period trucks brought supplies to an intermediate staging point and the supplies were handcarried and shuttled by Light Infantry Weapon Carriers across the impassable areas to another staging point where cargo trucks

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then completed the delivery. On two separate occasions during this period resupply was effected by helicopter.

(2) Further distribution of supplies to the companies was effected daily by five ton cargo trucks and vehicles organic to the Battalion.

b. Maintenance. The following quantity of items by category were taken to FLSG for maintenance.

General Supplies	18
Ordnance	39
Motor Transport	22
Communications	34

c. Food Services

(1) The entire mess facilities of the Battalion CP recently moved into the new 500-man mess-hall.

(2) All three outlying company positions operate a company mess housed in strongbacked tents.

(3) Three hot meals per day are provided at all positions.

d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development.

(1) Construction of the cantonment is complete except for the construction of six additional heads and two concrete motor transport repair pads, enclosure of the loading dock on the mess-hall, and installation of the water distribution system.

e. Transportation.

(1) Organic vehicles are utilized to the maximum.

(2) Five, M54 Cargo trucks are in direct support of this Battalion and are utilized for daily resupply. Previously this Battalion has had six cargo trucks assigned.

(3) The increase in the size of the TAOR has greatly affected the transportation situation. The most distant company position to resupply is ten miles from the Battalion CP. To support the company water demands, two trips per day by cargo trucks between each company's position and the water point located in the Battalion CP are required.

(4) Because the recent flood destroyed three bridges along the MSR in this TAOR, a longer alternate route to the rear has had to be used. This route increased the time required to complete a resupply trip.

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(5) The effects of the weather on the roads has increased the demand for maintenance and second echelon repair of vehicles.

f. Fiscal.

- (1) Five local civilian personnel are employed by the Battalion.
- (2) All budget reports are current.

g. Water.

(1) Potable water is obtained from a water purification point located at the river's edge in the Battalion CP area. This water point is operated by personnel from the 3d Engineer Battalion.

(2) MCB-6 is currently making an estimate of the water distribution requirements for the cantonment at the Battalion CP. Until their plans are implemented this Battalion continues to service all its water needs by water trailer.

(3) Recently, two of the eight water trailers used by this Battalion were recalled to FLSG for assignment elsewhere.

(4) Two of the outlying company positions have one water trailer each. A third outlying company position, which is the farthest from the water point, has two water trailers. The remaining two water trailers are used in the Battalion CP area.

h. Motor Transport.

(1) This Battalion has on hand all vehicles that it rates except for one Steam-Cleaning Pressure Jet Trailer which is on requisition.

(2) A particular shortage exists for tires for the Light Infantry Weapon Carrier M274A1 (Mule).

(3) Eleven persons recently completed operator's school for the Light Infantry Weapon Carrier.

i. Embarkation

(1) Battalion embarkation data is current.

(2) This Battalion has three personnel who have been formally trained at Embarkation School: One enlisted and two officers.

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J. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

(1) Casualty figures are:

	<u>Battle</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>
KIA	11	None
MIA	41	29

(2) Both helicopters and motor vehicles were used for evacuation of casualties with helicopters being used in the preponderance.

12. Air Defense. None

13. Combat Air Support

a. During the reporting period rotary-winged air support was provided by MAG-16, 1st Marine Air Wing. This air support included close air support, medical evacuation, and resupply missions. This support was accomplished with CH-46's, UH-1E's, and UH-34's.

b. During the reporting period fixed-wing air support was provided mainly by MAG-11, 1st Marine Air Wing.

c. Significant events during this reporting period involved extensive close air support and logistical support during Operation KERN from 21-26 October 1966.

d. The following is a listing of missions flown in support of this Battalion during the reporting period:

Close Air Support	5 Missions
Medical Evacuations	17 Missions
Resupply	5 Missions

14. Medical and Dental Support

a. Name of Surgeon. R. A. NIVALA, LT, MC, USNR
J. M. SEVENTKO, LT, MC, USNR

b. Significant events. None

c. Medical Trends. Fever unknown origin, probably viral. Acute strep throat with tonsillitis

d. Number of Battle Casualties Treated: 28

(1) Gunshot: 25
(2) Shrapnel: 3

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e. Number of Non-Battle Casualties Treated: 326

- (1) Admissions to BAS: 5
- (2) Emergency treatment
 - (a) Heat Casualties: None
 - (b) Lacerations: 13

(3) Number of referrals to 3rd Medical Battalion and Naval Support Activity Station Hospital, etc: 70

(4) Cases of significant diseases of the area:

(a) Malaria: None

(5) Cases Of VD: 7

(a) Acquired out of country: 6

(b) Acquired in country: 1

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation:

(1) Number of inoculations: 121

(2) Malaria prophylaxis administered weekly. The camp sanitation is considered satisfactory.

g. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered:

- (1) Number Treated: 3,164
- (2) Referrals for corrective surgery: None
- (3) Other events affecting civilian health: None
- (4) Schooling Conducted: None

h. Problem Areas: None.15. Chaplain Supporta. Name of Chaplain: L. L. AHRNSBRAK, LT, CHC, USNRb. Services Conducted

22 Sunday Services Conducted
 1 Weekday Service Conducted

356 in attendance
 16 in attendance

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- e. 26 Professional Counseling Sessions.
- f. Provided Protestant Religious Coverage for Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, throughout the month.
- g. Facilities. The Chapel is complete and was dedicated on 23 October 1966.

16. Civil Affairs

a. Significant Activities

(1) 4 October - The people of the "New Life Hamlets" of An My (3)/Phu Bac began constructing a hamlet school by the pouring of concrete for the floor. By 6 October, they were ready to construct desks and wooden ammunition boxes were given them for this purpose. On 13 October, two blackboards constructed by the Marines of this Battalion and a large box of chalk were donated to the school. The hamlets hired a school teacher and classes began on 14 October for approximately 75 children. CARE school replacement kits were distributed on opening day.

(2) 14 October - The residents of the hamlets of An My (3)/Phu Bac were visited by the Commanding General of the First Marine Division and the First Division G-5. The General was introduced to all the hamlet officials and the DAI LOC District Chief who was also present. He was then shown around the hamlets and spoke briefly to the school children.

(3) 30 October - Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral MC DONALD visited the hamlets of An My (3)/Phu Bac. The Admiral reviewed the Combined Action Platoon, was introduced to the hamlet officials and toured the village.

b. Material Distributed

(1) During the period covered by this report a total of 3043 persons received medical aid from the Battalion medical personnel throughout our TAOR. There were 408 bars of soap distributed to 816 persons, 1200 pounds of food to 400 persons. Also distributed were:

- (a) 35 pounds of clothing
- (b) 5 truck loads of lumber
- (c) 20 cases of cooking oil
- (d) 20 cases of powdered milk
- (e) 75 CARE school replacement kits
- (f) 20 gallons of paint

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(g) 15 sheets of tin

(h) 4 boxes of roofing nails

(i) 20 pounds of large nails

(j) 5 carpenter kits

c. Special Civil Affairs Projects

(1) The "New Life Hamlet" of Phu Trung has been started and at present there are eighteen (18) structures standing out of a programmed one-hundred-four (104). Work is progressing slowly due to the shortage of material and bad weather conditions.

d. Apparent Results of the Civil Affairs Program

(1) The people of Dai Loc District are very friendly, particularly the villages of Loc Chan, Loc An and those portions of Loc My and Loc Hung that lie within our TAOR. The local officials are most cooperative on the district, village and hamlet level and a good working relationship exists on most all matters.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. ✓ Daily Journals
2. ✓ Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1)
3. ✓ Combat Operations After Action Report (GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1)
4. ✓ Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation KERN)

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0200		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0250		3		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0315		4		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0400		5		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0600		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0630		7		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0655		8		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0755		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0800		10		T-2-2-A PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT
0805		11		F-1 ROAD BLOCK SET IN POSITION.		S, REGT
0810		12		H-2-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1000		13		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1110		14		H-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1125		15		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1155		16	011000H	MINESWEEP TEAM DISCOVERED THREE MINES IN ROAD AT AT936634. MINES BLOWN IN PLACE BY SWEEP TEAM AND AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
1200		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. G-2 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1300		18		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1305		19		H-2-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1430		20	011345H	COMPANY F PPB AT AT863564 RECEIVED TWO ROUND SMALL ARMS FIRE. NO CASUALTIES SUFFERED. PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
1640		21		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1700		22		F-1-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1715		23		H-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1830		24		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2000		25		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2045		26		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2046		27		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2100		28		T-2-1-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2245		29		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0050		30		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0100		31		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT

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0900		4		H-2-A AND H-2-B PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT
0905		5	020834H	ARMY ADVISER TEAM RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ESTIMATED VC PLATOON AT AT820552. FIRE MISSION CLEARED AND FIRED UPON VC POSITIONS. RESULTS OF MISSION UNKNOWN		S, REGT
1000		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1120		7		COMPANY H POSITION AS OF 021100 IS AT843562		S, REGT
1125		8		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1210		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1220		10		MINESWEEP REPORT: NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
1240		11		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1255		13		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1420		14		G-4 PATROL FOR NIGHT OF 2 OCT WILL RUN FROM 2130-0330.		S, REGT
1450		15	021332H	ARMY ADVISOR TEAM RECEIVED AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM ESTIMATED VC PLATOON LOCATED AT AT814556 FIRE MISSION REQUESTED AND FIRED RESULTING IN FIVE CONFIRMED VC KIA AND THREE PROBABLE VC WIA.		S, REGT
1700		16		T-22-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1800		17		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1810		18		COMPANY H PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1850		19		G-2 PATROL SET IN PPB.		S, REGT
1950		20		H-2 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT
2005		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2010		22		TIME FRAME FOR T-21-A PATROL IS 2000-0530		S, REGT
2100		23		1st BATTALION, 26th MARINES REPORT NO ACTIVITIES NEAR OUR MUTUAL BOUNDARY,		S, REGT
2120		24		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2130		25		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2400		26		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0200		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0215		28		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0400		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, negative contact.		S, REGT
0450		30		T-22-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0600		31		T-2-1-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT

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0900		5		COMPANY H DAY PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT
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1200		8		MINESWEEP REPORT: NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
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1501		12		T-22-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
LATE ENTRY		13	030840H	ENGINEER SWEEP TEAM FOUND 81mm MORTAR ROUND IN MIDDLE OF ROAD BURIED ABOUT SIX INCHES BELOW SURFACE. MORTAR ROUND BLOWN IN PLACE. AREA CHECKED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT
LATE ENTRY		14	031005H	COMPANY H FO OBSERVED EIGHT VC AT AT825560. ARTILLERY MISSION REQUESTED AND FIRED AND ADJUSTED BY ARMY ADVISOR TEAM WHO WERE RECEIVING MORTAR ROUNDS FROM SAME COORDINATES. MORTARS SILENCED BUT RESULTS OF MISSION UNKNOWN.		
LATE ENTRY		15	031237H	ARMY ADVISOR TEAM WAS RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE FROM AT817548. ARTILLERY MISSION FIRED SILENCING MORTARS BUT CASUALTIES TO ENEMY UNKNOWN.		S, REGT
LATE ENTRY		16	031020H	COMPANY H PLATOON OBSERVED 6-8 VC ENGAGING 5 PF'S AT AT833567. VC FIRED UPON BY COMPANY H MACHINE GUNS WITH ONE CONFIRMED VC WIA. VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLEED SOUTH INTO TREELINE. AND OUT OF OBSERVATION.		S, REGT
LATE ENTRY		17	031245H	COMPANY H CP AT AT833567 RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE INJURING ONE USMC IN WRIST FROM RICOCHETING BULLET. AREA SEARCHED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT
		18	031340H	COMPANY H CP AT AT833567 RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ONE VC IN HUT AT AT827569. FIRE RETURNED WITH M-14'S AND 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHER. ONE WP ROUND LANDED ON HUT WITH ONE PROBABLE VC KIA.		S, REGT

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1015		4		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1030		5		MINESWEEP SIT REP: NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
1200		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. T-22-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP		S, REGT
240		7		COMPANY G SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION RETURNED TO CP.		
1350		8		G-5 PATROL FOR 5 OCT CANCELLED.		S, REGT
1400		9		G-6 PATROL FOR 6 OCT CANCELLED.		S, REGT
1410		10	041204H	FSCC RECEIVED SPAR REPORT FROM REGIMENT to FIRE 8" AT COORDINATES ZC207590, ZC200601 AND AT790595. TWO ROUNDS FIRED AT EACH COORDINATES.		S, REGT
1800		11		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP AT 1730.		S, REGT
1925		12		T-21-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2000		13		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2100		14		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2110		15		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2200		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2300		17		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2315		18		F-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
2350		19		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2400		20		T-22-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0200		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0215		22		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0400		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0500		24		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0505		25		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0605		26		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0630		27		T-21-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0635		28		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
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0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0950		4		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1000		5		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1200		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1210		7		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1300		8		T-22-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1315		9		H-3-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1330		10		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1335		11	051050H	COMPANY G PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS SNIPER FIRE FROM ACROSS SONG AT NGHIA AT AT953633. PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND VC SNIPER FIRE CEASED.		S, REGT
1510		12		MINESWEEP SIT REP: NEGATIVE FINDINGS.		S, REGT
1645		13		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1825		14	051620H	COMPANY F FO SPOTTED VC HAULING HARVEST ACROSS RIVE IN BOATS AT AT849555. ARTILLERY MISSION REQUESTED AND FIRED EIGHT 105mm HE ROUNDS DAMAGING BOAT. VC DISPERSED.		S, REGT
1830		15		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1900		16		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1930		17		T-21-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2000		18		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2015		19		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2200		20		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2205		21		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2230		22		G-6 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2300		23		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2400		24		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0005		25		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0030		26		T-22-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0115		27		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0200		28		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0300		29		G-6 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0330		30		F-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0400		31		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT

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0701		2		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0920		4	060830H	Marine (NON-BATTLE CASUALTY) DISLOCATED KNEE WHILE ON PATROL NEAR (AT914590). CASUALTY WAS EVACUATED BY CO H VEHICLE TO BAS. MARINE FELL OFF RICE PADDY DIKE.		S, REGT.
1000		5		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1010		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1011		7		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1200		8		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAEM, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1300		9		MINESWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1301		10		G-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
1302		11		G-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1330		12		T2-2-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
1400		13		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE		S, REGT.
1455		14		H-3-B departed CP AT 1400		S, REGT
1700		15		H030B PATROL DEPART RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1730		16		G-3 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1755		17		ONTOS FAM FIRING 106mm GUNS AND MACHINE GUNS		S, REGT
1905		18		NEW TIME FRAME FOR T-21-A PATROL.		S, REGT
1930		19		G-21-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2000		20		SIT REPP ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. H01 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2100		21		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2200		22		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2225		23		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2300		24		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2305		25		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2345		26		F-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
2400		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0150		28		H-1 AND T-2-2-B PATROLS RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0200		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0220		30		G-5 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0425		31		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0450		32		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
0520		33		H-2-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0525		34		T-2-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
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0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0900		2		T-22-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.#		S, REGT
0930		3	070725H	ENGINEER SWEEP TEAM DISCOVERED MINE, BOX TYPE BURIED ON SHOULDER OF ROAD. 6"x7"x5" NO WIRES. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE BY ENGINEERS. LOCATION OF MINE AT886573. AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1000		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1100		5		H-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1155		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1235		7		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1315		8	071215H	COMPANY E REAR RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM AT888588 FROM TWO SNIPERS. ONE SNIPER OBSERVED RUNNING TO THE NORTHWEST. MARINE ON PERIMETER TOOK FREEING VC UNDER FIRE AND A VIETNAMESE WOMAN WAS WOUNDED BY STRAY ROUND. WOMAN MED EVACED BY ARMY HELICOPTER TO ARVN HOSPITAL		S, REGT
1540		9		T-22-A PATROL RETURNED TO CP AT 1500		S, REGT
1600		10		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1700		11		H-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1735		12		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
1800		13		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
1930		14		T-21-A PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
1945		15		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2000		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
2030		17		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2100		18		G-1, G-2, H-2-A, H-3-B, T-22-A PATROLS FOR CANCELLED FOR 8 OCT 1966.		S, REGT
2200		19		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. G-4 PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
2400		20		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT. H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT
2330		21	072215H	CAC PATROL AMBUSHED AT AT892569 BY BIET CHIN THIS UNIT NOT NOTIFIED OF FRIENDLY AMBUSH AT THIS LOCATION. ONE MARINE MED EVACED INVESTIGATION INTO INCIDENT TOOK PLACE.		S, REGT
0026		22		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED CP.		S, REGT
0100		23		COMPAY F DEPARTED CP ON GOLDEN FLEECE		S, REGT
0400		24		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO CP.		S, REGT

