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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for 1-31 July 1967

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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SECTION I

ORGANIZATION DATA, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS

1. Period/Location. This report covers the period 1-31 July 1967. From 1 July to 9 July 2nd Bn, 4th Marines was committed to Operation CHOCTAW. On 10 July Operation FREMONT commenced. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines continued the defense of Camp EVANS, Hill 51, Hill 674 Radio Re-transmission Site and conducted aggressive small unit activities throughout the CA to deny the enemy access to heavily populated food producing areas, prevent mining of National Route #1 and to search out and destroy VC/NVA forces operating in the CA.

2. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Principal Subordinate T/O Billet assignments:

Commanding Officer	LtCol A. E. BENCH to 15Jul67
	LtCol J. W. HAMMOND JR fr 19Jul67
	Maj W. FIELD fr 16 to 18Jul67
Executive Officer	Maj J. W. FOWLER.....
S-1	WO P. W. PARRISH..... to 13Jul67
	Lt J. W. MORRIS..... fr 14Jul67
S-2	1stLt G. GYLLENHOFF
S-3	Capt W. E. BOOMER..... to 15Jul67
	Capt M. F. ADAMS..... fr 16 to 18Jul67
	Maj J. W. FOWLER..... fr 19 to 22Jul67
	Capt M. F. ADAMS..... fr 23Jul67
S-4	Capt D. W. SCHMIDT.....
Supply	2ndLt J. W. HAMILTON.....
Communications Officer	MSGT F. J. OLEJNIK JR.
Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt J. H. BURT.....
Medical Officer	Lt (MC) H. P. TUTT USN
Chaplain	Ltjg (CC) R. O. SWIFT USN....

Company Commanders

1st B Co	Capt J. J. BRADLEY.....
Co B	Capt R. A. JOHNSON..... to 15Jul67
	1st Lt Capt R. L. HANSHAM..... fr 16Jul67
Co F	Capt K. N. ZIKE.....
Co G	Capt D. T. WINTER.....
Co H	Capt D. BARNHILL.....

3. During this period the following units were in direct support:
 1st Btry 3/12, 1st Lt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn, Section 2, 3rd Plt, Co B,
 2nd Tk Bn and 1st Lt, Co A, 3rd Tk Bn, Btry "D" 44th Arty (USA).

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Average monthly strength during the period.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	38	2
Enlisted	1083	62

b. Critical MOS's have been closely monitored and requested as needed.

c. The following number of personnel were transferred during this month:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	0
Enlisted	25	19

d. The following number of personnel were joined during this period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	8	0
Enlisted	84	9

e. KIA - 3
 DOW - 1
 MIA - 0
 WIA - 51
 WIAFE - 12
 DISEASE - 2
 INJURY - 0
 DOL - 2
 OTHER
 Snake Bite - 1

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SECTION IIIINTELLIGENCE

1. During the reporting period intelligence continued at a satisfactory level.

An intelligence assistant was joined within the Battalion through the screening of SRB's. A Sgt with a 0231 secondary MOS was found.

2. Enemy Casualties:

a. 4th Marines TAOR

	<u>KIA Conf</u>	<u>KIA Prob</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>Detainees</u>	<u>Rallier</u>
H&S Co	0	0	0	0	0
Co M	3	16	0	4	1
Co F	8	11	3	23	0
Co G	49	20	0	29	0
Co H	4	7	0	19	0
Total	64	54	3	75	1

b. Operation FREMONT. commenced on 10 July and continues on 30 July
No data is being submitted for Operation FREMONT.

c. Total for Month of July.

VC KIA Conf	64
VC KIA Prob	54
PW	3
Detainees	75
Ralliers	1

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d. Total KIA since 5 May 1965: 34505. Captured and Destroyed Equipment:

a. 4th Marines TAOR

(1) Weapons: 3 AK-47, 2 SKS-56, 2 K-44, 1 UNK Type
(2) Equipment: 47 Chicom grenades, 2,000 rds .50 cal ammo,
3 anti-personnel mines, 2 U.S. 2.75 rockets, numerous assorted uniforms,
web gear and medical supplies.

b. Total weapons captured for the month of ^{July} ~~June~~: 8

c. Total weapons captured since 5 May 1965: 326

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SECTION IVOPERATIONS AND TRAINING1. Special Operations.

a. Operation CHOCTAW, which began 220001 May 1967 and terminated 092400 July 1967 was characterized as a search and destroy operation. The 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine's primary mission was to deny the enemy routes of communication and access to the populated rice growing areas within it's area of operations.

b. Through extensive daylight patrolling and night ambushes during the period 1-9 July 1967, the battalion is credited with 38 VC KIA (Conf) and 34 VC KIA (Prob).

c. Operation FREMONT, which began 100001 July 1967 and continued through 31 July 1967 has been characterized as a search and destroy operation. It's primary mission was to search out and destroy VC/NVA forces operating within and adjacent to the OA.

d. During the period 10-31 July 1967 the battalion is accredited with 32 VC KIA (Conf) and 44 VC KIA (Prob).

2. Training.

a. During this period, all companies fan fired the M-16 rifle, and individual and crew served weapons. Fan firing was conducted for all replacement personnel.

b. Due to operational commitments and the small number of replacement personnel in the battalion, indoctrination was conducted on company level.

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SECTION V

LOGISTICS

1. Overall resupply and other logistics support during this reporting period was good. Comments on specific items are listed below.

a. Clothing stocks have been adequate. It is hoped that a continuing supply will be available as this has been a problem area in the past.

b. Cleaning rods and bore and chamber brushes continue to be a problem area inasmuch as quantities required are not available.

2. Shortages

a. Due to maintenance problems the Battalion's ME-10 refrigerating units continue to be non-effective.

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SECTION VICOMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS1. Significant Events.

The battalion has remained in the Co Bi Thanh Tan TAOR, providing the security for Camp EVANS and conducting primarily, company sized operations. On July 4th the battalion, less one company held a one day operation in the Thon My Chanh village area. No communications problems were experienced. Company operations were held in the Hai Lang area a number of times during the month, a relay site was established in the compound at Hai Lang each time, and no problems were experienced. The relay station was needed each time for continuous contact with the operating company. In one instance, the company was out of range of the relay and the base camp, making it necessary to activate a relay station on Hill 674.

2. New Developments.

None

3. Problem Areas.

Critical shortages of antennas AT-271 and AT0892, along with H-138 handsets, continues to be the most serious problem.

4. Status of Communications Equipment.

Deadline Report:

(1)	RT-695/PRC-41	3d Echelon
(1)	RT-524/PRC-125	3d Echelon
(4)	TA-312	3d Echelon
(1)	FU-348	3d Echelon

5. Number of security violations

Hotel Company operator lost notebook containing Hotel Company tactical frequency and battalion tactical frequency. Reported to Division and new assignments were made. No other violations were reported.

6. Amount of Messages Sent and Received

Messages Sent:	56
Messages Received:	357

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7. Personnel StatusShortages

(1)	Sgt	2511
(1)	Sgt	2533
(1)	Sgt	5931
(1)	Cpl	2811
(1)	Cpl	2841
(1)	SSgt	2549

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(2) ICpl 2822

Averages.

