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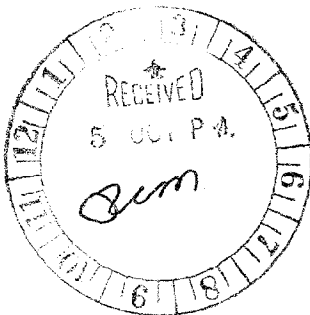
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Subj: Command Chronology  
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 5th Marines  
(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines  
(3) Command Chronology, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
(4) Command Chronology, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (will forward when available)  
(5) Command Chronology, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

1. The Command Chronology of the 5th Marines is hereby submitted for the period 1 September to 30 September 1966, in compliance with references (a) and (b).

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Tab (5) to Appendix (A) to Enclosure (1) ~~SECRET~~  
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 5TH MARINES

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation & Location. 5th Marine Regt. Chu Lai, RVN.
- b. Period Covered. 1 September through 30 September 1966
- c. Command & Staff Officers
  - (1) CO Colonel C. F. WIDDECKE
  - (2) XO Lt. Col. C. W. AIRHEART
  - (3) S-1 Second Lt. R. G. PONTILLAS
  - (4) S-2 Major B. R. CUMMINS
  - (5) S-3 Major G. HUBBARD
  - (6) S-4 Capt. L. E. JOHNSON
  - (7) Civil Affairs Officer Capt. G. R. FRANK
  - (8) ALO Major N. F. SCHNIPPEL
  - (9) Comm Officer Major C. R. BRINDELL
  - (10) Chaplain Lt. Comdr. F. B. BAGGOT (USN)
  - (11) Medical Officer Lt. M. H. DAVIS (MC) (USN)
  - (12) CO Hq Co 5th Marines Capt. G. K. YOUNG

2. Commanders Narrative Summary

a. Organization. During the month of September the 5th Marines operated with three Battalions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 5th Marine Regiment. On 30 September 2nd Battalion (-) (Rein) was chopped opcon 3rd Mar Div. Tab 1.

b. Summary of Significant Events. OPERATION NAPA was conducted with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Regiment in conjunction with ARVN forces from 5 September to 15 September 1966. Tab 2 is the after Action Report for OPERATION NAPA. On 17 September 1st Mar Div issued a directive concerning the planning of Operation Monterey. The planning directive from Division was issued to 5th Marines on 17 September. Tab 3. Operation Monterey commenced on 290630H and was terminated 300600H. The short time involved resulted from the requirement to chop the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Marine Division. Golden Fleece 5-1 was conducted from 15th to 20th in support of the rice harvest. See enclosure (3).   
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c. Personnel and Administration. The regiment experienced a turnover of approximately 651 persons. 233 persons were rotated to CONUS, 108 reassigned to other Division Units, and 418 replacements were received. The average battalion strength is 29 Marine Officers and 1000 enlisted personnel.

d. Intelligence

(1) During this period, the S-2 section continued normal daily intelligence functions of advising, planning, coordinating and supervising the collection, processing, and dissemination of intelligence on insurgent strengths, locations, capabilities and intentions. For OPERATION NAPA, 5-15 September, this section, less two enlisted men remaining at 5th Regiment (Rear), moved to the forward command post at Tam Ky, RVN in order to better provide the commander and subordinate commanders with information, intelligence, counterintelligence resources, interrogator-translator sub-teams, and aerial observation reports of the battle area. On 21 September 1966 Major B. R. CUMMINS assumed the duties as Regimental S-2 Officer, relieving Major P. M. JOHNSTON who was reassigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. In addition to these primary duties S-2 personnel mans bunkers as part of the Regimental C.P. perimeter defense.

e. Training. 5th Marines continued emphasis on specialist type training. In addition personnel from FLSG B are being trained in patrols ambushes etc through on the job training with the Battalions. This phase normally lasts two weeks and gives the Marine in the "rear" a better look at the "war".

The following subjects were covered:

- (1) Scouting & Patrolling
- (2) Field Fortifications
- (3) Voting Information
- (4) Mines & Booby Traps
- (5) Map Reading
- (6) Schools attended by 5th Marines personnel during September:
  - (a) NCO Leadership (Okinawa)
  - (b) Vietnamese Language (DaNang)
  - (c) Landmine Warfare
  - (d) Comm Security
  - (e) Weapons Repair Course

f. Special Operations: Operation Napa, Tab 3, and Operation Monterey.

g. Combat Air Support. A total of 303 troops and 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons of supplies

were lifted during September.

h. Fire Support

1. 2nd Bn, 11th Marines fired a total of 13,304 rounds in support of 5th Marines during September.

2. Naval gunfire fired 56 rounds in support of 5th Marines during September.

i. Logistics. During the month of September the following logistical functions were performed:

1. On 3 September plans for Operation NAPA were finalized and incorporated into Frag Order 12-66 Tab 2. For further details of Operation NAPA see Tab 2.

2. Efforts for camp improvement were continued. Approximately 2000 feet of board walk was constructed utilizing pallets from RMK. There are no logistical problems at this time that adversely affects the Combat Readiness of this Command. Captain T. H. METZGER reported to the Regiment on 1 September 1966 as Asst. S-4/Regt. Supply Officer.

j. Civil Affairs. Civil Affairs Activity during September consisted of both the pacification effort within the TAOR and participation in Operation Napa.

(1) Operation Napa - during the period 6-15 Sept 66, 5th Marines units assisted in the evacuation of 122 refugees and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons of rice.

(2) Continued improvement was shown in the pacification progress within the TAOR. During the elections held on 11 Sept 66 for a Constitutional assembly, 93.5% of the registered voters cast their ballots. Units of the 5th Marines continued with assistance to the populace. 8570 Medical Treatments were administered to the people during September. Assistance was rendered in the protection of the rice harvest, in construction of a new Village Market Place, in distributing school kits and playground equipment for school children and in providing assistance to refugees.

k. Medical

(1) During the month of September, the personnel of Regimental Aid Station participated in Operation Napa. The Regimental Aid Station personnel set up an Aid Station in CP area, holding sick call for Headquarters company personnel and emergency treatment. Four Vietnamese nationals were treated, but no MEDCAP was conducted.

(2) The following number of patients <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ seen at the Regimental Aid Station during the month of September:

a. Headquarters Company	215	66.9 %
b. 5th Marines (other than Hq Co)	52	16.2 %

c. Others	54	16.9%
Total	321	100 %

(3) A total of 1419 dental military patients and 310 MEDCAP patients were treated during the month of September.

1. Chaplin Services

(1) Number of Religious Services

(a) Protestant

Sunday Worship	4	73 attended
Bible Study	4	16 attended
Episcopal Communion	2	10 attended

(b) Catholic

Sunday Mass	4	193 attended
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(2) Catholic coverage for the Regimental Headquarters was made by Chaplain EDWARD KANE, Episcopal Communion was conducted by Chaplain VICTOR KRULAK.

(3) Civic Action

(a) School kits received from the Open Bible Tabernacle of Baltimore, Maryland were given to Vietnamese school children.

(b) The final contribution from the Protestant Chapels in the Chu Lai area was given to the Tin Lanh Church of An Tan for the construction of the Sanctuary. The amount of the contribution was 110,410 Piasters.

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Ref: (a) 1st MarDivO 3480.1  
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Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report  
(2) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report  
(3) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report  
(4) 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines After Action Report  
(5) 1st AT Battalion After Action Report  
(6) 1st Recon Battalion After Action Report  
(7) Operations Overlay  
(8) Unit Journal Operation Napa  
(9) CG 1st MarDiv Frag Order 15-66  
(10) 5th Marines Frag Order 12-66  
(11) 5th Marines Frag Order 13-66  
(12) 5th Marines Frag Order 14-66

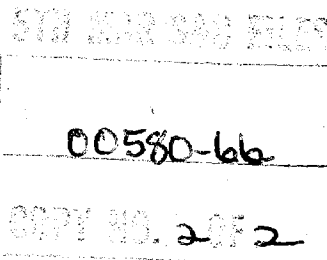
1. Operation Napa. Search and Destroy
2. 050700H September - 151200H September 1966
3. Quang Tinh Province, RVN
4. Command Headquarters. See Task Organization
5. Task Organization

5th Marines (-) (Rein)  
Hq Co (-)  
Det Comm Co, Hq Bn (Rad Rel)  
Det 9th ITT  
Det 7th CIT  
Co B (-) 1st AT Bn  
Det MP Co

Col. WIDECRKE

1st Bn (-) 5th Marines (Rein)  
1st Bn (-), 5th Marines  
Det 1st Engr Bn  
Det 1st SP Bn (HST)

Lt. Col. COFFMAN



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2nd Bn (-), 5th Marines  
G Co 2nd Bn, 5th Marines

Capt. GRUNAR

3rd Bn (-) (Rein), 5th Marines  
3rd Bn (-), 5th Marines  
Det 1st Engr Bn  
Det 1st SP Bn  
Det Scout Dogs

Lt. Col. BRONARS

2nd Bn (-) (Rein), 11th Marines  
Hq Btry (-) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines  
Btry (-) 105 2nd Bn, 11th Marines  
Btry (-) 155 4th Bn, 11th Marines  
Platoon 8" HOW (SP)  
Platoon 155 Gun (SP)  
107 Mortar Btry (-) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines

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## 6. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery and Naval Gunfire. Artillery support was used effectively and considered, overall, excellent. Although Naval Gunfire was available it was not utilized due to the effectiveness of artillery and the excessive ranges battalions operated at. See enclosures (1) thru (4).

b. Air Support. Planned air support for Operation Napa was in fact used.

(1) Helicopters. Maximum use of helicopters was precluded due to non availability. Six helicopters were used in direct support; four for re-supply and two for medical evacuation. On D-Day armed HUIE's were utilized as a TAC (A) in support of the battalions, thereafter these helicopters remained in condition III. The following is a summary of all helicopter support during Operation Napa.

Sorties Flown	508
Flight Hours	(53)
Cargo	54.6 Tons
Personnel	331
Med Evac	87
Aircraft Hit	10
Aircrew WIA	2

(2) Fixed Wing. Fixed wing aircraft were on station until 1000 on D-Day 5 September 1966 thereafter they reverted to condition III.

(3) Communications. Communications were satisfactory throughout the operation. The PRG 47, 41 and 25 were used for the TAR, TAD and TACP nets. See enclosures (1) - (3).

c. Armour. One platoon of Ontos was used effectively as security for artillery firing positions at the LSA near Tam Ky. A heavy section of this platoon was attached to 3rd Bn 5th Marines on 13 September and the remainder returned to the Chu Lai TAO on the same date. See enclosures (3) and (5).

d. Recon. See enclosure (6)

e. Combat Service Support. See enclosures (1) thru (3).

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7. Intelligence. See Enclosures (1) -(3).

A. Enemy forces expected to be encountered in the area of Operation Napa were elements of the 21st NVA Regiment, the 60th VC Battalion, the 72nd VC MF Battalion, and two LF Companies (A/16 and K-52nd).

B. VC Strength and Disposition Found During the Operation:

1. On D-Day, elements of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines became engaged with an estimated squad size local force unit, with contact lasting for a short period. During the night of D-Day, an element of the battalion was probed for a period of approximately one hour by an estimated 2 main force squads, using small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades, and 60mm mortar fire. From D+1 to the end of the OPERATION, enemy activity consisted of sporadic fire and one boobytrap incident.

2. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines made contact with local force VC only. The majority of contacts were from the delivery of small arms fire by small groups of VC from concealed positions in trees and hedgerow lines at ranges up to 500 meters.

C. Viet Cong Units Identified: NoneD. Significant Intelligence Gained:

1. The voluntary evacuation of approximately 122 villagers to Tam Ky, indicates a growing discontent with VC forces in the area of operation.

2. Interrogation of villagers in Thon Bon Hamlet (BT 230255) and Qui Xuan Hamlet (BT 213253) indicated the possible presence of one main force VC/NVA company in these areas as late as 0500 on the morning of D-Day. VC were thought to have moved northwest to the vicinity of Phu Thu Hamlet (BT 197253), prior to the arrival of the Marines.

3. Enemy units engaged in probing attacks on the "B" Company position on the night of D-Day were thought to be Main Force units as indicated by uniform and equipment discovered on VC KIA's.

E. Terrain

1. Critical Terrain Features: Hill 26 (BT 209249) and Hill vicinity of (BT 223248).

2. Observation and Fields of Fire: The terrain covered during Operation Napa was predominately rice paddies cultivated in wetland rice. Small areas of high ground populated with small villages were scattered about the paddies. These areas are characterized by thickly vegetated tree lines and hedgerows. Most villages were ringed with a defensive trench system developed by the VC. These trenches offer excellent fields of fire and excellent cover and concealment. High and steep hills in grid squares (BT 1920), (BT 1921), and (BT 2020) are covered with thick low shrubbery. These hills offer excellent observation of the lowland paddies.

F. Civic Action. Civic action conducted during Operation Napa was focused chiefly upon the evacuation of refugees from the Battalion RAOR to Tam Ky. Evacuation statistics for the Operation was 122 men, women, and children.



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8. Mission. Conduct coordinated search and destroy operations with elements of 2nd ARVN Division in the Tam Ky and Phuoc area, area one and two on enclosure (7).

9. Concept of Operation. 5th Marines to conduct ground reconnaissance search and destroy operations in assigned zones of operation. (Areas one and two on enclosure (7)).