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0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S.
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1000		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1050		4	080643H	CO F, F. O. CALLED FIRE MISSION AT820570 ENEMY SNIPERS FIRING ON CO. F. FIRED 10 HE ROUNDS SNIPERS NEUTRALIZED.		S, REGT.
1055		5	080759H	CO F, F. O. CALLED FIRE MISSION (AT816755) ENEMY SNIPER FIRE. FIRE 16 HE ROUNDS. SNIPER FIRE CEASED.		S, REGT.
1100		6	080816H	CO H, F. O. CALLED FIRE MISSION (AT835546) RECEIVING ENEMY SNIPER FIRE. FIRED 2 ROUNDS HE E.C.M. SNIPER FIRE CEASED.		S, REGT.
1105		7	080821H	CO F, F. O. OBSERVED V.C. SQUAD (AT815570) FIRED 12 HE ROUNDS WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS UNKNOWN.		S, REGT.
1110		8	080851H	CO H RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE FROM (AT816755) FIRED 10 ROUNDS OF HE - SNIPER FIRE CEASED.		S, REGT.
1115		9	080915H	CO F RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE FROM TREELINE (AT824570) ENEMY ENGAGED BY CO F INFANTRY S/A FIRE.		S, REGT.
1120		10	080941H	CO H RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE FOR 5 V. C. LOCATED (AT813547) FIRE MISSION CALLED. 8 ROUNDS HE SNIPERS CEASED FIRE.		S, REGT.
1125		11	081027H	CO H, HIT BY 60mm MORTAR FIRE FROM (AT813547) FIRE MISSION CALLED--12 HE AND 6 WP ROUNDS SILENCED MORTAR POSITION.		S, REGT.
1130		12	081043H	CO F, F. O. OBSERVED 8 V.C. (AT810569) FIRE MISSION CALLED--24 HE ROUNDS FIRED.		S, REGT.
1135		13	081030H	RECON SQUAD OBSERVED 2 V.C. DRESSED IN UTILITY JACKETS AND BLACK P.J.s ONE CARRYING A RIFLE, WALKING DOWN HILLSIDE (AT814646) AMBUSHED THE 2 V.C. - KILLED ONE, OTHER V.C. EXCAPED WITH THE WEAPON.		S, REGT.
1200		14		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1305		15	081150H	CO H, F. O. OBSERVED ENEMY POSITIONS AT (AT815557) FIRE MISSION CALLED - FIRED 38 HE ROUNDS - NEUTRALIZED TARGET.		S, REGT.
1310		16	081030H	CO H PLATOON ENGAGED ESTIMATED VC SQUAD REINFORCED. VC ARMED WITH AUTO WEAPONS, 60mm MORTARS AND M-79. FIRE RETURNED, ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION AND AIR STRIKE CONDUCTED AGAINST VC POSITIONS. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN, FRIENDLY KIA ONE, WIA SEVEN.		S, REGT.

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1115		17	081200H	CO F TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 3 VC SNIPERS (AT (GL8156) OBSERVED THREE VC RUNNING TO WEST-----TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY SNIPERS FROM CO F----- THREE CONFIRMED VC KIA.		S, REGT.
1320		18	081110H	CO H, F.O. OBSERVED PREPARED CO POSITIONS OCCUPIED AND GUN POSITION WITH BUNKERS AT (AT816750) FIRE MISSION CALLED -- 15 HE ROUNDS FIRED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE.		S, REGT.
1325		19		SIT REP: OPERATION OF FOR PERIOD 1200.		S, REGT.
1330		20		MINESWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1400		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1600		22		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1630		23	081609H	CO H, TOOK SNOPER FIRE FROM (AT822546) FIRE MISSION CALLED -- 12 HE ROUNDS FIRED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE.		S, REGT.
1800		24	081522H	CO H OBSERVED VC FIRING FROM VILLAGE (AT818559) FIRE MISSION CALLED.		S, REGT.
1800		25		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1730		26		# T-2-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2000		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2030		28	081400H	CO H WAS WITHDRAWING TOWARD LINE OF DEPARTURE WHEN THEY RECEIVED ONE INCOMING ENEMY 60mm MORTAR ROUND WHICH WOUNDED ONE USMC PERSONNEL CASUALTY TREATED, NOT EVACUATED. COMPANY CONTINUED RETURN MOVEMENT.		S, REGT.
2100		29		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2200		30		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2400		31		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0200		32		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0300		33		G-4 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0400		34		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0515		35		T-2-1-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0601		36		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
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0815		2		H-2 PATROL CANCELLED.	S,	REGT.
0816		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1000		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1155		5		MINESWEEP REPORT	S,	REGT.
1200		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1230		7		G-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S,	REGT.
1330		8		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
1400		9		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
1401		10		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1600		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1635		12		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP 1300 AND RETURNED TO IP 1550H.	S,	REGT.
1710		13		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
1755		14		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
1800		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1930		16		G-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2005		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
2025		18		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2055		19		F-2-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2100		20		T-2-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2330		21		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S,	REGT.
2331		22		E-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S,	REGT.
2400		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0010		24		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
0030		25		G-5 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0050		26		F-2-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0200		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0210		28		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
0300		29		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0400		30		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0455		31		H-3 PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0550		32		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0600		33		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0605		34		T-2-1-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S,	REGT.
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0710		2		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT
0830		4		H-1 AND H-3-B PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0925		5		H-3 PLATOON DEPARTED FOR COMPANY E C.P.		S, REGT.
1000		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1130		7		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1200		8		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1400		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1430		10		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1445		11		CO F TO FAN FIRE M-14s AND M-60 AT 1530.		S
1455		12		MINE SWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1600		13		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1645		14		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1805		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1900		16		REPORTED OPCON 9th MARINES AT 101400H.		S, REGT.
2032		17		H-3 PATROL LOCATED PFC VAN JOHNSON PERSONNEL FROM 1/26. SERIAL # 2158341.		S, REGT.
2200		18	102115H	RECON ELEMENT (AT875645) RECEIVING ROUNDS (8-10) FROM ONE CARBINE. ARTILLERY MISSION FIRED. FIRING HAS CEASED.		S, REGT.
2201		19		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2206		20		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2230		21	102130H	MARINE (PRIETO, R. E.) WAS WRESTLING IN BARRACKS. DURING ACTIVITY (PRIETO) SUFFERED POSSIBLE BROKEN LEG. MED*EVAC REQUESTED AND COMPLETED.		S, REGT.
2357		22		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2400		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0145		24		H-4 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0150		25		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0200		26		F-1-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0400		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0435		28		E-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0455		29		G-4 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
0600		30		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0750		2		F-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0755		3		H-3 AND H-3-A PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0800		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1000		5		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1200		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1205		7		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1245		8		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1305		9		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1400		10		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1600		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1605		12	111500H	TRUCK HIT MINE (AT948663). ROAD HAD BEEN SWEEP BY ENGINEERS EARLIER. 2ND PLT CO E. SENT TO GIVE SECURITY FOR VEHICLE AND ANOTHER VEHICLE TO PULL TRUCK.		S, REGT. S,
1530		13	LATE ENTRY	T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1030		14	LATE ENTRY	L.T. GENERAL WALT ARRIVED AT IP.		S, REGT.
1035		15	LATE ENTRY	L.T. GENERAL WALT DEPARTED FOR AN MY (3) & HILL # 65.		S, REGT.
1630		16		CO F - OP OBSERVED 4 VC. IN SUPPLY COLUMN OBSERVED BY 20 POWER BINOVULARS. ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION CALLED. RESULTS UNKNOWN.		S, REGT.
1630		17		MINESWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1700		18		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1730		19		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1308		20	LATE ENTRY	F-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1810		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1845		22		G-1 IN BLOCKING POSITION RETURNING TO IP.		S, REGT.
2000		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2030		24		T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2055		25		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2100		26		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		
2200		26		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2205		27		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2245		28		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
2200		29	LATE ENTRY	F-6-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2355		30		MESSAGE CONCERNING ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORT		S, REGT.
2400		31		F-4 PATROL DEPART IP.		S, REGT.
0010		32		E-2 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0735		2		H-3 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0736		3		H-1 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0800		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0925		5	120900H	RECON PATROL LOCATED (AT834634) RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE AWAITING EXTRACTION. VC STRENGTH UNKNOWN. TWO USMC WIA.		
0930		6		G-5 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0931		7		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY SUBMITTED.		S, REGT.
0950		8		F-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0955		9		RECON DESIGNATOR CHANGED TO M-637.		S, REGT.
1000		10		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1015		11	121000H	RECON PATROL AT (AT834634) WAS RECEIVING INGOMING FIRE WHICH HAS CEASED.		S, REGT.
1050		12	121000H	CO F., PATROL LOCATED (AT876573) RECEIVED ONE SNIPER ROUND FROM (AT875565) PATROL RETURNED FIRE*-SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT.
1130		13		RECON CALL SIGNS		S, REGT.
1140		14		MINESWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1145		15		NOTIFIED REGIMENT OF CHANGE OF CAC 34 AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PPB.		S, REGT.
1200		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1245		17		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1246		188		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1330		19		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1331		20		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1405		21		MOVEMENT OF CAC 34 TO NEW LOCATION DELAYED 24 HOURS.		S, REGT.
1420		22		F-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1515		23		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1535		24		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1600		25		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1620		26		BOXSCORES: A-2/3 USMC: NONE, VC: NONE B-RECON USMC 3 WIA, VC: 3 KBGF (CONFIRM)		S, REGT.
1710		27		G-3 PATROL RETURNED IP.		S, REGT.
1800		28		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1930		29		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1931		30		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2000		31		T-2-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0825		3	130715H	BOX TYPE MINE CONTAINING 20 to 30 LBS. OF EXPLOSIVES, WITH PRESSURE TYPE FUZE FOUND AT 943660.		S, REGT.
1000		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1040		5		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY REPORTED.		S, REGT.
1050		6		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1200		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1310		8	131235H	MARINE LOCATED (AT 950631) HIT IN CHEST BY S/A FIRE FROM SNIPER. ONE USMC K.I.A. MARINE WAS ATTACHED TO SQUAD PROVIDING SECURITY FOR VIP VISIT AND WAS WITHDRAWING TOWARDS PPB.		S, REGT.
1315		9		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1340		10		ROUTE CHECKPOINTS SUBMITTED TO REGIMENT.		S, REGT.
1400		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1550		12		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1600		13		SIT REPORT: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0815		14	LATE ENTRY	NOTIFIED E-1 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1230		15	" "	NOTIFIED G-2 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1525		16		BOXSCORES		S, REGT.
1630		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1930		18		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1931		19		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2050		20		MINESWEEP SIT. REP:		S, REGT.
2100		21	131840H	VIETNAMESE BOY (AT 951669) WAS WALKING COM. BOY HIT A BOOBY TRAP. MEDEVACED FROM HUU DUC DISTRICT HDG.		S, REGT.
2105		22	132015H	8" HOWITZER PLATOON ON HILL #65 RECEIVED WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE INCOMING GRENADES AND S/A FIRE INTO THEIR CP AREA. (AT 886584) FIRE APPEARS TO BE COMING FROM VILLAGE AT (AT 888588). FIRE RETURNED BY M60 AND 50 CAL. MACHINEGUNS AND 81MM MORTARS. NO USMC CASUALTIES RESULTED.		S, REGT.
2110		23		TWO MILITARY AND TWO CIVILIAN PRESSMEN WILL ACCOMPANY COMPANY F ON PATROL TOMORROW-- CLEARED THROUGH DIVISION ISO.		S, REGT.
2050		24		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				
2200		25		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.
2305		26	131400H	THE WIRE LINE FROM CO E CP TO CAC 31 RDS SHORTED OUT BY PLACING A SMALL FIRE ON TOP OF THE LINE WHICH MELTED THE INSTALLATION AND SHORTED OUT THE LINE (AT 043688)	S, REGT.
0015		27		H-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S, REGT.
0200		28		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.
0315		29	140100H	E-2-B PATROL RECEIVED APPROX. 12 to 14 RDS. OF AUTOMATIC GARBAGE FIRE FROM 200 FEET NORTH OF THEIR POSITION. PATROL RETURNED THERE; NEGATIVE RESULTS--NO USMC CASUALTIES.	S, REGT.
0230		30		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S, REGT.
0310		31		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S, REGT.
0330		32		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IPL	S, REGT.
0445		33		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S, REGT.
0500		34		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.
0510		35		F-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S, REGT.
0540		36		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S, REGT.
0600		37		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.
0600		38		MINESWEEP REPORT	S, REGT.
0600		39		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IPL	S, REGT.
0630		40		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S, REGT.
0630		41		F-6 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S, REGT.
0700		42		JOURNAL CLOSED.	S

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S,
0740		2		H-3-C PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1000		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITW REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1005		5		OPERATIONS SUMMARY AND PLANS SUMMARY		S, REGT.
0900		6	LATE ENTRY	E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0900		7	LATE ENTRY	E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
110		8		COMBATTIME ACTIVITIES REPORT		S, REGT.
1105		9		H-3-C PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1220		10		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1200		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1400		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1500		13	141135H	Co F F.O. OBSERVED THREE V.C. BOAT ON RIVER (AT851557) FIRE MISSION CALLED. BOATS SERVELY DAMAGED.		S, REGT.
1600		14		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1725		15	141530H	AIR STRIKE RUN ON STOCKPILES OF CORN AND RICE (AT853557) STOCKPILES DESTROYED.		S, REGT.
1800		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1833		17		G-3 DEPARTED PPB.		S, REGT.
1850		18	141600H	11 to 15 VIETNAMESE OBSERVER ON AN TAN HILL BELEIVED TO WIRING AREA WITH BOOBY-TRAPS. BEFORE FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED PEOPLE MOVED OUT OF AREA. (AT920703)		S, REGT.
1955		19	141900H	FIVE VG BOATS WITH SUP LIES HEADING NORTH TO SOUTH AT843550, 20 RDS HE FIRED BY 105mm		S, REGT.
1930		20		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2000		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2001		22		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2040		23		G-5 AND T&21-A PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
2040		24		CO G PPB ESTABLISHED.		S, REGT.
2130		25		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2200G-3		26		G-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2225		27		F-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2230		28		E-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0010		29		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0033		30		H-3-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0230		31	142150H	SPAR REPORT OF ENEMY UNIT LOCATED AT859526, CALLED UNOBSERVED ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0735		2		H-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0850		4		T-2-1-A PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0855		5		H-3 PATROL - NEW TIME CHANGE.		S, REGT.
0900		6		OPERATION AND PLAN SUMMARY		S, REGT.
0905		7		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0920		8		CONCURRENT ACTIVITY REPORT		S, REGT.
0900		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1020		10		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1030		11		H-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1200		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1230		13		G-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
1231		14		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1250		15		T-22-A DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1310		16		H-3-G PATROL DEPARTED IP		S, REGT.
1400		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1400		18		G-5 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1415		19		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1535		20		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1700		21		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1715		22		CO G REPORT SHORT ROUND GS9162.		S, REGT.
1800		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1815		24	151703H	RECON REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED MOVEMENT AT (A1832619) REQUESTED FIRE MISSION. RESULTS UNKNOWN.		S, REGT.
1955		25		SQUAD FROM CO E REINFORCED WITH ENGINEERS WENT TO DESTROY BUNKERS LEFT WHEN HOSTILITY WAS ABANDONED. FOUND ONE M16A1 AND SEVERAL PANGI TRAPS. ALL DESTROYED.		S, REGT.
2025		26		T-2-2-B PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
2100		27		G-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP		S, REGT.
2105		28		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
2200		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2201		30		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0010		31		H-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0040		32		H-3-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0050		33		E-6 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
0135		34		G-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0220		35		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0935		3		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1045		5		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1100		6		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1140		7		CO G TO FAN FIRE S/A FIRE AT 1500H.		S, REGT.
1200		8		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1210		9		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1310		10		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
1400		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1430		12		E-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1500		13		M-3-C PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S, REGT.
1515		14	161420H	TWO BOATS LOADED WITH VC SUPPLIES BEING UNLOADED (ATS47553) ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED DESTROYED PORTION OF SUPPLIES AND DAMAGED BOATS.		S, REGT.
1600		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1630		16		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1635		17		BOXSCORES		S, REGT.
1730		18	LATE ENTRY	E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1800		19		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2150		20		E-4-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2200		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2201		22		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2230		23		E-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2240		24		G-3 PATROL DEPARTED PPB.		S
2241		25		RECALLED M-3-A TO PPB.		S, REGT.
2345		26	162320H	CAC 21 heard noise outside their perimeter. THREE GRENADES AND S/A FIRE WAS FIRED INTO AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT.
0245		27		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0248		28		E-4-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0350		29		E-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0455		30		E-3-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
0540		31		E-5 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0630		32		G-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0655		33		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0700		34		JOURNAL CLOSED.		S

