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1. Operation BADGER HUNT/FOSTER
2. Dates of Operation. 13 November - 29 November 1967
3. Location. Operation BADGER HUNT/FOSTER was conducted in Duc Duc and Dai Loc Districts, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

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Task OrganizationBLT 2/3

LtCol ENGLISH

Co B (rein)

Capt C. HILL

Co B

Det, H&amp;S Co

Det, Med Plat

Det, Intel Sec

Dog Team

Det, B Btry (rein), 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co A, 3d Engr Bn

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co C, 3d Sr Bn

Co F (rein)

1stLt CRITTON

Co F

Det, H&amp;S Co

Det, Med Plat

Det, Intel Sec

Dog Team

F.A.C Team

2d Sec, 81mm Mort Plat

Det, B Btry (rein), 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co A, 3d Engr Bn

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co C, 3d Sr Bn

Co G (rein)

Capt ROESLER

Co G

Det, H&amp;S Co

Det, Med Plat

Det, Intel Sec

Dog Team

3d Sec, 81mm Mort Plat

F.A.C Team

Det, B Btry (rein), 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co A, 3d Engr Bn

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co C, 3d Sr Bn

Co H (rein)

Capt SMITH

Co H

Det, H&amp;S Co

Det, Med Plat

Det, Intel Sec

Dog Team

Det, B Btry (rein), 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co A, 3d Engr Bn

Det, 1st Plat (rein), Co C, 3d Sr Bn

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81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

1st Lt MILLER

Provisional Company

Capt COOPER

H&amp;S Co (-)

106mm Rk Plt

Flame Section

2d Plt (rein), Co A, 3d AT Bn

2d Plt (rein), Co A, 3d Tank Bn

Det, 1st Plt (rein), Co C, 3d S. Bn

Det, 1st Plt (rein), Co A, 3d Engr Bn

B Btry (-) (rein), 1st Bn, 12th Marines Major RECHTER3d Plt, Co B, 3d Recon Bn

Lt CREITZ

5. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery. Direct support was provided by 1 Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines; B Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, and B Battery, 1st Bn 12th Marines. Reinforcing fires from K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines were also used. Artillery was used extensively throughout this operation. The following ordnance was fired in support of the BLT.

Rounds, 105mm:	2128 HB, 107 W, 3 M, Total 2232
Rounds, 155mm:	1928 HB, 133 W, 0 M, Total 2057
Rounds, 81mm:	1921 HB, 127 W, 10 M, Total 2058

b. Air Support

(1) A total of 90 sorties utilizing fixed wing aircraft from the 1st MAW were run during this operation. Missions were controlled by Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy F-4C aircraft and Marine Corps UH-1H's acting as TAC(A). A total of 1,800,000 pounds of ordnance was expended on targets within the Oa. Nineteen TAC missions expended an unknown amount of ordnance on search routes into the Oa, and upon areas within the Oa determined, by detainee interrogation, to be possible enemy assembly points.

(2) Helicopter support was provided by CH-46's from HMM 262 supplemented as necessary by CH-53's, UH-34's and UH-1H's from MAG-16, Marble Mountain and Chu Bai. MAG-16 aircraft were used primarily as gunship escorts for CH-46's and for medical evacuation purposes. Medical evacuation support was satisfactory except on two occasions when weather became a limiting factor. Resupply was by CH-46 which also served to extract a majority of the 4100 refugees removed from the Oa by air. CH-53's were utilized in the initial troop lift, the final troop lift and for extraction of refugees when practical.

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Total Helicopter sorties were as follows:

CH-53	127
CH-46	1083
UH-34	158
UH-1E	137

## 6. Intelligence

### a. Enemy Strength, Situation and Capabilities prior to Operation B.DGLR HUNT/FOSTER.

(1) Enemy Strength. Prior to Operation B.DGLR HUNT/FOSTER and within the primary area of interest, the following enemy units were identified: The R-20 Battalion and the Q-14 Co (both serving as local force). Two unidentified VC companies were also reported in the area.

(2) Enemy Situation. Prior to Operation B.DGLR HUNT/FOSTER, reports of enemy attacks on US positions and terrorist attacks on RVN developmental hamlets indicated an aggressive force. These forces were operating on terrain with which they were familiar. Reports of VC fortified hamlets designed and constructed for defensive actions indicated the enemy's ability to defend. He was expected to direct a portion of his effort in an assault on Hill 65 followed by an immediate withdrawal and crossing of the Song Vu Gia River. This offensive move was expected to come from the two unidentified companies, supported by elements of the R-20 and Q-14 Co.

(3) Enemy Capabilities. The enemy had the following capabilities:

- (a) Attack any target inside the OA with enemy forces listed above.
- (b) Defend at a time and place of his choosing with enemy forces listed above.
- (c) Evade direct contact and resort to small unit tactics including harassment by fire, ambushes and employment of surprise firing devices.
- (d) withdraw his forces prior to or at the beginning of the operation

### b. Enemy Strength and Situation during Operation B.DGLR HUNT/FOSTER.

(1) 13 November 1967. Helicopters received semi-automatic SA fire from coordinates AT 835475, AT 818471, AT 836470 and AT 887504. A cache of rice and 23 bunkers, generally 6'x6'x6' were discovered at coordinates AT 813471. The bunkers were blown and the rice gathered for evacuation. A bunker 2'x2'x6' was discovered and blown at coordinates AT 828472. A hut at the same location contained one VC flag, a small amount of marijuana and documents which were evacuated. Sniper fire was received from coordinates AT 828474 and AT 827478. Company B at coordinates AT 827478 was probed by

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an estimated 5 NVA receiving approximately 200 rounds of semi-automatic fire. A large number of people were reported moving NW at coordinates AT 810530. Information received through interrogation of a detainee stated that 20 NVA had been spotted at coordinates AT 847467 on 12 November 1967.

(2) 14 November 1967. Helicopters received semi-automatic fire from tree lines at coordinates AT 890517 and AT 826477, as well as from a trench line at AT 829468. A hut being destroyed by fire at coordinates AT 828475 triggered a secondary explosion believed to be a grenade rigged as a surprise firing device. An M-26 grenade with a bamboo trip wire was discovered and blown at coordinates AT 828464. Three to five VC were spotted at coordinates AT 809489. They opened fire with automatic and semi-automatic fire. Firing ceased when small arms and 60mm fire was returned and a UH-1B gunship was called. Two 60mm mortar rounds were received from the southwest at coordinates AT 818482. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars and enemy mortaring ceased.