(1)	GySgt	2519
(1)	SSgt	2539
(2)	Sgt	2531
(3)	Cpl	2542
(4)	Cpl	2511
(5)	Cpl	2533

8. Summary of Operational Training

Message Center Training

Application	720 Hrs
Classes	10 Hrs

Technician Training

Application	150 Hrs
Classes	25 Hrs

Radio Section Training

Application	720 Hrs
Classes	25 Hrs

Wire Section Training

Application	720 Hrs
Classes	14 Hrs

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9. Summary of Operations Participated in with problems encountered and Lessons Learned.

Along with numerous company sized operations, the battalion started Operation FIBERLINE on the 10th of July, terminating Operation CHOCTAW. The H-138 handset remains the weakest link in the new family of FM equipment, with supply shortages running a close second. Due to the routine nature of operations during the month, no new lessons were learned, no major problems were encountered.

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SECTION VII

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AIR SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Number of Missions Fired.

105	155	81
1515	1839	728

2. Type of Mission.

A. Registrations

105	155	81
8	53	7

b. Actual Missions

105	155	81
67	75	46

c. R&I

105 missions	1440	rds	3185
155 missions	1711	rds	3552
81 missions	818	rds	3026
2/40's missions	82	rds	6556
4/50's missions	30	rds	4480

3. Number of Rounds Fired:

105	155	81	2/40's	4/50's
4229	4751	3618	6556	4480

4. Surveillance:

33 Confirmed KTA.
15 Probable KTA
4 Structures Destroyed.

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SECTION VIII

AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSE

1. Number and Type of Air Missions

A. Fixed Wing

CAP	8
CAS	26
AO	9
TAC(A)	6
FLARE	0
TPQ's	0

B. Helicopters

Troops	5
Logistics	64
Med Evac	33
Admin	9
Recon	0
Gunship	19
VIP Code	0
TAC (A)	0

2. Number of Air Requirements Completed.

- a. Fixed Wing Sorties - 42
- b. Helicopter Sorties - 130

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SECTION X

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Significant Data

a. During the past month the Battalion S-5 has made considerable progress. During the month various items were distributed in the village of Phong Dien, which is stated in the following paragraphs.

b. The Battalion S-5 distributed clothes, toys, and writing material to a needy family of the Buddhist village in Phong Dien at coordinates 327 347.

c. The Battalion S-5 paid a staff visit to the Catholic village of Phong Dien and visited with the village priest. After the visit oranges and kool aid were given to the priest for distribution to the children.

d. Arrangements were made for the battalion Chaplain to visit the Catholic priest in Phong Dien, and discuss the problems of the Vietnamese people, and how we can work with the people in a more friendly manner.

e. The Battalion S-5 paid a staff visit to the village of Phong Dien, to discuss the problems of the Vietnamese people and how we can work with the people in a more friendly manner.

f. This month has been the best month for civic action projects since the Battalion has moved to the Thua Thien Province.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Significant Events - None

2. New Developments - None

3. Problem Area - None

4. Average daily number of patients seen 37
 Total number of patients seen for the month 1159

5. Number of referrals to 3d MED 47

6. Routine medical complaints

a. Diarrhea	<u>44</u>
b. URI	<u>29</u>
c. Dermatitis	<u>86</u>
d. ENT	<u>54</u>
e. Venereal Disease	<u>11</u>
f. Malaria	<u>2</u>
g. FUO	<u>5</u>

7. Number of emergencies

Type	Total	Evacuated	KIA	DOW
a. Burns	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b. Lacerations	<u>31</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c. Heat Casualties	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
d. Sshrapnel	<u>52</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
e. Gun Shot	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
f. Others	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Immunizations and Prophylactics administered 6727
 Dental Referrals 122

Officers

Include in total count	<u>10</u>
Officers seen at sick call	<u>10</u>
Evacuated with Sshrapnel wounds	<u>3</u>

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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED/LESSONS LEARNED

1. No unusual problems were encountered during this period.

2. Lessons learned during this period were as follows:

a. Topic. Secondary Explosions.

(1) Discussion. The large haystacks in the Vietnamese villages have been favored as a VC hideout and storage area for ammunition as well as to conceal bunkers. The danger of injury to personnel from secondary explosions from burning these haystacks is a constant threat.

(2) Recommendation. That all personnel be made aware of the likelihood of a secondary explosion in the described situation and adhere to safety limits consistent with size ordnance expected e.g. unexploded a/c bombs etc.

b. Topic. Individual Rifle Marksmanship.

(1) Discussion. The introduction of the M-16E1 rifle into the T/E of the Marine Corps Infantry Battalion, with its capability of automatic mode of firing has had an adverse effect on the application of the basic techniques of aimed rifle fire. In addition, there is no evidence of the required 500 familiarization rounds being fired at known distances with the application of sight correction from "spotted" i.e. disked targets.

(2) Recommendations.

(a) Single shot aimed fire be stressed.

(b) Immediate marksmanship course training be instituted for infantry units to fire at large type targets, at known distances with an indication after each round as to its impact and the necessary sight correction to move the subsequent impact into the bullseye.

(c) In lieu of the above, the field expedient of reduced ranges/smaller target ranges which are the ballistic and perspective projections of the full sized, i.e. 300 m, be substituted to achieve same result.

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From: Commanding Officer
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Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment

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1. Code Name. Operation CHOCTAW
2. Date of Operation. 220001 May 1967-092400 July 1967
3. Location. Thua Thien Province, RVN
4. Command Headquarters.

2d Battalion, 4th Marines

LtCol BENCH

Company E

Capt. JOHNSON

Company F

Capt. BETZ.....to 25Jun67

Capt. ZIKE.....fr 26Jun67

Company G

Capt. WINTER

Company H

Capt. BOOMER...to 15Jun67

Capt. BARNHILL.fr 16Jun67

5. Task Organization

2d Battalion, 4th Marines

LtCol BENCH

H&S CO (-)

Det, Co A, 3d SF Bn

Capt. Halit.....to 14Jun67

Det, Co B, 3d Engr Bn

Capt. BEAKY.....fr 15Jun67

Det, 7th ITT

Co E

Capt. JOHNSON

FAC Tm

FO Tm, "H" Btry, 3/12

S-2 Scout Tm

Engr Tm

Co F

FAC Tm

FO Tm, "H" Btry, 3/12

Capt. BETZ.....to 25Jun67

Capt. ZIKE.....fr 26Jun67

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S-2 Scout
Engr TmCo GFAC Tm
MO 12, "H" Btry, 3/12
S-2 Scout Tm
Engr Tm

Capt. WINTER

Co HCapt. BOOMER....tol5Jun67
Capt. BARNHILL...frl6Jun676. Supporting Forces

- a. Det. "A", Co A, 3d SP Bn; Btry "H", 3d Bn, 12th Mar.; 2d Plt, Btry "D", 1st Bn, 44th Arty, USA; 1st Plt, Co "B", 3d Engr Bn, were in general support during the operation.
- b. Air support was provided by the 1st MAW and consisted of aerial resupply, medical evacuation by helicopter, and close air support missions.

7. Intelligence. During the Battalion's participation in Operation CHOCTAW, the mission was to search and destroy the enemy and enemy installations within the Northern and Eastern sectors of the 4th Marines area of operations.

Throughout the operation, contact with the enemy varied from light to heavy and involved units of the 806th, 814th Battalions and local VC guerrillas. In the Southeastern sector, numerous booby traps were encountered.