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0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0801		3		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0825		4	170030H	CO G PATROL FOUND THREE VIETNAMESE BODIES ON ROAD PATROL (AT911579). PF'S AND BENT WERE PLAYING CARDS ARCHERY STARTED OVER POSSIBLE CHEATING RESULTING IN GRENADES(3) BEING THROWN AND S/A FIRED. THREE KIA: FIVE MIA.		S, REGT.
0852		5		E-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, R
0920		6		TIME CHANGE FOR H-3 PATROL.		S, REGT
1000		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1125		8		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1200		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1215		10		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1310		11	171105H	RECON UNIT OBSERVED FIVE VC (AT892665). CALLED ARTILLERY MISSION - GOOD TARGET COVERAGE.		S, REGT.
1320		12	171100H	CAC 22 PATROL RECEIVED APPROX. 100 ROUNDS OF S/A FIRE FROM (AT892562). ONE MARINE MIA. PATROL RETURNED FIRE, 81mm MORTAR, ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE.		S, REGT.
1300		13		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1350		14		CONNECTING ACTIVITY REPORT		S, REGT.
1405		15		G-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1400		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1405		17		E-3A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		
1440		18		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		
1500		19		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		
1550		20		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		
1555		21		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		
1830		22		G-5 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1900		23		E-5 PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
2005		24	171905H	TWO BOATS (AT855555) CARRYING SUPPLIES. TANK FIRED FIVE ROUNDS - SUNK BOATS, 3 VC KIA. (CONF)		S, REGT.
2010		25	172000H	VC THREW ONE GRENADE AT BRIDGE #3 SECURITY SQUAD (AT919598) NO CASUALTIES. S/A FIRED INTO SUSPECTED AREA AND SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT.
2035		26		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S,
2040		27		G-3 and G-4 PATROL'S DEPARTED IP.		S,
2125		28		E-6-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2200		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0701		2		E-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S,
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S
0810		4		E-1 and E-2 PATROLS DEPARTED IP.		S
0920		5	180830H	FIVE TON TRUCK DETONATED MINE (AT942663) WHILE TRAVELLING ON THE CO E ACCESS ROAD. SQUAD DISPATCHED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND TRUCK TOWED AWAY. ONE USMC WIA. FRONT END OF TRUCK WAS DEMOLISHED.		S, REGT.
0927		6	180900H	PATROL CO. F TAKING HEAVY SMALL ARMS AUTO- MATIC FIRE FROM (AT872564). PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND 81mm MORTAR AND ARTILLERY MISSION CONDUCTED.		S, REGT.
1000		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1030		8		E-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1040		9	180945H	CO. E PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE WHILE SWEEPING VILLAGE (AT964667). PATROL RETURNED FIRE - TWO TANKS MOVING INTO POSITION TO SUPPORT PATROL.		S, REGT.
1045		10	181030H	CO. F O.P. OBSERVED FIVE VC WITH WEAPONS (AT875572). 20 ROUNDS OF 105mm HE ARTILLERY FIRED. THREE POSSIBLE VC KIA.		S, REGT.
1050		11	180830H	Engineer road sweep team (AT955665) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. ONE USMC KIA. TWO SQUADS AND ONE TANK DISPATCHED TO SEARCH AREA.		S, REGT.
1055		12	180900H	CO. F PATROL PINED DOWN WITH AUTOMATIC S/A FIRE FROM (AT872564). ESTIMATE 8-10 VC. 30 ROUNDS 105mm HE FIRED WITH GOOD COVERAGE. TWO USMC WIA TAKEN TO BAS. ONE MEDEVAC OTHER WIA BACK ON DUTY.		S, REGT.
1120		13		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.
1121		14		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1200		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S
1225		16		G-2 PATROL CANCELLED		S, REGT.
1226		17	180830H	DELIBERATE CUT IN LAND LINE (AT942643) WIRE COMMUNICATIONS REPAIRED.		S, REGT.
1400		18		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1405		19		PROPOSED CHECKPOINTS IF COMMITTED TO MOVE SOUTH BY MOTORADE.		S, REGT.
1445		20		MINE SWEEP REPORT		S, REGT.
1448		21		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1450		22	181245H	CO E PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION REQUESTED. AREA BEING SEARCHED.	S,	REGT.
1600		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
1745		24		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
1940		25		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S	
2000		26		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S	
2001		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
2030		28		F-5-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2035		29		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2105		30		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2120		31		T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2150		32		F-5-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
2215		33		E-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
2235		34		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
0001		35		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0024		36		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0120		37		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0120		38		H-3-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
0122		39		E-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0230		40		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	REGT.
0231		41		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S,	REGT.
0235		42		E-4 PATROL RETURN TO IP.	S	
0252		43		G-4 patrol RETURNED TO IP.	S	
0335		44		E-5 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S	
0400		45		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0500		46		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S,	
0600		47		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S,	REGT.
0601		48		F-1-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.	S	
0640		49		G-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.	S	
0700		50		JOURNAL CLOSED.	S	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0745		2		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0930		4		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0930		5		SPARROW HAWK LAUNCHED.		S, REGT.
1000		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S
1001		7		F-4-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1002		8		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1003		9		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1015		10		H-31 HAD CONTACT ON GROUND.		S, REGT.
1100		11		G-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1200		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1200		13	191130H	ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING OF VIETNAMESE WOMEN BY MARINE ASSIGNED TO BRIDGE SECURITY. (AT919598) BACKLASH REPORT SUBMITTED. WOMEN BEING EVACUATED TO DAI LOC DESPENSARY FOR TREATMENT. ROUND WAS CHAMBERED IN VIOLATION OF ALL ORDERS.		S, REGT.
1245		14		G-2 PATROL DEPARTING IP.		S
1300		15		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1325		16		SPARROW HAWK EXTRACTED.		S, REGT.
1400		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1415		18		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1416		19		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1440		20		F-4-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1445		21		E-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1600		22		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1800		23		G-2 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1807		24	191230H	FIVE BOATS LOADED WITH SUPPLIES DOCKED AT (AT845551) OBSERVED BY 20 POWER BINOCULARS. FROM CO F O.P. - 29 HE 155 ROUNDS AND 12 8" ROUNDS HE. FIVE BOATS AND SUPPLIES DESTROYED.		S, REGT.
1802		25	191500H	WIRE TEAM INFORMED BY VIETNAMESE BOY THAT VC WERE IN AREA (AT942648 AND VICINITY) SQUAD DISPATCHED FROM CO H PPB AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.		
1803		26	191600H	CAC 22 PATROL STOPPED BOAT(AT907574) WITH SIX VCS AND LOADED WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES. BOTH VCS AND SUPPLIES TURNED OVER TO DISTRICT HDQTRS. FOR INTERROGATION AND REDISTRIBUTION.		
1804		27	191615H	CAC 22 PATROL WHICH TOOK INTO CUSTODY SIX		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0713		2		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0730		3		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0800		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0900		5		F-6-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0901		6		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATIONSAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1025		8		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1055		9		G-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1056		10		H-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1140		11		CAC REPORT		S, REGT.
1200		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1205		13		G-2 PATROL DEPARTING IP.		S
1210		14		F-9-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1300		15	201240H	F-9-A PATROL RECEIVING HEAVY SNIPER FIRE FROM (AT897561). PATROL RETURNING FIRE - 81mm MORTAR MISSION MISSION CONDUCTED.		S, REGT.
1301		16		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1400		17				
1400		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORTS SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1410		18	201430H	F-2 PATROL OBSERVED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE AT (AT917688). WHEN VIET MALE SAW PATROL HE RAN. NO WEAPON OBSERVED. PATROL OPENED FIRE AND BELIEVED THEY HIT MALE. SEARCHED OF AREA RESULTED IN NEGATIVE RESULTS.		S, REGT.
1215		19	LATE ENTRY	F-6-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S,
1245		20	LATE ENTRY	E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1500		21		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1545		22		E-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1546		23	201000H	CO. E PATROL FOUND ONE DUD 105mm BOUND AT (AT924682) BLOWN IN PLACE WITH C-4		S, REGT.
1600		24		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1640		25		G-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1710		26		F-9-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1800		27		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1825		28		F-2-A PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1826		29		F-5-A PATROL DANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1827		30	201130H	DELIBERATE WIRE CUT. (AT942648) WIRE REPAIED BY WIRE TEAM.		S, REGT.
1950		31		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP		S

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0737		2		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0740		3		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0800		4		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.	
0820		5		G-2 AND G-1 PATROL'S CANCELLED.	S, REGT.	
0900		6		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.	
1010		8		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1035		9	210800H	E-3 PATROL DISCOVERED A BOOBY-TRAP GRENADE OUTSIDE PERIMETER WIRE. BLOWN IN PLACE. (AT934663)	S, REGT.	
1056		10		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1115		11		F-8-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1200		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.	
1240		13		CO G DEPARTED -- OPERATION KERN.	S, REGT.	
1100		14	LATE ENTRY	H-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1300		15		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1400		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.	S, REGT.	
1455		17		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1630		18		E-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1600		17*		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1845		20	211750H	VEHICLE ON ROUTE #5 RECEIVED S/A FIRE (AT943632) FIVE POUNDS OF 60 MORTAR FIRED FROM HOTEL'S PPB. ONE VC KIA (PROB)	S, REGT.	
1915		21		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2035		22		E-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1950		23		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
20005		24		F-4-A PATROL CANCELLED.	S, REGT.	
2006		25		G-4 & G-5 PATROL'S CANCELLED.	S, REGT.	
2007		26		T-2-1-A PATROL CANCELLED.	S, REGT.	
2010		27		T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2145		28	211932H	MORTAR MISSION CONDUCTED ON SUSPECTED VC COMPANY POSITION BY CO E MORTAR'S. 16 HEM ROUNDS EXPENDED OF 81mm. RESULTS UNKNOWN.	S, REGT.	
2220		29		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
2300		30		E-1-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
2325		31		E-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0030		32		E-6 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0045		33		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0450		34		E-6 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0545		35		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0700		36		JOURNAL CLOSED.		S

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0705		2		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0715		3		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0720		4		G-1 & G-2 PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0900		5		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		6		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAFE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1300		7		E-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1305		8		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1355		9		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1400		10		T-2-2-A; T-2-1-A; G-5; F-9-A CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1500		11		SIT REP: OPERATION KERN		S, REGT.
1515		12		H-2 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1619		13		H-1 PATROL RETURN IP.		S
1700		14		SIT REP: OPERATION KERN.		S, REGT.
1900		15		SIT REP: OPERATION KERN.		S, REGT.
1955		16		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2000		17		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2005		18		E-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2030		19		SIT REP: OPERATION KERN.		S, REGT.
2100		20		F-6-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2300		21		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2400		22		F-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0110		23		E-4 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
0130		24		E-3-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0205		25		E-5 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
0355		26		T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0426		27		H-3 PATROL RETURNED IP.		S
0515		28		E-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0600		29		F-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0655		30		H-3-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0700		31		JOURNAL CLOSED.		S

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PLACE	
FROM (Date and hour) 230700H OCT 1966	TO (Date and hour) 240700H OCT 1966

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0910		3		E-1; F-2-A; G-1; G-2 PATROLS CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
0905		4		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
0935		5		COUNTER MINE REPORT		S, REGT.
0735		6	230730H	FOO INVOLVED IN OPERATION KERN OBSERVED TEN VC MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED. 14 HE ROUNDS FIRED. FOUR VC PROB.		S, REGT.
0936		7	230900H	NEW OBJECTIVE F INCLUDED IN NEW OPERATIONAL PLANS IN OPERATION KERN. 1230H HELICOPTER ABLE TO EXTRACT THE MOST SERIOUS CASUALTIES. 1330H RESUPPLY AND MED-EVAC'S COMPLETE. 1430H 1430H OLDFIELD INDIA ON OBJECTIVE "D" OBSERVED 200 VC MOVING INTO THEIR REAR 500-600 METERS SOUTH. ARTILLERY AIR SUPPORT REQUESTED AND CONDUCTED. 25KIA VC; 86 HE; 56 W.P. ROUNDS FIRED.		S, REGT.
1100		8		ROAD CONDITION REPORT ON ROUTE 5 AND ROUTE 14. SOUTH TO AN MY (3) IS UNDER 2'-3' OF WATER. ROAD JUNCTION OF 14 and 5 IN DAY LOC NORTH ON RT 5 IS UNDER APPROX 1' OF WATER. Two BRIDGES VICINITY AN MY (3) ARE BOTH OUT. BRIDGE 3 RT #5 COMPLETELY UNDER WATER. BELIEVE IT MAY HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY. Route #14 from Hill #65 to BAILOC under 2'-3' WATER. ENGINEER MINE SWEEP TEAM DOES NOT BELIEVE 6X6 TRUCK COULD GET THROUGH.		S, REGT.
1101		9		OPERATION & PLANS SUMMARY		S, REGT.
1335		10		E-2 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1400		11		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1401		12	231300H	ONE USMC NON-BATTLE CASUALTY - OPERATION KERN MAN FELL AND HAS A SLIPPED DISK. (AT934669) ROUTINE MED-EVAC REQUESTED.		S, REGT.
1650		13		H-1 PATROL RETURNED IP		S
1600		14		SIT RE: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT		S, REGT.
1800		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1935		16		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.
1845		17		E-1-A, F-8-A, G-4, G-5, H-3, T-21-A, T-2-2-A, PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
2000		18		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2100		19		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S, REGT.