(3) 15 November 1967. Twelve rounds of 60mm mortar fire and semi-automatic fire were received from coordinates AT 894523. Fire was returned with mortar and artillery. A search of the area revealed 24 enemy firing positions. Helicopters received semi-automatic fire from coordinates AT 894523. A trip flare was discovered disarmed with the wire cut at coordinates AT 809478. Two VC were spotted with weapons moving north at coordinates AT 800483. Fifteen people were sighted moving northwest at coordinates AT 800486. Four people were sighted moving at coordinates AT 811468. Four sniper rounds and a burst of automatic SA fire were received at coordinates AT 811468. Fire was returned with semi-automatic fire, and mortars. A grenade concealed in a rice cache was triggered at coordinates AT 809479.

(4) 16 November 1967. Semi-automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 807487, AT 815493, AT 812472 and AT 827510. Fire was returned in all cases with negative results. Twenty-five to fifty NVA in uniforms with weapons were sighted at coordinates AT 805505. Seven VC apparently carrying a mortar or a recoilless rifle were observed at coordinates AT 830480. Air and artillery were called in on all sightings with unknown results. An air strike was called on suspected enemy movement at coordinates AT 807497 destroying three huts. Co H at coordinates AT 813503 received heavy semi-automatic and .50 calibre fire during a helicopter insertion. Fixed wing, UH-1B and artillery fire were called in with unknown results. Miscellaneous documents were discovered at coordinates AT 818499 and dispatched to BLT 2/3 B-2. An intelligence source reported a main force battalion size enemy unit setting up an ambush in grid squares AT 8549 and AT 8649. Enemy is reported dug in and ready to fight at coordinates AT 860479.

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(5) 17 November 1967. Helicopters received semi-automatic fire from coordinates AT 905518, AT 885521, AT 868544 and AT 822773 and automatic weapons fire from villages at coordinates AT 873564 and AT 809897. A helicopter approaching an LZ received fire from coordinates AT 842706 and AT 831504. Artillery and 81mm fire was called with unknown results. Sniper fire was received from coordinates AT 834477, AT 843407, AT 843472 and AT 833510. Fire was returned in all cases with negative results. Semi-automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 819491, fire was returned with negative results. A grenade rigged as a surprise firing device was tripped at coordinates AT 838494. Seven bunkers at coordinates AT 822485 and seven-teen bunkers at AT 826504 were discovered and destroyed. Remnants were discovered at coordinates AT 826504 and AT 841509 and evacuated to ADF 2/3 1-2. Ten to twelve uniformed NVs with 3-4 weapons were sighted at coordinates AT 825495. Fire was brought to bear with negative results.

(6) 18 November 1967. A fixed wing strike was called in on coordinates AT 827508 resulting in 3 VC KIA. probable. A helicopter received automatic weapons fire from a tree line at coordinates AT 844506. Sniper fire was received from coordinates AT 830440. Fire was returned with negative results. A mine rigged as a surprise firing device was tripped at coordinates AT 835492. Two grenades rigged as surprise firing devices were discovered in a rice bin and destroyed in place at coordinates AT 835487.

(7) 19 November 1967. Helicopters received .50 calibre fire from coordinates AT 043545, automatic fire from AT 827498, semi-automatic fire from AT 834496 and sniper fire from AT 827482-823484. Fifteen rounds of 60mm mortar fire were received from coordinates AT 828470. Co G received 4 C-500 rounds of semi-automatic fire from coordinates AT 839512. Artillery and small arms fire were returned resulting in 3 KIA. probable. Automatic and semi-automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 829507. Fire was returned with negative results. Automatic and semi-automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 824595. Fire was returned resulting in 1 KIA. Some automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 824595 from an estimated 2-5 enemy. Fire was returned with negative results. Automatic and semi-automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 823500. Artillery was called in with unknown results. Sniper fire was received from coordinates AT 823500. Artillery was called in with unknown results. Sniper fire was received from coordinates AT 839512. Fire was returned with negative results. Seven VC were spotted at coordinates AT 844515. Artillery was called resulting in 3 KIA. probable. Thirty NVs were sighted moving northwest at coordinates AT 826517. Artillery was called resulting in 3 KIA. confirmed and 12 KIA. probable. Fixed wing was called in on VC moving into hamlet at coordinates AT 827521 resulting in 20 KIA. probable. Air and artillery were called in against small groups of enemy sighted at coordinates AT 800476, AT 825496 and AT 824486 with unknown results. A grave containing one NV killed by artillery about 13 Nov was discovered at coordinates AT 844508.

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(8) 20 November 1967. Landing zones at coordinates .T 796478 and .T 815499 received sniper fire as helicopters approached. Seventy five VC fleeing northeast at coordinates .T 809469 were fired on by fixed wing resulting in 20 KL. probables. Five VC dressed in green uniforms were observed fleeing northeast at coordinates .T 803487. Artillery and small arms fire were delivered. Search of the area revealed a used booster from an H.G rocket. Chicom grenades rigged as surprise firing devices were triggered at coordinates .T 832468 and .T 829520 and another grenade rigged as a surprise firing device was triggered at .T 826468. Four VC were sighted at coordinates .T 826547. Mortar fire was called in with unknown results. A small group of VC were observed moving from coordinates .T 826401 west toward the foothills. The VC threw chicom grenades and broke contact. A search of the area revealed a US cartridge belt, a poncho and an M-14 rifle. Two M-26 grenades rigged as a surprise firing device were discovered and blown in place at coordinates .T 823498. An I.M mine at coordinates .T 833471 was discovered and blown in place. Interrogation of detainees revealed that the VC possessed smoke grenades to be used to warn of the approach of Marines. Further interrogation revealed that a local marking for surprise firing devices is a one meter long stick or reed stuck in the ground on the side of a trail. A 30 man guerilla force is reported operating in grid square .T 8247.

(9) 21 November 1967. Helicopters took fire approaching an LZ at coordinates .T 839469. Helicopters also received semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire from coordinates .T 945530, .T 812498, .T 881531-844491 and .T 826455. At coordinates .T 826455, the enemy was spotted and fire returned resulting in 3 KL. probable. Three VC were spotted at coordinates .T 802461. One, dressed in black was captured along with 3 chicom grenades and one M-26 grenade. Fire was received from coordinates .T 800475. The area was assaulted resulting in one KL. confirmed and one AK-47 and one uniform captured. Semi-automatic fire was received from 5 VC from coordinates .T 792457. Semi-automatic fire was returned with unknown results. A grave was discovered at coordinates .T 798474. Grave contained body of a VC personnel who had apparently been killed by artillery within the last 24 hours. Body evacuated to BLT 2/3 CP. Four rounds of mortar fire were received at coordinates .T 794458. Artillery fire was returned with unknown results. Five VC dressed in black were seen fleeing west from coordinates .T 806496. Enemy was taken under fire with small arms, 60mm and 81mm mortars with unknown results.