Captured prisoners and documents revealed many important facts and figures on VC units operating in the 4th Marines area of operations. On 3 July 1967, a NVL Sergeant surrendered to Company E on Hill 51 (YD 5428). During the interrogation, he told the ITT personnel that he was from the C-17 RR Co. located by the base of Hill 674, (YD 5121). He also told of numerous other units located in the vicinity and gave seemingly accurate accounts of enemy capabilities, plans, and equipment. A detailed interrogation report was reported.

The terrain was generally flat and sandy in the Eastern portion and low rolling hills in the Northern sector. Movement and trafficability was good and water was available.

The weather was hot and fair with very little precipitation in the evenings or early morning.

8. Mission. To continue to locate and destroy NVA/VC forces, interdict enemy lines of communications and deny the enemy lines of access to food producing and populated areas in the assigned area of operations.

9. Concept of Operations. 2d Battalion, 4th Marines conducted aggressive small unit actions throughout their assigned area of operations.

10. Execution22 May 1967

At 0001H, Operation CHOCTAW commenced.

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Received 4th Marine Operation Order 20-67 (CHOCTAW).

At 0030H, Company G received mortar and small arms fire at 342507, from an unknown direction.

At 0900H, one Marine was wounded by an M-26 grenade at 342507 while burning trash.

At 1015H, Company H observed three VC carrying rice at 550260. An artillery mission was fired. Two VC KIA (Prob).

At 1100H, Company H observed three VC in an open field at 563277. An artillery mission was fired and the area was searched with negative results.

At 2105H, Company H observed a squad size unit at 543259, with the use of radar. An artillery mission was fired, but results could not be determined because of darkness.

At 2300H, Company G observed twelve VC at 334448. The VC fired three rounds. Company G returned fire. Upon searching the area, at first light, nothing was found.

23 May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 12-67 was published (CHOCTAW).

At 0915H Company F was attacked by six to ten VC at 497330. Company F returned fire. Two VC KIA (Conf), three VC KIA (Prob). Captured one M-3 Caliber .45 sub-machine gun, one M-1 Carbine, an artillery aiming device, grenades, and assorted ammunition. At 1300H, Company G point man tripped a booby trap device at 351469. One Marine WIA (Medevaced).

At 1540H, Company G patrol was taken under small arms fire from 547450. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

24 May 1967

At 0250H, Company H received one incoming grenade at 548283. Illumination was fired and the area searched with negative results.

At 0700H Company H observed three VC cutting rice in a field. An artillery mission was fired. One VC KIA (Prob).

At 0700H, Company F apprehended one detainee at 533378.

At 0830H, Company G received small arms and M-79 fire from across the river at 565437. Fire was returned and the area checked. Two VC KIA (Conf), two VC KIA (Prob), four Marines WIA (Medevaced).

At 1205H, Company G observed nine VC at 339447. An artillery mission was fired and the unit physically pursued the VC. Three VC KIA (Conf).

At 1300H, Company H called an artillery mission on a suspected sniper position at 551256.

At 1330H, Company H discovered a booby trapped M-26 grenade at 549257. Destroyed with C-4.

At 1430H, Company H received five rounds of sniper fire from 550354. An artillery mission was fired and the sniper fire was returned.

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At 1500H, Company H discovered five hundred pounds of unpolished rice in GS 5525. It was destroyed by burning.
 At 1515H, Company H observed nine VC at 533264. An artillery mission was fired but results were not observed.
 At 1815H, Company F sighted two VC at 507337. They took them under fire but were unable to determine results due to water barrier.
 At 2300H, a Company E squad leader was wounded lightly by friendly fire at 454157. One Marine WIA (Medevaced), who later died of wounds.

25 May 1967

At 0030H, a Company H patrol ambushed seven VC at 555248. Three VC KIA (Irbb) and captured one hundred-fifty pounds of milled rice.
 At 0800H, Company H discovered a series of bunkers and four hundred pounds of unpolished rice at 536266. Rice and bunkers destroyed.
 At 1021H, Company H received sniper fire from 580265. Two Marines WIA (medevaced). An artillery mission was fired with unobserved results.
 At 1050H, a Company H point man tripped a booby trap at 580265. As a second Marine went forward to help him, he was shot by a sniper. Two Marines KIA. Fire was returned and the area searched. Two VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1120H, Company G discovered a booby trapped Chi-Com grenade at 355461. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 1150H, Company G received fire from 346445. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.
 At 1530H, Company E discovered a VC harbouring site at 453156. Two 57mm rounds were also found. Ammunition and area destroyed.
 At 1700H, Company F discovered a VC base camp at 436164. Also found one AK47 rifle, one metal box mine, firing devices, and voltage meter. Also assorted small arms ammunition, clothing, and equipment. Area destroyed.
 At 1725H, Company H heard movement at 55k256. An artillery mission was fired and the area was checked. One battle dressing package was found. One VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1925H, a Company H fire team encountered a VC at 556254. VC was fired on. Upon searching the area, fifty pounds of rice and one VC KIA (Conf) were found.
 At 2228H, a Company F Marine was struck by a cannonister from an 81mm mortar illumination round and killed, at 523332. One Marine KIA.

26 May 1967

At 0700H, Company F discovered two freshly dug graves at 494329. Two bodies were found; killed by M-16 rounds, about two days old. Bodies were reburied. Two VC KIA (Conf).
 At 0900H, Company H found an explosive device with a reed attached to it. Device buried in mound of dirt at 552277. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 1015H, Company H received sniper fire from 557253. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.
 At 1045H, Company G discovered three sniper holes at 338457. Holes were filled in.
 At 1305H, Company G detained one VN male who was carrying two I.D. cards. His left arm was tattooed with the number 1135.

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At 1515H, Company G received small arms fire from 353452. An artillery mission was fired and the area checked. Three fighting holes, a bunker, and a pressure type booby trap were found. All were destroyed with C-4. At 1710H, Company G sighted four VC moving across a hill at 350450. Artillery and small arms were fired and the area checked with negative results.

At 1730H, Company H received fire from 601289. Fire was returned and the area checked. One VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob), two detainees and five hundred pounds of unpolished rice were found.

At 1730H, Company H heard noises at 555254. Two VC were seen fleeing the area and were pursued by fire. The area was searched and various tools, fishing poles, cooking utensils, and fifteen rounds of .30 Caliber ammunition were found.

At 1830H, Company G received sniper fire from 311464. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 1850H, Company F discovered one 75mm recoilless round in a cannister at 512350. Destroyed with C-4.

27 May 1967

At 0630H, Company E discovered a booby trapped 60mm mortar round with a pressure firing device at 514277. Destroyed with C-4.

At 0700H, Company G received one sniper round from 314465, wounding two Marines. Two Marines WIA (medevaced).

At 0745H, Company E discovered punji sticks at 612281. Destroyed all.

At 0800H, a Company H patrol sighted six VC cooking food at 531274. VC were fired on and the area searched. Two VC KIA (Prob).

At 1400H, Company F sighted a boat in the river at 497330. The boat contained two small children who were released after questioning.

At 1220H, Company G received automatic weapons fire from 302468. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 1305H, Company G received automatic weapons fire from 302469. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.

At 1500H, Company F discovered a bunker and punji pit at 492321. All were destroyed.

At 1830H, Company H received sniper fire from 610284. Fire was returned and the sniper fire ceased.

At 2010H, a Company H patrol came face to face with a VC patrol. The Marine on point fired first killing the lead VC and the entire patrol engaged the VC patrol. The Company H patrol withdrew from the area, 605284, after VC small arms and mortar fire became too intense. One VC KIA (Conf).