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PLACE MR-3	
FROM (Date and hour) 240700H OCT 1966	TO (Date and hour) 250700H OCT 1966

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0740		2	240700H	VC BRINGING IN OTHER VC DEAD BODIES AT (AT874375). FIRED 81mm MORTARS-7 ROUNDS HEM EXPENDED. THREE PROBABLE VC KIA RESULT.		S, REGT.
0800		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0825		4	240750H	PYGMALION F. O. OBSERVED SUPPLY COLUMN OF SIX VC AT VICINITY (AT876380) ARTILLERY FIRED 12 ROUNDS HE. FOUR VC PROBABLE KIA RESULTS.		S, REGT.
0830		5		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY.		S, REGT.
0905		6		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1200		8		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1245		9	240945H	SIGHTED WHAT LOOKS LIKE COMMUNICATIONS-- POLES - POSSIBLE LONG RANGE COMM. SYSTEM REGIMENTAL SIZE UNIT. UPON SEARCH IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT POLES AND WIRE WERE AN HELICOPTER TRAP, WITH PANJI (10' HIGH) BELOW THE WIRE IN TREE TOPS.		S, REGT.
1246		10	240945H	PATROL SEARCHING FOR ENEMY WAPONS FOUND ONE CHI COM LMG T-56, ONE BAR SER# 879120, ONE M-1 SER#3446343. TWO OF THESE WEAPONS WERE FOUND ON TWO VC BODIES AT (AT872391)		S, REGT.
245		11	241155H	FOUR FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PREPARATION AIR STRIKE ON OBJ "D" WITH GOOD COVERAGE.		
1325		12	241300H	CO "E" IS HALF WAY UP OBJ "G" AND SPOTTED 30 VC AT (AT883285). HEAVY GUNSHIPS TAKING TARGET UNDER FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST OPPUNITARY.		S, REGT.
1330		13		COUNTERMINE ACTIVITE REPORT		S, REGT.
1331		14		H-1 AND H-2 PATROL'S DEPARTED IP.		S
1400		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1425		16	241350H	CO. E IS 200-300 METERS FROM TOP OF OBJ		S, REGT.
1600		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1635		18	241428H	15 VC AND TWO WOMEN MOVING (ZC163678) BEING OBSERVED BY RECON. MEN GARRING RIFLES. ARTILLERY MISSION CONDUCTED, CASUALTIES UNKNOWN, BUT HAD EXCELLANT TARGET COVERAGE.		
1920		19	241840H	CO "F" F.O. OBSERVED 15 VC WITH PACKS IN COLUMN MOVING NORTH (AT845566) CONDUCTED MORTAR MISSION. FIRED 12 HE WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. 8 PROB KIA.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL SYSTEMS OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REPT ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0820		3	250215H	GAG 33 POSITION RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE. FIRE RETURNED AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0825		4		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY.		S, REGT.
0840		5		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0855		6		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0945		7	250900H	OPERATION KERN CO G PATROL FOUND 40 GRAVES AT (CTL RT2.4, UP .5) THER IS ONE PLATOON ONE OBJECT DELTA AT THIS TIME.		S, REGT.
1000		8		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1115		9	251040H	AN AO FLYING OVER OLDFIELD I POSITION AT (AT GS8840) FIRED TWO SMOKE ROCKETS THAT LANDED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF FRIENDLY TROOPS BUT CAUSED NO INJURY.		S, REGT.
1200		10		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1305		11		F-1-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1320		12	251150H	CO E PATROL RECEIVED FOUR TO FIVE ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM CARBINE. FIRE RETURNED AREA SEARCHED TO NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO INJURIES.		S, REGT.
1300		13		T-2-2B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1325		14	251030H	PATROL FRO CO G FOUND 47 VC GRAVES VICINITY DTL LEFT 2.1, DOWN .1) RESULTS OF DIGGING UP GRAVES REVEALED 93 NVA BODIES CONFIRMED. OPERATION KERN.		S, REGT.
1400		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1425		16		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1430		17		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1520		18		CONTERMINE ACTIVITIES REPORT		S, REGT.
1535		19		T-22-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1600		20		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1550		21		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1720		22		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1800		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1800		24		F-5-A PATROL CANCELLED.		S, REGT.
1930		25		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2000		26		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2012		27		MORTAR MISSION CONDUCTED AGAINST POSSIBLE		S, REGT.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1000		3		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1015		4		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1016		5		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1050		6		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
200		7		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1215		8		CHECKPOINTS FOR DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS.		S, REGT.
1230		9		COUNTERMINE ACTIVITIES REPORT		S, REGT.
1235		10		Plan AND OPERATION'S SUMMARY.		S, REGT.
1240		11		CAC REPORT.		S, REGT.
1300		12		CO. "H" FAN FIRING.		S, REGT.
1301		13		CO. "F" FAN FIRING.		S, REGT.
1302		14		F-1-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1310		15		T-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1400		16		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1430		17		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1455		18		E-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S,
1510		19		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1550		20		F-1-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1547		21		H-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
730		22		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1930		23		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1954		24		E-3 PATROL PARTED IP.		S
2000		25		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2055		26		T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2115		27	261745H	CO. "H" PPB RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS S/A FIRE (AT940628). FIRE RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.		S, REGT.
2140		28		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2200		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2300		30	262030H	ELDER VIETNAMESE MAN WAS BROUGHT TO WATER POINT (AT919583) WHO HAD BEEN BURNED VERY BADLY ON THE LEG. MAN TAKEN TO DAI DOC DISPENSARY.		S, REGT.
0026		31		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
0030		32		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0200		33		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0320		34		H-3 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0850		3		F-3-C PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1000		4		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1055		5		COUNTERMINE ACTIVITY REPORT		S, REGT.
0950		6	LATE ENTRY	T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED		S
1050		7		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP		S
1100		8		GO E PATROL FOUND ONE 81mm RIGGED AS BOOBY TRAP (AT029618) BOOBY TRAP BLOWN IN PLACE.		S, REGT.
1200		9		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1200		10		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1220		11		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY		S, REGT.
1400		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1500		13		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1600		14		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1800		15		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2000		16		F-1-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2001		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2005		18		H-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
00		19		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2145		20		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2200		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2330		22		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S,
2400		23		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0001		24		G-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP		S
0040		25		T-22-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0041		26		E-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0130		27		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0131		28		E-5 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0200		29		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0215		30		H-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP		S
0310		31		G-4 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0315		32		T-2-2-B PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0400		33		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0420		34		G-5 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
0515		35		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S

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0700		1		JOURNAL OPENED.		S
0800		2		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
0815		3		F-2-C PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
0930		4		OPERATIONS AND PLANS SUMMARY.		S, REGT.
1000		5		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1108		6		H-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S,
1100		7	LATE ENTYR	T-2-2-B PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1109		8		E-1 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1120		9		G-1 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1142		10		E-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1200		11		F-2-C PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1230		12		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1325		13		H-2 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1330		14		E-2-2-A PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1335		15		COUNTERMINE ACTIVITIES REPORT		S, REGT.
1400		16		G-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1420		17		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1525		18		H-1 PATROL CANCELLED FOR 27 OCT.		S, REGT.
1530		19		E-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1600		20		E-1 PATROL RETURN TO IP.		S
1620		21		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1650		22		G-3 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1800		23		H-2 PATROL RETURNED TO IP.		S
1930		24		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
1931		25		E-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
1950		26		E-3-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2000		27		G-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2100		28		SIT REP: ALL UNITS REPORT SITUATION SAME, NEGATIVE CONTACT.		S, REGT.
2150		29		T-2-2-A PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2253		30		E-4 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
2400		31		H-3 PATROL DEPARTED IP.		S
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Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

Ref: (a) Map: DAI LOC, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640IV, Series L7014
 (b) 3dMar msg 260145Z Sep 66
 (c) 2dBn, 3dMar msg 240720Z Sep 66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines
- (2) 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marine Division
- (3) Air Support. CAS, helicopter, aerial-observation, and service support available on call.
- (4) Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle available on call.
- (5) DAI LOC District provides Popular Force and Regional Force units as guides and security for the rice harvesters.
- (6) DAI LOC District provides refugee working parties for harvesting and transporting of rice.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization)

d. Assumptions

- (1) That required helicopter support is available.
- (2) That the support requested in reference (c) is available.

2. MISSION. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines will conduct combined operations with DAI LOC District Forces in the SONG VU GIA Valley north of the SONG WU GIA and west from Hill #65 (AT 878575) to grid line AT 81 to provide harvest protection and security of Vietnamese harvesting operations and deny foodstuffs to the Viet Cong.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of operations. A Rifle Company (reinf) will conduct a night overland movement to the vicinity of NONG LAM (2) AT 8356, and establish a Company Patrol Base from which security will be provided for the rice harvesters.
- b. Command Group. Be prepared to displace on order to NONG LAM (2) in conjunction with the commitment of the Battalion Reserve.
- c. Company E (-) (reinf)
- (1) At H-Hour assume responsibility for the area of operations and defensive positions presently assigned to Company F in vicinity of Hill #65 complex for duration of the operation.
 - (2) Conduct normal patrols and ambushes throughout assigned sector.
 - (3) Provide one platoon (reinf) OPCON to Company F.
- d. Company F (rein)
- (1) Commencing at H-Hour conduct a night movement to NONG LAM (2) and seize, occupy and defend the high ground to the east. Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - (2) Establish a Company Patrol Base on the high ground in vicinity of grid square AT 8356.
 - (3) In conjunction with DAI LOC District Forces provide security for the rice harvesters in the assigned area of operation. Annex D (Operation Overlay).
- e. Company G (reinf)
- (1) Continue normal operations within assigned sector throughout the period of operation.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide forces to reinforce Company F, or as otherwise directed.

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f. Battalion Reserve(1) Company H (-) (reinf)

- (a) On order be prepared to reinforce Company F in the objective area with two rifle platoons reinforced and a Company Headquarters.
- (b) On order, assume mission assigned to Company F.
- (c) In the event of commitment, continue to occupy and control assigned sector with one platoon (reinf).

g. Coordinating instructions

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization)
- (2) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (3) Annex C (Fire Support)
- (4) D-Day: 30 September 1966; H-Hour: 2000.
- (5) Duration of Operation: Approximately four days.
- (6) Rules of engagement apply.
- (7) Use of Riot Control Agents (RCA) authorized.
- (8) Carry yellow air panels and yellow smoke to mark friendly front lines for air strike.
- (9) If an air strike is requested, be prepared to mark the target with white phosphorous.
- (10) Capabilities of supporting arms will be fully exploited.
- (11) Effective Division passwords and countersigns will be used.
- (12) Situation Reports will be submitted hourly; Spot Reports as they occur.
- (13) Conduct extensive night ambushes and listening posts.
- (14) Flak jackets will be worn.
- (15) Medical supplies and facilities will not be intentionally destroyed.

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- (16) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.
- (17) Detailed plans on harvesting, transporting, and disposition of rice will be promulgated when information is received from DAI LOC District Headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Supply

(1) Battalion supply is the primary source of all classes of supply.

(2) Prescribed loads

(a) Class I

Rations: One ration MCI.

Water: Two canteens and halizone/salt tablets for five days.

(b) Class II. Minimum required. Batteries for four days.

(c) Class III. Minimum required.

(d) Class IV. Request as required.

(e) Class V. Basic allowance.

b. Control and distribution

(1) Control. Battalion S-4 will coordinate requests for logistical support.

(2) Distribution. Unit distribution.

c. Resupply

(1) Resupply requests will be submitted over the Helicopter Logistic Support Net.

(2) A block of resupply items will be established at Dai Loc Landing Zone for possible emergency resupply.

(3) Resupply will be accomplished by helicopter from Dai Loc Landing Zone.

(4) Only emergency resupply will be accomplished on D-Day.

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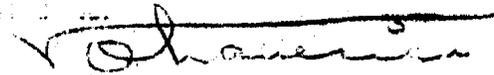
- (5) Resupply will be accomplished on an as needed basis.
 - (6) Normal resupply requests for the next day's operations will be submitted prior to 1500 hours the day before the supplies are needed.
- d. Evacuation and Hospitalization
- (1) Medical evacuation assistance will be requested over the Tactical Air Request Net (TAR). If for any reason the TAR net is not available, Battalion Tactical Net will be used.
 - (2) Serious heat casualties will be classified as Emergency/Critical. Proper utilization of salt tablets will greatly reduce heat casualties.
 - (3) Civilian med-evacs will be submitted as Routine requests.
- e. Transportation
- (1) Only tracked vehicles will proceed west of grid line AT 87.
 - (2) Request for helicopter support will be submitted over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net.
- f. Service
- (1) Unserviceable end items will be evacuated and "in kind" replacements will be issued.
 - (2) Preventive maintenance will be performed as required.
- g. Personnel
- (1) No replacements can be expected except for combat support and combat service support personnel.
- h. Civilians
- (1) All civilians desiring to leave the area of operations will be directed to the DAI LOC District Screening Center at AT 873574.
 - (2) All persons arriving at the Screening Center will be interrogated by DAI LOC District/Battalion intelligence personnel and those persons classified as VCC or VCS will be transferred to 3d ITT for further interrogation.
 - (3) Persons classified as refugees will be interviewed by the 29th Displaced Personnel Team and DAI LOC District personnel for subsequent assignment to refugee camps within DAI LOC District.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Command. Command Posts and subordinate unit locations will be reported to this Headquarters when established.
- b. Communications-Electronics. Annex E (Communication-Electronics).

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Fire Support
- D - Operation Overlay
- E - Communications-Electronics
- F - Distribution

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2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 1st Plt, Co A, 3d AT Bn
 1st Plt, Co A, 3d Tk Bn
 Sect, Co B, 3d Amtrac Bn
 29th Displaced Persons Tm, 29th Civil Affairs Co, U. S. Army
 Det, 3d CIT
 Det, 3d ITT
 Plt, 522d Regional Force Co
Company E (-) (reinf)

Capt RAGSDALE

Company Headquarters
 Two Rifle Plts (reinf)
 FO Team, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Sect, 81mm Mortar Plt

Company F (reinf)

Capt MADONNA

Company F
 Plt (reinf), Co E, 2d Bn, 3d Mar
 FO Team, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Sect 81mm Mortar Plt
 Det, Civil Affairs Tm
 F/C Team
 S-2 Scout Team
 Det, Intelligence Sect
 Helicopter Support Team
 Mine Sweep Team, Co A, 3d Engr Bn
 Demolition Team, Co A, 3d Engr Bn
 Scout Sniper Teams (2), Hdqts, 3d Mar
 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn
 Psy War Team, 244th Psy War Co, U. S. Army

Company G (reinf)

1st Lt KOPKA

Company G
 FO Team, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

Battalion Reserve

Company H (-) (reinf)

Capt CARROLL

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 Two Rifle Plts (reinf)
 FO Team, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

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Two Plt Popular Forces
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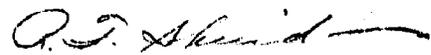
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

Ref: (a) DAI LOC 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 IV, Series L7014
 (b) BnO 3800.1C

Time Zone: H

1. ENEMY SITUATION

- a. Confirmed units within the objective area consist of the DAI LOC Local Force Company with an approximate strength of 60 to 100 men, armed with 1x60mm mortar, 2xMG's, 3xBAR's and individual weapons. Intelligence reports for the past two months indicate this company's operating area as the southwestern portion of the TAOR.
- b. Reinforcing units that could materially effect our mission consist of the 5/V25 Battalion reported as operating in the general vicinity of AT 8554 and AT 8654, approximately 1500 meters southeast of the objective area and the R20 (Doc Lap) Battalion confirmed by the 3d Marine Division as operating in the vicinity of AT 8653, approximately 2000 meters southeast of the objective area. The estimated strength of the 5/V25 Battalion is 300 men and the R20 Battalion, 400 men. Both of these units are reportedly armed with 81mm and 60mm mortars and 57mm recoilless rifles.
- c. District Headquarters has reported one guerrilla platoon, estimated 30 to 40 men, to be located vicinity AT 828558 and one platoon of NVA, strength unknown, located vicinity AT 837567.
- d. District Headquarters has reported as possible, one Company of the R20/V25 Battalion operating north of Song Vu Gia in the western portion of the TAOR.
- e. The most significant VC activity during the past two months has been two encounters with reinforced VC squads in the vicinity of AT 8356. These encounters were significant in that the VC chose to engage in a prolonged firefight rather than to engage for a short time and then withdraw. Also worthy of note are the hard core VC elements encountered on Operation ALLEGHENY that are located in close proximity of the area of operation.

2. WEATHER

- a. Temperatures. Temperatures may be expected to range from a high of 97 degrees to a low of 75 degrees.
- b. Precipitation. The area of operation is in the four month (early September to late December) northeastern coastal monsoon belt.

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The distance it extends inland has not been determined. During the four month monsoon, rainfall occurs on approximately 70 different days. Generally, 75 to 90 percent of the annual rainfall occurs during the monsoon season.

- c. Typhoons. According to typhoon tracking by the Directorate of Meteorology of the Republic of Vietnam over the ten-year period, 1948-1957, there were six typhoons and 15 tropical storms effecting the country. Of the six typhoons mentioned all effected the north-eastern coast.
- d. Astronomical Data. Appendix 1 (Astronomical Data).