10. Execution. Operation Napa originally designated El Paso, was conceived approximately one week prior to instigation. At 031850H 5th Marines received the initiating directive and issued Frag Order 12-66 the same day.

a. On 4 September 1966 all units moved to Tam Ky vicinity BT 292229.

b. 5th September, D-Day 1st and 2nd Battalions moved into area one, 1st Battalion on the north, 2nd Battalion in the south to conduct search and destroy operations. At this time ARVN was conducting operations to the south of area one. See enclosure (7).

c. On September 6 D+1 a recon platoon was inserted on Hill 253, BT 183205.

d. On 7th September, D+2, 1st Battalion and Headquarters Company 5th Marines (-) returned to their Chu Lai TAOR.

e. 8 September, D+3, 3rd Battalion commenced search and destroy operations in area two (enclosure (7)).

f. 11 September, D+6, 3rd Battalion moved to area three to prepare for operations (enclosure (7)).

g. 13 September, D+8, 3rd Battalion moved to area four to conduct search and destroy operations (enclosure (7)).

h. 14 September, D+9, Company G 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and a heavy section B Company 1st AT Bn were attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Remaining units at Tam Ky returned to Chu Lai TAOR.

i. 15 September, D+10, 3rd Battalion returned to their Chu Lai TAOR.

j. Operation Napa terminated 151200H September 1966.

k. Significant actions are highlighted in enclosures (1) - (3).

## 11. Results

### a. Personnel Losses

VC KIA	20	FRIENDLY KIA	7
VC KIA	46 (PROB)	FRIENDLY WIA	51
VC WIA	8	NON BATTLE CAS	52
VC WIA	18 (PROB)		
VCC	61		
VCS	56		

b. Equipment and Material Losses. Seven weapons were captured by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation Napa. Other ordnance and equipment captured are listed in Enclosures (1) - (3).

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12. Administration Measures. See enclosures (1) - (3)

a. The administrative planning for the operation was sufficient to accomplish the mission.

b. The establishment of the LSA at Ky Ha had definite disadvantages, namely, the excessive amount of time required to fly to and from the objective area.

c. The troops carried sufficient amounts of Class I and V for D-Day. The problem of water re-supply should be solved by the Unit Commanders by utilizing local water. Re-supply of water by five-gallon water cans, greatly restricts the mobility of the units involved: i.e. increased number of re-supply runs necessary; pick up empty cans, etc.

d. During the period 6 September 1966 thru 14 September 1966 the tonnage of re-supply was 54.6 tons. This was all flown out of the LSA by helicopter. There was an excessive amount of clothing requested during this operation. This should not normally be necessary. However due to the short time in country and the operational commitments, the units were unable to request and receive clothing through normal supply procedures.

e. Maintenance presented no problems.

f. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and hospitalization were satisfactory. When there is no S & R team located within the proximity of the area of operation, casualties should be forwarded to 1st Med Battalion. In isolated incidents, casualties were forwarded to the Regimental Battalion Aid Station.

g. Transportation, primarily helicopter, was satisfactory. However the administrative use of re-supply helicopter's did to some extent hamper the re-supply effort. If re-supply helicopter's are used for administrative lifts it should be in conjunction with re-supply flights.

h. Communications was hampered slightly by the fact that the location of the LSA was distant, necessitating the relay of message traffic for the using unit through HST, Regimental CP and on to the LSA. Again closer positioning of the LSA would alleviate this.

i. Medical facilities and treatment were adequate.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. See enclosure (3).

14. Commanders Analysis. For the most part the Operation progressed smoothly, some difficulty was experienced however in the 3rd Battalion's move into area three. The decision to move into this area was made late on D+5. Operations in area three were delayed until liaison with Vietnamese Forces in this area could be made. The refugee influx had been considered in planning for the operation and all concerned were ready to receive them. Cooperation with army advisor's at Quang Tin Province Headquarters and Vietnamese officials was excellent. The processing and relocation of the refugees into the refugee centers went smoothly with no problems. Marine trucks assisted in transporting the refugees to their new hamlets.

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15. Recommendations. In future operations, refugee evacuation should be exploited and sufficient helicopters be available to aid the evacuation.



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Encl: (1) Operation Overlay, D-Day, 5 September 1966  
(2) Operation Overlay, D+1, 6 September 1966  
(3) Operation Overlay, D+2, 7 September 1966

1. Code Name and Type of Operation

Operation NAPA (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation

5 - 7 September 1966

3. Location

East of Hiep Duc-Song, Ly Ly Valley, Quang Tin Province, RVN, on Map Sheet, AMS Series L7014 Vietnam, (1:50,000) Sheets 6640 II and 6640 III.

4. Command Headquarters

CO, 1st Bn, 5th Marines

LtCol H. L. COFFMAN

CO, Co B

Capt J. P. T. SULLIVAN

CO, Co C

1stLt M. B. DARLING

CO, Co D

1stLt J. N. BRAY

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5. Task Organization1st Battalion, 5th Marines

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H&SCo(-)  
 1st plt(-), Co B, 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, ARVN interpreter Tm

Company B (Rein)

Capt SULLIVAN

Co B  
 Det, H&SCo  
   Det, Comm plt  
   Det, Med plt  
   FO tm, 81mm plt  
   FAC tm  
 FO tm, Btry D, 2/11  
 Det, Sentry-Dog plt  
 Det, ARVN interpreter tm  
 1st Sqd(-), 1st plt, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Company C (Rein)

1st Lt DARLING

Co C  
 Det, H&S Co  
   Det, Comm plt  
   Det, Med plt  
   FO tm, 81mm plt  
   FAC tm.  
 FO tm, Btry D, 2/11  
 Det, Sentry-Dog plt  
 Det, ARVN interpreter tm  
 2nd sqd (-), 1st plt, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Battalion Reserve: Company D (Rein)

1stLt BRAY

Co D  
 Det, H&S Co  
   Det, Comm plt  
   Det, Med plt  
   FO tm, 81mm plt  
 FO tm, Btry D, 2/11  
 3rd sqd (-), 1st plt, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

81mm Mortar plt(-)

1stLt BELKNAP

6. Supporting Armsa. Air Support

(1) Helicopter Support - Two armed Huey aircraft provided convoy escort from Hill 54 to Tam Ky on D-1. On D-Day, two Huey aircraft again provided convoy escort from Tam Ky to the Battalion dismount point. Six H-34 aircraft were used on D-Day for evacuation of casualties.

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In addition, two armed Huey aircraft were continually on station during daylight hours. Three H-34 aircraft, accompanied by armed Huey aircraft, evacuated three casualties on D+1. Additionally, two and one half tons of rice were relocated to Tam Ky on D+1. One resupply mission, made up of six H-34 aircraft, brought in supplies on the evening of D+1. Three medical evacuations were performed on D+2, and two H-34 aircraft provided convoy escort for the Battalion back to Hill 54.

(2) Fixed Wing - Fixed wing support for this operation consisted solely of one aircraft performing spotting missions throughout the daylight hours of the operation.

b. Artillery Support.

(1) 5 September 1966 - Artillery was used to fire preparation fires on the Battalion objective. The fires were for a duration of fifteen minutes and were controlled by an air observer. Target coverage was excellent. Fuzes, quick and ~~delay~~, were employed in order to detonate any booby traps. During the night of 5 September, extensive H & I fires were fired within approximately 500 meters of front line positions. At 052235, Company B received mortar fire, grenades and small arms fire from an estimated two VC squads. The fire fight continued for approximately one hour. Continuous artillery illumination was provided during this period. Fires were called on suspected VC withdrawal routes. The area was investigated the following morning and numerous VC blood trails were found.

(2) 6 September 1966 - The Battalion moved back over the previous day's route in the direction of Highway 1. Artillery air observers provided excellent visual coverage of the operation area and made timely reports to the Battalion. This provided the Battalion with current information regarding terrain and villager movement. The night of 6 September was comparatively uneventful as far as enemy contact was concerned. Again artillery H & I fires were fired close to friendly troops. Naval gunfire was on call throughout the night but was not employed due to lack of enemy contact.

(3) 7 September 1966 - At 0830, the Battalion boarded trucks to return to the combat base at Hill 54. The overall support by artillery was considered to be excellent. The support was provided by E and F Batteries of Second Battalion, and K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

7. Intelligence

a. Estimate of VC Strength, Location and Tactical Disposition

(1) Forces Anticipated in the Immediate Objective Area.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>TACTICAL DISPOSITION</u>
21st Regt, 620th Div	BT 1821	200	UNK
1st Bn	BT 2023	600	UNK

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>TACTICAL DISPOSITION</u>
3rd Bn	BT 2223	600	UNK
80th Bn	BT 2125	400	UNK
72nd Bn	BT 2122	450	UNK
A-16 Co	BT 2124	150	UNK
K-52 Co	BT 1021	150	UNK

(2) Intelligence information was initially furnished to this unit by the 5th Marines.

(3) The objective of this operation was to conduct search of area of operation and to destroy any VC units in assigned area.

b. VC Strength and Situation Actually Found on Operation NAPA. As a result of the operation, elements of this Battalion accounted for six VC KIA by body count; one VC KIA (probable); seven VC WIA (probable); thirteen VCC; and eleven VCS. All VCC/VCS were forwarded to 9th ITT for further interrogation. On D-Day, elements of the Battalion became engaged with an estimated squad size local force unit, with contact lasting for a short period. During the night of D-Day, an element of the Battalion was probed for a period of approximately one hour by an estimated two Main Force squads, utilizing small arms, automatic weapons, hand grenades and 60mm mortar fire. From D+1 to the end of the operation, enemy activity consisted of sporadic sniper fire and one booby trapping incident.

c. VC Units Identified. None

d. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) The voluntary evacuation of approximately 60 villagers from QUI XUAN Hamlet to TAM KY indicates a growing discontent with VC forces in the area of operation.

(2) Interrogation of villagers in THON BON Hamlet (BT 230255) and QUI XUAN Hamlet (BT 213253) indicated the possible presence of one Main Force VC/NVA Company in these areas as late as 0500 on the morning of D-Day. VC were thought to have moved northwest to the vicinity of PHU THU Hamlet (BT 197253) prior to the arrival of the Marines.

(3) Enemy units engaged in probing attack on B Company position on night of D-Day were thought to be main force units as indicated by uniform and equipment discovered on VC KIA. Enemy snipers were estimated to be local force personnel, with the mission of harassing and delaying the Marine advance.

e. Terrain

(1) Critical Terrain Features. Hill 26 (BT 209249) and Hill (unk) (BT 223248) and surrounding hamlets.

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(2) Observation and Fields of Fire. The terrain in the area of operation consisted primarily of several hamlets surrounded by rice paddies under cultivation. Throughout, it offered excellent fields of fire for defenders and attackers. Cultivated areas and small hills offered excellent observation.

(3) Cover and Concealment. Excellent cover and concealment were provided by tree lines, grassy areas, hedge rows and locally constructed trench lines within and surrounding the hamlets. Concealment in cultivated areas was poor, but, some cover was provided by paddy dikes.

(4) Obstacles. No major obstacles were encountered. Streams were found to be fordable.

8. Mission. 1st Battalion(-)(Rein), 5th Marines conducted search and destroy operation east of Hiep Duc-Song, Ly Ly Valley, Quang Tin Province.

9. Concept of Operation. Commencing 1300 on D-1; 1st Battalion 5th Marines (-)(Rein) moved via truck convoy to Tam Ky; thereafter on D-Day moved via truck east of Hiep Duc-Song, Ly Ly Valley, Quang Tin Province, and conducted search and destroy operation in assigned area.

10. Chronological Sequence of Events.

a. D-Day 5 September 1966

(1) 051035H - Company C, (BT 233253), received three rounds sniper fire from one sniper. No fire was returned. Unable to determine location of VC due to thick vegetation.

(2) 051120H - Company D, (BT 241258), received six rounds sniper fire from an estimated six snipers at (BT 246257). Company D returned 12 rounds small arms fire, and observed one VC knocked down by fire. VC broke contact. Searched area, found nothing. Estimated one VC WLA (probable).

(3) 051225H - Company D (BT 232248), received approximately 50 rounds small arms fire from an estimated ten VC at (BT 230243). Company D returned approximately 50 rounds small arms fire and two 60mm mortars. VC ceased fire. Area was not checked. Notified 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from whose assigned area VC fire came.

(4) 051230H - Company B, (BT 227257), apprehended two VC. One admitted he was a VC. Other VC was identified by police chief of QUI XUAN Hamlet. Both VC were screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 051323H - Company C, (BT 223250), received 40 rounds small arms fire from an estimated ten VC at (BT 223248). Company C returned approximately 150 rounds small arms fire and five LAAW's. Company C sustained one USMC WLA, who was evacuated to 1st Med Bn. Area was searched, nothing found.

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(6) 051335H - Company D, (BT 225245), received approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated eleven VC at (BT 223247). Two platoons from Company D assaulted VC position and fired approximately 100 rounds small arms fire and four LAAW's. VC broke contact. A thorough search of the area was conducted. Five dead VC were found. Also found were one US sub-machine gun and a sack containing miscellaneous 782 gear. The captured weapon and 782 gear were forwarded to the 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 051400H - Company C, (BT 223249), apprehended one VC. VC was identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet. VC was screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 051430H - Company B, (BT 214255), apprehended three VC. All VC were identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet as being VC suppliers. All were screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 051430H - Company D, (BT 224246), located a dead VC dressed in black short PJ's. Body was booby trapped with pressure release type Chi-Com grenade. Booby trap and body were destroyed in place.

(10) 051435H - Company D, (BT 219249), apprehended four VCS. All were screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 051600H - H&S Company, (BT 213253), apprehended four VC. All VC were identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet. VC were screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 051630H - Command Group and Companies B, C and D, established night defensive positions. Refer to Operation Overlay for D-Day.