At 2310H, Company H C.F. received one incoming grenade at 558255. Two Marines WIA (medevaced).

28 May 1967

At 0900H, Company H captured three VN males at 606287. The village chief confirmed one as a VC and the other two as VCS.

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At 1000H, the villagers at 606287 reported to the PF's with Company H that they saw five VC bodies on the trail after the previous night's fight (272010H at 605284). Five VC KIA (Conf).

At 1115H, Company E received small arms and mortar fire from across the river at 641315. Fire was returned and artillery called. One Marine KIA, three Marines WIA.

At 1430H, Company E discovered three bodies and bloody NVA uniforms at 631312. Bloody trails were leading away from the area but were soon lost. Three VC KIA (Conf), five VC KIA (Prob).

At 1920H, Company F observed smoke in the jungle, 2000 meters away at 428343. An artillery mission was fired.

29 May 1967

At 0730H, Company F discovered VC propaganda cards at 454369.

At 0850H, Company E discovered bunkers, trenches, and a tunnel complex at 633327. Artillery fire neutralized the complex.

At 0900H a Company E Marine detonated an unknown type booby trap. One Marine WIA (medevac).

At 1145H, Company E received sniper fire from 601285. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 1200H, Company F observed three VC at 430377. An artillery mission was fired and the area searched. Three VC KIA (Prob). Found punji pits and fighting holes which were destroyed.

At 1330H, Company F sighted two VC at 439387. VC were fired on. One VC KIA (Conf), one disappeared over the hill.

At 1345H, Company F sighted seven VC running over a hill. An artillery mission was fired.

At 1800H, Company H discovered fifteen hundred pounds of unpolished rice along with some articles of clothing and loose rounds of ammunition at 564254. Rice and clothes and ammunition burned.

At 1910H, Company H observed three VC searching the company's previous C.P. at 520280. Tanks with H Company fired 90mm rifle at VC. Direct hit observed on two VC and near miss on one VC. Two VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob).

At 1930H, Company G discovered nine fighting holes at 517247. Destroyed holes by filling in with dirt.

At 1930H, Company G, while checking the results of an Arc Light, found one NVA pack and ammunition for a rifle at 528234. All destroyed.

At 2205H, while firing defensive fire from the Regimental C.P., one 81mm mortar round landed short, killing one Marines and wounding five.

30 May 1967

At 0850H, Company F observed one man running from the point at 439383. The point captured him. The prisoner was wearing an NVA uniform. One PW.

At 0910H, Company F sighted four VC running on side of river at 439383. VC were fired at and pursued. One VC KIA (Conf).

At 1000H, Company E sighted six males and one female VC. Pursued by fire and wounded the female. One female VC PW.

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At 1030H, Company E captured two detainees at 614320.
 At 1045H, G Company OP sighted eleven VC with weapons and packs at 536256. VC fired and wounded three Marines.
 At 1100H, Company H observed VC movement at 550255. The unit fired at the VC but was unable to determine results due to dense jungle growth.
 At 1445H, while on a sweep, Company G discovered three camouflaged houses and one animal pen at 538251. The area was searched. One NVA newspaper, clothing, cooking utensils, and a slingshot, were found.
 At 1500H, Company G patrol sighted one VC sitting on the trail at 545242. The VC ran, leaving an AK47 behind.
 At 1545H, a Company G ambush fired at three VC at 538251. Two VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1555H, Company H discovered one thousand, five hundred pounds of unpolished rice at 566255. Destroyed rice by burning.
 At 1620H, Company G observed three VC on a river bank at 555244. VC were taken under fire and pursued. One VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob).

31 May 1967

At 1000H, Company E discovered a MK II grenade and one 3.5" WP round booby trapped at 617328. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 1100H, Company E discovered a 250 pound GP bomb at 619329. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 0930H, Company E received sniper fire from 615328. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.
 At 1120H, Company F received sniper fire from 445394. Fire was returned and the area checked. A large amount of blood was found. One VC KIA (Prob). A Corpsman stepped into a punji pit and was WIA.
 At 1200H, Company E apprehended two detainees at 617328.
 At 1210H, Company E discovered one anti-personnel mine at 625331. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 2116H, Co E received small arms and grenades incoming, from 636311. Returned fire and searched area with negative results.

1 June 1967

At 0745H, Company F observed one VC coming down a trail at 401405. Captured one VC with AK 47, pack, NVA uniform, assorted equipment and one Chi-Com grenade.
 At 0845H, Company E received sniper fire from 634333. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.
 At 0900H, Company E captured one detainee at 646328.
 At 1000H, Company E found one punji pit at 633318. Destroyed pit.
 At 1000H, Company E captured three detainees without I. D. cards, at 628332.
 At 1630H, Company E Marine detonated a mine at 552331. One Marine WIA.
 At 1945H, Company E received small armsfire from 606347. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

2 June 1967

At 0850H, Company F received fire from 465427. One Marine WIA.

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At 0900H, Company F observed a large sampan at 465427. The boat was taken under small arms fire and the VC aboard returned fire. The boat banked and the VC disappeared into the treeline. Four VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1115H, Company E discovered five punji pits and one 105mm dud at 605346. Destroyed with C-4.
 At 1310H, Company F received fire from across the river at 465427. Fire was returned and four detainees from the boat were held.
 At 1345H, Company E discovered one 8" round at 540380. Destroyed.
 At 1400H, Company F received fire from the far river bank while searching a boat at 476423. Small arms fire and artillery were directed on the target area. Captured four detainees and had one Marine WIA.
 At 1430H, Company F received small arms fire from across the river at 464419. An artillery mission was fired. Excellent target coverage. Ten VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1515H, Company G heard movement across the river at 442385. Four people were spotted, who ran when told to halt. They were fired upon with small arms and M-79's. While searching for VC, a tunnel with NVA uniforms and a hammock was found. The unit crossed the river and found two bodies, one severed human hand, and a section of intestines with large blood trails leading from both parts. Four VC KIA (Conf).
 At 1520H, Company H received incoming artillery rounds at 447255. One Marine WIA.
 At 1530H, Company F observed one VC crossing a river at 469425. VC was hit by small arms and M-79 round and fell into brush. One VC KIA (Conf).
 At 1900H, Company G sighted three VC moving North at 437372. An artillery mission was fired. Upon searching the area, two dead VC and one large pool of blood was found. Two VC KIA (Conf) and ten VC KIA (Prob).
 At 2345H, Company F received heavy automatic weapons fire from 465427. Returned fire. Three VC KIA (Conf) and six VC KIA (Prob).
 At 2400H, Company F observed a VC in a sampan at 465425. Small arms and M-79 were fired, sinking sampan. One VC KIA (Conf).

3 June 1967

At 0130H, Company H captured one VC with an AK 47, who walked into a squad patrol at 487404.
 At 0130H, Company F received fire from 463426. Two Marines WIA (Medevac).
 At 0300H, Company H sighted nine VC at 487389. They were pursued by fire and physically. Three VC KIA (Conf). Captured one AK 47, two grenades, two TNT blocks, one satchel charge, documents and papers.
 At 1255H, Company F observed one VC in a sampan at 464434. The VC was shot and fell into a treeline. One VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1430H, Company F observed five VC in a treeline at 464430. Small arms and M-79's were fired. Two VC were seen hit by fire. Two VC KIA (Conf).
 At 1735H, a Company G patrol hit a TNT booby trap at 443394. One Marine WIA.
 At 1950H, Company G observed four VC moving across a ridgeline at 423386. An artillery mission was fired. Two blood trails were found by the search team. Two VC KIA (Prob).
 At 2000H, Company F captured four detainees while screening refugees at 474423.