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI)

- a. Are there any NVA units within the objective area? If so, where?
- b. Does the enemy intend to counterattack? If so where? when? and what strength?
- c. Does the enemy intend to reinforce? If so where? when? and what strength?
- d. Does the enemy possess mortar or artillery weapons? If so where, how many, and what type?
- e. Are there any bunkers, caves, tunnels and trenchlines? If so where and what size? Do they have signs of recent occupancy? (Give detailed description).
- f. Determine the extent of mining in the area of operation.
- g. Determine if there is information in the area of operations on route warning and advisory signs.
- h. Does the enemy have stockpiles of war materials? If so where, what amount and type.
- i. Determine the location of the rice storage areas in the area of operations.
- j. Report any indications of Viet Cong night viewing capability.
- k. Determine the location, capacity and extent of hospital facilities located at PHUOC LOC (AT 815570).
- l. Are there any Viet Cong prisons in the area of operation, if so, location and sizes of same.
- m. Where are the Viet Cong tax collection points?
- n. How many personnel are involved in the collecting of taxes? Are they armed? How often are taxes collected?

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- o. Determine location of crossing sites along the Song Vu Gia in the area of operation used by VC for transporting personnel and material.
 - p. Determine number and size of OP's and LP's.
 - q. Determine types of camouflage used by the Viet Cong.
4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIALS
- a. In accordance with reference (b).
 - b. All captured personnel, documents and materials will be forwarded to the Battalion Collection Point (AT 873574).
5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS
- a. Reference (a) will be the standard map for the operation.
 - b. Additional maps are available from the Battalion S-2.
6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
- a. Appendix 2 (Sign and Countersign)
7. REPORTS
- a. Spot Reports will be submitted by the most expeditious means as soon as possible after a contact or significant intelligence finding occurs.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Astronomical Data (To Be Issued)
- 2 - Sign and Countersign (Issued)

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Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

Ref: (a) Map: DAI LOC, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 IV, Series L7014
 (b) FMFM 7-4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces

(1) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines.

(2) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in support of 2d Battalion 3d Marines.

(3) 12th Marines, D/S of 3d Marine Division.

(4) 1st Marine Air Wing provides CAS and helicopter support

2. MISSION. The Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines will exercise overall responsibility for planning and coordinating all fires supporting the operation, thereby insuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept

(1) All supporting arms in support of the operation will be controlled by the Company Commander, Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines until such time as the Battalion Reserve is committed. Supporting arms will then be controlled by the Command Group.

(2) All observed fire missions will be approved by the Fire Support Coordinator (FSC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(3) Unobserved missions must be approved by the Fire Support Coordinator (FSC), 3d Marine Regiment.

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- (4) For deception purposes, prep fires will be delivered in the Operation ALLEGHENY area commencing at H¹⁰00. Appendix 1 (Deception Fire Plan).
- (5) On call concentrations will support the scheme of maneuver. Appendix 2 (Defensive Fire Plan).
- (6) A counter-mortar fire plan will be in effect to support the operation. Appendix 3 (Counter-mortar Fire Plan).

4. TARGET INFORMATIONa. Restricted targets

- (1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical and public utility installations. Rules of engagement apply throughout the operation.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- a. Air sentries and lookouts. Aircraft sentinels will be assigned during the employment of artillery and mortar supporting arms. FO's conducting fire missions will assume responsibility for aircraft safety. Cease fire when it appears that the trajectories of supporting fires may endanger friendly aircraft.

6. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines Conduct of Fire (COF) Net will be monitored by FO and FSCC.
- b. 1st Battalion, 12th Marines Fire Direction (FD) Net will be monitored by FSCC.
- c. 81mm Mortar COF Net will be monitored by FSCC.
- d. Tactical Air Request Net will be monitored by FAC and FSCC.

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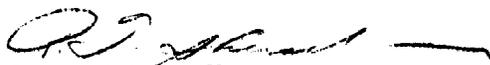
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- 3 - Counter-Mortar Fire Plan

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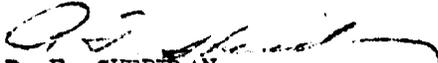
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AB 451	80776049	Campsite	+02	A	Fuze Delay
AB 452	82256085	Campsite	+20 +04 +20	A, 8"	Fuze Delay
AB 453	81486060	Campsite	+08 +18	A, K	Fuze Delay
AB 454	81836118	Campsite	+10	A	Fuze Delay
AB 455	80576180	Campsite	+14	K	Fuze Delay
AB 456	82506096	Campsite	+15	A	Fuze Delay
AB 457	81006038	Campsite	+16 +20	A, K	Fuze Delay

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Tab B (Schedule of Fires) to Appendix 1 (Deception Fire Plan) to Annex C (Fire Support)
to Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

Time Zone: H

Firing Unit	H+12 +00	+02	+04	+06	+08	+10	+12	+14	+16	+18	+20	+22	
Btry A			<u>AB 751</u> 6	<u>AB 752</u> 6		<u>AB 753</u> 6	<u>AB 754</u> 6		<u>AB 756</u> 6	<u>AB 757</u> 6		<u>AB 751</u> 12	
Btry K (fwd)									<u>AB 755</u> 4	<u>AB 757</u> 2	<u>AB 753</u> 2	<u>AB 750</u> 2	<u>AB 757</u> 4
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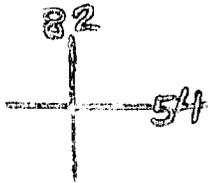
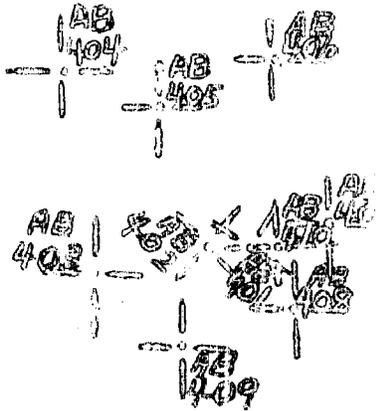
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Appendix 2 (Defensive Fire Plan) to Annex G (Mortars) of
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Tab A (Artillery Target List) to Appendix 2 (Defensive Fire Plan) to
 Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE.I)

<u>Target Conc No</u>	<u>Target Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Description</u>
AB 400	84175672	Platoon position
AB 401	83925671	Platoon position
AB 402	83665680	Platoon position
AB 403	82815658	As sembly area
AB 404	82625798	Prominent terrain feature
AB 405	83305772	Avenue of approach
AB 406	84145800	Avenue of approach
AB 407	84505686	Assembly area
AB 408	84255630	Assembly area
AB 409	83435610	Assembly area
AB 410	85475850	Avenue of approach
AB 411	86105874	Prominent terrain feature

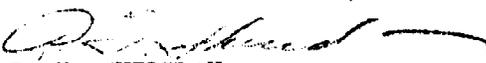
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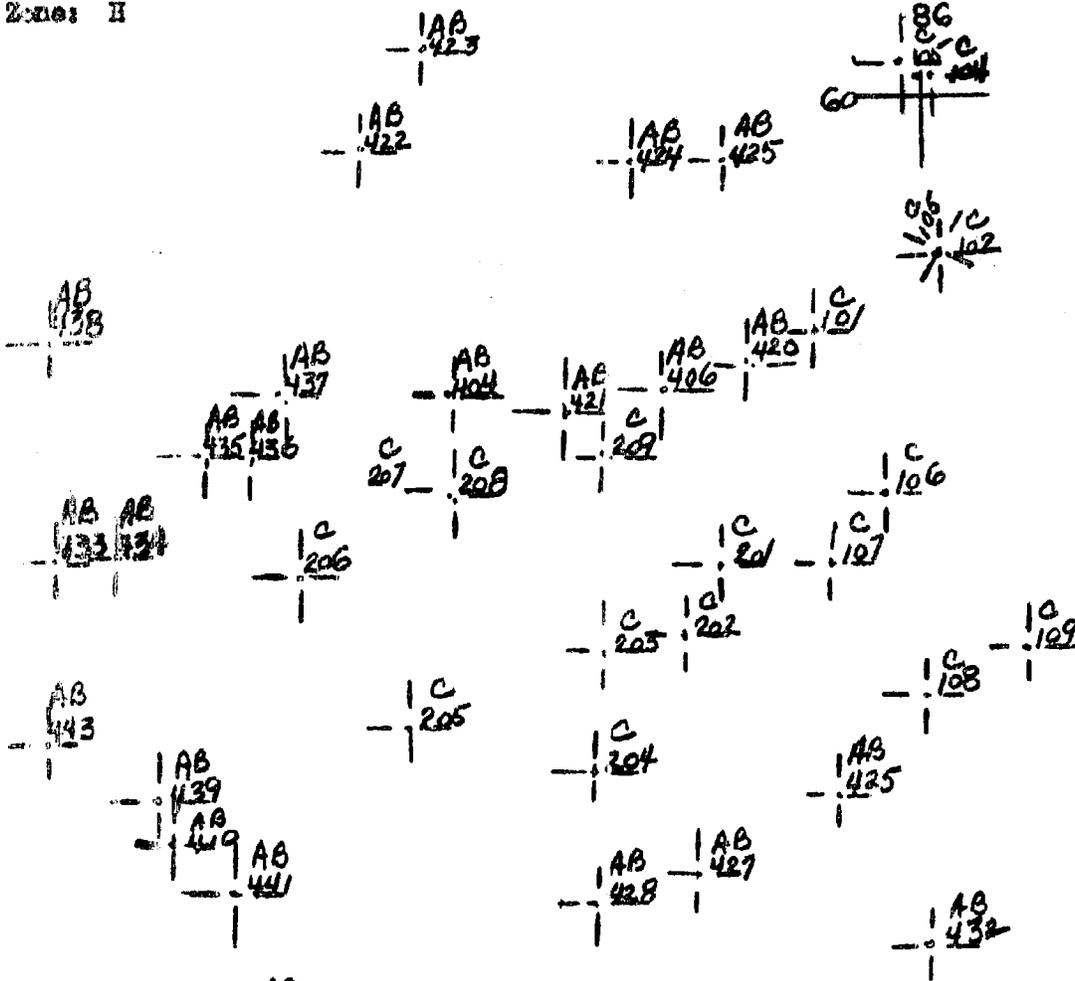
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Appendix F (Counter-mortar Fire Plan) to Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 21-66
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Tab A (Target List) to Appendix 3 (Counter-mortar Fire Plan) to Annex C
 (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

<u>Conc No</u>	<u>Target Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Description</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
AB 420	84795820	Mortar position	Fired by
AB 406	84145800	"	Btry A,
AB 421	83485782	"	3 rds per
AB 404	82625798	"	coordinate
AB 422	82055971	"	"
AB 423	82526035	"	"
AB 424	83925955	"	"
AB 425	84605955	"	"
AB 426	85395520	"	"
AB 427	84375465	"	"
AB 428	83645442	"	"
AB 429	82365335	"	"
AB 430	83105292	"	"
AB 431	83705265	"	"
AB 432	86005415	"	"
AB 433	79805694	"	Fired by
AB 434	80205697	"	Btry K (fwd
AB 435	80855760	"	2 rds per
AB 436	81195758	"	coordinate
AB 437	81455800	"	"
AB 438	79845850	"	"
AB 439	80585522	"	Fired by
AB 440	80655492	"	8" How Btry
AB 441	81105460	"	2 rds per
AB 442	81135361	"	coordinate
AB 443	79675571	"	"
C 101	852584	"	Fired by
C 102	861589	"	Company E
C 103	861595	"	81mm Mortar
C 104	861601	"	2 rds per
C 105	859602	"	coordinate
C 106	857573	"	"
C 107	853568	"	"
C 108	860559	"	"
C 109	867562	"	"

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C 201	845568	Mortar position	Fired by
C 202	843563	"	Company F
C 203	837562	"	81mm Mortar.
C 204	836554	"	2 rds per
C 205	823557	"	coordinate
C 206	815568	"	"
C 207	820574	"	"
C 208	826573	"	"
C 209	837576	"	"

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Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

Ref: (a) Divo 02000, 2E
 (b) Divo P2000, 4E
 (c) FMFM 10-1

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) The enemy has an electronic countermeasure capability which includes radio intercept, jamming, direction finding, and wiretapping.
- (3) Abandoned enemy communications-electronic equipment may be booby trapped.
- (4) The enemy will cut and booby trap friendly land lines whenever possible.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization).
- (2) Command Posts
 - (a) Report CP locations as established.

2. MISSION. Communications-electronics section will provide communications for command and control of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Elements

(1) Radio Section

- (a) Furnish personnel and equipment for the command post, command group, forward air controllers, and helicopter support team as directed.
- (b) Provide coordinated communications logistic support to the committed elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines to include battery resupply and inserviceable radio equipment replacement.

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(2) Wire Section

- (a) Operate/maintain existing command post landline facilities.
- (b) Provide additional support to the committed forces as directed

(3) Message Center

- (a) Operate/maintain present command post message center facilities
- (b) Provide expeditious handling of "GOLDEN FLEECE" traffic. Incoming operation traffic will be immediately delivered to the routing officers. Outgoing operation traffic will be transmitted without delay.

(4) Communications-Electronic Maintenance

- (a) All radio repair and battery charging will be accomplished at the presently established communications-electronic repair facility.
- (b) Repair of all "downed" equipment will be expeditiously performed and returned to the pertinent communications section.

b. Supporting Area Communications Annex C (Fire Support).**c. Coordinating Instructions**

- (1) The current KAG 138 will be used as directed from company to battalion.
- (2) Only tactical traffic will be passed on the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (3) All administrative and logistical traffic will be passed over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net, Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- (4) Radio call signs are assigned in accordance with reference (a) and Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs).
- (5) Yellow panels or yellow smoke will be used to mark front line positions.
- (6) Each committed company and the Command Group will employ an RC-292 antenna at its location.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Refer paragraph 4 of basic plan; Administration and Logistics.
- b. All committed units commence operation with four days supply of batteries.
- c. Requests for communication resupply (e.g. batteries, wire) will be made via the Helicopter Logistical Support Net.
- d. Equipment requiring repair will be evacuated to the Battalion CP.
- e. Each unit will provide appropriate security for all classified material it takes to the field.

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- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Radio Call Signs

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ORGANIZATION	VOICE CALL
3RD MAR BATT	SIREN REATH
MARINES	STARBOARD
1ST BN 3RD MAR	PYGMALION
2ND BN 3RD MAR	PYGMALION 11
3RD FAC TEAM	PYGMALION EXTRA 1
4MM MORTARS	PYGMALION WHISKEY
DAY 1ST BN 12MAB	MORTAGE ALEA
COMPANY "E"	PYGMALION ECHO
COMPANY "F"	PYGMALION FOXTROT
COMPANY "G"	PYGMALION GOLF
COMPANY "H"	PYGMALION HOTEL

COLUMN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
NETS	REGT TAC #1	BN TAC #2	CO "E" TAC	CO "F" TAC	CO "G" TAC	CO "H" TAC	BT MM COFFIRE	TAC #1	TAC #1 (BLUE)	TACP LOCAL	NETS LOG SPT	ARTY BN FR	ARTY BTRY C OF FIRE	
NET TITLE														
FREQ	39.7	39.1	50.1	50.6	38.25	50.0	45.0	21.06	40.7	41.1	42.9	44.3	24.02	35.0
MIKEY#	M529	M517	M798	M709	M507	M702	M635	M1	M517	M1284	M588	M623	M132	M138
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Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs) to Annex E (Communication-Electronics) to
Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE I)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Call Signs</u>
CG III MAF	FRANCHISE
CG 3rd Mar Div	SUDDEN DEATH
3rd Marines	STARBOARD
1st Bn, 12th Marines	MORTGAGE
3rd Recon Bn	RAIN BELT
Air Observer	SACRED
1st Bn, 3rd Mar	MUSTER
2nd Bn, 3rd Mar	PYGMALION
2nd Bn, 26th Mar	MONEY
Special Forces (Thuong Duc)	ROCKY POINT 2 or PAINTED JIGGER 19
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CO, 3d Tank Bn	2
CO, 3d Anti-Tank Bn	2
CO, 3d Amtrac Bn	2
CO, 244th Psy War Co, U. S. Army	2
Senior Advisor, Army Advisor Team, Dai Loo District	2
CO, 29th Civil Affairs Co, U. S. Army	2
CO, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn	2
3d ITT	2
3d CIT	2
CO, Co E	2
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Via: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) Map: DAI LOC, 1:50,000, Series L7012, Sheet 6640 IV
(b) CO 3d MarDiv msg 051303Z Oct 66
(c) Third MarDivO 3100.1G
(d) 2dBn, 3dMar OpPlan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1)

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay (Primary Plan)
(2) Operation Overlay (Alternate Plan)

1. Code Name. Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1. An operation to provide protection for rice harvesters and deny foodstuffs to the Viet Cong.
2. Date of Operation. From 010600H to 082030H October 1966 inclusive.
3. Location. SONG VU GIA Valley, DAI LOC District, QUANG NAM Province, Danang TAOR in area bounded by grid squares AT 8157, AT 8154, AT 8658, and AT 8657.