(13) 051730H - Company B, (BT 210255), apprehended one VC female nurse identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet. VC was screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(14) 051925H - Company B, (BT 211254), received four rounds small arms fire from an estimated two VC at (BT 214244). Company B returned four 60mm mortars. VC broke contact. Area was not checked due to darkness.

(15) 052235H - Company B, (BT 212254), in defensive position, was probed by an estimated two VC squads. VC threw eight to ten hand grenades, fired eight 60mm mortars and approximately 80 rounds small arms. Company B returned approximately 20 hand grenades, 15 M-79 rounds and 100 rounds small arms. VC broke contact and fled to the northwest. Artillery fire mission conducted on VC withdrawal route. Company B sustained two USMC KIA's. A thorough search of the area revealed one VC KIA (confirmed), one US sub-machine gun and several pieces of 782 gear. Due to the extensive amount of blood and signs of bodies having been dragged away, Company B estimated one VC KIA (probable) and six VC WIA (probable).

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(1) 060635H - Company C, (BT 209249), received approximately seven rounds sniper fire from two snipers at (BT 207245). Company C returned approximately 20 rounds small arms fire and one LAAW. A thorough search of the area was conducted. Found nothing.

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(2) 060700H - Company C, (BT 205243), apprehended one VCS who had approximately 800 lbs of rice concealed in his hut. VCS was sent to 5th Marines S-2.

(3) 060835H - Company C, (BT 200243), located a VC billeting area. Police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet stated area was used for VC lectures. Billeting area was destroyed by fire.

(4) 060840H - Company C, (BT 200244), apprehended one female VC identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet as being a VC supplier. VC was screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 061130H - H&S Company, (BT 214255), apprehended one VC identified by police chief of Qui Xuan Hamlet as being Chairman of Young Women VC Association. VC was screened and sent to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 061315H - Company B, (BT 233255), tripped two tension release booby trapped Chi-Com grenades buried along trail. Company B sustained four minor USMC WIA's.

(7) 061430H - Company D, (BT 252256), apprehended one VCS. VCS was screened and sent to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 061625H - Company C, (BT 247255), received five rounds sniper fire from one sniper at (BT 247253). Company C returned 50 rounds small arms fire, ten M-79 rounds and three 3.5 rockets. Company C sustained one USMC KIA. A thorough search of the area was conducted and five VCS were apprehended, screened and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 061630H - Command Group and Companies B, C and D established night defense positions. Refer to D+1 operations overlay.

c. D+2 - 7 September 1966

(1) 070835H - Companies B and C, (BT 274264) received approximately 50 rounds automatic weapons fire after loading on trucks from an estimated four VC's. Companies B and C returned approximately 80 rounds small arms fire. VC broke contact and a thorough search of the area was conducted. Found nothing. Company B sustained three minor USMC WIA's. Company C sustained two minor USMC WIA's.

(2) 070915H - Command Group and Companies B, C, and D arrived Hill 54 and secured from Operation NAPA. Refer to D+2 operations overlay.

## 11. Results

### a. Personnel

(1) VC KIA 6

(2) VC KIA (Probable) 1

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(3) VC WIA	0	(7) Friendly KIA	3
(4) VC WIA (Probable)	7	(8) Friendly WIA	15
(5) VCC	13		
(6) VCS	11		

## b. Equipment and Material

CAPTURED

(1) Jacket, military	1
(2) Empty Penicillian bottles	3
(3) Assorted Documents	
(4) Hand book	1
(5) ID Cards	2
(6) Map	1
(7) Links ammo w/expended cartridge	1
(8) Fuse	1
(9) Knife	1
(10) Crossbow	1
(11) Rds 45 cal ammo	160
(12) Cartridge belt	1
(13) Canteen w/cover	1
(14) Ammo carrier	2
(15) Rds empty cartridges	200
(16) Rds empty carbine cartridge	60
(17) Rds empty 50 cal ammo	10
(18) Rds empty 45 cal cartridge	30
(19) Thompson sub-machine gun	2

DESTROYED

Chi-Com Grenades	3
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CAPTURED

(20)	Rounds carbine ammo	9
(21)	Magazine	3
(22)	Magazine Carrier	2
(23)	Canteen	1
(24)	Plastic poncho	1
(25)	Towel	1
(26)	Toothbrush	1
(27)	Spoon	1

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply Maintenance. Because of the excellent job by personnel of HST and the Battalion, both at the LSA and forward units, no matters of an unusual nature occurred.

b. Casualties. Evacuation was excellent due to the immediate response of helicopters.

c. Communication

(1) Battalion communication for Operation NAPA was dependent on HF, UHF and VHF. Voice radio nets were terminated at the Battalion with the AN/PRC-47, AN/PRC-41 and the AN/PRC-25. Two field expedients RC 292 antenna were used on the Regimental TAC #1 and #2.

(2) In the Battalion CP, one SB-22 and one Ta-1 were used. All rifle Companies laid wire to the switchboard as soon as they were in defensive positions. Considering the weather, terrain and distance, communications was excellent to outstanding.

13. Commanders Analysis

a. Although Operation NAPA was of relatively short duration, definite contact was made with local and main force VC units. Initial contact was made with an estimated 11 local VC's. An immediate assault by the two lead platoons of Company D neutralized the element of surprise and resulted in five confirmed VC killed. One weapon was captured. During the night of D-Day an estimated two squads of main force unit probed the defensive perimeter. Here, properly prepared fighting holes and fire discipline prevented this attack from being successful.

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b. The artillery support during this operation was well planned and executed. Additionally, the "on station" aerial observer provided timely information in regards to terrain and village activities while the Battalion was on the move.

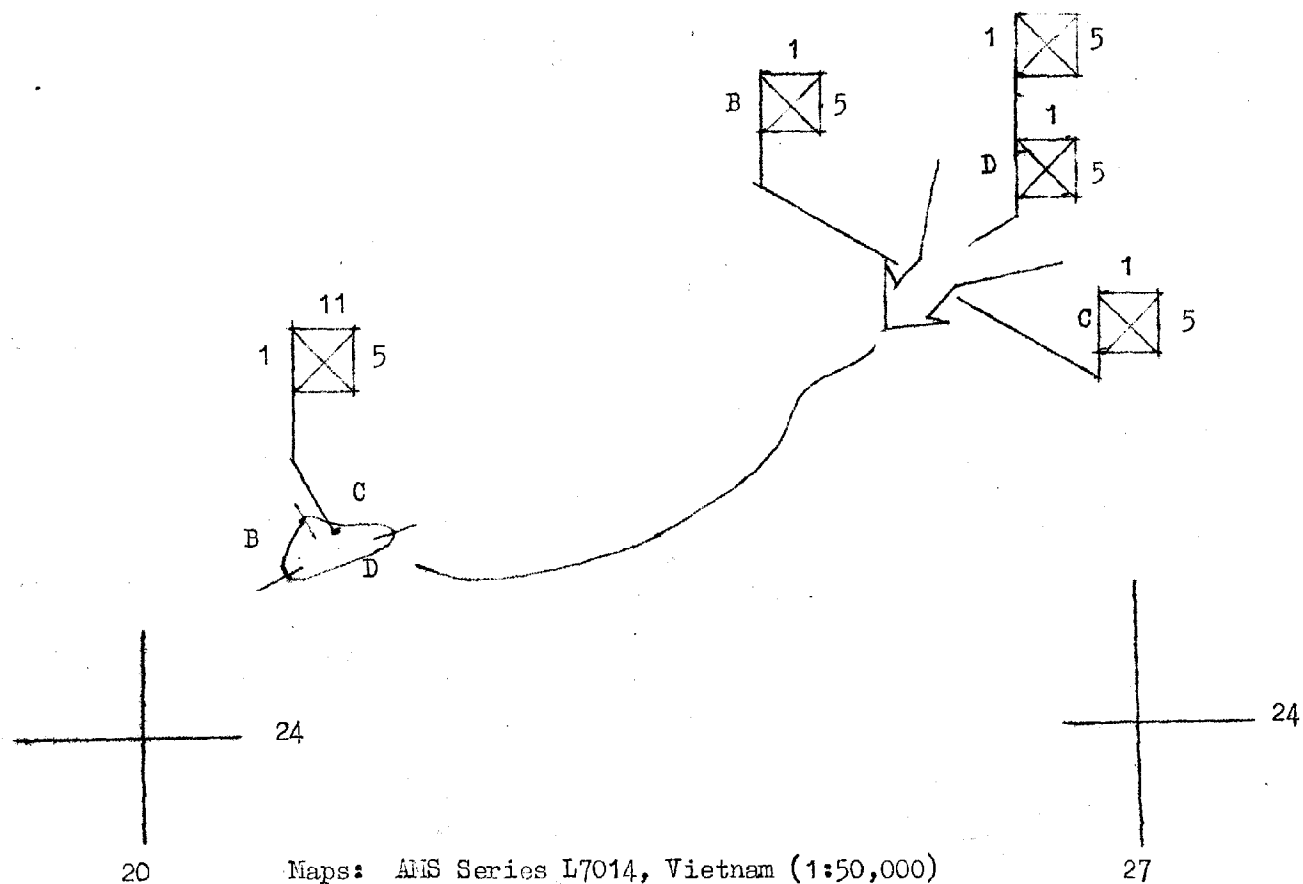
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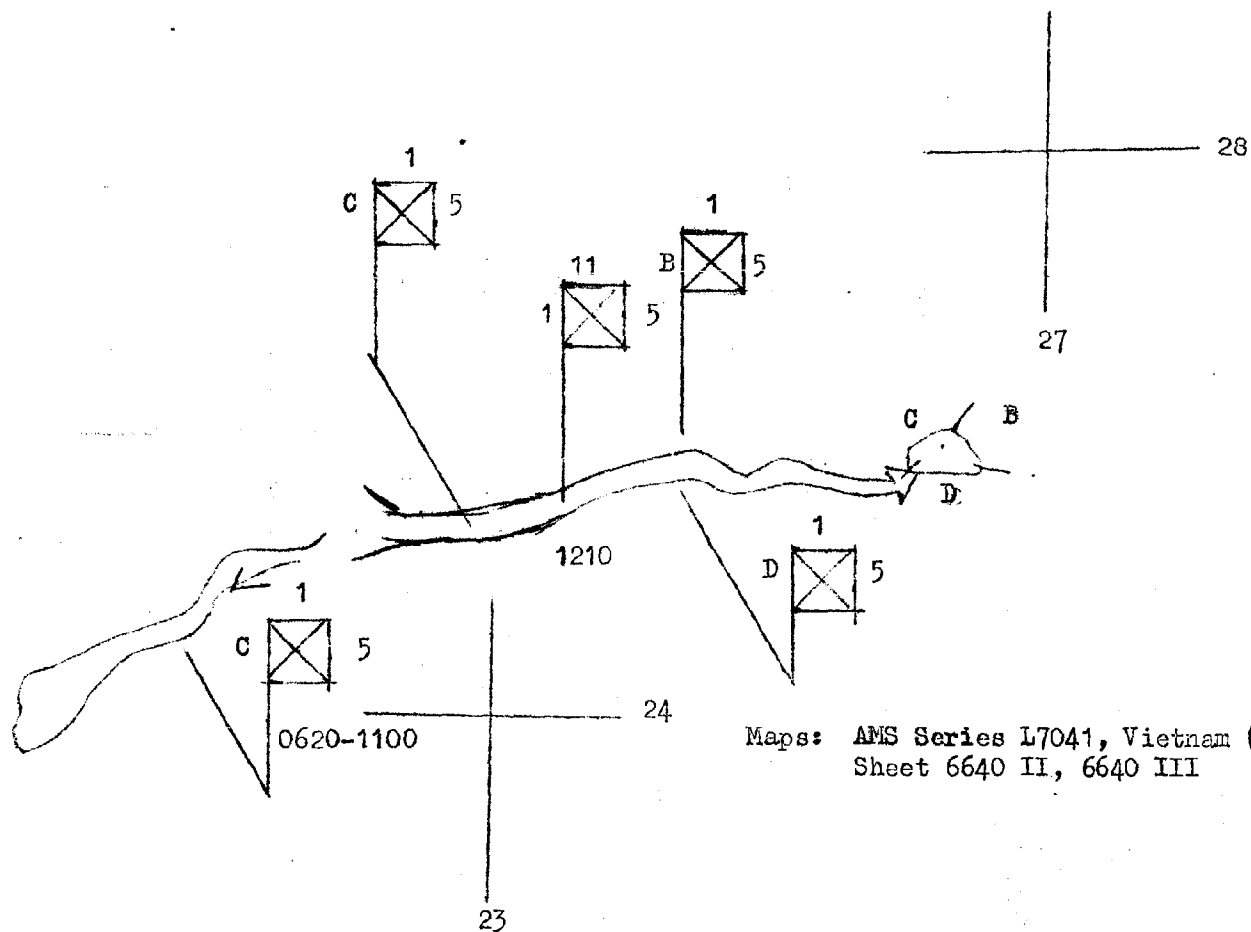
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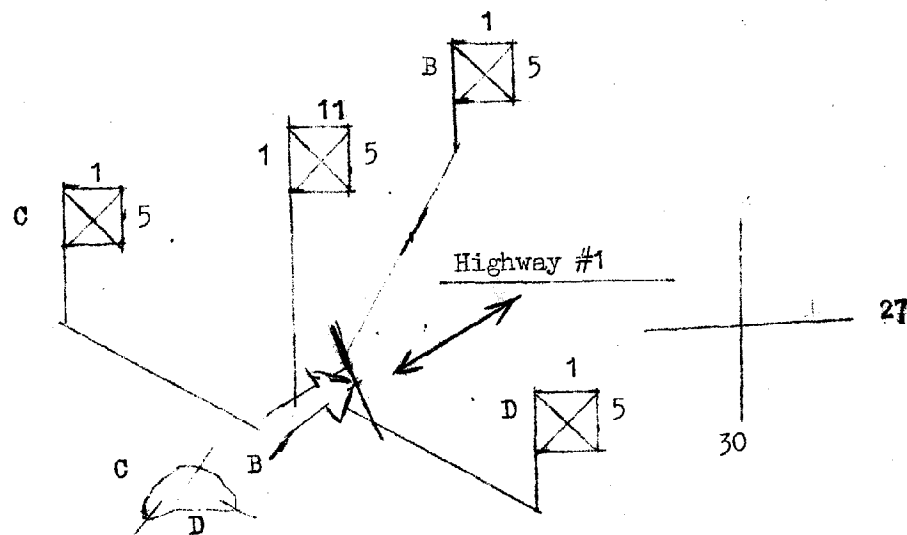
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At Highway #1 Command Group and Companies B, C, and D  
embarked aboard trucks for Hill 54