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(10) 22 November 1967. Helicopters received sniper fire entering LZ at coordinates .T 840521. Helicopters also received semi-automatic weapons fire from coordinates .T 828543, .T 833503, and .T 870530, .T 842506, .T 829531, .T 829545 and .T 839537. Air strikes were called on 25 NV. at coordinates .T 847527 with negative results, 15-20 NV. at .T 840532 resulting in 2 KL. confirmed and 3 KL. probables, a hamlet at .T 836534 resulting in 2 KL. probables, and a hamlet at 851543 resulting in 14 KL. confirmed. Sniper fire was received from coordinates .T 850504. Artillery was called in with negative results. Eight to ten NV. were sighted at coordinates .T 847528. Machinegun, M-79 and semi-automatic fire was brought to bear resulting in 2 KL. confirmed, 3 KL. probable and the capture of 1 pack, a field phone, one cartridge belt and assorted clothing.

(11) 23 November 1967. A search of a hamlet at coordinates .T 840526 disclosed one pack with two 60mm rounds and one chicom grenade. All blown in place. A boat containing about 20 people, 5 of which were dressed in green uniforms was sighted at coordinates .T 828553. Artillery was called in with unknown results. One dead NV. dressed in a khaki uniform, one M-47 and various 702 gear was found at coordinates .T 839489. .T 835500 a pack was found containing four 60mm mortar rounds, 60mm mortar increments, 2 chicom grenades and assorted 702 gear and clothing. A desk drawer in a dwelling at coordinates .T 838534 was discovered rigged with a chicom grenade as a surprise firing device and blown in place. One dead VC dressed in black with 2 chicom grenades around his waist was found at coordinates .T 817503. Two chicom grenades and a B-3 'C' ration can were discovered rigged as surprise firing devices at coordinates .T 849549 and blown in place. A series of 5 bunkers wired together for communications were discovered at coordinates .T 833000 and when searched disclosed a map and miscellaneous equipment and clothing.

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(12) 24 November 1967. Six VC with packs were sighted at coordinates 809491. They were taken under fire by mortar and artillery with unknown results. At coordinates AT 818502, 3 bunkers were discovered and destroyed, as was a bunker at AT 806488. Approximately 140 cubic feet of rock salt was discovered and destroyed at coordinates AT 817499. A 3 day old grave containing one VC apparently killed by artillery was discovered at coordinates AT 795496. Some automatic fire was received from coordinates AT 800477. Area was assaulted resulting in the capture of 1 VC and 2 chicom grenades. Fire was received from 2 VC dressed in green uniforms from coordinates AT 804485. A UH-1B was called in with unknown results. Three VC were discovered at coordinates AT 801481 with one chicom grenade. A M10-25 battery was discovered at coordinates AT 800477. Six VC in green uniforms and packs were sighted at coordinates AT 809491. A UH-1B fired on enemy with unknown results. At coordinates AT 800482 movement was detected and semi-automatic fire returned. A search of the area disclosed one dead VC dressed in black pyjamas carrying a bag of rice and two chicom grenades. At the same position, movement was again detected. Three M-26 grenades were thrown and a search of the area revealed one wounded VC with 2 chicom grenades and an M-26 grenade. One detainee who admitted he had joined a VC group 10 days ago was wounded and captured at coordinates AT 821532. Three surprise firing devices were found and destroyed at coordinates AT 873554. Helicopters received automatic weapons fire from coordinates AT 820501 and semi-automatic fire from AT 814508. Fire was returned resulting in 1 KL probable.

(13) 25 November 1967. Sixteen rounds of 82mm mortars were received at coordinates AT 835510. Fire was returned with artillery, and mortaring ceased. Five VC were ambushed at coordinates AT 805485 resulting in 2 KL confirmed and 3 KL probable. A one to two day old grave in the middle of a mortar target area was discovered at coordinates AT 801479 containing the body of a VC dressed in black. A map case containing fishing gear, a radio, newspapers and documents was discovered at coordinates AT 801479. Helicopters making a tactical troop lift received fire from automatic weapons at coordinates AT 875555. UH-1B supporting the lift took the area under fire resulting in 1 KL confirmed. Helicopters also took semi-automatic fire from coordinates AT 865560.

(14) 26 November 1967. Negative enemy contact.

(15) 27 November 1967. Helicopters took semi-automatic fire from coordinates AT 890510, AT 862505, AT 875518, AT 915521, AT 882500, AT 890508 and AT 881520. An underground bunker was discovered and destroyed at coordinates AT 872512 and 7 other bunkers.

(16) 28 November 1967. Negative enemy contact

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7. Mission. Commencing 13 07 H Nov 67 land by helicopter in LZ FALCON (AF 874476), for further employment in Oa. Move B Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Marines and security forces by vehicle convoy to FIC DaNang for further deployment on order. At 130900H Nov 67 move by helicopter borne assault into Landing Zone LA GIB (AF 86507) and LAWK (AF 818473) and conduct search and destroy operations toward phase Line ADD, in the assigned Oa. Designate one rifle company as a reaction force in the vicinity of LZ FALCON for employment within the 7th Marines Oa. On order CMO to III MAF or designated representative.

8. Concept of Operations. See enclosure (1).

9. Execution.

131000H Companies B, F, and G landed in LZ FALCON AF 874476.

131010H Company F lands in LZ LAWK AF 818473.

131055H News Team attached to Co B

131100H Company B lands in LZ LAWK AF 818473; and apprehends 17 refugees and one detainee.

131110H CO SLF Bravo and party arrive

131120H Co H lands in LZ FALCON, AF 874476.

131130H Company B destroyed tunnel 2x2x6 at AF 822472.

131155H Company B received sniper fire from AF 818474. returned fire with M-79. Weapons and supplies discovered 6 refugees.

131230H Company G landed in LZ LAWK AF 86507.

131305H General La M... Division Commander, visited BLF 2/3 Co.

131355H CO, 7th Marines visited BLF 2/3 Co.

131400H Co B joined 4 refugees at AF 828472.

131400H BLF 2/3 chopped from SLF Bravo to 1st Marine Division to 7th Marines.

131410H Co B found a VC flag, small amount of marijuana and

documents in a hut at AF 828472. Hut and marijuana were destroyed the flag and documents were sent to the rear.

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131415H HMM 262 CH-46 helicopter 1-1 received small arms fire at AT 845476 suffering minor damage.

131500H Joined refugee team number 16 of the Army 29th Civil Affairs Group.

131530H Chopped Moon Platoon to 7th Marines.

131530H Co F joined 65 refugees at AT 847473.

131700H HMM 262 CH-46 helicopter 1-1 took small arms fire at AT 825474. Sustained minor damage.

131835H Co B had a sniper in a tree line at AT 827478. Fired 8 HE and 2 WP 155 rounds with unknown results.

131850H Co H (-) was inserted at AT 811539 to stop the flow of refugees fleeing west along the Song Vu Gon River.

131954H Co F at AT 813475 discovered 26 refugees, one to two tons of rice and 23 bunkers generally 6'x6'x4' with a 3 foot bamboo and dirt overhead. Bunkers will be blown and rice and refugees evacuated at first opportunity.