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At 2100H, Company F observed thirty VC at 455434. An artillery mission was fired. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

4 June 1967

At 1100H, Company G found one VC WIA at 440385. One VC PW.
 At 1200H, a Company G Marine stepped on a punji stick at 431393. One Marine WIA. (Medevaced).
 At 1305H, a Company H patrol observed three VC across a river at 503419. Both units fired and one VC was killed. One VC KIA (Conf).
 At 2100H, a Company G patrol heard movement and observed five VC at 447405. Both units fired, one Marine was killed and two VC were killed. Two VC KIA (Conf).

5 June 1967

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6 June 1967

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7 June 1967

At 1400H, Company F sighted a man and a woman carrying a weapon at 438374. While pursuing them, one Marine fell on a punji stick. Both people disappeared into brush. One Marine WIA (medevaced).
 At 1715H, Company H observed three VC running on the other side of a river at 438375. The VC were fired upon but disappeared in to the brush.

8 June 1967

At 0900H, Company F discovered four graves with bodies of VC soldiers in them at 451347. The graves were destroyed and the bodies were reburied. Four VC KIA (Conf).
 At 1130H, a Company E Marine tripped a booby trap at 450380. One Marine KIA, two Marines WIA (medevaced).

9 June 1967

At 1715 H Company observed a VC on a river bank at 466302. The VC was killed and the area swept by fire. The unit crossed the river and found a camp with one M-1 rifle, two AK-44 carbines, ammunition, food and clothing. Three large blood trails led off through the brush. One VC KIA (Conf) and three VC KIA (Prob).
 At 1845H Company E located a 7.6 MM cartridge type foot-spike booby trap at 434383. The booby trap was disarmed.

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10 June 1967

At 0830H Company H discovered 2,000 pounds of unpolished rice at 477312. It was destroyed by burning.

At 1000H Company F found pictures, a cartridge belt, a booby trap device and four blocks of TNT at 471427. The TNT was destroyed.

At 1200H a Company F Chieu Hoi pointed out a cave at 471427. Upon approaching the cave, a VC threw a grenade, which fell back inside and detonated. The cave was searched and found one dead VC, one K-44 rifle, one grenade and forty rounds of ammunition, and one VC KIA (Conf).

At 1330H Company H found a VC camp at 466299. The camp was destroyed.

At 1430H Company F captured two detainees at 465427. ARVN officials confirmed one as a VC.

At 1500H Company G found one diary, training manuals and miscellaneous papers while searching a village at 482429.

At 1500H Company F encountered a sampan with two men in it at 476434. After firing two warning shots across the bow the two men surrendered and were taken as detainees.

At 1505H Company G apprehended two men without ID cards at 483432.

At 1617H Company F captured four detainees. Three were confirmed as VC by the hamlet chief. While moving them to an LZ, a 250 lb bomb detonated wounding one VC and One Marine at 478427.

At 1630H a Company E Marine was hit by a sniper round at 414387. One Marine WIA (Medevaced).

At 1650H Company F detained a VN male at 478425. The hamlet chief confirmed him as a VC.

At 1710H Company F received fire from 480428. Small arms and M-79 fire was returned. Two VC appeared to be hit and fell into the grass. Two VC KIA (Prob).

At 1715H Company E received small arms fire from 427378. Two Marines WIA when they fell on punji stakes.

At 2210H Company F discovered a 250 pound bomb on a raft under a bridge at 474423. The engineers floated the raft away and then destroyed the bomb.

11 June 1967

At 0930H Company E discovered one bunker and six punji pits at 434383. They were destroyed with C-4.

At 1715H Company G discovered an improvised pressure plate in the ground at 412480. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 1915H Company G discovered one 57 MM round at 399486. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 2000H Company F captured one detainee at 465421.

At 2115H Company G reported a column of 50 to 75 VC walked into a squad ambush at 398486. Small arms, artillery and an air force gunship fired on the VC. Two Marines WIA (Medevaced). Eleven VC KIA (Conf) and 30 VC KIA (Prob). one AK-47 and one SKS-56 were captured.

12 June 1967

At 0100H, the Air Force gunship reported nine secondary explosions on his last pass over 398486. Reported totals, 21 VC KIA (Conf) and 34 VC KIA (Prob).

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At 0405H, Company G observed one VC moving at 400487. Small arms and M-79's were fired, resulting in one VC KIA (Conf).

At 0425H, gunships observed two secondary explosions on a Pass over 396482. Two VC KIA (Conf).

At 0616H, Company H discovered one 105mm dud rounds at 543335. Destroyed with C-4.

At 0730H, Company G found one VC critically wounded at 396483. The VC died. Also found one VN male without an I.D. card. One VC KIA (Conf) and one detainee.

At 0915H, while continuing to search area of last night's contact, G Company found another wounded VC at 397402. One VC POW.

At 1430H, Company G found numerous drag marks, bloody trails and signs of hasty removal of bodies and equipment at 398406. Total count for last night's contact is twenty-five VC KIA (Conf) and thirty-four VC KIA (Prob), one VC POW and two Marines WIA.

At 1945H, Company E received small arms fire at 639312. Returned fire and continued to advance towards their assigned blocking position.

13 June 1967

At 0730H, Company F received heavy small arms fire from across the river at 615328. One Marine WIA. Fire was returned and one VC was hit and the body drag into a house. Searched area and found one dead male and one wounded female. One VC KIA (Conf) and one VC POW.

At 0830H, Company F destroyed a booby trapped gate at 615328.

At 0930H, Company E destroyed one booby trapped punji pit at 637317.

At 1015H, Company E discovered an anti-personnel mine in a pagoda at 637317. Destroyed with C-4.

At 1045H, Company F discovered two booby trap devices at 618311. Destroyed with C-4.

At 1313H, Company E reported one Marine stepped into a punji pit at 636320. Also reported one NBC from heat. One WIA and one NBC.

At 1415H, Company E reported finding one dud 105mm round at 647345. Destroyed with C-4.

At 1600H, Company F discovered one thousand, eight hundred pounds of unpolished rice at 628337. The rice was turned over to the local PF unit after conferring with higher headquarters.

At 1730H, Company F observed seven VN males who started to run. They failed to halt when challenged and were taken under fire at 614353. One VC was hit by fire and seen to fall. Six VC suspects and one VC KIA (Prob).

At 2030H, the Battalion Command Group received automatic weapons fire from 634326. H&I fires were requested for the night.

14 June 1967

At 0730H, the Battalion Command Group discovered a punji pit at 630327.

Destroyed with C-4

At 0850H, Company F captured two VC hiding in the brush at 622353. Also captured one M-26 grenade and clothing and equipment.

At 1015H, Company E received incoming fire from 641326. Fire was returned and the sweep continued.

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At 1600H, a Company F point man was fired on by three VC at 615328. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.
 At 1610H, Company F received automatic weapons fire from their rear at 630339. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

15 June 1967

At 0555H, Company G reported that two Marines tripped two booby traps at 386489. Three Marines WIA (medevaced).