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Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

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3. LOCATION. TINH QUANG TIM
4. CONTROL OR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

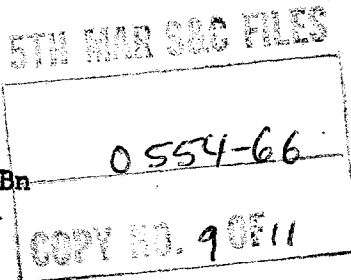
5th Marine Regiment Headquarters

Company G (-)(Rein)

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5. TASK ORGANIZATION

Co G (-)(Rein)  
1 Plt Co H  
FO Team  
FAC Team  
Eng. 1st Eng. Bn  
S-2 Scout Team  
Interpreter  
Section 81's



Capt GRUNER

6. SUPPORTING FORCES

5th Marines Frag Order 12-66, 13-66, 14-66

7. INTELLIGENCE

5th Marines Frag Order 12-66, 13-66, 14-66

8. MISSION. Co G (-)(Rein) w/1 Plt Co H, OPCON 5th Marines as Regimental Reserve and security for Regimental Command Post and 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Artillery position. 5th Marines Frag Order 12-66, 13-66, 14-66.

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9. CONCEPT OF OPERATION.

5th Marines Operation Order 12-66, 13-66, 14-66.

10. EXECUTION

- a. On Order assume the mission of Regimental Reserve.
- b. Provide security for Regimental Command Post and Artillery positions.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

On 041400H, September 1966, Co G (-)(Rein) was assigned Reserve Company OPCON 5th Marine Regiment for Operation NAPA.

041400H, Co G departed 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines CP Hill 69 CHU LAI Combat Base for TAM KY.

041520H, Arrived TAM KY OPCON 5th Marines Regiment.

Period 041400H September 1966 until 151200H September 1966 Co G (-)(Rein) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines under OPCON of 5th Marines Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

On 151200H September 1966 Co G (-)(Rein) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was released OPCON 3rd Bn, 5th Marines and returned to OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines CP Hill 69 CHU LAI Combat Base.

11. RESULTS

a. Enemy

(1) Personnel

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(2) Equipment Captured

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b. Friendly

(1) Personnel

(a) KIA 1

(b) WIA 3

(2) U.S. Equipment

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12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. 5th Marines Frag Order 12-66, 13-66, 14-66

13. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

(None)

14. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

(None)

15. RECOMMENDATIONS

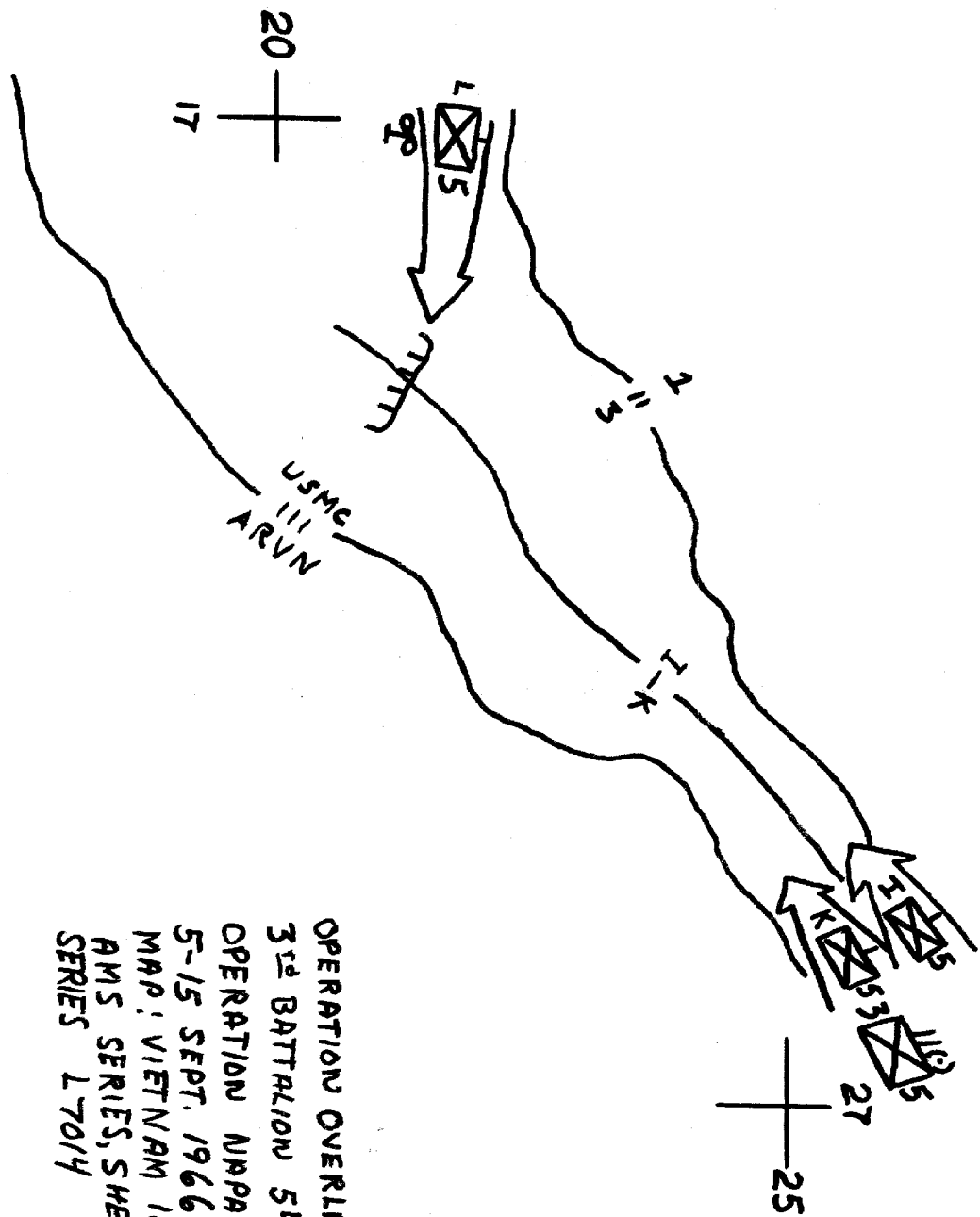
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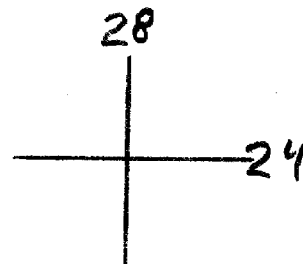
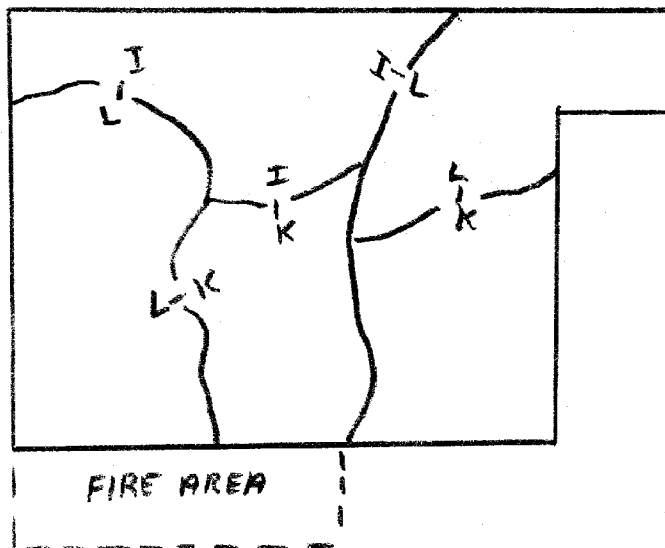
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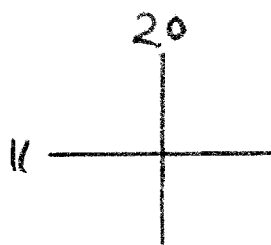
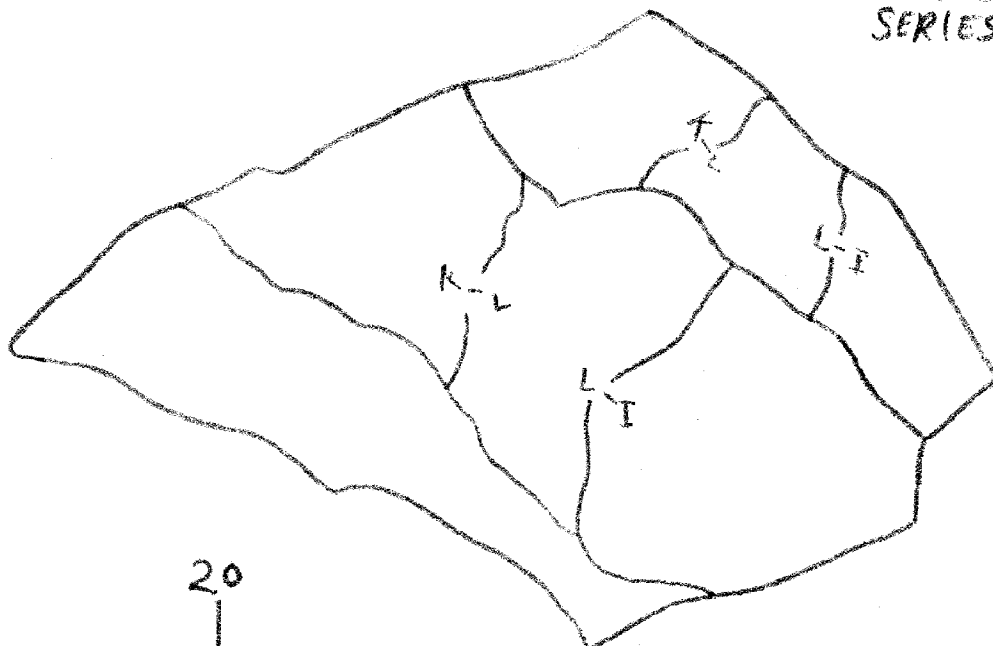
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(2) Operation Overlay, Part 2

1. Code Name. Operation NAPA.
2. Dates of Operation. 050630H September 1966 to 151600H September 1966.
3. Location. Quang Tinh Province, Republic of Vietnam.
4. Command Headquarters. See Task Organization.
5. Task Organization

3rd Bn (-)(Rein), 5th Marines

LtCol BRONARS

H&S Co (-)  
Det, Btry F, 2d Bn, 11th Mar (Ln Tm)  
Det, Hq Bn Scout Dogs  
Det, Hq Bn (CIT)

Co I (Rein)

Lt KELLY

Co I  
Det, H&S Co  
Det, Med Plat  
Det, 81mm Mort Plat  
FAC Tm

Co K (Rein)

Capt MARESCO

Co K  
Det, H&S Co  
Det, Med Plat  
Det, 81mm Mort Plat  
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Co L (Rein)

Capt TATUM

Co L  
Det, Med Plat  
Det, 81mm Mort Plat  
TACP

81mm Mort Plat (-)(Rein)

Lt KIRSHKE

81mm Mort Plat  
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

Plat, Btry W, 2d Bn, 11th Mar

Lt NEWBILL

3d Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Lt TOTH

3d Plat, Co B, 1st AT Bn

SSgt HOLMAN

1st Plat, Co B, 1st SP Bn

Lt YOUNKIN

Battalion ReserveCo G, 2d Bn, 5th Mar

Capt GRUNER

Co G  
Det, H&S Co, 2d Bn, 5th Mar  
Det, Med Plat  
Det, 81mm Mort Plat  
FO Tm, Btry E, 2d Bn, 11th Mar

6. Supporting Forcesa. Artillery

(1) There was one six gun 105mm Howitzer Battery in direct support of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation NAPA. One platoon of 4.2" mortars was attached; one platoon of 155mm guns was in supporting range.

(2) There were no serious problems encountered with the employment and delivery of artillery. The supporting battery was able to register frequently and fire missions were timely and accurate. On one occasion H and I fires were restricted due to invalid correction data.

(3) The no fire zones established for use by the Battalion were of great value. Their use aided in bringing targets of opportunity under fire quickly and effectively. All liaison nets were monitored constantly and missions were cleared in a minimum amount of time. H and I fires

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and night defensive concentrations were extensively used; procedures for requesting and clearing them were fully adequate.