132050H Received report that 2 NVAs were reported by villagers to be at AT 837470 on 12 November 1967.

132200H Co B at AT 828477 was probed by approximately 5 NVAs utilizing 200 rounds of small arms fire, 15 rounds of small arms fire and 6 grenades were returned with negative results.

140730H HMM 262 CH-46 1-1 received automatic weapons fire from AT 887504.

140855H Four Dog Teams assigned to BMT 2/3.

140843H Co B disarmed an IED rigged as surprise firing device at AT 833474.

140915H Co B while destroying a hut at AT 828475 experienced a secondary explosion, which appeared to have been a grenade inside the hut rigged as a surprise firing device.

140920H Co B apprehended a male, age 40, at 834475 who had been pointed out by villagers as VC.

141040H CO 7th Marines and JCS, 1st Mar Div visited BMT 2/3 Co.

141350H Bravo Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Marines setting up on hill 65 at AT 876578.

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141548H Co F spotted 3-5 VC who opened up with automatic small arms fire. Small arms and M-79 and 6 mm mortar fire returned, UH-1E called in; results unknown.

14161H Co B discovered an M-26 grenade rigged as a surprise firing device at LT 828428. Blown in place.

14231H Co B L observed 5 VC moving southeast at LT 833475. 81mm mortar fire called in and VC moved into a brush line. Results of fire unknown.

15114H Co F spotted 15 people moving northwest at LT 83486. Small arms fire 44 rounds of 155mm fire and UH-1E called in with negative results.

151205H Co F received 4 sniper rounds and one burst of automatic weapons fire at LT 87487. UH-1E sighted 8 to 10 people in this area. Artillery preparation of target by 155mm called for prior to movement.

151327H Co F observed 2 people moving toward LT 811468. Fired 22 rounds of small arms fire with negative results.

15133H Co F observed 4 people moving toward LT 811468. Fired 22 rounds of small arms fire with negative results.

151415H HMM 262 OH-46 1-1 received small arms fire from LT 894523.

151515H while moving rice for evacuation, Co F triggered a grenade buried in rice resulting in one WIA. Discovered a chicom grenade buried in the rice and destroyed in place.

15161H Co F received small arms fire at LT 838487. Returned small arms fire and 15 rounds of 60mm mortars with negative results.

15161H US Ambassador to Vietnam visited BLT 2/3.

151855H Co F called air strike on LT 87487 destroying 8 huts resulting in 5 KIA confirmed, 1 KIA probable.

151955H Co G received 12 rounds of 60mm mortars and automatic fire from two weapons from LT 822513. Returned fire with small arms, 10 rounds of 60mm mortars, 8 rounds of 81mm mortars and 24 rounds of 155mm artillery. Co G had 2 WIA, non-evac. Results of friendly fire unknown.

160925H HMM 262 helicopter received one hit from an automatic weapon at LT 93517 causing helicopter to be grounded for repair.

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160945H Co F received small arms fire from LT 815493. Returned fire with small arms and machine gun fire with negative results.

161000H Co G spotted 15 VC armed with rifles, packs and wearing uniforms at LT 82159. Artillery mission called with results unknown.

161015H Co F secured Objective 1 at 82490.

161018H CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 visited BMT 2/3 Co.

161050H Co G received small arms fire from LT 81858 and LT 821509 sustaining two W.L.'s. Small arms and 81mm mortar fire returned with negative results.

161100H Co F saw 3 armed men with packs at LT 819490. Called in an artillery mission with unknown results.

161145H Co F and G observed 25-50 NV. in uniforms with weapons at LT 805505. Fired 4 rounds of 155mm artillery and called in fixed wing air strike with unknown results.

161220H Co F sighted 15 VC with rifles and packs, wearing uniforms at LT 829492. Artillery mission called with unknown results.

161250H Co G received fire from 10 to 12 automatic weapons at LT 814506. 110 rounds of 105mm artillery were fired with unknown results.

161320H Co G observed 7 VC in the open at LT 804497. Two batteries of 155mm artillery called in resulting in 5 K.L. probables.

161330H An Co. conducted an airstrike at LT 807497 on enemy in a hamlet, resulting in 5 K.L. probables.

161550H A refugee reported that about 500 NV. with rifles and packs and at least two VC had been seen at LT 800482. An airstrike was called resulting in one K.L. confirmed.

161420H Co G discovered a cache of documents and joined 48 refugees at LT 818499. Refugees and documents will be evacuated.

161655H A resupply helicopter received small arms fire in an LZ from LT 832471. A company B patrol also received 5 rounds of small arms fire. Patrol returned fire with negative results.

161715H A CH-46 crash landed in a refugee delivery zone with extensive damage to the landing gear and the rear section of the helicopter in a mine field. Security and engineer support provided.

161810H First wave of Co H touched down in LZ at LT 805468.

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161900H Co H received a heavy volume of small arms fire and some .50 cal machine gun fire from AT 80387 as second wave landed in LZ at AT 805486 sustaining one WIA non-evac. Subsequent waves unable to land. Remaining waves diverted to Co G. UA-1B gunships and fixed wing called in with unknown results.

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161930H Co F took 7 sniper rounds apparently from an AR-47 from AT 833471. Fire was returned with M-79, 60mm mortars and small arms. Incoming rounds ceased.

162105H Co B ambush saw five people moving towards Co B CP. They appeared to be carrying a mortar or recoilless rifle. Twelve rounds of 81mm mortar fire and 20 rounds of 155mm artillery fire called with unknown results.

170815H Co B received sniper rounds from AT 834477. Fire was returned with small arms and M-79 rounds, with negative results.

170930H Co F received small arms fire from AT 819491. returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons with negative results.

170950H Co F observed 10 to 12 uniformed NV. carrying weapons. Fired small arms and 15 rounds of 60mm mortars with unknown results.

171125H Co H discovered documents buried in the ground at AT 826504. will evacuate.

171255H Co F discovered 10 tons of rice at AT 815485. will evacuate.

171345H Co H discovered and destroyed 7 bunkers at AT 822485 approximately 8x8x10.

171445H CG 1st Mar Div (acting) visited BLF 2/3 Co.

171450H CO, 7th Marines visited BLF 2/3 Co.

171620H Co B joined 24 VC at AT 815476. will evacuate.

171630H Co B received 8 rounds of sniper fire from AT 840473. Area searched and one old man identified as the father of a VC leader was apprehended.

171645H Co H tripped a grenade rigged as a surprise firing device sustaining one WIA.

171810H Co L received two sniper rounds from AT 843472. searched area with negative results.

171850H Co G received fire from 2 VC from AT 833510. Area searched with negative results.

171858H Co B received 8 rounds of sniper fire from AT 843477. Area searched with negative results.

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171945H Co G discovered documents in a hamlet at 841506. Documents will be evacuated.