4. Command/Control Headquarters

3d Marines	Colonel E. E. HAMBERBECK
2d Battalion, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN
Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	Captain R. C. MADONNA
Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	First Lieutenant J. R. KOPKA
Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	Captain J. T. CARROLL, Jr.

5. Task Organization

2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Reinf) Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN

2d Battalion, 3d Marines
Det, H&S Company
Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

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Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 Company H, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
 FO Teams, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
 Det, 3d Engineer Battalion
 Det, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
 Det, 3d Motor Transport Battalion
 Det, 3d Tank Battalion
 Det, 3d Anti Tank Battalion
 Regional Force Platoon, QUANG NAM Province
 Scout Sniper Teams (2), 3d Marines
Dai Loc District Forces First Lieutenant DANG VAN MAN

Det, U. S. Army Advisory Team
 Det, District Headquarters
 779th Regional Forces Company
 Two Platoons, Popular Forces

6. Supporting Arms

a. Artillery

The fires of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines were planned for and utilized during Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1. Battery A's six 105mm howitzers fired 296 rounds in support of the operation. Fire missions were cleared by the Battalion FSCC operating in the field, thus enabling the battery to send its first rounds on the way to the target within three minutes from receipt of the fire request. The rapid reaction time enjoyed during the conduct of GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 is absolutely essential for the effective employment of artillery.

On-call concentrations and counter mortar fires were planned prior to the operation. Thirteen observed missions were fired on targets of opportunity, resulting in 14 probable KIA's, 11 probable WIA's, one confirmed WIA, and the probable destruction of one mortar and one automatic weapon. In addition, two on-call preparations were fired prior to occupation of objectives, and three neutralizations were fired to cover the tactical withdrawal of friendly units at the end of the operation.

The unscheduled arrival of extraneous aircraft in the operation area reaffirmed the fact that FO's and firing battery air sentinels must be particularly alert if such aircraft are not to be endangered.

In summation, it can be said that the smooth functioning of forward observers, FSCC, and firing battery combined to provide the necessary rapid reaction time and the delivery of artillery fires where and when needed. Consequently, excellent results were possible and were obtained.

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b. Air Support

During Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 this Battalion requested and received the following air support:

Close Air Support	1 mission
Medical Evacuation	1 mission

All close air support and medical evacuation requests were passed over the Tactical Air Request Net to the Direct Air Support Center. Reaction time was excellent in both cases.

The close air support mission was flown by fixed-wing aircraft that were apparently diverted from an aborted mission. Another flight was on station just after the original air strike was finished, but the flight was secured due to the complete coverage of the target and the lack of another target. The mission resulted in twelve huts and one bunker destroyed, and 18 probable VC KIA's.

c. Engineer Support. An engineer demolition team was assigned in a direct support role during this operation. The support received was considered excellent and the team destroyed one cave and 1000 pounds of rice that could not be recovered to the DAI LOC storage area. A bridge was established at coordinates AT 867574 to aid in the stream crossing of the tanks, Otters and Ontos that were participating in the operation.

d. Reconnaissance Support. Reconnaissance support from two reconnaissance teams was considered excellent. They were positioned on the high ground north of the objective area and provided observation posts and screening forces throughout the conduct of the operation. Two VC were observed in the mountains and the reconnaissance team set an ambush resulting in one confirmed VC KIA.

e. Motor Transport Support. Four Otters were placed in direct support for a one day period. They were utilized to transport the rice from the objective area to the DAI LOC storage area. During the day they transported five tons of rice.

f. Tank Support. Two tanks were used in support of this Battalion. They experienced difficulty in traversing the terrain and were not employed to lend fire support to any unit.

g. Anti-Tank Support. Two Ontos were used to render supporting fires to the Battalion. Their movement was hampered by the terrain although their trafficability proved superior to the tanks. They took snipers under fire that were located south of the SONG VU GIA and the sniper fire ceased immediately.

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h. Regional Force Platoon. The Regional Force platoon participated in GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 as an integrated unit working closely as members of each Marine platoon and squad in Company H. Each squad of the RF platoon was attached in turn to a platoon in the company and the Marine platoons attached members of these RF squads to their own squads. The RF's operated effectively and well during the operation and worked much the same as the average Marine at sweeping, patrolling, observing, etc. Their unique and perhaps most helpful contribution is that they provide a vital link with the local population in that they naturally surmount the language barrier. Their presence at checkpoints and when patrols or units sweep into villages is invaluable in the screening of personnel. Additionally, their presence in our ranks has the effect of steadying the populace, and the added reciprocal effect that RF's and USMC working together tends to automatically increase the prestige of each in the eyes of the populace. They materially contributed to the success of the operation.

7. Intelligence

Prior to the operation there were several reports from DAI LOC District Headquarters that indicated the Viet Cong were now harvesting all the rice west of north/south grid line AT 86. It was also learned from these reports that a large amount of rice, (approximately 100 tons) had been stored throughout the operational area.

At the commencement of this operation, it had been evaluated that the enemy could defend with two companies, reinforced with two guerilla platoons. It was also anticipated that the local commander could reinforce his units with elements of the 402 (NVA) Sapper Battalion located on the high ground to the north and also with elements of the R20 and V25 Battalions located to the south. However, it was also estimated that he would establish a delaying action in order to "save face" in the eyes of the local populace, thereby gaining their support upon returning. This was substantiated by reported loss of contact as we gained fire superiority and moved forward. As we moved forward it was observed that fighting positions were well camouflaged and almost impossible to detect. Ambush sites were situated in built-up areas and designed so as to command avenues of approach and fields of fire and usually provided ample cover against small arms fire. Company F on its advance received heavy small arms fire (flanking) from the high ground and all the hamlets located on the flat plains. During the conduct of this operation, it was found that the enemy forces in the objective area were of multi-platoon size and well disciplined. His coordination and fire discipline were considered excellent, in that he refused to break contact until we gained fire superiority.

The area of operation must be divided into two main landforms: first,

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the plains area which was generally characterized by flat, poorly drained surface, crisscrossed with small streams and second, the hills that rolled into mountains which were generally characterized by woody plants and tropical grasslands reaching a height of 4 to 12 feet. The grass blades, when dry, become very sharp and could easily cut an individual working this area. Most of the operation was conducted within the plains area. In addition to the aforementioned characteristics, this area had one road paralleling the SONG VU GIA. This road is a loose-surface, dry weather type, which has buildings and hedgerows on both sides. This road, if established as the principal traffic artery (MSR) for this area, will require major construction of bridges and continual maintenance in bad weather.

An adequate supply of water is available and should a military water point be established, it would be close to the MSR and would not interfere with traffic. The southern sector of the operational area had a concentration of structures and most of the population had lived in this sector at one time, although for the most part the villages were deserted. Psychological Warfare leaflet drops were most effective, when used in conjunction with the loudspeaker in the aircraft. Approximately 50 families decided to move from their homes to a GVN controlled area.

8. Mission. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines conduct combined operations with DAI LOC District Forces in the SONG VU GIA Valley north of the SONG VU GIA and west from Hill #65 (AT 878575) to grid line AT 81 to provide harvest protection and security for Vietnamese harvesting operations and to deny foodstuffs to the Viet Cong.

9. Concept of Operation

a. Primary Plan

(1) The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines provides a Rifle Company (reinf) as a reaction force to supplement DAI LOC District Forces for protection of rice harvesters by establishing a Company Patrol Base within the area of operation. In addition, a Command Group and one Rifle Company (reinf) will be prepared to reinforce the committed Company.

(2) DAI LOC District Forces will provide close-in security along the route of march and within the harvesting area.

(3) Working parties provided by DAI LOC District Headquarters will gather and transport the rice to storage areas in the vicinity of District Headquarters.

b. Alternate Plan

(1) 2d Battalion (reinf) will conduct a combined operation with DAI LOC District Forces. Company F (-) (reinf) will conduct a night

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overland movement and establish a Company Patrol Base on the high ground north of PHUOC LOC (AT 8157). The Command Group and Company H (reinf) will cross the line of departure by 080600H and conduct an overland movement and secure the villages in the vicinity of grid square AT 8157. Company G will be prepared on order to reinforce the committed elements with two platoons (reinf) and a company headquarters. Bridge Company will install a temporary bridge at coordinates AT 866574 to allow tanks, Ontos, and Otters to effect a stream crossing.

(2) DAI LOC District Forces will accompany the rice harvesters in trace of the Command Group and Company H and move to the known Viet Cong rice storage areas located in vicinity grid squares AT 8156 and AT 8157.

(3) Working parties provided by DAI LOC District Headquarters will recover the rice and transport it to the high ground vicinity grid square AT 8356.

(4) Four assigned Otters will transport the rice to District storage areas located in vicinity of grid square AT 8857.

10. Execution. For a two month period prior to the commencement of Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 there had been numerous intelligence reports of Viet Cong rice storage in the SONG VU GIA Valley. These reports were verified by frequent sightings, utilizing the 20 power binoculars located at the observation post on Hill #65 (AT 8757), of Viet Cong supply personnel carrying large quantities of rice throughout the valley and heavy boat traffic on the SONG VU GIA. A combined operation was planned in conjunction with the DAI LOC District Chief to recover the harvested rice from the Viet Cong storage areas. Additional commitments and an increased alert status throughout the Third Marine Division precluded this Battalion from full participation in the initial phase of the operation.

1 October. Company H (-) crossed the line of departure at 0600 hours and established a Company Patrol Base on the high ground in the vicinity of NONG LAM (2) (AT 8356). The District Force units crossed the line of departure at 0703 hours and moved into positions in vicinity of grid squares AT 8355, AT 8358, AT 8757, and AT 8759 to provide close-in protection to the rice harvesters. Initial contact with Viet Cong forces occurred at 0900 hours when a Popular Force Platoon made contact with an enemy squad at AT 848558. VC broke contact when small arms and artillery fire was delivered. At 1400 hours another VC squad was engaged and contact was broken when an artillery fire mission was conducted with excellent target coverage. No further contacts were experienced and no friendly casualties resulted from the enemy contacts. Working parties recovered approximately 5½ tons of rice without incident. All friendly units returned to the base of Hill #65 by 1630 hours.

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2 October. Company H (-) and DAI LOC District Forces adhered to the same time schedule as the previous day's operation. District Forces received sniper fire along the route of march and a VC platoon was encountered at 0830 hours at coordinates AT 820552. An artillery fire mission was requested and fired. VC broke contact and a search of the area disclosed five VC KIA. No further enemy contacts were made. Twenty families living in the area of operation moved to the secure area of DAI LOC for screening and resettlement. Five tons of rice were recovered and taken to storage areas in DAI LOC District.

3 October. All units had crossed the line of departure by 0730 hours and had moved to positions to protect the rice harvesters by 0900 hours. An estimated two VC platoons attacked a Popular Force Platoon at 0950 hours at AT 820560. VC broke contact when fire was delivered by Company H and artillery fire mission was called on target area. DAI LOC District Forces suffered one KIA and four WIA's, and one U. S. Marine was slightly wounded. Enemy casualties were 11 VC KIA and seven VC WIA, not U. S. confirmed. At 1225 hours in vicinity AT 833559 two VC platoons armed with automatic weapons, M-79's and 60mm mortars engaged DAI LOC District Forces. Artillery was fired in support of District Forces and disengagement was accomplished without casualties. The District Chief determined that enemy resistance could not be overcome by the forces available and that the rice harvesters would suffer needless casualties if the operation was to continue. All forces returned to the base of Hill #65 by 1430 hours. No rice was recovered during this day's operation although storage areas containing approximately 100 tons of rice were discovered.

4-7 October. The DAI LOC District Chief used this period to regroup his forces and make plans for the recovery of the rice from the VC storage areas. Extensive H&I fires were delivered in an attempt to preclude the VC from moving the rice to mountain storage areas. The District Chief requested additional U. S. Marine assistance and the Commanding Officer, 3d Marines directed this Battalion to conduct a one day operation to recover the rice in the VC storage area.

8 October. The alternate plan was put into effect when Company F (-) (reinf) crossed the line of departure at 0100 and moved into position on the high ground north of the objective area. Sniper fire was received both from the high ground and the plains area. Company H (reinf) and the Command Group crossed the line of departure at 0600 hours and encountered stiff enemy resistance in vicinity of grid square AT 8355 from an estimated VC company. Artillery fire missions were delivered and an air strike conducted. Major opposition was overcome by 1200 hours although sniper fire continued throughout the day. District Forces and the rice harvesters followed in trace of Company H and the Command Group and moved directly to the rice storage areas located in vicinity of grid squares AT 8156, AT 8157, and AT 8257. Rice was carried to the high ground in vicinity of grid square AT 8356. The Ottars could not cross a deep stream bed which required the rice to be carried by the harvesters to the

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Command Group CP (AT 833559) for subsequent movement to the storage areas located at DAI LOG District Headquarters. Twenty tons of rice were transported to storage areas and forty tons of rice were destroyed on order of the District Chief to deny its use to the Viet Cong. Fifty families returned to District control for resettlement. U. S. Marines suffered one KIA and 12 WIA's. District Forces suffered one WIA. VC losses for the day as estimated by USMC units were four KIA (confirmed), 32 KIA (probable), 12 WIA (confirmed), 25 WIA (probable), and one 60mm mortar destroyed. Civilians returning from area stated 20 VC were KIA by the air strike. All friendly units returned to their CP's by 2030 hours and GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 was terminated.

11. Results

a. Friendly personnel losses

- (1) USMC: one KIA; 13 WIA
- (2) District Forces: one KIA; five WIA

b. Friendly equipment losses: None

c. Enemy personnel losses

- (1) 20 KIA (conf); 32 KIA (prob); 12 WIA (conf); 32 WIA (prob)
- (2) Breakdown by day/unit.

Date/time	Organization	KIA (conf)	KIA (prob)	WIA (conf)	WIA (prob)
020830H	District Forces	5			
030950H	District Forces	11			7
080759H	Company H		3		2
080816H	Company H				2
080845H	Company H		2		3
080851H	Company H		2	12	14
080941H	Company H		1		
081027H	Company H		1		
081030H	Air Strike		18		
081025H	Co C, 3d Recon	1			
081043H	Company F		3		
081110H	Company H		1		2
081150H	Company H		1		2
081200H	Company F				
	Totals	20	32	12	32

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d. Enemy equipment losses

(1) Structures

12 huts
1 bunker

(2) Weapons

1 60mm mortar (prob)

(3) Supplies

5 mines (booby trapped 105mm rounds)
30 tons rice recovered
40 tons rice destroyed
1 ton corn destroyed
7 VC uniforms

e. Areas were searched after artillery missions and air strikes except on 3 October when District Forces were disengaging from an enemy contact.