(4) The 4.2" mortar is a valuable close support weapon. The advantages are a highly mobile, large caliber weapon; good supporting range (5500 meters as compared to 3000 meters for the 81mm mortar); low personnel requirement; rapid movement and very accurate fire capability. The 4.2" mortars were especially useful for nighttime activities in providing high candle power illumination while the 105mm Howitzer Battery delivered HE rounds. The extra time required for one supporting battery to provide both illumination and HE is often costly.

b. Naval Gunfire. No Naval Gunfire was used in support of Operation NAPA.

c. Air

(1) The wounding of a pilot by snipers pointed up the need for helo escorts, either fixed wing or armed UH1E's. The armed UH1E's are preferred because of their slower speed, longer time on station and an ability to maintain a relative flight pattern to facilitate observation and quick reaction to sniper fire. One UH1E flying wing on two or more UH 34's during resupply missions is desirable. It is virtually impossible for ground troops to completely eliminate sniper fire against helicopters.

(2) The withdrawal of Regimental Headquarters from Tam Ky early in the operation marked the beginning of diminished helicopter support. Two helicopters were provided in direct support for battalion resupply. During Operation NAPA the rifle companies were widely dispersed, a 4.2" Mortar Platoon was required to be moved periodically and resupplied daily and the LSA was located relatively distant from the operational area. Two helicopters proved to be inadequate under these conditions.

(3) When medical evacuation helicopters were stationed at Tam Ky, the reaction to requests for evacuation of wounded personnel was excellent. Emergency evacuations provided by Chu Lai-based helicopters took 35 minutes from the time a request was submitted.

(4) The Napalm used in Operation NAPA proved to be defective. Only three out of eight tanks dropped were ignited.

## 7. Intelligence

(1) The terrain covered during Operation NAPA was predominately rice paddies cultivated in wetland rice. Small areas of high ground populated with small villages were scattered about the paddies. These areas are characterized by thickly vegetated tree lines and hedgerows. Most villages were ringed with a defensive trench system developed by the VC. These

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trenches offer excellent fields of fire and excellent cover and concealment. High and steep hills in grid squares BT 1920, 1921, and 2020 are covered with thick low scrub. These hills offer excellent observation of the lowland paddies.

b. Intelligence received prior to the commencement of the operation indicated that contact with local force VC units and possible contact with Main Force elements of the 21st NVA Regiment and the 72nd Main Force Battalion could be expected. Enemy contact during the operation was made only with local force VC. The majority of contacts resulted from the delivery of small arms fire by small groups of VC from concealed portions in tree and hedgerow lines at ranges of 500 meters. Supporting arms were used extensively to cover and support ground maneuver elements moving toward enemy positions.

c. The VC infrastructure in the villages of Cam Khe (1) (BT 223235), My Thanh (BT 226236), Phu Lai (BT 210231), Tam An (BT 208236), Tam Phu (BT 203234) and the surrounding area was seriously jeopardized by Operation NAPA. Through the use of "Black, White and Grey Lists" and PF's from the local area VC and VC sympathizers were identified and captured. Questioning of villagers revealed that in most villages almost 1/3 of the local cadre was apprehended before the rest escaped. A total of 48 captives were identified as VC. An additional 45 VC suspects were picked up and processed.

8. Mission. During the conduct of Operation NAPA, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was assigned the following mission:

a. On order, on D-day execute a motor movement from positions at Tam Ky to the edge of the assigned TAOR of Operation NAPA (see enclosure 1).

b. Dismount and conduct search and destroy operations within the assigned TAOR in accordance with Commanding Officer, 5th Marines oral instructions of 031330H September 1966.

9. Concept of Operation. At 0630H on D-day the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a motor movement from Tam Ky northward along National Route #1 to a designated dismount point. Upon dismounting companies moved into pre-designated zones of action to conduct search and destroy operations within the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assigned TAOR.

10. Execution

a. D-1 - 4 September 1966

(1) At approximately 041500H Sep66 the operation order was issued to Unit Commanders and supporting Unit Commanders of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

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(1) At 050630H units of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) commenced a motor movement from Tam Ky northward along National Route #1 to a designated dismount point near the edge of the assigned TAOR (see Operation Overlay, Part 1, enclosure (1)).

(2) The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines dismounted from the motor transport and commenced movement into the assigned TAOR at 0700H.

(3) At 0800H Company L found and evacuated 340 rounds of .30 caliber ammo at BT 273253.

(4) At 0630H Company K received ten to fifteen rounds of small arms fire from an estimated one VC at BT 257255 and returned thirty rounds M-14 fire. A squad searched the area with negative results.

(5) At 0820H Company L discovered a suspected booby trap (an unexploded 105mm HE round) at BT 282247 and blew it in place.

(6) At 0840H Company K received seven rounds small arms fire at BT 253255 and returned forty rounds M-14 fire and two LAWS. The area was searched with negative results. One USMC WIA.

(7) At 0930H Company K discovered one VC classroom at BT 252254. No books, papers or personnel were found; however, weapons diagrams were on the walls. The classroom was destroyed.

(8) At 1020H Company K received sixteen rounds small arms fire from BT 244243 and returned ninety rounds M-14 fire and one round M-79. One VC KIA and one Thompson sub-machine gun, four magazines and three M-26 fragmentation grenades were captured.

(9) At 1040H Company I personnel tripped a booby trap at BT 238247. Three USMC WIA and one scout dog WIA.

(10) At 1215H Company L received fifteen rounds small arms fire from BT 230241 and returned twenty rounds M-14 fire. The area was searched with negative results. One USMC WIA.

(11) At 1245H Company L captured one VC, one M-1 US rifle, seventy-two rounds of .30 caliber ammo and one M-26 fragmentation grenade at BT 241249.

(12) At 1540H Company K received thirty rounds small arms fire from BT 225223 from two automatic rifles. Company K returned thirty-five rounds M-14 fire and searched area with negative results.

(13) At 1930H Company L captured two VCS in a tunnel in the vicinity of BT 213234.

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(14) At 2000H the Battalion CP received ten rounds small arms fire from the vicinity of BT 227225 and returned thirty rounds M-60 fire and six rounds 105mm HE. Results were undetermined.

(15) At nightfall on D-day units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 237229.

(b) Company I - BT 215235.

(c) Company K - BT 237229.

(d) Company L - BT 237229.

c. D+1 - 6 September 1966

(1) At 0700H Company L was helilifted from BT 237229 into a blocking position on a ridge line running from BT 193213 to BT 197210. Companies I and K continued to sweep abreast through their zones of action towards Company L's position.

(2) At 0730H Company L at BT 206212 received thirty to forty rounds of small arms fire from a village at BT 210210. Company L returned thirty rounds M-14 fire and directed rockets from armed UH1E's. The VC withdrew.

(3) At 1155H Company K found an M1919A4 .30 caliber MG near a trail at BT 210214. A thorough search of the area was made, but no additional equipment was found.

(4) At 1230H Company K received one 82mm mortar round at BT 199214 from the vicinity of BT 196203. An artillery mission was called in on the target area with unknown results.

(5) At 1330H the hamlet chief of the hamlet at BT 199214 said that the VC had kept his people prisoner and that they all wanted to leave for Tam Ky.

(6) At 1035H Company L received thirty rounds small arms fire from BT 203210 and returned fifty rounds M-14. One USMC WIA. One VC KIA (Probable).

(7) At 1115H Company I spotted ten VC at BT 199229 and took them under M-14 and M-79 fire. The enemy fled to the west. A search of the area was made with negative results.

(8) At 1145H Company K found one Chicom grenade by the trail at BT 210215 and blew it in place.

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(9) At 1845H Company I received ten to fifteen rounds small arms fire from four or five VC near a bunker in the vicinity of BT 178229. Artillery fire was adjusted on the target with an estimated two VC KIA (Probable).

(10) At dusk on D+1 units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 194205.

(b) Company I - BT 178218.

(c) Company K - BT 194205.

(d) Company L - BT 197210.

d. D+2 - 7 September 1966

(1) At 0835H Company I received twenty rounds small arms fire from a hamlet at BT 198223 and returned thirty rounds of M-14 and two rounds 3.5" rocket fire.

(2) At 1010H Company I received five rounds small arms fire at BT 215225 from the vicinity of BT 211232 and returned sixty rounds M-14 fire with negative results. One USMC WIA.

(3) At 1020H a recon OP spotted ten VC with a machine gun at BT 199228. Company L called in sixteen rounds of 105mm HE fire with good target coverage.

(4) At 1045H Company L found a tunnel 300 feet long and four to five feet high below the surface at BT 201201 and captured three VC digging near the tunnel and three VCS hiding nearby.

(5) At 1205H Company L received ten to twenty rounds automatic weapon and small arms fire from BT 200230 and returned fifteen rounds M-14 fire. A search of the area produced negative results.

(6) At 1400H Company K completed the evacuation of fifty-six refugees from a hamlet located at BT 204206 to the Tam Ky refugee center.

(7) At 1300H Company K at BT 214226 caught three young men in a village hut who had no identification. Evacuated to 9th ITT.

(8) At 1540H Company K received four rounds small arms fire at BT 201201 while evacuating the VCS. A squad was sent to search the area and found five VC hiding in a hut who also had no identification. One VCS was caught running across a field.

(9) At 1510H Company K received four or five rounds of small arms fire from one VC sniper at BT 216226 from the vicinity of BT 216228 and returned four rounds M-79 and twenty rounds of small arms. A search of the area produced negative results.

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(10) At 1535H Company K blew up an empty bunker at BT 206116.

(11) At 1700H a young male approached Company L's position at BT 200230 and ran away when challenged. Ten rounds M-14 were fired in pursuit. The man fell, got up and ran. One VC WIA (Probable).

(12) At 1820H Company L received one round of sniper fire at BT 200232 from an unknown location. Company L returned one hundred rounds M-14 fire and searched area with negative results. One USMC KIA.

(13) At 1900H resupply helicopter at Company L's position received five rounds of small arms fire from BT 205236 and returned eighty rounds M-60 machine gun fire. Three VC KIA (Probable).

(14) At dusk on D+2 units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 216237.

(b) Company I - BT 223247.

(c) Company K - BT 216237.

(d) Company L - BT 200232.

e. D+3 - 8 September 1966

(1) On D+3 companies were assigned new zones of action in which to conduct search and destroy operations (see Operation Overlay, Part 2, enclosure 2).

(2) At 0825H Company L received three rounds sniper fire at BT 200237 from an unknown enemy position. One USMC WIA. One squad maneuvered and searched the area with negative results.

(3) At 1040H a Company I patrol sighted three VC at BT 227247 and tracked them to a tunnel. The VC refused to come out so a fragmentation grenade was thrown inside. One VC KIA (BC) and two VC WIA (Confirmed).

(4) At 1030H Company K at BT 221235 captured two Vietnamese hiding in a cave with a woman and two small children. One man in the tunnel was identified as a VC by a PF, the other was taken as a VCS. The woman was identified as the wife of a VC. VC uniforms and the ID card of a dead ARVN were in her house.

(5) At 1200H Company L captured one VCS male about thirty years of age in a sweep of a village at BT 204240.

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(6) At 1230H a Company L patrol was taken under fire by two VC at BT 196243. Company L received ten rounds small arms fire and returned fifteen rounds M-14 fire with unknown results.

(7) At 1330H a Company L patrol sweep of a hamlet at BT 223747 uncovered one VCS in a cave at BT 223246 who was returned to the Battalion CP for questioning. He was subsequently forwarded to 9th ITT.

(8) At 1450H Company K received four rounds small arms fire at BT 218238 from enemy position at BT 214237 and returned two rounds 60mm mortar fire. A fire team searched the area with negative results.

(9) At 1320H Company I found a 105mm HE round suspected booby trap at BT 221248 and blew it in place.

(10) At 1500H Company K at BT 238229 found two females hiding in a tunnel. VC tax collector papers and ledgers were found in their house. At BT 216225 two men were running away and when apprehended were found to be VC instructors.

(11) At 2100H Company I sprang an ambush at BT 217251 on an estimated fifteen VC moving into their area. Company I fired 250 rounds M-14 fire and six hand grenades. The VC returned four hand grenades and thirty rounds small arms fire while retreating. Three VC KIA (Body Count). Seven VC KIA (Probable). About twelve VC were seen withdrawing to hill 26 at BT 208249. Thirty-five rounds 105mm HE delivered on hill with estimated six VC KIA (Probable).

(12) At dusk on D+3 units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 216237.

(b) Company I - BT 223247.

(c) Company K - BT 216237.

(d) Company L - BT 209237.

f. D+4 - 9 September 1966

(1) At 0730H Company I received four rounds of small arms fire from BT 218254 and spotted three VC running away. Company I returned thirty rounds small arms fire. One VC KIA (BC), One VC WIA (Confirmed), and two VCC.

(2) At 1030H a Company K patrol spotted six VC carrying one machine gun at 220212 moving west.

(3) At 0915H Company I at BT 225246 picked up a man aged fifty years during the sweep of a village. He was identified as a VC by a PF.

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(4) At 1115H Company L received four rounds small arms fire from BT 205235 and observed two men running south along the tree line. Company L returned twenty rounds M-14 rifle and pursued the VC with negative results.

(5) At 1200H Company K at BT 233237 spotted four VC in an ambush position. An 81mm mortar concentration was called in on the position. A squad assaulted position and found traces of blood in the area.

(6) At 1330H Company K at BT 225235 called a fire mission on six VC moving towards Hill 25 at BT 239229. Three volleys were fired with excellent target coverage.

(7) At 1400H Company K at BT 218237 received eight rounds small arms fire from BT 215239 and returned twenty rounds M-14 and three rounds 60mm mortar fire. The area was searched with negative results.

(8) At 1020H Company I apprehended one woman in a sweep of village at BT 232252. PF said the woman maintained a VC meeting place.

(9) At 1040H Company I swept a village at BT 229257 and apprehended one VC.

(10) At 1030H Company I at BT 230255 picked up one male in a sweep who had 1320 Piastres on his person. He was believed to have been a VC tax collector.