172000H Co E joined 16 refugees. AT 840510. Will evacuate.

172100H Helicopters approaching Co G LZ received small arms fire from AT 842506 and AT 831504. Returned fire with 12 rounds of 81mm mortars and 18 rounds of 155mm artillery with unknown results.

172135H Co E Lt threw a grenade at enemy approaching Co E CP at AT 844477. Enemy fired 7-10 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with 12 rounds of M-79. Area checked at first light with negative results.

180840H 233 refugees from hamlet at AT 838493 have joined patrols from Companies F and H. Refugees will be evacuated.

180955H 24 refugees entered Co E position AT 846477. Will evacuate.

181015H Co F triggered a Chicom grenade rigged as a surprise firing device at AT 835492 sustaining 2 WIA's.

181055H 460 refugees evacuated from Co F position at AT 835487.

181202H Co F discovered about 2 tons of rice, and 2 chicom grenades rigged as surprise firing devices at AT 835487. Grenades destroyed and rice evacuated.

181230H Co H evacuated 64 refugees from AT 852491.

181430H Provisional company spotted a body floating in the river at AT 860487. Unable to recover body.

181450H An A-1J directed and executed fixed wing strikes on VC in a hamlet at AT 827508 resulting in 100% probables.

181510H Co F received 4-5 small arms rounds from 83049. Returned fire with small arms. Search of area proved negative.

181520H 83 refugees joined Co F at AT 835493. Will be evacuated.

181535H 166 refugees joined elements of Co G at AT 852508. Will evacuate.

181548H CO SLF Bravo visited BLT 2/3 CP.

181655H Resupply helicopters approaching company G LZ took several bursts of automatic fire from AT 852512. Returned fire with machine gun and M-79 with unknown results.

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181800H An Army advisor from DUC DUC HQ killed one VC armed with an AK-47. Body and weapon turned over to AF's from DUC DUC. Believe body was thrown in river and weapon retained.

182130H Keon called an airstrike on numerous enemy sightings at AT 817507 resulting in 100 KIA. Probables.

190515H Accidental discharge occurred at Co H at AT 859497 resulting in one medevac with a foot wound.

190840H Ten refugees evacuated from AT 852507 and AT 862496.

190900H Co G received 400-500 rounds of small arms from AT 839512, fire returned with small arms, 18 rounds of 60mm mortar and 30 rounds of 105mm artillery resulting in 3 KIA. Probable.

190930H Co F seized Objective F-1 at AT 85497.

191025H Co F spotted 3 armed VC moving northwest from AT 825496.

191105H Co F sighted 7 armed NVA wearing uniforms at AT 824486. Fired small arms and 12 rounds of 81mm mortars with unknown results.

191115H Co F received heavy automatic weapons fire from two or three weapons from AT 825495. Returned fire with small arms with negative results.

191125H Co G sighted 5 armed VC at AT 844515. 24 rounds of 105mm artillery were called in resulting in 5 KIA. Probables.

191235H Co G discovered a grave at AT 844506 with the remains of two NVA soldiers apparently killed by artillery during the past week.

191240H Co F observed 3 VC moving north from AT 824504. Fired 300 rounds of machine gun fire with negative results.

191240H CO 7th Marines visited BLP 2/3 Co.

191320H Co I took heavy small arms fire AT 825500. Returned fire with semi-automatic, 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars. Search of area resulted in the apprehension of 5 detainees.

191400H Co H lands in LZ H-2K at AT 817471.

191410H CO 1st Mar Liv visited BLP 2/3 V.

191425H Co F received automatic small arms fire from AT 823500. Artillery fire called in with unknown results.

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191427H Co G received small arms and automatic fire from 5-6 VC at AT 829507. Fire returned resulting in one KIA confirmed.

191430H Co G observed 30 NVs at AT 826517. Artillery and fixed wing called in resulting in 6 KIA confirmed and 12 KIA probable.

191505H Co F received sniper fire from hut at AT 823499. The hut was surrounded and 5 Vietnamese detained.

191515H Co H detained one male dressed in black and white, Page 40-45, at AT 807497.

191540H Co H observed 8 VC with weapons at AT 800476. Fired small arms fire and 3.5 rockets. UH-1E called in with unknown results.

191543H Co H joined 94 refugees and detained 8 males at AT 807487. Will evacuate.

191600H CH-46 took heavy sniper fire from AT 827482-AT 824484 resulting in grounding of helicopter for repairs.

191616H XO, SLF Bravo visited BMT 2/3 Co

191700H Co F joined 43 refugees at AT 823496. Will evacuate.

191725H Co E joined 10 refugees at AT 842472. Will evacuate

191733H Co G joined 56 refugees at AT 816516. Will evacuate.

192045H Total refugees for the day are 129 evacuated, 113 awaiting evacuation and 28 detainees evacuated. Total number of refugees evacuated as of 191900H is 2549.

192330H Co E received 15 mortar rounds from AT 826470. Returned fire with 24 rounds of 155mm mortar and the results were unknown.

200935H Co H spotted 5 persons moving west from AT 803487. Three were dressed in black and two in green. Fired small arms and 24 rounds of 105mm artillery. Swept area and found used booster from an R.G rocket, spent 7.62 cartridges and C-ration boxes.

201005H Co B joined one more refugee and evacuated a total of 116 refugees and one detainee

201025H A fixed wing strike was conducted at AT 845514 destroying 12 structures.

201031H A fixed wing strike was conducted at AT 840515 destroying 2 huts, resulting in 2 KIA confirmed and 4 KIA probables.

201035H A fixed wing strike was conducted at AT 840515 destroying 2 huts, resulting in 2 KIA.

201036H 7th Marines changed boundary between BMT 2/3 and 2d Bn, 7th Marines to from AT 850550 in a straight line to AT 870507.

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- 201105H Co A tripped grenade type surprise firing device at AT 826461.
- 201155H Co B discovered and blew in place an M-26 grenade rigged as a surprise firing device at AT 823498.
- 201210H Co F detained 3 young men, 2 without ID cards and one wearing black pyjamas under his normal clothing at AT 815494. Will evacuate.
- 201215H Co B tripped a surprise firing device at AT 832468 resulting in one WIA.
- 201230H Co F joined 4 refugees at AT 815494. Will evacuate.
- 201250H Co F observed 3-4 people moving west from AT 806498, called in artillery fire with unknown results.
- 201330H Co E joined 50 refugees at AT 808469. Will evacuate.
- 201345H Co G joined 35 refugees at AT 808464. Will evacuate.
- 201415<sup>H</sup> Co B observed 2 VC at 832468. Pursued them west toward the foothills. The enemy threw chicom grenades and a fire fight broke out. The VC broke contact. A search of the area disclosed a large pool of blood indicating 1 KIA. probable, one M-14 rifle, a US cartridge belt with two bullet holes in it, various blasting caps, and a pull type firing device. All equipment evacuated.
- 201455H Co H joined 15 refugees and detained 3 males at AT 800483. Will evac.
- 201510H Co F spotted 4 VC at 816516 fired 16 rounds of 60mm mortars. VC moved west. At 201515H Co F again spotted VC and pursued physically and fired small observing one man drop and being picked up and carried away. Search of the area resulted in the discovery of 1 chicom grenade.
- 201515H Co B at AT 833471 discovered a mine of unknown type, yellow in color and about the size of a hand grenade. Blown in place.
- 201515H Total refugees evacuated to date is 2782. 198 refugees still await evacuation.
- 201725H Co A joined 5 refugees at AT 803498. Will evacuate.
- 201750H Co G triggered a surprise firing device believed to be a chicom grenade at AT 829520 resulting in one WIA.
- 201825H Co F LZ under sniper fire from AT 815499. Area searched with negative results.
- 201800H 167 refugees were evacuated during resupply run to BLT 2/3 units.