16 June 1967

All units of 2/4 were at the Battalion C.P. conducting resupply prior to resuming their assigned missions.

17 June 1967

At 1200H, Company E found one Chi-Com grenade, three cartridge belts, and clothing at 466266.

At 1430H, Company E reported the sound of drums from an unknown source at 466226. The area was searched but the source of the drums could not be located.

At 1520H, Company G observed one VC at 497219. The VC was fired on and killed. One VC KIA (Conf), captured one .45 Caliber pistol and some documents.

At 1620H, Company G observed two VC moving in a stream at 497215. One VC was killed and the other badly wounded before he disappeared into the brush. One VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob); captured one Chi-Com sub-machine gun, one grenade, ammunition and clothing.

At 1900H, Company G received fire from 496215. Two Marines WIA (medevaced). Fire was returned and the area searched in the morning with negative results.

18 June 1967

At 0500H, Company H received fire from 485241.

At 0820H, Company G observed one VC coming down a trail at 499212. The VC was fired on but disappeared.

At 1030H, Company G observed three VC at 497214. VC were taken under fire. One Marine WIA and one VC KIA (Conf).

At 1245H, Company H sighted four VC at 464241. VC were taken under fire and two VC KIA (Conf) and one VC KIA (Prob). Captured one sub-machine gun and three packs.

At 2100H, Company F discovered a hole 21 feet in diameter, 50 to 60 feet deep at an 80 degree angle, at 472233. Two Marines were lowered by rope to investigate and were overcome by noxious fumes. A third Marine was lowered and recovered the two unconscious Marines. One Marine KIA and one Marine WIA.

At 2100H, Company G heard movement at 495217. Small arms and M-79's were fired. Searched area and found heavy blood trail leading into a stream. Drag marks indicated body was dragged into the water. One VC KIA (Conf).

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At 2100H, Company F heard movement at 474222; four VC appeared on the trail and were fired on. Two VC KIA (Conf) and one VC KIA (Prob).

19 June 1967

At 1445H, Company G received automatic weapons fire from 497216. One Marine WIA (medevaced). Fired small arms and an artillery mission.
At 1700H, Company G observed fifty VC moving in a stream bed at 498235. An air strike on station was called in. G Company received incoming mortar fire just prior to the strike wounding fourteen Marines (medevac for six WIA's). Fourteen VC KIA (Prob) from the air strike.
At 2000H, Company F sent a "tunnel rat" into the tunnel at 472233. He discovered a chamber with some empty cannisters.

20 June 1967

At 0840H, Company H was fired on by five VC at 480237. VC broke contact, three Marines WIA (medevaced).
At 0845H, Company H listening post sighted three VC at 472239. One VC was shot before they withdrew. The area was searched and a large pool of blood was found. One VC KIA (Conf).
At 1000H, Company H called an artillery mission on a suspected VC position at 487227. The area was searched and twelve blood stained rice bags were found. Three VC KIA (Prob).
At 1650H, Company G observed fourteen VC carrying three stretchers with wounded. VC were fired on and two were seen to fall. The area was searched and heavy blood trails and a heavily bloodied stretcher was found. Three VC KIA (Conf) and one VC KIA (Prob).
At 1750H, an observation aircraft, supporting the battalion, was fired on at 444242 and 491237. An artillery mission and an air strike were called. One VC KIA (Conf) and one VC KIA (Prob).
At 1800H, Company G observed fourteen VC carrying three wounded at 491211. The point killed the first two VC in the column. The remainder fled. They were pursued by fire and the area was searched. Two large blood trails and one bloody stretcher was found. Three VC KIA (Conf) and three VC KIA (Prob).

21 June 1967

At 1030H, Company E observed two VC on a trail at 497325. The VC were fired on and the area was searched with negative results.
At 1200H, Company H observed one VC at 489233. VC was fired on and the area searched. A large amount of blood and four drag marks were found. Four VC KIA (Prob).
At 1200H, Company F reported that they had destroyed the tunnel at 472233.

22 June 1967

At 0745H, Company G received fire from 489244. One Marine WIA and one VC KIA (Conf). Captured one AK 47 rifle.

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23 June 1967

At 1130H, Company E received sniper fire from 548265. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 1915H, Company F received one M-79 round from 594295. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 2000H, Company F captured one detainee in the act of digging a foxhole.

24 June 1967

At 0200H, the perimeter guard at 523319 reported seeing three VC enter the protective wire. The guard fired and received return fire. One tank fired 90mm cannister. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

At 0850H, the mine sweeping detail attached to Company F discovered two mines at 584308. Destroyed mines.

At 1110H, Company H discovered a booby trapped 81mm mortar round at 508328. Destroyed with C-4.

At 1350H, an 81mm mortar round detonated accidentally in the 4th Marines C.P. area. Two Marines KIA and eleven WIA. (medevaced).

At 1950H, Company H received fire from 499327. Fire was returned with unknown results.

At 2110H, Company F heard movement and talking at 569343. The area was illuminated and a column of VC were sighted. The column was fired on before contact was lost. Negative results.

25 June 1967

At 0320H, Company H sighted six VC on a raft in the river at 496326. Small arms were fired and four bodies were observed floating in the water. Four VC KIA (Conf) and two VC KIA (Prob), captured three K-44 carbines, one U.S. B-1 first aid kit, ammunition and C-Rations.

At 0600H, Company E discovered at 537287, a bunker with nine bags of rice, clothing, shaving gear, and a lighter with "504" engraved on it. Returned all to Battalion C.P.

At 0800H, Company F reported a Marine tripped an anti-personnel mine at 598290. Three Marines WIA (one medevaced).

At 1030H, Company F with PF troops were lead, by a prisoner, to a cave at 607276. More VC were indicated to be hiding in the cave. One VC ran from the cave on their approach and escaped. Another VC ran from the cave and was shot. One VC KIA (Conf).

At 1530H, Company E sighted five VC at 584286. One VC threw a satchel charge. The VC were fired on and one was wounded. One VC FOW.

At 1555H, Company F apprehended two detainees who were turned over to VN officials.

At 1630H, Company F apprehended five detainees at 607291. All were turned over to VN officials.

26 June 1967

At 0640H, Company E reported a Marine stepped on an anti-personnel mine at 594266. One Marine KIA and one WIA (medevaced).

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At 0930H Company F discovered four punji pits at 605316. They were destroyed with C-4.

At 1015H Company F discovered a bouncing type mine at 608317. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 1030H Company F sweeping at 558316 discovered military clothing and equipment in a house. A further search uncovered 4000 pounds of unpolished rice. While removing the rice, four VC appeared on a trail and were taken under fire and pursued. The KC Scout with Company F was mortally wounded when he cornered one VC in a cave. The cave was sealed. Two VC were killed and two Marines were KIA (MedEvaced).

At 1120H Company E observed two VC at 479225. One VC was shot, but the other dragged him away. The area was searched, but they could not be found. One VC KIA (Prob.).

At 1245H a Company E Marine stepped on a booby trap device at 590279. It made a crater 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet deep. Two Marines KIA and two WIA. (MedEvaced).

At 1520H Company F apprehended one detainee. While moving they were fired upon from 607292.

At 2130H a Company F patrol received fire from 494385. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.

27 June 1967

At 0930H Company F received fire from 615295. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.

At 1010H Company F apprehended two detainees with ID cards at 560311.