(11) At 1230H a Company I patrol found eight rounds 20mm incendiary ammo hidden in a small cave at BT 230255 and destroyed them in place.

(12) At 1300H a Company I patrol found a large tunnel at BT 210252 which was ten feet under the surface, three feet wide and fifty feet long. It was destroyed the following day.

(13) At 1640H a Company I patrol discovered a large tunnel system about 200 meters long at BT 211236 which was destroyed the following day.

(14) At 1630H Company K patrol was led by a VCC to a hole which was freshly dug and recently used. The hole, large enough for three to four men, was destroyed.

(15) At 2045H Company I at BT 223247 received sixteen rounds small arms fire from vicinity BT 220249 and returned ten rounds M-14 fire. One VC KIA (Probable).

(16) At dusk on D+4 unit locations were as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 216237.

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(b) Company I - BT 223247.

(c) Company K - BT 216237.

(d) Company L - BT 209237.

g. D+5 - 10 September 1966

(1) At 0830H a Vietnamese male about thirty years of age was brought to the Battalion CP by an elderly couple who appeared to be his parents. He had shrapnel wounds in his side and legs. No interpreter was available so no details were given. This man was in serious condition and was evacuated through medical channels as a VCS.

(2) At 0830H Company K at BT 21223 received fourteen to sixteen rounds of small arms fire from BT 212221 and returned forty rounds of M-14 fire and eight rounds 81mm mortar fire. Two VC KIA (Probable).

(3) At 0925H Company K at BT 220227 received two rounds sniper fire from BT 225224. Company K returned ninety rounds M-14 fire and sent a fire team to the suspected enemy position with negative results.

(4) At 0900H Company L found one M-79 round booby trap at BT 213236 and blew it in place.

(5) At 1400H Company I at BT 213236 received six rounds small arms fire from estimated three VC at BT 200238. Company I returned ten rounds M-14 fire and searched area with negative results.

(6) At 1245H Company K received two rounds sniper fire at BT 241230 from BT 231244. Ten rounds M-14 fire were returned and a fire team was sent to investigate. Negative results.

(7) At 1330H Company L found four 60mm rounds booby trapped at BT 247238. A company K squad located at BT 246240 fired forty to fifty rounds M-14 fire and four rounds M-79 at a fleeting enemy target. A search of the area produced negative results.

(9) At 1810H a Company I platoon received fifteen rounds small arms fire from an estimated four or five VC at BT 233253. The platoon returned eighty rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(10) At 2035H Company K received fifteen rounds small arms fire from BT 245240. Company K, located at BT 247240, returned twenty rounds small arms fire and set ambushes awaiting the enemy's return.

(11) At 2130H Company K squad ambush received fifteen to twenty rounds small arms fire from an estimated two VC in the vicinity of BT 247244. The squad returned fifteen to twenty rounds M-14 fire and withdrew to Company K perimeter due to compromise of the ambush position. One VC WIA (Probable).

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(12) At dusk on D+5 units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 216237.

(b) Company I - BT 216237.

(c) Company K - BT 247240.

(d) Company L - BT 235248.

h. D+6 - 11 September 1966

(1) On D+6 companies were assigned additional zones of action on the eastern sector of the Battalion TAOR in order to extend search and destroy operations (see Operations Overlay, Part 2, enclosure (2)).

(2) At 0745H Company L found one Chicom type fragmentation grenade placed in a hedgerow at BT 253258. The booby trap was detonated causing one USMC WIA evacuated.

(3) At 0610H a Company L ambush at BT 248247 killed one VC male about twenty years of age. No weapon found.

(4) At 0745H a Company L patrol detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap at BT 254255. One USMC WIA evacuated.

(5) At 1205H Company I at BT 222236 sealed a tunnel about forty meters long which contained one hundred pounds of rice scattered about which was impossible to retrieve.

(6) At nightfall of D+6 units were located at the following positions:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 234248.

(b) Company I - BT 234248.

(c) Company K - BT 247240.

(d) Company L - BT 248257.

i. D+7 - 12 September 1966

(1) At 0915H the Battalion CP received three rounds small arms fire at BT 234249 from BT 227245 and returned fifteen rounds M-14 fire, six rounds 81mm mortar fire and twelve rounds 105mm HE fire. One USMC WIA. A patrol searched the target area and found one male VCS at BT 227245 at 1000H. He had no weapon, however several women were trying to hide him.

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He was the only male in the village. Upon interrogation he said he saw four VC armed with SMG in green uniforms moving westwards.

(2) At 1515H Company I tripped a booby trap at BT 262254. One USMC WIA.

(3) At 1630H the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines terminated operations in the previously assigned TAOR and moved south by truck convoy along National Route #1 to an area southwest of Tam Ky. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines set up positions for the night within the 6th Regiment ARVN TAOR. At dusk units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 293195.

(b) Company I - BT 289194.

(c) Company K - BT 283197.

(d) Company L - BT 292194.

j. D+8 - 13 September 1966

(1) At 1500H on D+8 the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced a foot movement from previous positions to the edge of a newly assigned TAOR. (see Operation Overlay, Part 2, enclosure (2)).

(2) At 1850H a Company I resupply helicopter received thirty rounds of small arms fire from BT 244171 and returned forty to fifty rounds machine gun and M-14 fire with good effect on target.

(3) At 1900H Company I found three mines at BT 247173 which were one M-16 type and two bomb fragmentation type. They were destroyed in place.

(4) At nightfall of D+8 units were located as follows:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 252175.

(b) Company I - BT 247173.

(c) Company K - BT 250178.

(d) Company L - BT 252175.

k. D+9 - 14 September 1966

(1) On D+9 the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced extensive patrolling within the new TAOR.

(2) At 0110H Company I received at BT 247173 three incoming fragmentation grenades from fifty meters west of their perimeter and did not return fire.

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(3) At 0320H Company K at BT 250179 received four rounds of small arms fire from an unknown location fifty meters north of their perimeter.

(4) At 0915H Company L at BT 298171 received eight rounds small arms fire over a period of about ten minutes from BT 249169 and returned fifteen rounds of M-14 fire.

(5) At 0950H Company L received forty to fifty rounds of small arms fire from an estimated five or six VC over a period of about one hour. Company L returned one hundred rounds small arms fire, ten rounds 60mm mortar fire and 81mm mortar fire. A squad searched the area and found one VC KIA with expended .45 caliber brass nearby.

(6) At 1000H Company I at BT 255153 received twenty rounds small arms fire from an estimated three or four VC at BT 261150 and returned twenty to thirty rounds M-14 fire. One USMC WIA.

(7) At 1145H Company L received five rounds small arms fire at BT 251158 and returned ten rounds M-14 fire. The area was searched with negative results. One USMC WIA.

(8) At 1200H Company L captured four VCS at BT 250160 who were sitting in a house in an area from which the company had received small arms fire. All were males of military age.

(9) At 1530H a Company K resupply helicopter at BT 241165 received five rounds small arms fire from an undetermined location. The co-pilot of the aircraft was wounded.

(10) At 1530H Company I at BT 257163 received five to six rounds sniper fire from BT 262145 and returned fifty rounds small arms fire and six rounds 3.5" rocket fire.

(11) At 1550H Company I received twenty rounds small arms fire at BT 257163 from BT 265145 from an estimated four VC. Company I returned one hundred rounds small arms fire and saw one VC go down. One VC WIA (Confirmed).

(12) At 1615H Company G received fifteen to twenty rounds small arms fire at BT 263198 from an estimated five VC at BT 255198 and returned eighty rounds small arms fire and seven rounds M-79 fire. One USMC WIA. One VC WIA (Probable). Four VCS were captured in the vicinity of the sniper fire.

(13) At 1630H Company K at BT 236162 received ten rounds small arms fire from BT 236156. Armed helicopters strafed the enemy position with good target coverage. The results were unknown.

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(14) At 1800H Company G swept a hamlet at BT 259199 and recieved ten rounds small arms fire from an unknown location. Two USMC WIA.

(15) At 2015H a Company L patrol received two rounds of small arms while enroute to an ambush position. The patrol returned fifteen rounds M-14 fire. One USMC WIA. Two VC KIA (Probable).

(16) At dusk on D+9 units were located in the following positions:

(a) Battalion Command Post - BT 247155.

(b) Company I - BT 263153.

(c) Company K - BT 241165.

(d) Company L - BT 247155.

(e) Company G - BT 261188.

1. D+10 - 15 September 1966

(1) At 0830H Company K at BT 241165 spotted three VCS moving up a hill at BT 229146 and called in four rounds 106mm HE fire. One VC KIA (Probable).

(2) At 1000H the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced a tactical withdrawal from previously occupied positions.

(3) At 1145H Company K at BT 195254 received four rounds small arms fire from an enemy position at BT 195253 and returned twenty rounds small arms fire, two M-79 rounds and three LAWS. One USMC KIA.

(4) At 1200H Company L found a large tunnel eighty meters long, four feet wide and five feet high at BT 244160 which had not been recently used. The entrances were destroyed by an engineer squad. Documents were found in the tunnel indicating the identity of the village VC Chairman.

(5) At 1530H units of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines made rendezvous with truck transportation at BT 262189.

(6) At 1630H the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced a motor convoy movement from BT 262189 to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Chu Lai TAOR, thus terminating Operation NAPA.

(7) The convoy arrived at the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Chu Lai TAOR at 1800H.

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11. Resultsa. Enemy

(1) The following is an assessment of VC personnel casualties inflicted by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines:

- (a) VC KIA (Body Count) - 14.
- (b) VC KIA (Probable) - 41.
- (c) VC WIA (Confirmed) - 8.
- (d) VC WIA (Probable) - 11.
- (e) VC Captives - 48.\*
- (f) VC Suspects - 45.

\*NOTE: 16 were apprehended as VCS and identified under interrogation by 9th ITT as VC.

(2) The following is a compilation of enemy equipment and material captured and/or destroyed by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines:

- (a) 1 - M1919A4 .30 Caliber machine gun.
- (b) 1 - French sub-machine gun, Model 79.
- (c) 1 - U.S. .30 Caliber M-1 rifle.
- (d) 1 - U.S. Thompson sub-machine gun.
- (e) 2 - French MAAS 36 rifles.
- (f) 1 - semi-automatic SKS 7.62mm rifle.
- (g) 6 - fragmentation grenades (captured).
- (h) 6 - Chicom wooden handle grenades (destroyed).
- (i) 10 - booby traps (destroyed).
- (j) 3 - mines (destroyed).
- (k) 807 - rounds small arms ammo.
- (l) 3 - illumination grenades.

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- (m) 8 - rounds 20mm incendiary (destroyed).
- (n) 5 - rounds 60mm mortar (destroyed).
- (o) 4 - packs.
- (p) 4 - cartridge belts.
- (q) 9 - uniforms.
- (r) 4 - M-1 Carbine magazines.
- (s) 5 - Thompson sub-machine gun magazines.
- (t) 1 - pair wire cutters.
- (u) 1 - assault machine gun ammo drum.
- (v) 14 pounds documents.
- (w) 15 pounds medical supplies.
- (x) 10 tons rice.

b. Friendly

(1) Casualties sustained by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines were as follows:

- (a) Killed in Action - 3.
- (b) Wounded in Action - 33.

12. Administrative Matters

a. Resupply

(1) During Operation NAPA all resupply was accomplished by helicopter. The availability of only two resupply helicopters supporting the reinforced battalion from the Logistical Support Area located relatively distant from the operational area required a minimum of two hours to accomplish daily resupply.

(2) Normally, the companies and the Battalion CP were on the move throughout the day and planned resupply just prior to dark. Units were required to locate a landing site and night positions prior to 1700 in order to accomplish helicopter resupply.

(3) Water cans and ammunition in excess of tactical requirements while on the move were always scheduled for pick-up by helicopter at first light. Although these requests were accepted and confirmed, not once did pick-up of water cans and other excess supplies commence earlier than 0830.

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(4) The two helicopters provided in direct support of the Battalion were expected to accomplish all helicopter missions required by the Battalion. This included tactical displacement of the 4.2" Mortar Platoon, evacuation of VCC and VCS, evacuation of captured material, liaison visits to subordinate units and higher headquarters, redistribution of attachments as the tactical situation required and expedited resupply of demolitions and other special equipment required in specific instances. At times two helicopters simply could not provide adequate support and lengthy delays in receiving helicopter support resulted.

(5) Although two helicopters were placed in direct support of the Battalion, lengthy delays in receiving helicopter support when no missions were being flown in support of the Battalion indicated that they were not always available.

b. Maintenance. Maintenance support was effective and no unusual problems developed.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Medical supplies for both the line companies and the Battalion Aid Station were obtained with no difficulty. Having representatives of the medical section of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at the LSA with staged medical supplies expedited the obtainment of these supplies. The staging of routine sick call supplies and equipment for the BAS at the LSA as well as having routine sick call gear shuttled back and forth on the resupply runs was of great assistance in alleviating the necessity of carrying a cumbersome and heavy medical chest cross-country.

(2) Helicopter medical evacuation was excellent in most cases. However, in at least one instance fifteen minutes had elapsed between the time an emergency med-evac request was transmitted by the Helicopter Support Team and the time the patient died; during this period no helicopter left the ground. In retrospect, it is unlikely that a quicker response would have saved the patient, but had this occurred in other instances it could have been the determining factor in the patient's survival.