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201900H A helicopter approaching Co H LZ took sniper fire from AT 796478. 13 rounds of artillery called in with unknown results.

210600H B Battery, 2d Bn, 11th Marines placed in direct support of BLT 2/3.

210755H Co F had one WIA as a result of a small chest wound sustained while blowing a bunker at AT 820501.

210825H Co G landed in LZ HAWK at AT 817473.

210920H Co E joined 76 refugees at AT 820467. One of the refugees stated that 3 wounded VC spent last night at AT 820467, and departed in the morning to the southwest. They stated they had left 4 bodies at AT 820467, killed as a result of action in grid squares AT 8246 and AT 8346 on 20 November.

211105H Co E now has 150 refugees to evacuate.

211150H Co E joined 59 more refugees at AT 820467. Will evacuate.

211150H Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division visited BLT 2/3 Co

211210H Co G received fire from 2 to 3 automatic weapons from AT 800475 sustaining 2 WIA. Position assaulted resulting in one KIA confirmed, two MIA probables and the capture of one uniform, 1 M16\*47 serial 94767468 and 2 magazines. Weapon and equipment to be evacuated.

211335H Co H discovered gear with one body at AT 796474. Body appeared to have been killed by artillery about 24 hours ago and to be of third country national origin.

211415 Co E spotted 3 VC at AT 802461. Swept area capturing one VC dressed in black with a belt with 3 chicken grenades and one M-26.

211500H Co H received 4 rounds of 81mm mortar fire from AT 794458. Fired 80 rounds of 105mm artillery in checked area with negative results.

211650H Co F chopped 010000Z, 7th Marines

211810H Co H observed 5 VC dressed in black running northwest from AT 800405. Fired 4 rounds of 60mm mortars and 3 rounds of 81mm with unknown results.

211820H Evacuated 85 refugees and 1 VCS from the companies to BLT 2/3 Co AT 875476.

211830H Co E returned to BLT 2/3 Co at AT 875476.

212030H Co H joined 4 refugees at AT 802488. Will evacuate.

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- 212230H accidental discharge of .45 caliber pistol resulted in one non-battle casualty. Will medevac at first opportunity.
- 220950H Co H joined 2 refugees and detained one VCS at LT 838493. Will evacuate.
- 221020H Co G received sniper fire from LT 850504. Called in 14 rounds of 105mm artillery fire. Green smoke appeared in impact area, no friendly units reported in area. Results of artillery fire unknown.
- 221045H Co E commences helicopter lift to LZ SWAN at LT 840519.
- 221046H CG, 7th Marines visited BLT 2/3 Co.
- 221131H Co G joined 5 refugees at LT 840502. Will evacuate.
- 221135H Co E LZ received sniper fire from LT 840521. UH-1E suppressed fire.
- 221150H Co E lift complete.
- 221230H Co E joined by 34 refugees at LT 844517. Will evacuate.
- 221233H AO sighted by 25 NVA in trench line at LT 847527. Called in 105mm artillery with unknown results.
- 221235H Co E sighted about 20 uniformed NVA at LT 850524. Artillery and fixed wing called in resulting in 12 KIA probable.
- 221320H 24 refugees joined by BLT 2/3 units at LT 854500. Will evacuate.
- 221338H Co H joined 6 refugees at LT 834500. Will evacuate.
- 221440H Co F chopped OACON to return to BLT 2/3.
- 221445H AO directed airstrike on 25 NVA at 840532 resulting in 2 KIA confirmed and 3 KIA probables.
- 221510H First wave of Co H Airborne from LT 858507 to LT 824538.
- 221550H CG, 1st Mar Div visited BLT 2/3 Co.
- 221610H AO directed air strike on enemy at LT 830534 resulting in two KIA probables.
- 221930H 11 refugees and 1 VCS evacuated during Co H helicopter lift.
- 230830H 20 people, 5 dressed in green uniforms one armed with a weapon were seen in a ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ ferry at LT 828553. 10 rounds of 105mm artillery fire was called and people dispersed. AO checked area with negative results.

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231900H Co G while searching hamlet at AT 848526 discovered 1 pack with 2 60mm mortar rounds and 1 chicom grenade rigged with a piece of trip wire. Pack blown in place.

230957H CO, 7th Marines visited BLT 2/3 C.

231000H Co F found one dead NVN in a khaki uniform, 1 M16-47 serial 11070549 and various 762 gear at AT 834529, weapon and equipment evacuated.

231030H Co F at AT 833531 discovered 5-6 bunkers 6x10x12 wired for communications purposes and 1 map and various clothing and equipment. Clothing and equipment evacuated.

231105H Co F found the body of a 20-25 year old male dressed in black shorts and a white shirt apparently killed by artillery at AT 845512.

231115H Co H found an enemy body dressed in black, killed by small arms, with 2 chicom grenades on a line around his waist at AT 827533. Grenades were destroyed.

231240H Co G found a desk drawer rigged with chicom grenade as a surprise firing device in a hut at AT 832534. Grenade blown in place.

231400H Co F found a pack at AT 835540 containing 4 60mm mortar rounds, thirty 20 round boxes of 7.62mm ammunition, 1 bag of 60mm mortar increments, 2 chicom grenades, 20 feet of rope, a booklet on military tactics, a cartridge belt, an entrenching tool and assorted clothing. Munitions blown in place, equipment evacuated.

231510H Number of refugees following in trace of companies B, F and H now totals about 600. Will evacuate when possible.

231610H Co B evacuated 267 refugees and joined 76 new refugees and has a total of 413 awaiting evacuation.

231620H Co F completed helicopter lift to BLT 2/3 C at AT 875476.

231855H Apprehended 2 VCS from refugee group picked up earlier. Will evacuate as soon as possible.

231920H Co H discovered 2 chicom grenades and one unknown type of explosive, grey in color and the size of a B-3 C-nation can, all rigged as surprise firing devices at AT 849549. All three blown in place.