12. Administrative Matters. Operation Plan 21-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1) required constant updating and changes due to the increase of the alert status throughout the Division. Plans made one day with the District Chief would have to be modified as the alert status would increase or decrease. In spite of these changes, close liaison was established with the District Chief and plans were executed with a minimum of confusion and delay.

a. Supply. Marines carried two canteens, one ration, and a basic allowance of ammunition. All units returned to their respective CP's nightly where resupply was accomplished.

b. Treatment of casualties and evacuations. All casualties were treated by the corpsmen attached to the Rifle Companies. The more serious were med-evaced by helicopter and the less serious "walking wounded" were brought to the Command Group's CP for examination and treatment by the Battalion Surgeon. These casualties were evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station by Otter. No problems were encountered in the treatment or evacuation of casualties.

c. Communications

(1) Operational Communications. The primary communications method used for control of the Battalion during the operation was radio. The normal nets were employed with an added Logistical Support Net for the S-4 to coordinate movement of the Otters that were used for the transportation of the rice. This Logistical Support Net had eight stations which were

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CP rear, S-4/Command Group, Company H, Company F, and four Otters. Although four Otters were planned for, only two were utilized. The net provided for separate handling of administrative traffic and precluded the passing of this traffic over the Battalion TAC Net. The Battalion TAC Net was thus reserved strictly for tactical traffic and functioned well.

(2) Problems Encountered

(a) Jamming. This was effectively employed on the Logistical Support Net for a period of three hours. The passing of traffic during this jamming was almost impossible although it was accomplished after continuous effort on one occasion.

(b) AN/PRC-41 Tactical Air Direction. These radios were thoroughly checked prior to the operation and batteries with sufficient charge were provided. These radios functioned well initially. However, during the main engagement when an air strike was called, the controlling FAC was unable to contact the aircraft and was forced to relay to an adjacent Company's FAC via the TACP Local Net (FM) who relayed traffic to the aircraft and in fact directed the air strike on his AN/PRC-41. The AN/PRC-41 radio at the Command Group also failed to function properly. This is the second operation on which AN/PRC-41 radios malfunctioned.

(c) Otter Communication. Otter communications should be provided by the parent Otter unit. It is difficult for an infantry unit to deprive itself of radios to provide a supporting unit with communications. Since no frequency was available for vehicle control by the Otter platoon commander, an additional burden was placed on the Logistical Support Net.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. No special equipment was used on this operation. Organic Marine Corps issued equipment proved reliable and satisfactory in most respects. The night movement of a Rifle Company in order to be in position as a blocking force prior to first light proved very effective in that it provided excellent observation and fire control over the valley when the assaulting units and rice harvesters entered the objective area at first light. A sand table mock-up of the area of operation was constructed by the S-2 Section. This sand table proved invaluable during a joint briefing for staffs of this Battalion and District. Exact routes of march and blocking positions were easily depicted and the District Forces had a complete understanding of the concept of operations. The sand table greatly assisted both units in the coordination of all plans and the smoothness of the operation is partially attributable to the use of the sand table.

14. Commander's Analysis. The most important factors contributing to the success of this operation were the combat readiness of the Marine units involved and the close liaison established and maintained with the DAI LOC District Chief and his forces. The mission was clearly defined and assigned tasks were accomplished in a highly professional manner. Close

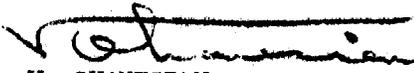
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liaison was made with the U. S. Army's Displaced Persons Platoon to ensure expeditious screening and resettlement of refugees. Psychological Warfare aircraft were used in an attempt to convince people living in the area to move to government controlled areas. Approximately fifty families took advantage of this opportunity and travelled to District Headquarters for resettlement. As the area of operations was in a region frequented by enemy personnel only, no Civil Affairs programs were planned or executed. There was no needless destruction of buildings or facilities and all refugees were fed and housed once under control of District personnel.

15. Recommendations

a. That operations of this nature continue to be conducted as the people have the opportunity to observe their government forces in the role of protector.

b. That close liaison be established and maintained with counterpart District personnel throughout the planning and execution phases of all combined operations.



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Via: Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines

Subj: After Action Report of Internal Marine Corps Matters (Operation
GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1)

Ref: (a) Third MarDivO 3100.1C

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following information is hereby submitted on problems encountered during Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 3-1 conducted 1-8 October 1966.

a. Scout Sniper Team. Two Scout Sniper Teams were placed in direct support during this operation. They were attached to Company F in order to locate them on the high ground overlooking the SONG VU GIA Valley. Viet Cong forces were observed departing the area of operation well within range of the snipers, but were not engaged by them as their scopes were fogged and inoperable. A Forward Air Controller armed with an M-14 rifle took the target under fire and killed three of the eight VC that were observed in the open rice paddies. The proximity of friendly forces precluded the use of artillery on this target and five VC escaped. This problem of inoperable sights was experienced by this unit on Operation ALLEGHENY. A requirement exists for either a more reliable scope or better maintenance on those presently in the hands of the Scout Snipers.

b. Motor Transport Support. Four M-76 Amphibious Cargo Carriers (Otters) from 3d Motor Transport Battalion were placed in direct support of this unit to be utilized as rice carriers from the area of operation to storage areas located at DAI LOC District Headquarters. Upon reporting to the assembly area on Hill #65, two of the four were deadlined for repair. Movement to the area of operations on 8 October was characterized by the constant bogging down of the two remaining vehicles. Their late arrival disrupted all plans for the recovering of much needed food supplies for the District refugees. Upon arrival at the forward Command Post it was determined that the two operable Otters could make only one trip with rice as they had failed to refuel the previous night. AN/PRC-25 radios were given to each Otter commander for use on the Logistical Support Net. The radios were returned needing extensive cleaning and one was missing a hand set. The overall performance and support rendered by the Otters was considered unsatisfactory necessitating the destruction of rice that could otherwise have been recovered.

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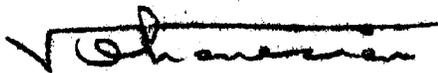
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c. Engineer Support. 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion was requested to install a temporary bridge at coordinates AF 866573 by 080900. The bridge was not completed until 1230 hours detracting greatly from the importance of the bridge as envisioned in the concept of operations.

d. Tank Support. Three tanks were assigned to this unit on 7 October. Upon arriving on position it was determined that two were inoperable. One of the deadlined tanks was made marginally operable in order to participate in this operation. The route into the area of operation designated for use by the tanks had been used by this type vehicle on other operations in the same area without difficulty. The tanks attempted to bypass culverts and trenches that could be cleared and therefore became bogged down constantly once they left the road. The road was used on the return trip and was traversed without incident. It required the tanks in excess of two hours to traverse 3000 meters of road and their late arrival prohibited their tactical employment.



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Encl: (1) Operation Overlay (Operation KERN)

1. Code Name. Operation KERN. A reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. From 201300H to 251800H October 1966, inclusive.
3. Location. KHE LE Valley, DUC DUC District, QUANG NAM Province, Danang TAOR, in area bounded by grid squares AT 8437, AT 8440, AT 9037, and AT 9040.
4. Command/Control Headquarters

9th Marines	Colonel R. M. RICHARDS
2d Battalion, 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN
Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	First Lieutenant J. R. KOPKA
Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines	First Lieutenant J. J. CLARK III
Company E, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines	Captain T. PRATT
5. Task Organization

2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (reinf)	Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN
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Det, H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	
Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines	
Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines	
Company E, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines	

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6. Supporting Arms

a. Artillery. The fires of Battery F, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines were planned for and utilized during Operation KERN. The Battery's six 105mm howitzers and two 155mm howitzers fired 31 missions and delivered 976 rounds in support of the operation. All supporting arms fired in the area of operation were controlled by the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines FSCC operating in the field. Despite the fact that the FSCC, FO's and the firing battery represented three different artillery units, no difficulties were encountered in the conduct of fire missions. On 21 October, no enemy resistance was encountered and the employment of artillery was restricted to firing night H&I's with the 155's. The monsoon weather encountered extended into the second day, placing the burden of fire support solely on the artillery when, on 22 October, strong enemy resistance was encountered on Objective D. Under the covering fires of Battery F, the infantry withdrew from Objective D, bringing their casualties out with them, thus permitting the firing of a concentrated volume of fire onto the entire objective. At first light on 23 October, heavy preparation fires were fired on Objective D, and it was subsequently retaken against light enemy resistance. That afternoon a classical artillery target appeared when 200 Viet Cong attacked over a ridge toward the rear of Company I which was then in the assault against Objective D. Company I's forward observer brought the battery's fires to bear with excellent target coverage and made maximum use of a second opportunity when the Viet Cong reappeared to retrieve the casualties from the first mission. The artillery fire was devastating. The final two days of the operation were characterized by live targets of much smaller dimension and further preparation fires on infantry objectives. As forces departed the operation area, neutralization fires were employed to prevent reoccupation of positions by enemy forces. A recapitulation of artillery fires is as follows:

Observed Fire mission	14
Preparation Fires	4
Area neutralization fires	2
Harrassing and interdiction fires	<u>11</u>
Total artillery missions	31
Total rounds fired, all calibers	976

Overall, artillery fires employed on Operation KERN may be said to have been highly effective, especially in view of the following results:

45 VC KIA Confirmed
 29 VC KIA Probable
 20 VC WIA Probable

b. Air Support

(1) Close Air Support. All close air support (CAS) requests were of an immediate nature. The requests were passed over the Tactical Air

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Control Party Local Net (FM) to the Battalion (rear) for relaying to the Direct Air Support Center via the Tactical Air Request Net (HF). The reaction time for the three close air support missions requested averaged 35 minutes. On two separate occasions, UH-1E gunships were in the objective area and delivered accurate heavy volumes of fire on targets of opportunity. On one occasion, the UH-1E gunships were in the objective area during the sighting of 20 Viet Cong in the open. Their fast and aggressive reaction to the situation resulted in many probable enemy KIA's. All rotary-winged and fixed-winged support was conducted under heavy enemy ground fire which they were instrumental in suppressing. Fixed-wing support provided the ground forces with heavy destructive capability required and the UH-1E gunships provided flexibility and surprise. Low, overcast weather in the objective area during the majority of the operation hampered the utilization of CAS, but when employed, CAS proved excellent coverage of enemy targets.

(2) Medical Evacuation. All eight medical evacuations were of an immediate nature. Requests were passed to the Battalion (rear) via the Tactical Air Control Party Local Net (FM) and then relayed to the DASC via the Tactical Air Request Net (HF). Reaction time varied according to the type request, i. e., Emergency, Priority, or Routine, but was excellent in all cases. The evacuation of wounded and non-battle casualties permitted units to maneuver without being hampered by the requirement to transport these casualties. Four serious med-evacs were conducted under adverse weather condition and one emergency med-evac was conducted under intense enemy small arms fire in the landing zone. Professional airmanship and courage were apparent to all concerned.

(3) Resupply. Our four resupply missions were requested via the Battalion Tactical Net due to the poor communications over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net. Three resupply requests were pre-planned and one request for emergency resupply of water was made. Timeliness of resupply was generally excellent. Extremely adverse weather conditions precluded delivery of much needed rations on 22 October, otherwise the critical supplies were delivered when and where needed.

7. Intelligence

At the commencement of this operation, numerous reports had been received that the 3d (NVA) Regiment was operating in the assigned area of operations. Based upon information received from higher headquarters, it appeared that the enemy's order of battle included elements of a Local Force Company, Civil Guard Company, and two guerrilla platoons reinforced by elements of the 3d (NVA) Regiment. Based upon operations immediately preceding commitment of Operation KERN forces, it was evident that the 3d (NVA) Regiment had the capability to attack, reinforce, and defend, or withdraw. At the time of commitment of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (reinf), it appeared that the latter course of action was being pursued. Marine units moved forward, located the enemy forces and

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established that even though this force was of a multi-platoon size (reinf), it had the capability of engaging effectively one Rifle Company. Fighting positions were well camouflaged and fields of fire were situated so as to command avenues of approach. These positions also provided cover from small arms and M-79 rounds. During Company G's move to Objective D, heavy automatic weapons fire was received from the right flank, front and rear of the assaulting forces. A tactic employed by the Viet Cong during the attack was to with-hold all fire from the flanks, until such time as a reaction force was employed. Once employed, the reaction force came under heavy automatic weapons fire from the flanks. Based upon an evaluation of the equipment and weapons recovered, it was determined that contact had been made with North Vietnamese forces augmented by local security forces. Units encountered were well trained in individual and small unit tactics. The enemy fire discipline is worthy of note, as was the enemy's police of the battlefield. It appears that the enemy was determined to hold this area, perhaps for use as a base of operations against local Vietnamese forces, or possibly as a way station for units infiltrating from the north. During the operation a report was received of what appeared to be a series of 36 poles strung with wire. A patrol determined the long poles, five to ten meters above the tree tops, to be an anti-helicopter entanglement. Wire was strung from pole to pole for a distance of approximately 2000 meters along the high ground. Below this anti-helicopter entanglement were numerous punji stakes eight to ten feet high and barbed wire entanglements on the ground. Many one and two man holes had been dug and numerous fortified positions were found throughout the area of operation. In the vicinity of AT 893387, a series of structures (10-15) approximately 10'x10'x6' with interconnecting trenches were found that could easily support a company size unit. A structure approximately 15' in diameter, located vicinity AT 870382, had stakes laced together with bamboo strips and wire. The gate was made of barbed wire and the enclosure was eight to ten feet high. It is believed that this structure may have been used by the Viet Cong to hold prisoners. Also noteworthy is the fact that Vietnamese Nationals volunteered information and in one instance a villager pointed out the location of 102 Viet Cong graves that were approximately four to five days old. Ten of the graves were extremely large, holding up to five bodies. The bodies had been stripped prior to burial as no intelligence material was recovered from the graves. The terrain within the area of operation was characterized by a flat, poorly drained surface, criss-crossed with small streams and surrounded by mountains. During the first two days of this operation heavy rains fell. As a result of this rainfall, cross-country movement was extremely difficult and upon reaching what was thought to be a small stream, a raging river was encountered. Heavy rainfall played a very important part in the operation as it restricted the use of available air support for two days. Aerial observers were requested from higher headquarters and were made available the first clear day. They were utilized to establish, maintain, and report any enemy movement in the area.

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8. Mission. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (reinf) in coordination with 51st ARVN Regiment conducts reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation in KHUONG THUONG, KHUONG NAM, AP BA area bounded by coordinates AT 8440, AT 8437, AT 9037 and AT 9040 to capture or destroy enemy forces, equipment and supplies.

9. Concept of Operation. A coordinated operation was conducted in three phases:

First Phase: Rifle Company deploys overland to area of operation afternoon of 20 October and effects a link-up with ARVN Forces in vicinity AT 854396.

Second Phase: Battalion (-) composed of a Command Group and one Rifle Company deploys to the area of operation by helicopter on 21 October. Upon landing assume OPCON of Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

Third Phase: Battalion (-) (reinf) conducts reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation in assigned area in coordination with 51st ARVN Regiment elements.

10. Execution. On the night of 16-17 October the ARVN camp at KHUONG THUONG was attacked by Viet Cong forces. The attack was unsuccessful and the Viet Cong withdrew to the south and east. Additional ARVN forces were introduced into the ARVN Camp and an operation was conducted to the east where stubborn enemy resistance was encountered in grid square AT 8639. ARVN forces withdrew to their base camp and requested U. S. Marine Corps assistance. A UH-1E helicopter had been shot down and a squad (reinf) from Company H was introduced at coordinates AT 826387 to provide security while the helicopter was retrieved. This was accomplished without incident. On 18 October, this Battalion was given a warning order by the Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment to be prepared to provide a Command Group and a Rifle Company for possible employment in a combined operation with the 51st ARVN Regiment. On 20 October, the Commanding General, First Marine Division, in response to the request from Vietnamese Forces ordered the execution of Operation KERN.

20 October. At 1800 hours, Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines initiated movement from AN HOA through the pass to effect a link-up with ARVN Forces. At 2030, Company I was taken under fire by a machine gun and two riflemen. Grenades were also thrown by the VC element. Fire was returned and an artillery mission was fired. The VC broke contact and Company I continued the move southward through the pass without further contact and link-up was accomplished with ARVN Forces on 21 October at 0500 hours.