(3) The usage of three classifications of patients for evacuation continues to be quite effective and was not abused in any instances.

d. Transportation. Transportation to support tactical and logistical requirements was effectively accomplished through the use of helicopters and motor transport, as necessary.

e. Communications

(1) FM radio communications during Operation NAPA were excellent. A relay station located at Tam Ky assured that positive contact was maintained at all times between the Battalion and Regiment. At one point a

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retransmission link was established which provided loud and clear communications directly to Regiment. This was not continued, however, and the relay shot was again activated.

(2) HF radio was used for the TAR net and was tested for possible use on the Regimental Command Net. Communications on both nets became poor after approximately 2000 hours and usually went out. The AN/PRC-47 again proved to be an excessive load in an operation where the Command Group moves with the line companies and displaces quickly and frequently.

f. Medical Evaluation

- (1) Total number of medical evacuees - 57.
- (2) Killed in Action - 3.
- (3) Died of Wounds - 00.
- (4) Non-Combat Deaths - 00.
- (5) Wounded in Action - 33.
- (6) Missing in Action - 00.
- (7) Combat injuries - non-wounds - 1.
  - (a) Contusion - 1.
- (8) Non-Combat Injuries - 52.
  - (a) Heat Casualties - 14.
  - (b) Gastroenteritis - 11.
  - (c) Upper Respiratory Infection - 2.
  - (d) Fever of Undetermined Origin - 4.
  - (e) Venereal Disease - 2.
  - (f) Fractures (Non-Battle) - 1.
  - (g) Cellulitis - 3.
  - (h) Gunshot, Wound Accidental - 1.
  - (i) Sprains - 4.

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- (j) Dermatological - 5.
- (k) Visual Loss - 2.
- (l) Headaches, Chronic - 1.
- (m) Hematuria - 1.
- (n) Physical Examination - 1.

### 13. Special Equipment and Techniques

#### a. Scout Dogs

(1) The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines employed scout dogs for the first time during Operation NAPA. They proved to be a valuable asset to the combat effectiveness of the companies to whom they and their handlers were attached. Scout dogs were used with points on company movements, as security on patrols and as early warning devices against enemy ambushes. They were extremely useful when used in the clearing of caves and tunnels. On one occasion the scout dogs found three VC that were hiding in a cave which was well camouflaged and which ordinarily might have gone by unnoticed by the patrol. The fear of dogs on the part of the VC was used effectively on several occasions in drawing out information from prisoners during interrogation.

(2) Two drawbacks were experienced with the use of scout dogs. First of all, they tire rapidly during a long march in hot, humid weather. Secondly, a source of water for the dogs is necessary during operations in hot climates. In one instance a company was maneuvering through mountains in the heat of the day and both of the attached scout dogs passed out. Water within the company was in short supply and no streams, wells, or paddies were located in the area. The scout dogs were evacuated.

### 14. Commander's Analysis

#### a. Civic Action

(1) Civic Action conducted during Operation NAPA was focused chiefly upon the evacuation of refugees from the Battalion TAOR to Tam Ky. Evacuation statistics for the Operation are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7 Sept 1966	28	36	64
8 Sept 1966	13	15	28
9 Sept 1966	10	17	27
10 Sept 1966	4	3	7
12 Sept 1966	3	0	3
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(2) Medical assistance rendered involved, for the most part, treatment by individual corpsman during company sweeps. In addition, small quantities of soap were distributed to needy families in the operational area.

(3) A battalion-size operation directed solely toward refugee evacuation would produce good results in the western-most portion of the zone of action initially assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. A planned operation of this sort would provide refugees with ample time to gather belongings and make thorough preparations for departure. The companies would not be committed to a search and destroy mission over a certain area and could remain in lucrative areas as long as necessary to complete the evacuation.

#### 15. Recommendations

##### a. Logistics

(1) In future operations every effort be made to ensure that helicopter support is available when requested at first light. Units on search and destroy missions cannot be burdened with night defensive ammunition and water cans while on the move. The minimum wait of two hours every morning for helicopter pick-up during Operation NAPA was a serious deficiency in support.

b. The dependence of units operating in the field on helicopter support is significant. Adequate controls on available helicopters should be established to ensure that the tactical maneuver of ground operating units suffers minimum delay.

c. The Logistical Support Area should be located as close to the operational area as possible to reduce turn-around time on helicopter resupply missions.

d. If possible, the infantry battalion be provided FM equipment and frequencies be established to replace HF equipment and frequencies. The AN/PRC-25's performance in the field, particularly in the environment experienced in South Vietnam, has been equal in most cases to the AN/PRC-47. The AN/PRC-25 radio, on the other hand, does not represent a cumbersome weight problem on the move nor is its operation dependent upon a more complicated battery resupply problem.

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To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Code Name. Operation NAPA.
2. Dates of Operation. 4 September to 15 September 1966. (Participation by Artillery Units)
3. Location. Quang Tin Province, RVN  
Map Sheets: 6639 I, 6640 II, 6739 IV and 6757 IV.
4. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marines
6. Task Organization

2d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines	Major CARVER
Command/Control Group	Major CARVER
Battery E (-) (4 How)	Capt GORE
Battery F (-) (4 How)	Lt LLOYD
2d Platoon, Mortar Battery (2 M-30)	Lt NEWBILL
Battery K (-), 4/11 (4 M-109 How)	Capt BAILEY
7. Supporting Forces  
Battery D (-), 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (Toin Phuc)
8. Intelligence. 5th Marines ISUMs
9. Mission. Provide artillery fire support to USMC and ARVN Forces in the area of operations.
10. Concept of Operation. The Commanding Officer, 11th Marines directed 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (-) (Rein) to provide artillery support for Operation NAPA.
11. Execution. At 041130 Sept 1966, the 2d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines commenced displacement by motor convoy to positions in the vicinity of Tam Ky, coordinates BT 2923. This movement was made in convoy consisting of 1st serial, Command/Control Group; 2d serial, Battery E; 3d serial, Battery F and 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery and 4th serial, Battery K with a ten minute interval between serials. All units were in position and prepared to fire by 041415.

ENCLOSURE (4)

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During the movement to and from Tam Ky, Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was prepared to fire supporting fires if required.

Battery D (-) located at Tien Phuc (BT 115140) fired three missions and expended 114 rounds in support of Operation NAPA for USMC and ARVN units.

At 051152 Sept 1966, 2d Battalion, (-) fired preparatory fires in support of a landing by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. 100 rounds were expended.

At 060600 Sept 1966, Battery K and Battery D (-) fired preparatory fires in support of a landing by a Recon element. 129 rounds were expended.

At 070930 Sept 1966, Battery K displaced to TAOR position. At 071145, Battery F and Command/Control Group displaced to TAOR positions. Battery E, commanded by Capt GORE, remained in position at Tam Ky in support of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. The two remaining guns from Battery E were called forward and joined Battery E at Tam Ky. 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery was attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines and initially remained at Tam Ky. While attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, the Mortar Platoon displaced five times by helicopter, firing a total of 38 missions and expending 250 rounds.

On 14 Sept 1966, Battery E displaced to positions at BT 262191. On 14 Sept 1966 and again on displacement to TAOR positions on 15 Sept, Battery E and the Mortar Platoon were hit by an undetermined number of VC which Company G, security for the artillery positions, took under fire and maneuver and routed. Artillery fires claimed a total of three confirmed KIAs, two VIAs and one possible WIA during Operation NAPA.

#### MISSIONS FIRED

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 How	9	8	11	28
105 How	49	20	282	351
4.2" Mortar	13	3	25	41
	71	31	318	420

#### AMMUNITION EXPENDED

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 How	236	29	3	115	112	41	268
105 How	2566	109	50	737	241	1747	2725
4.2" Mortar	262			100	12	150	212
	3064	138	53	952	365	1938	3255

A liaison team and two FO teams were provided by the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines for coordination of USMC artillery fire within the ARVN sector. The only artillery support requested by ARVN units during Operation NAPA was in the form of H&I fires.

12. Naval Gunfire. One ship, the USS Mullinix (DD-944) was on station from 061800 to 070800 Sept 1966 but did not fire any missions in support of Operation NAPA.

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13. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. Class V was drawn from the ASP, FLSG B as required. Support for other classes of supplies was provided by the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines base camp.

b. Maintenance. One truck from Battery F developed brake trouble and was returned to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines Base Camp for repair. No other major type repairs were required.

c. Transportation. Organic transportation was used for both displacements and resupply.

d. Treatment of Casualties. Evacuation was administered by 5th Marines with hospitalization provided by B Med's primary Facility at Chu Lai.

e. Civil Affairs. None.

f. Communications. Generally, communications were very good. The hot line to the 11th Marines was out only once for a period of about 2 hours but generally weak. Teletype was not utilized during this operation.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. Radio Relay was employed by the 5th Marines with two channels being utilized by the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (one hot line to the 11th Marines and one hot line to 1st Marine Division COC). Radio Relay communications were periodically weak but satisfactory.

15. Commander's Analysis. Operation NAPA provided experience and developed confidence in officers and men and proved again that they can perform their mission under flexible conditions.

The nature of the operation was such that major displacements were not necessary. Battery E made one displacement and the Mortar Platoon, while attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, made five displacements by helicopter.

During the first phase of the operation, a technical FDC was established at the Command/Control Group level for Batteries E and F and the Mortar Platoon, with Battery K maintaining their own FDC. On 7 Sept 1966 technical fire direction control was passed to Battery E and the Mortar Platoon.

Primary communications for units in the immediate area was by wire. Radio communications to FO and liaison personnel were very good.

On 15 Sept 1966, while Battery E and the Mortar Platoon were displacing to their TAOR positions they received incoming small arms fire which was quickly returned by both the infantry security company and the artillery units. No casualties were received by the artillery units.

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1st Antitank Battalion  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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20 Sep 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment  
Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report; Operation NAPA

Ref: (a) your msg PL60838Z Sep66

Encl: (1) After Action Report; Operation NAPA

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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20 Sep 1966AFTER ACTION REPORT: OPERATION NAPA

1. Code Name. NAPA, a Regimental search and destroy operation.
2. Dates of Operation. 040930H - 151530H September 1966.
3. Location. Quang Tin Province, Tam Ky District.
4. Control or Command Headquarters. 5th Marine Regiment, Colonel C. F. WIDDECKE, Commanding.
5. Task Organization  
 Company B (-), 1st Antitank Battalion                      Capt J. E. FELKER  
 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion      SSgt A. F. HOLMAN JR.
6. Supporting Forces. None.
7. Intelligence. See 1st Marine Division Intelligence Summary for the operational period.
8. Mission. Provide direct support to the 5th Marines with one Ontos platoon.
9. Concept of Operation. Company B was directed to provide support to the 5th Marines with one antitank platoon. Initial plans called for the antitank platoon to provide security for artillery firing positions in the vicinity of the LSA at Tam Ky. The platoon was to be prepared to provide support as directed by the Commanding Officer, 5th Marines anywhere in the operational area. To coordinate their activities a command group, led by the Commanding Officer, Company B moved with the Regimental Command Group to Tam Ky.
10. Execution.  
 D-1(4 September)  
 040930H. Company Command Group and 2nd Platoon, Company A (OPCON Company B) departed Hill 35 for Tam Ky. The platoon provided convoy security for the 5th Marine Regimental Command Group.  
  
 041120H. Convoy arrived at Tam Ky; one Ontos broke a short axle about 8 kilometers south of Tam Ky and was towed in by an M-62 Wrecker.  
  
 041300H. Company Command Post established at Tam Ky.  
  
 041800H. Ontos repairs completed after arrival of replacement axle.

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041830H. Heavy section of 2nd Platoon placed in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, light section of 2nd Platoon placed in direct support of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Both sections assigned mission of providing security for Regimental Command Post and artillery firing positions.

D-Day (5 September)

050900H. The Company Commander requested permission for the Ontos to fire ninety (90) rounds of prep fire on Hill 26, vicinity of BT 208249, which was to be used by 1/5 for their Command Post on the night of 5 September.

051300H. Permission denied; 2/11 directed to lay prep fire.

051400H. 2nd Platoon placed in direct support of G-2/5 for security and defense of Tam Ky.

D plus 1 (6 September)

060800H. The Company Commander recommended that the antitank platoon be attached to 3/5, joining that unit at Cam Khe (1), coordinates BT 223226, for the remainder of the operation. Preparations made.

061600H. Link-up of antitank platoon with 3/5, scheduled for the morning of 7 September, postponed one day.

D plus 2 (7 September)

071700H. The Company Command Group departed Tam Ky with the Regimental Command Group for Hill 35. The 2nd Platoon remained at Tam Ky in support at G-2/5.

071800H. Company Command Group arrived at Hill 35.

D plus 3 (8 September)

081130H. Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon informed that scheduled link-up with 3/5 had been cancelled. Platoon to remain at Tam Ky to support G-2/5.

D plus 4 (9 September)

090900H - 091200H. The heavy Ontos section of the 2nd Platoon and one squad from G-3/5 made a armored recon of the area two thousand meters north of Tam Ky between the railroad tracks and Route #1. Captured one (1) Viet Cong suspect at BT 271236. Suspect had no Identification Card, no voter's card and acted very nervous. No rounds expended.

D plus 5 (10 September). No change.

D plus 6 (11 September). No change.