240937H Co F's first wave lands in LZ LACIE at AT 813503.

241000H Helicopter landing Co F took automatic small arms fire from AT 818508. UH-1H gunships were called down on enemy position resulting in one KIA confirmed and 2 KIA probables.

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241027H Co F completes helicopter lift.

241130H CO, 7th Marines visited BMT 2/3 C.

241220H Co F spotted 6 VC with packs moving southeast at AT 809491. Fired machine guns, 60mm mortars and 20 rounds of 105mm artillery with unknown results.

211245H Co F discovered 3 bunkers 4x5x7 containing one banana magazine for a carbine and one bottle of medicinal alcohol at AT 818502. Bunker blown, magazine and bottle evacuated.

251305H Two popular places soldiers assigned to Co F refused to board helicopters for tactical lift into LZ 1401B.

241315H CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 visited BMT 2/3 C.

241320H Co B observed a VCS cutting camouflage for his hat at AT 822533. When he attempted to run away he was shot in the leg. He admitted being a VC and was evacuated.

241400H Co F discovered and destroyed approximately 14 cubic feet of rock salt at AT 817499.

241427H Co G began helicopter lift to BMT 2/3 C at AT 875476.

241500H Co F found a bunker 10x10x6 constructed under a hut at AT 806498. Blown in place.

241520H Co G completed helicopter lift.

241525H Co F found a grove of trees with a body of a VC apparently killed by artillery at AT 79400.

241600H 460 refugees lifted to Duc Duc District Headquarters. 250 refugees moved from Duc Duc District Headquarters.

241610H Co B joined 4 refugees at AT 835514. Will evacuate.

241745H Co F received fire from 2 VC in green uniforms at AT 800477, observed 6 other armed VC dressed in green uniforms moving SW, and captured 3 VC, one armed with a chicom grenade crawling through the bushes at AT 801481. Small arms fire and a UH-1B were used against the enemy. A search of the area disclosed a sack of potatoes and a M10-25 battery and 4 refugees. VC and refugees to be evacuated.

241840H Co H received 10-15 rounds of automatic weapons fire from an estimated 2 VC armed with carbines, from AT 873554. Enemy fire was high and was not returned.

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242230H Co F Lt at AT 800482 saw movement and threw three grenades. Search of the area revealed a wounded VC with 2 chicom grenades and an M-26 grenade.

250030 Co B received 16 rounds of 82mm mortars from 835510. Returned fire with 50 rounds artillery fire. Mortars silenced.

250130H Co F ambush at AT 805405 ambushed approximately 5 people carrying rice and weapons. Ambush withdrew and area was hit with 60mm and 81mm mortars. One VC fleeing ambush was killed approaching Co F perimeter. Search of area revealed one additional KIA confirmed, 5 sand bags of rice, 1 bag of salt and blood trails indicating 3 KIA probables.

250915H Co H found a map case containing fishing line and hooks, a newspaper and documents and joined 8 refugees at 072558. Will evacuate refugees and other items.

250930H Co B apprehended 4 VCS who approached them at AT 836513 claiming they had been forced into the mountains by the VC. Will evacuate 4 VCS and 33 refugees joined as soon as possible.

250945H Co H begins lift to BLT 2/3 Co at 075476.

251010H helicopters lifting Co H took fire from 3 automatic weapons at AT 875555. UH-1B called in to attack enemy position resulting in 1 KIA confirmed.

251030H Co F evacuated 4 refugees from AT 836514 and Co B evacuated 33 refugees and 4 tons of rice from AT 875555.

251035H Helicopter lift of Co F completed.

251220H Co F begins lift to BLT 2/3 Co at 075476.

251135H Co F evacuated 5 tons of rice from 805475, an additional three tons were destroyed when it appeared that it might be wired as a surprise firing device to a 500 pound dud bomb. Total of 21 tons of rice have been evacuated on this operation.

251155H Co F discovered a 1-2 day old grave containing the body of a 20-25 year old male dressed in black, near an 81mm mortar or 105mm artillery impact area.

251240H Helicopter lift of Co F completed.

251330H Helicopter lift of Co B back to BLT 2/3 Co completed.

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251700H BLT 2/3 Chops ORCON to 7th Marines

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271300H First wave of Co G airborne to LZ at 874518.

271330H Lift of G completed, lift of Co H commenced.

271400H Lift of Co H completed, lift of Co F commenced.

271425H Helicopters took light small arms fire approaching LZ at AT 874515. UH-1b gunships suppressed fire with unknown results.

271510H Lift of Co F completed.

271530H CO and S-3, 7th Marines visible BLT 2/3 Cr.

271555H Co F discovered and destroyed underground room 6x10x6 with a 4 foot thick roof at AT 872512.

271745H Co H discovered and destroyed 7 bunkers generally 5x5 and 2 tunnels 5x15 meters long with a 100 meters area at AT 863501.

280940H Co H joined 29 refugees at AT 844495. Will evacuate.

281125H Co H joined 3 more refugees at AT 856503. Will evacuate.

281738H 39 refugees evacuated and helicopter lift of Co H commenced back to BLT 2/3 Cr.

281755H Last elements of Co H and first elements of Co F helilifted to BLT 2/3 Cr.

281875H Last elements of Co H and first elements of Co F helilifted to BLT 2/3 Cr.

281850H All lifts of BLT 2/3 supplies to BLT 2/3 Cr completed.

291700H BLT 2/3 chopped ORCON to 5th Marines. Operation BADGER HUNT/FOSTER completed.

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10. Results

a. Friendship Losses

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	<u>OFF</u>				<u>ENL</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>OFF</u>				<u>ENL</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0

b. Enemy Losses

NVA/VC	Conf 48
NVA/VC	prob 184
POW	12
Civil Defendents	
Individual Equipment Captured:	1 M-14
	2 AK-47
	2 AK-47 magazines
	2 cartridge belts
	2 packs
	1 M-14 magazine
	1 M-16 magazine
Ammunition captured/destroyed	3 Chicom grenades
	1 M-26 grenade
Enemy structures destroyed:	1465
Enemy Bunkers Destroyed:	1488
refugees evacuated	4510
Rice evacuated	21 tons

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(3) Third echelon care was provided by the First Medical Battalion in DaNang, Naval Support Activity Hospital in DaNang and USS TRLOLI. The scheme for evacuation was the following.

(a) USS TRLOLI: These personnel from 2/3 with wounds requiring either general or orthopedic surgery attention.

(b) First Medical Battalion: These personnel from 2/3 and adjacent units (2/5, 2/7, 3/7) requiring medical or surgical attention, where three or more seriously wounded arrived at the same period of time.

(c) Naval Support Activity Hospital: These personnel from all units requiring specialized attention, e.g. neurosurgery, maxillo-facial trauma, oral surgery, etc. Transportation to third echelon care was provided by HMM-262 (from the USS TRLOLI) and by other supporting medium helicopter squadrons.