At 1115H Company F discovered equipment along a trail at 554307. One NVA cartridge belt, one M-26 grenade, miscellaneous notebooks and cooking gear.

At 1500H Company E sighted three VC at 603249. They were pursued physically and by fire. Searched area with negative results.

At 1600H Company E discovered four bunkers at 601244. They were destroyed with C-4.

At 1930H Company E observed five VC eating chow at 613236. Three VC were killed and two escaped. Upon further search of the area one more dead VC was found along with one M-1 carbine, 407,470 piastres, medical supplies, USMC field glasses, uniforms, maps and assorted documents. Four VC KIA (Conf.).

At 1935H Company F observed eight VC digging at 609327. A squad was dispatched, but the VC saw them and fled. The Marines found many punji pits, tools and a helmet liner. All were destroyed.

At 2115H the Regt CP perimeter radar observed five people at 517314. 81 MM mortars were fired and a check at first light revealed nothing.

28 June 1967

At 0940H Company E received fire from 603233. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 1115H Company E discovered a well camouflaged guerilla base camp at 608227.

At 1130H Company H received fire from 378450. Two VC were observed withdrawing. Both VC were knocked down when fired upon. The area was checked and two blood trails and drag marks were found. One VC KIA (Prob.).

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At 1150H Company H discovered an area heavily mined with booby traps and punji pits at 375454. One M-26 booby trap detonated wounding two Marines (Medevaced). The remaining booby traps and punji pits were destroyed.

At 1412H Company H received heavy fire from 370443. When fire was returned contact was broken. Upon searching the area three bodies, numerous blood trails and drag marks were found. 3 VC KIA (Conf); seven VC KIA (Prob).

At 1520H Company F received fire from across a river at 367436. Fire was returned and one VC was KIA (Conf).

At 1615H Company H received heavy automatic weapons fire from across a river at 369436. Returned fire with small arms and artillery. Five VC KIA (Prob).

At 1915H a Company H patrol observed six VC on a trail at 375453. One VC was killed (Conf) and the other VC carried him away.

At 2120H the Regt CP radar made contact with five people at 533298. 81 MM mortars were fired and contact was lost.

At 2200H the Regt CP radar made contact with ten people at 528296. 81 MM mortars were fired and contact was lost.

29 June 1967

At 0215H a Company H patrol was probed by one VC at 378452. He was was fired upon. One VC KIA (Conf). Captured one M-1 carbine, one M-26 grenade and forty rounds of ammunition.

At 0815H Company H received fire from two VC at 372447. Fire was returned and the position assaulted. While assaulting the position, heavy fire was received from the rear and one Marine was WIA (Medevaced). An artillery mission was fired and VC broke contact. Three VC KIA (Prob).

At 0925H Company F received heavy automatic fire from 624325. When fire was returned the VC broke contact. One Marine KIA and four Marines WIA. Upon searching the area a blood trail was found. Three VC KIA (Prob).

At 1030H Company E found one VC pack at 602245.

At 1130H Company E discovered a 500 pound bomb at 604244. It was destroyed by engineers.

At 1255H Company F received heavy fire from 624322. Small arms and artillery was fired; results unknown.

At 1445H Company E provided security for a scuba team at the mouth of the Song O Ho River.

30 June 1967

At 0630H the Regt CP radar reported twelve people at 547328. Illumination and 81 MM mortars were fired. Upon checking the area in the morning an NVA belt and buckle were found.

At 0750H Company H found one 105 MM dud. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 0750H Company F received fire from one VC from across a river at 605324. Returned fire with negative results.

At 1250H a Company F Marine detonated a booby trap at 598318. One member of the patrol fell on a punji stake while taking cover. Two Marines WIA (Medevaced).

At 2150H the Regt CP radar made contact with thirteen people at 548325. Illumination and 81 MM mortar was fired, then contact was lost.

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At 2250H an LP on the Regt perimeter observed three VC at 540316. Illumination and M-79's were fired. The LP Marines threw two M-26 grenades and withdrew to the lines. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

1 July 1967

At 0745H Company F apprehended one detainee without an ID card at 576297.

At 0935H Company F apprehended one detainee at 549312.

2 July 1967

At 0135H the Regt CP radar made contact with nine people at 549327. 81 MM mortar was fired and contact was lost. A search at first light revealed nothing.

At 1420H Company E observed one VC at 552261. The VC was hit by fire, but got up and ran into the brush. Upon searching the area a blood trail was followed to a stream. One VC KIA (Prob).

At 1600H Company H was ordered to inspect the crash of an aircraft at 496354 and ascertain the condition of the pilot. The pilot had been rescued by helicopter shortly after landing by parachute. The 20 MM ammunition was destroyed and the Company returned to their AO.

At 1630H Company E found a pack containing documents on an island at 603248.

At 1630H Company E discovered a booby trapped 105 MM round at 603248. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 2150H the Regt CP radar made contact with twenty people at 546320. No weapons were fired because of proximity of friendly troops.

At 2245H Company E observed VC approaching their position along a river bank at 604254. Two VC were hit and fell in the river and two were hit and knocked down. The area was checked at first light and footprints leading into the river and then heading north. Two VC KIA (Conf) and two VC KIA (Prob).

At 2330H Company H received fire from 606309. Fire was returned and the area checked at first light with negative results.

3 July 1967

At 0330H a Company H ambush patrol heard an explosion at 604311. The area was checked and a bridge support was found destroyed.

At 0730H Company E found an uncompleted base camp at 604257. It contained two bunkers, medical supplies, clothing and documents.

At 1000H Company E discovered two 155 MM duds at 606245. They were destroyed with C-4.

At 1400H Company E encountered two VN males who were ordered to halt. They ran and were shot and captured at 609261. Two FWS (Medevaced).

At 14030H Company E accepted the surrender of an NVA soldier who gave himself up at their CP.

4 July 1967

At 0910H Company F received fire from three VC at 482428. Fire was returned and three VC were seen hit. KIA (Prob).

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At 1100H Company H found a teen age boy who had been wounded. He was medevaced.

At 1415H Company F discovered 10,000 pounds of rice at 465426. and 466427.

The rice was evacuated.

At 1915H Company H discovered a bounding type mine at 592305. It was destroyed with C-4.

At 1920H Company H found two 105 MM duds at 578313. They were destroyed with C-4.

At 2050H Company H patrol received fire from 552326. The patrol reconned by fire and proceeded to their ambush site.

5 July 1967

At 0945H Company E received fire from 633324. Fire was returned and the area checked with negative results.

At 1030H Company E received fire from 601283. Fire was returned and the area checked. A blood trail was found that disappeared. One VC KIA (Prob).

At 1100H Company E received small arms, 60 MM mortar and M-79 fire from 594293. Three Marines WIA (Medevaced). One VC was seen hit and dragged away. One was seen hit and crawled away. Two were hit by machinegun fire and two by grenades. The enemy then broke contact. One VC KIA (Conf) and five KIA (Prob).

At 1245H Company F received fire from across a river at 440385. Two Marines WIA Medevaced. Fire was returned and the enemy broke contact. Upon a search of the area 3,000 pounds of rice was found and turned over to the IFs.

At 1530H a dog in a scout dog team died while on a patrol with Company H at 575313. The dog was medevaced.

6 July 1967

At 0745H the Regt CP radar observed groups of people at 542338. Artillery was fired and the area checked with negative results.