21 October. Company I remained in position at the ARVN Camp for most of the day. Torrential rains and overcast skies precluded an early introduction by helicopter of the Command Group and Company G. At 0720, the Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines attempted aerial reconnaissance of

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the objective area in search of landing zones which would permit expeditious and effective deployment of forces assigned. Weather precluded fulfillment of this mission until 0920 and the reconnaissance was completed at 1030. A final and detailed aerial reconnaissance was conducted by Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines from 1145 to 1315 while aboard an armed UH-1E gunship. This aircraft additionally during this time marked the LZ for fixed-wing air strikes in preparation for the landing. At 1330 hours, the initial lift of Company G commenced, but introduction was impossible due to low, overhanging clouds in the objective area. The helicopters landed at AN HOA awaiting a break in the weather. At 1500, the skies cleared and the assault elements landed at 1510. The remainder of Company G and the Command Group completed their helilift by 1540. The landing zone was secured and Company I was introduced into the landing zone. All elements were in the zone by 1630 hours except two squads from Company I that were not helilifted and remained in the ARVN Camp as helicopters ran low on fuel and returned to the airfield. All helicopters entering the zone were subjected to sniper fire from the high ground that surrounded the landing zone but no hits were reported. At 1700, Company G and the Command Group commenced movement towards Objective A. Company I moved at the same time towards Objective C and by 1930 hours Objectives A and C were occupied and secured without incident. Torrential rains and gale force winds started at 1730 hours and continued throughout the night. All units, established night defensive perimeters without incident.

22 October. At first light Company G (-) initiated movement towards Objective B and secured it at 1000 hours without incident. Company I conducted patrols 1000 meters to the north and 500 meters to the west from Objective C with negative contact or reportable incidents. At 1100 hours, Company G (-) commenced movement towards Objective D. The Command Group and the 2d Platoon, Company G departed Objective A to link-up with Company G once Objective D was secured. At coordinates AT 864382, seventeen Viet Cong bodies were found in graves during the transit of the Command Group (reinf) from Objective A to Objective D. These graves were pointed out by a villager who also stated that 50 more graves were located within one kilometer. Company I moved overland and secured Objective E at 1200 hours without incident. At 1310, enemy contact was made when Company G (-) received sporadic sniper fire from Objectives D and F. Company G continued to move forward towards Objective D utilizing the technique of reconnaissance by fire. Sniper fire continued and one squad from the 1st Platoon of Company G after crossing a waist deep stream and 200 meters of open rice paddies moved onto Objective D at 1345 hours. At 1350, the remainder of the 1st Platoon of Company G was pinned down by intense automatic weapons' fire emanating from Objective D, the village of AP BA (4) and Objective F. The 3d Platoon of Company G moved up to assist the 1st Platoon. Casualties in the command billets of Company G became critical as the Executive Officer was killed, as were

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the Platoon Commander and Platoon Sergeant of the 1st Platoon. The Platoon Commander of the 3d Platoon was critically wounded and evacuated and the Platoon Sergeant of the 3d Platoon was wounded. In addition, six squad leaders were either killed or wounded within one hour. The stream that had been easily crossed earlier became unfordable as the ruins continued to fall. The 2d Platoon from Company G moved forward to provide additional forces for the base of fire. Artillery was fired on Objective F and sniper fire from that location ceased. Artillery missions were fired on AP BA (4) and the volume of enemy fire diminished, but sniper fire from the village continued to be extremely accurate. At 1330 hours the Command Group effected link-up with Company G while being subjected to heavy sniper fire. At 1430 hours, Company I was ordered to displace from Objective E to the Command Group's CP located at coordinates AT 865389. Great difficulty was experienced crossing a swollen stream and Company I arrived at the CP at 1730 hours. Company I immediately set up security around the Company G and Command Group's CP's. At 1530 hours, the squad located on Objective D initiated its withdrawal carrying captured weapons and its dead and wounded. Enemy fires became intense and constant artillery fires were delivered on the known enemy positions. Casualties continued to climb as the squad was withdrawn and a Vietnamese boat was used to ferry the Marines to the south side of the stream. A med-evac helicopter entered the CP landing zone at 1730 hours under extremely adverse weather conditions and received intense sniper fire while evacuating two of the more seriously wounded casualties and one KIA. The other wounded had not been brought in the the CP at this time and evacuation was impossible. All Marines were on the south side of the stream by 1730 hours, but were still exposed to enemy fire. Sporadic fire was received into Company G units and the Battalion CP until 1830 hours. All Marine casualties were in the CP area by 1900 hours. The perimeter was established by 2000 hours and all high ground within 300 meters of the CP was occupied and secured. Adverse weather conditions, fog and rain, precluded resupply and medical evacuation of the casualties. Friendly casualties were 8 KIA and 18 WIA from Company G. Enemy losses were 18 KIA confirmed on Objective D. A defensive perimeter was established for the night without enemy contact or reportable incident. All wounded were treated throughout the night at the Battalion Aid Station located within the CP.

22 October. At first light Company I, reinforced with the 2nd Platoon, Company G, moved overland and secured Objective F. Company G (-) provided a base of fire from Objective B and after encountering difficulty in fording the stream, Company I (reinf) assaulted and secured Objective F at 1300 hours while receiving sporadic sniper fire from Objective D. Rain and fog continued throughout the morning, but at 1300 the weather cleared for a short period, permitting medical evacuation of all casualties and completion of a resupply mission. At 1400 hours, Company I (reinf) assaulted Objective D. Sniper fire continued to be intense from AP BA (4) and east of Objective F. Artillery concentrations were planned and fired

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on Objective D as the infantry assaulted. One Marine was wounded and 8 VC KIA were counted. At 1430, 200 VC were sighted 400 meters southeast of Objective F moving toward the northwest. All available artillery fires were delivered on this target resulting in 45 KIA confirmed, 10 KIA probable, and 20 WIA probable. Weather, once again precluded the use of aircraft and the dense undergrowth hampered further observation as the Viet Cong force withdrew to the south and east. At 1430, Objective D was secured. Company I had left its 2d Platoon with Company G to protect its rear when the 200 VC were observed moving towards Objective F. This Platoon was placed OPCON to Company G. At 1500, a squad from Company G searched the area between Objective D and the CP and found two dead VC and five packs and weapons from the previous day's engagement. At 1200 hours, a request was submitted for the employment of ARVN units in the eastern portion of the area of operation. Two platoons were made available from the 51st ARVN Regiment for use and were instructed to proceed to Objective D at first light on the 24th. Based on the enemy resistance encountered, additional forces were required to conduct subsequent operations and a request was submitted and approved for one additional Marine Rifle Company. All units established night defensive perimeters with negative contact or reportable incidents.

24 October. At 0730, the 2d Platoon, Company I, OPCON to Company G, conducted a reconnaissance to the south in an attempt to locate additional VC graves. No graves or signs of enemy activity were found. The Platoon returned to CP at 1200 hours. A Forward observer located on Objective B sighted VC personnel and supply columns to the east and artillery missions were fired at 0730 resulting in 7 VC KIA probable. At 0745, the 2d Platoon of Company G, OPCON to Company I, conducted a reconnaissance in force to determine the condition of the airfield located in grid square AT 8739 and find a stream crossing north of Objective D for subsequent operations to the east. The airfield shown on the map no longer existed and a stream crossing site was found. At 0900, Company E, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was introduced by helicopter under clear skies. Heavy sniper fire from automatic weapons was delivered from the north and Objective G as the helicopters entered the zone. UH-1E helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft demolished the VC positions and caught enemy personnel in the open on Objectives G and H. Casualties to the Viet Cong were 67 KIA's probable. Objective G was subjected to an intense artillery and air preparation while Company E moved to Objective F to assault Objective G. At 1130, Company E commenced its assault on Objective G. Objective G was secured at 1700 hours with little difficulty except for disorganized, sporadic sniper fire and heat casualties. One Marine was wounded. The ARVN Platoon and the two squads from Company I originally left in the ARVN Camp on 21 October linked-up with Company I on Objective D at 1630 hours. Medical evacuation of all casualties and resupply of all units were completed by 1830 hours and all units established their night defensive perimeters without incident.

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25 October. The last day of Operation KERN began with the movement of all Companies at first light to conduct reconnaissance in force operations. All objectives received thorough artillery preparations. Company I moved to the east with the ARVN Platoons and secured Objective I. Company E conducted simultaneous search and destroy operations against Objectives H, J, and K. Company G conducted a reconnaissance in force to the south and southeast and uncovered 85 graves with the help of the same villager that had pointed out the 17 graves on 22 October. Some of the graves were community type graves and 131 VC bodies were uncovered bringing the total to 148. No enemy resistance was encountered in the securing of any Objective and all units returned to their respective Company Patrol Bases by 1200 hours. Company I moved to the ARVN Camp and Company E moved to Objective D for extraction by helicopter. All moves to the west were covered by preplanned artillery neutralization fires. Company E was helilifted from Objective D at 1530 hours. Company I was extracted from the ARVN Camp by helicopter at 1600 hours. The Command Group and Company G departed the area of operation at 1715 hours. A lone sniper took the last departing helicopters under fire and all units were returned to their parent organizations by 1745. At 1800 hours, Operation KERN was successfully terminated.

11. Results

- a. Friendly personnel losses: 8 KIA, 28 WIA, 29 non-battle casualties.
- b. Friendly equipment losses: One rifle, M-14. Lost while crossing a swollen stream with casualties. An extensive search was conducted the following day with negative results.

c. Enemy casualties

(1) 75 KIA (conf); 115 KIA (prob); 20 WIA (prob); 10 VCS.

(2) Breakdown by day/unit

DTG	Organization	KIA (conf)	KIA (prob)	WIA (prob)
221500H	Company G	18	15	
230730H	Company I (arty)		4	
231430H	Company I (arty)	35		
231530H	Company I (arty)	8	25	
231553H	Company I (arty)	2		20
240700H	Company G	2	4	
240945H	Company G	2		
241030H	Air Strike		67	
251015H	Company G	8		
	Totals	75	115	20

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(3) In addition, 148 VC bodies were uncovered from graves.

d. Enemy equipment losses:

(1) Structures

15 bunkers
26 huts

(2) Weapons

1 ChiCom SKS M-56
1 ChiCom LMG T-56
1 BAR Ser # 879120
2 M-1 Rifles Ser #3446343 and 5761337
1 Belt carbine and 10 BAR magazines

(3) Supplies

2000 pounds of rice destroyed
Assorted documents
10 packs
Small arms ammunition (2000 rounds assorted)

(4) Other

102 freshly dug VC graves, approximately four days old containing 148 VC bodies.

e. Areas were searched after most artillery and air strikes, but in many cases a time lapse of up to ten hours from time of mission to time of search was caused by the tactical situation.

12. Administrative Matters. Due to the limited time between receipt of the mission and execution, no written operation or administrative plans were promulgated. The lack of either of these written plans did not adversely effect the operation.

a. Supply. Troops being introduced into the area of operation carried two rations, two basic allowances of ammunition, and two ponchos. This additional load was necessitated by the inclement weather that prevails during this time of the year. The additional load did not prove to be a burden on the Marines and the adverse weather conditions that prevailed for the first three days of the operation definitely justified the increased load as resupply was impossible during the period. All resupply was effected by helicopter and the logistical support received from the Logistical Support Unit at AN HOA was excellent. Unit distribution of supplies to the Company Patrol Bases allowed the Company Commanders to use

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all of their forces tactically and not as supply bearers. Resupply was timely and effective in all instances.

b. Maintenance. As equipment became inoperable, it was evacuated and replaced immediately by a like item. No problems in the maintenance area were encountered.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation. Company corpsmen treated most of the wounded during the operation. The Battalion Surgeon was located in close proximity of the battle area and was always available to treat the more seriously wounded. A Battalion Aid Station was established within the Command Group and casualties were held and treated at this location for up to twenty-four hours when ground fire and weather conditions made it impossible to bring in the med-evac helicopters. All of the dead and wounded were evacuated by helicopter.

d. Transportation. No organic transportation was utilized during this operation.

e. Communications

(1) Personnel. A lack of trained operators did not substantially detract from overall efficiency. Infantrymen being retrained as communicators were used mainly to man pack RC-292 antennas and spare radios. After communications were installed at the CP these same men were utilized as part of the Command Group perimeter defense.

(2) Equipment

(a) FM equipment, with two RC-292 antennas, was utilized on most circuits in the field. This included the Battalion Tac Net, individual Company Tac Nets, Regimental Tac Net, Logistical Support Net, Tactical Air Control Party Local Net, and the Mortar and Artillery Conduct of Fire Nets. AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-10 radios were used on these nets. An AN/MRC-109 was utilized at Battalion (rear) for the Battalion Tac Net with an RC-292 antenna. One AN/PRC-25 in the Command Group and five AN/PRC-10's in Company G malfunctioned.

(b) AN/PRC-41 radios were used on the Tactical Air Direction Net with the Air Liaison Officer and the Forward Air Controllers. One AN/PRC-41 malfunctioned due to power source difficulties.

(c) AN/PRC-47 equipment was used at Battalion (rear) to relay requests for air support from the Command Group to the Direct Air Support Center.

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(d) Equipment Employment

<u>Net</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Battalion Tac	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-25 1 AN/MRC-109 w/RC-292
Battalion Tac	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25 w/RC-292
Regimental Tac	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-25 w/RC-292
Regimental Tac	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25 w/RC-292
Logistical Support Net	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-25
Logistical Support Net	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25
Company G Tac Net	Company G CP	8 AN/PRC-25 7 AN/PRC-10
Tac Party Local	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-25
Tac Party Local	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25
Tac Air Direction	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-41
Tac Air Direction	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-41
S-2 Monitor	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25
Spare Radio	Command Group	1 AN/PRC-25
Tactical Air Request	Battalion (rear)	1 AN/PRC-47

(3) Operational Considerations. Distances involved and terrain encountered, at times, caused marginal performance by the FM equipment in contact with Battalion (rear) and the Regimental Command Post. Internal communication was adequate, marred only by the heavy concentration of radios in the Battalion Command Post which in many instances produced mutual interference. Some coordination problems resulted from the heterogeneous composition of the Battalion. Companies attached to the Battalion with their own sections of 81mm mortar did not enter the Battalion's mortar conduct of fire net upon landing, but remained on their own mortar conduct of fire frequency. This posed some initial fire coordination problems, but was quickly resolved via the Battalion Tac Net. Future operations at the same distances dictates employment of an HF (AN/PRC-47) capability for reporting to the Battalion (rear) and Regiment. Lacking this capability, timely reporting was at times delayed.

g. Medical evaluation. Assigned medical personnel were sufficient to treat all casualties. No problems were encountered in the availability of medical supplies.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. No special equipment was used on this operation. Organic Marine Corps issued equipment proved reliable and satisfactory in all respects. The technique of reconnaissance by fire caused the enemy forces to become disorganized and desert well prepared positions prematurely. The M-79 grenade launcher was used to fire close-in H&I fires at night, resulting in the conservation of mortar ammunition.

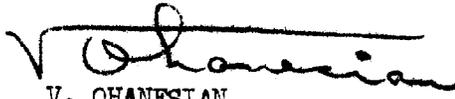
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14. Commanders Analysis. The most important factor contributing to the success of this operation was the rapid response and combat readiness of all Marine units. No delays were encountered due to deadline equipment or unprepared personnel. Time was not adequate to provide for the issuance of written orders, nevertheless, Marines reacted promptly and aggressively. The mission was clearly defined, intelligence data was accurate and timely, and assigned tasks were accomplished in a highly professional manner. As the area of operation was in a region frequented by enemy personnel only, no Civil Affairs programs were planned or executed. Psychological Warfare aircraft were requested on two occasions to be used for leaflet drops and broadcasts, but never arrived in the area of operation. Very few civilians were encountered and no structures or facilities were indiscriminately destroyed.

15. Recommendations

a. That other reconnaissance in force operations of short duration, based on valid intelligence findings, be planned and executed.

b. That troops entering the area of operation be required to carry double the normal allowance of food and ammunition during the monsoon season.


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