(4) Casualties (From Blt 2/3 area)

	USMC		USN	
	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF
KIA	0	0	0	0
DOW	0	0	0	0
WIA	32(a)	0	0	0
NCI	34(b)	0	0	0

(a) Predominant injuries were gunshot and fragment wounds of the extremities. One notable individual sustained a direct hit on his right chest with a concussion grenade surprise firing device. Because of his flak jacket, his wound was limited from certain fatality to a mere bruise.

(b) Predominant diseases were cellulitis, fungal infections, sprains, dysentery and typhoid fever.

d. Transportation

(1) Only the mainline logistic battalion vehicles were used at an hour. The 1st platoon of the 3d MT Bn, was chopped around to the 7th Marines.

(2) Operation BALDER HUNT/FOSTER closed with the administrative withdrawal of the battalion to the 3/1 area by helicopter. The movement was accomplished with a minimum of difficulties.

e. Communications and Electronics

(1) Communications were in accordance with MFM 10-1. Communications were normal throughout the operation with the exception of a great amount of override and atmospheric disturbance. This caused numerous frequency changes to alleviate the situation.

(2) an MRC-62 radio relay net was employed with 7th Marines using the SLP's MRC-62 and a 3 man team. This net was on the air for 21 minutes down time. Down time caused by faulty U-75 generator.

(3) Communications technicians brought ashore proved highly satisfactory, repairing a total of 57 pieces of equipment and saving the BLT considerable time.

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12. Special Equipment and Techniques. None

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13. Commanders Analysis

a. The inherent mobility of the SLF, characterized by the CH-46 helicopter lift capacity and the use of a reaction force, proved extremely effective in conjunction with the basic tactics employed during this operation. Three companies were used to find and fix the enemy and then a company reaction force would be employed to close avenues of egress while the enemy was systematically destroyed.

b. This operation was unique in its methodical destruction of not only the enemy force in the area, but also the destruction of every means of support and comfort available to the enemy. All dwellings above and below the ground were searched and destroyed by fire or explosives, all rice caches evacuated and over 4000 refugees airlifted out of the OA. This operation not only hurt the enemy during the course of the operation but denied him vital facilities with which to hide and rebuild his strength after the operation terminated.

c. It is notable that in this area, every hamlet, without exception, had its local guerilla force which was responsible for guiding regular units through the area, supplying them with rice and shelter and keeping the civilians in place to help support activities. The destruction of these local forces early in the operation and the evacuation of refugees, appears to have negated to a great degree the ability of larger enemy units, continually sighted west of the OA, from effectively entering the OA and utilizing local assets to defend the area.

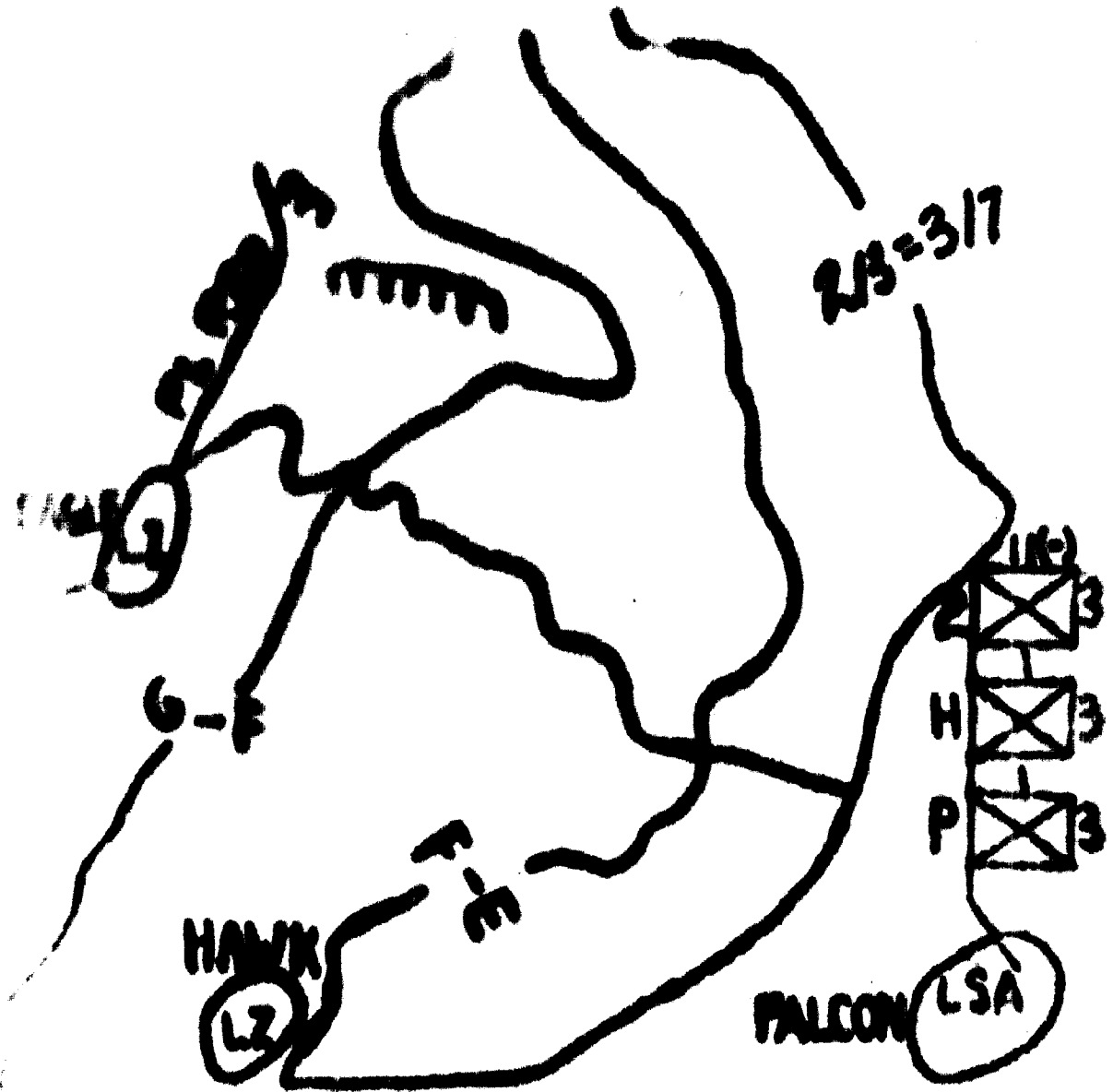
d. It is evident, not only from the amount of enemy sightings in the hills to the west of the OA, but also from the fact that the enemy's major egress and supply routes from the area were to the west, that strong enemy units utilizing base camps in the hills are present but were not fully committed against friendly forces during this operation. It is believed that an operation with the destruction of these forces and their base camps as a primary target would prove lucrative.

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