At 1315H Company E reported a Marine tripped a 7.62 MM cartridge booby trap at 607323. One Marine WIA (Medevaced).

At 1335H Company E captured a detainee without an IDcard at 610295.

At 1600H Company E received heavy fire from 635324. One Marine KIA and two WIA. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results.

At 2110H a Regt CP SID operator noted movement in front of the lines at 515215. 60 MM mortars were fired and one M-26 grenade was thrown. The area was checked in the morning with negative results.

7 July 1967

At 1435H Company G sighted five VC moving down a slope at 516215. 60 MM mortars were fired with negative results.

At 2200H movement was heard outside the lines of the Regt CP perimeter at 516220. Running was heard while firing illumination but no VC were seen.

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8 July 1967

At 0015H, the Regimental C.P. and perimeter received about eight rounds of automatic weapons fire. Illumination was fired, but nothing was sighted. Fire appeared to come from 535325.

At 0030H, a Company H patrol sighted two VC on Highway #1 at 550327. VC were fired on. Upon searching the area, heavy blood trails were found. Two VC KIA (1rob).

At 0745H, Company H received incoming M-79 fire from 586327, while approaching a stream. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact.

At 0830H, Company H sighted ten armed VC moving across a clearing at 616327. Small arms fire was directed on them with unknown results.

At 0900H, Company H sighted ten armed VC entering a house at 617328. They were fired on with L.A.W.S., but the results could not be determined due to the tactical situation.

At 1040H, a Company E Marine stepped into a punji pit at 628332. One Marine WIA (medevac).

At 1240H, Company F discovered at 616329, one Chi-Com grenade, several blocks of TNT, three AP mines, two 2.75" rockets, three CBU bomblets, medical supplies and clothing and documents. Captured ten detainees.

At 1240H, Company E discovered many foot traps at 626331. All were destroyed.

At 1900H, Company H received sniper fire from 590209. Fire was returned and the VC broke contact.

At 1900H, Company H discovered an anti-personnel mine at 596290. Destroyed with C-4.

At 2100H, a Company F patrol observed a VC running down a trail at 617316. The VC was fired on and the area searched with negative results.

At 2105H, a recon patrol left the Regimental area and began moving into position. Lights were seen and voices and movement heard. The VC opened fire on the recon patrol at 516219. Under cover of artillery fire, the patrol withdrew. Two VC KIA (Conf) and ten VC KIA (1rob).

At 2200H, TFSY radar on the perimeter detected people at 545327, 545334, and 551237. Artillery was fired and the contact was reduced to five people running North. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

At 2300H, TFSY radar again detected people at 545331. Artillery was fired again and the area was searched at first light with negative results.

9 July 1967

At 0430H, Company E spotted one VC at 604280. The VC was fired on and the area searched with negative results.

At 0610H, villagers reported to the Army Advisor at IK 17 that they were forced to remove thirty VC bodies from the area of the previous nights fire missions. Thirty VC KIA (Conf).

At 1345H, F Company observed seven VC crossing a trail. The VC were fired on and pursued with negative results. One Marine stepped on a punji stick at 607203. One Marine WIA (medevac).

At 1430H, Company F sighted two VC with weapons in a village at 596624. The VC were fired on and one was seen hit and falling. The other VC picked up his weapon and ran. One VC WIA POW and two detainees.

At 1640H, Company F received small arms fire from 596626. Fire was returned killing one VC. Unable to recover body because of depth of river.

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One VC KIA (Conf).

At 1815H, Company F found a 60mm mortar and an 81mm mortar round set up as a booby trap at 595267. Destroyed both.

At 2105H, Company E heard movement to their front and fired illumination and small arms. Negative results.

At 092400 CHOCTAW ended.

11. Results. VC/NVA losses included 153 KIA (Conf) and 202 KIA (Prob), 64 detainees, and 39 POW's.

Friendly losses were:

KIA 18

WIA 103

NBA 13

12. Administrative Matters.

a. Personnel and Casualties.

(1) Replacements were indoctrinated, fan-fired, and assigned to companies to maintain equal strength. Replacements were transported to the field via resupply helicopters or convoy.

(2) There were no difficulties in the administration of casualty reporting. S-1 representatives were placed at the Regimental Aid Station, LSA, and all nearby medical facilities to ensure prompt reporting. Telephone liaison was maintained with medical facilities at Phu Bai, with an S-1 representative also located at 2/4 (Rear) for direct liaison when necessary.

b. Supply

(1) Resupply and availability of transportation air and ground during the entire operation was good. The only problem areas were minor and resolved on the spot.

(2) The fine working relationship between the LSA/HST Team and this unit is one of many contributing factors in overcoming minor problems, and preventing them from expanding into major difficulties.

c. Medical

(1) Medical support of Operation Chootaw consisted almost entirely of deployment of corpsmen to the four rifle companies, and resupply of those companies.

(2) Battle casualties were evacuated directly from the field to 3d Medical Battalion, unless the wound were of a non-serious nature and could be treated at the BAS. Most pre-battle casualties were evacuated directly to the 4th Marines LZ for treatment at the 2/4 BAS.

(3) The most common medical entities encountered included:

a. Shrapnel and Gun-Shot wounds

b. Gastroenteritis

c. Impetigo and Staphylococcal

d. Various fungal skin infections

f. Heat Exhaustion

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g. Malaria and Fevers of Unknown Origin

(4) The most significant non-battle entity encountered was an outbreak of diarrhea in one company which involved approximately 68 men. Some of this was due to infection with *E. Histolytica*, i.e., Amoebiasis, and a IMU investigation was conducted by an element from 3d Medical Battalion, which incriminated a particular source of drinking water and ice purchases from a local Vietnamese populace.

13. Communications-Electronics

a. Operations were mostly small unit (company size and smaller) type operations. Companies were spread over a very large land area and were constantly moving. The terrain varied from flatlands and rolling hills to very hilly and heavily vegetated jungles.

b. Communications using the AN/PRC-25 worked well. Distances covered by these radios varied from very close to approximately 21 miles with 90% reliability. In several instances where large land masses were obvious hinderances to line of sight communications, Relay Stations were used.

c. Several problems were encountered. They were: Dead Spaces. These areas were quite numerous and proved to be more of a harassment than a critical deficiency. Frequency Selection. A number of frequencies used were found to be completely unacceptable and had to be changed. The difficulty here was in getting new frequencies as there are not that many freq's to be had in the Division. Mutual Interference. There seems to be an overlapping of frequencies no matter how far apart radios are placed. This happened primarily on the company level. General Interference. This interference happens quite often during late afternoon and early evening. "Blackwell" (First Marine Regt South of Da Nang) would quite frequently interfere with our Battalion TAC.

d. Operation Chocotaw was a success as far as communications were concerned. The AN/PRC-25 with the exception of antennas and H-130 handsets continue to prove itself in every way.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. The combat performance of the Battalion continued at an excellent level throughout the operation. Although contact with the enemy has been light, it was characteristic that such contact was of limited duration with the enemy rapidly withdrawing. The superior firepower, discipline and rapid reaction of this unit was significant when squad size units engaged larger forces, inflicting a maximum of casualties while suffering few of our own. The constant patrolling of the TAOR with ambushes posted in likely assembly areas and avenues of approach has prevented any sizeable build-up of enemy forces and inhibited terrorism of the local inhabitants.

15. Recommendations: None

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