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20 Sep 1966D plus 7 (12 September)121100H - 121600H. The heavy Ontos section of the 2nd Platoon and one squad from G-2/5 made an armored reconnaissance through Phuong Hoa (1) (BT 281237) and the area north of the LSA. No contact.D plus 8 (13 September)131500H. The 2nd Platoon departed the LSA to link-up with 3/5.131515H. Link-up accomplished at BT 287199. Platoon moved with L-3/5 to BT 247183. The light section was placed in direct support of L-3/5 at BT 245170. The heavy section was placed in direct support of K-3/5 at BT 242167.131900H. Set into night defensive positions.D plus 9 (14 September)140900H. Light section detached to return to combat base (Hill 35). Heavy section swept with K-3/5 from BT 242174 to Hill 83 (BT 248169). Set into defensive positions.D plus 10 (15 September)150900H. Three (3) Viet Cong in open spotted at BT 229447. Ontos at Hill 83 (BT 248169) fired four (4) rounds 106mm. One (1) Viet Cong KIA (probable).151000H. 2nd Platoon, with K-3/7, commenced movement eastward to link-up with artillery.151200H. 2nd Platoon, with K-3/5, received small arms fire from BT 255183. One (1) USMC KIA. Ontos, at BT 254185, returned fire with one hundred twenty-five rounds caliber .30, 75 rounds caliber .50 and five rounds 106mm. Ontos advanced within one hundred meters of target under fire. Destroyed house being used as cover by Viet Cong. Two (2) Viet Cong KIA (probable).151435H. G-2/5 received small arms fire from two concrete dwellings at BT 258194. Called for Ontos support. Because of thick undergrowth and dense hedgerows Ontos could not return effective fire from a covered position. The Ontos Commander maneuvered his vehicle to within two hundred meters of the enemy position before he was able to return effective fire. Ontos fired fifteen rounds of caliber .50 spotter-tracer and five rounds 106mm, destroying both buildings completely. One (1) Viet Cong KIA (probable).151700H. 2nd Platoon returned to Hill 35.

11. Results. Four (4) Viet Cong KIA (probable), three (3) houses destroyed.
12. Administrative Matters. No problems encountered.
13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None utilized.

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20 Sep 196614. Commander's Analysis.

- a. This operation went a long way toward dispelling doubts as to cross-country travel capability of Ontos. Virtually all Ontos operating was done off the roads.
- b. Ontos fire appears to have been overcontrolled. Although suitable targets appeared, permission to fire was often denied. In some cases the target was fleeting, and had disappeared before other supporting arms could be brought to bear.

15. Recommendations.

- a. Increase the employment of Ontos units in a manner which exploits the inherent mobility and firepower of the Ontos.
- b. Give greater control in the employment of the Ontos to the local Ontos unit commander.

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1. The following documents are submitted in support of enclosure (1):

- NIE Tab 1: Flash Message on 2/5 to 3rd Division NIE. 2/5/50. 7 (b) use only  
dated 2/5 as Tab 6. App C.*
- ✓ Tab 2: After Action Report NAPA
  - ✓ Tab 3: Planning Directive for operation Monterey
  - ✓ Tab 4: 5th Marines Unit Journal

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APPENDIX A  
TO ENCLOSURE (1)

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COMPANY D  
1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

16 Sept 66

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Recon Bn

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 5TH MAR SAC FILES

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

0559-66

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1  
 (b) 5th Marines Frag Order 12-66

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Encl: (1) Commotion Debriefing Report dtd 071930H Sept 1966

1. Code Name: Operation NAPA
2. Dates of Operation: 050500H-151200H Sept 1966
3. Location: QUAN TAM KY District, QUANG TIN PHUOC <sup>PRC</sup> Province
4. Control or Command Headquarters:

Company D 1st Recon Bn

Capt R. A. CARNES

3rd Plt Co "D" 1st Recon Bn

2nd Lt G. MURRAY

3rd Plt Co "B" 1st Recon Bn

GySgt A. C. STOWE

5. Task Organization:

Company D 1st Recon Bn

3rd Plt Co "D" 1st Recon Bn

3rd Plt Co "B" 1st Recon Bn

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6. Supporting Forces:

a. Artillery: The 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 5th Marines for the operation. Reconnaissance platoons called a total of four fire missions with excellent coverage on two of the targets. There were fire adjustments delays encountered in all fire missions due to the narrow zone of action in which the 5th Marines were operating. During the firing of each mission clearance had to be obtained from at least one and sometimes two of the operating battalions because of the close proximity of the friendly forces. Additionally, the number

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of aircraft and med-evacs in the area created firing delays. One fire mission required two hours to complete. Artillery also fired 120 rounds as preparatory fire with good results on the landing zone used by the reconnaissance patrol.

b. Air: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided helicopters for insertion, extraction and resupply of the reconnaissance patrol. Their use was preplanned with the exception of the extraction when only three hours notice was available to the aircraft. The helicopters operations were effective and timely.

7. Intelligence: See enclosure (1).

8. Mission: Conduct Reconnaissance Operations in support of the 5th Marines.

- a. On D-Day established Platoon OP at BT 183205
- b. On order established OP at BT 159264
- c. Be prepared to displace and reestablish OPs on order

9. Concept of Operation: See reference (b).

10. Execution: At 060730H (D+1) a reconnaissance platoon was inserted on hill 253 at coordinate BT 183205. The platoon established an OP in the same vicinity with their principle direction of observation to the east. Their secondary direction of observation was to the north. Observation was excellent in both directions. Throughout the operation communications were excellent. The reconnaissance platoon was in direct communication with the 3rd Battalion and its companies, providing the Battalion and the company commanders with immediate intelligence concerning the VC in these areas of operation. The platoon remained in position 33 hours and was extracted at 171600H Sept 1966.

11. Results: The reconnaissance platoon had 11 sightings of 67 VC. One fire mission resulted in two VC WIA, confirmed. Results of other fire missions could not be confirmed or observed, as there were no ground searches of the area. There were no losses of personnel or equipment in the reconnaissance unit.

12. Administrative Matters:

- a. Helicopters were used for all insertions, extractions, and resupply with excellent results.
- b. Radio communications were solely FM utilizing the AN/PRC 25. No communication difficulties were encountered during the operation.



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13. Special Equipment and Technique:

a. The reconnaissance unit maintained direct communications with the friendly units in the area providing timely intelligence and other operational information that facilitated the movement of the friendly units. This was good but it is felt that a reconnaissance communications net should be activated. This net should be separate from the battalion and company tactical nets. In addition to providing more rapid dissemination of reconnaissance information the outstanding advantage would be the removal of reconnaissance traffic from the tactical net, and the reduction of the communications burden in the reconnaissance unit. In order to provide timely information during a two battalion operation, it is necessary for the reconnaissance unit to guard a minimum of four nets, two battalion tactical nets and two company tactical nets. At times the reconnaissance unit could be guarding as many as six or eight nets depending on the number of companies forward. These nets are in addition to the reconnaissance company tactical net and the reconnaissance artillery request net. Considering the size of most reconnaissance patrols, 18-20 men, the method of operation and the other elements of their mission, security and observation, timely communication becomes difficult at best. The addition of a reconnaissance net within the battalion would help to alleviate the communications tie up. Further, it would only require the addition of one net that the company and battalion would be required to monitor. It would also eliminate the requirement for the infantry battalion to relay intelligence information from the reconnaissance units as the reconnaissance company headquarters can easily monitor the reconnaissance net and report information directly to the regimental S-2.

14. Commanders Analysis:

a. In operations of a limited nature, such as Operation NAPA, reconnaissance units could best be employed early to locate enemy movement in the objective area prior to the commitment of the infantry units. This should result in the best positioning of infantry units, and be especially applicable to operations where the use of a helicopter assault force as well as the best selection of landing zones.

b. In most instances the availability of a reaction force that could exploit the sighting of reconnaissance units would be profitable and provide numerous opportunities for contact that might otherwise be missed because of the lack of available units that could respond rapidly. During Operation NAPA there were two opportunities that in each case could have resulted in contact with at least twenty Hardcore VC. Artillery on these targets was ineffective because of the long delays that developed when trying to obtain clearance to fire.

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3. At one point in the operation the use of reconnaissance units as perimeter security and local ambush patrols was strongly considered. Although within the capability of reconnaissance units it is felt that if this had occurred the reconnaissance units would not have been employed to the fullest advantage. The use of trained reconnaissance personnel in this manner also effects the employment of reconnaissance in support of the remainder of the Division. When the above use of reconnaissance units was considered eight of the eleven reconnaissance platoons available to the CHU LAI area were committed and the other three had just returned from patrol.

15. Recommendations:

a. That reconnaissance units be inserted at the earliest opportunity to take maximum advantage of their intelligence gathering capabilities. Their ability to direct fire can still be utilized during the latter stages of the operation.

b. That infantry units establish a reconnaissance net as noted in paragraph 13a above.

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1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
CHU LAI, RVN  
071930H

En Frag Order 26-66  
Team: 3rd Plt, Co "D"  
Debriefing: 1st Lt R. S. ROBERTS  
Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L701  
Sheet 6657 I

PATROL REPORT

1. 1 Off, 16 Enl, 1 USN
2. Mission: In support of Operation NAPA, establish an OP on Hill 253 vicinity BT 184204 and conduct surveillance of the surrounding area. The primary direction of observation is SE, S, and E.
3. Time of Departure: 060630H
4. Time of Return: 071600H
5. Route: NONE
6. Synopsis: This patrol covered a period of 33½ hours, with 11 sightings of 67 VC. Directions and information was passed on to the 5th Marine units where appropriate, and 3 arty fire missions were called-resulting in 12 VC KIA probable and 2 VC WIA. The patrol found 4 Chicom grenade booby-traps which they disarmed and turned in to EOY; all day on the 7th the patrol's OP received sporadic sniper fire.
7. Observation (Enemy and Terrain)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
060630H	BT 184205	4 Chicom grenade booby-traps found in LZ; were blown in place or disarmed.
060745H	BT 209196	5 VC moving N, blk PJ's, packs and rifles.
060802H	BT 196181	4 VC moving N, blk PJ's and coolie hats, rifles and packs.
060810H	BT 192227	4 VC moving NW, double timing, blk PJ's, rifles.
060815H	BT 184238	16 VC moving W, then N, utility type uniforms, soft covers, camouflaged with sticks and brush, rifles and packs. Fire mission called, good coverage but damage unobserved.

060930H BT 184248 7 VC joined the 16 above; utility uniforms soft covers, packs and rifles. Appeared to be rear guard.

061027H BT 179251 1 VC moving W on trail, utilities and soft cover, pack and rifle.

061230H BT 194201 5 VC; 3 male and 2 females, blk PJ's 2 rifles.

061231H BT 194201 2 VC, 1 WIA being carried by the second man; blk PJ's, coolie hats, 1 rifle.

061235H BT 190199 Fire mission on above mentioned VC, good coverage, unobserved results.

061430H BT 139232  
BT 095242 4 signal fires lighted in succession burned for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. 1 hr later they were lighted again.

070600H BT 196228 3 VC moving N at double time, blk PJ's coolie hats, 1 rifle.

070940H BT 199228 13 VC moving E toward friendly USMC company; utilities and soft covers, 1 A-4 MG, packs and rifles. Called fire mission outstanding coverage of woodline, 12 VC KIA probable, 2 VC WIA.

071231H BT 186227 4 VC came out of woodline vicinity of fire mission; 2 walking and 2 wounded.

071536H BT 211225 5 VC moving NE on trail at double time, utilities and soft covers, 5 packs and 5 rifles. USMC squad got in fire fight with VC.

8. Other Information: The OP on Hill 253 is good but offers no cover or concealment; tallest growth is 18" high. All day on the 7th, this patrol received small arms sniper fire in vicinity of their position.

9. Results of Encounters with Enemy: None

10. Condition of Patrols: Good

11. Conclusions and Recommendations: If better communication with the small units (plts) could be worked out between the infantry and recon teams, reaction of infantry units to information observed by the recon team would be much better.

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2ndLt USMC  
3rd Plt Co "D"  
Patrol Leader

12. Additional Comments by Debriefer: None

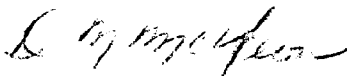
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Debriefer

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060001H5th Marines  
062400H

TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.		
0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0030	J-2	052400H	SPECIAL SITREP #4 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0545	J-3	060600H	SPECIAL SITREP #5 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0655	J-4	060650H	AT 060635H CO C REC'D 7 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM 2 VC AT BT 207245. CO C AT BT 209249 RET'D APPROX 20 RDS SA FIRE & ONE L.W. VC BROKE CONTACT. PRESENTLY CONDUCTING THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA.	S&F
0630	J-5	060630H	AT 060630H INSERTED RECON TEAM COMMOTION 18 MEN LZ BT 183205.	M-S&F
0623	J-6	060600H	SPECIAL SITREP #4 NO CONTACT.	S&F
0700	J-7	060700H	AT 060130H CO I REC'D FIRE (10-12) RDS FM 2 VC FM BT 216246. RET'D 30 RDS SA FIRE 1 VC KIA (CONF), 1 VC WIA (PROB). CAPT'D 1 MODEL 49 FRENCH SUB-MACHINE GUN.	S&F
0715	J-8	060715H	AT 060700H CO C APPRE 1 MALE VCS WHO APPEARS TO BE VC. VCS HAD APPROX 800 LBS OF RICE IN HIS HUT AT BT 205243. FWD TO IIT.	S&F
0725	J-9	060725H	AT 060725H CO L LIFTED OFF FM BT 227229.	M-S&F
0821	J-10	060800H	AT 060730H CO L AT BT 206212 REC'D 30-40 RDS SA FIRE FM THE VILL BT 210210. RET'D MG FIRE & ROCKETS FM ARMED HUIES. VC FLED UNDER FIRE.	M-S&F
0750	J-11	060745H	AT 060730H CO L WHILE HELOLIFTING FM BT 234228 REC'D FIRE FM 1 OR 2 VC. A PTL HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO TRY AND FIND THEM.	M-S&F
0825	J-12	060837H	AT 060730H CO B CONDUCTED SEARCH OF AREA VC PROBED AT 052235H AT BT 212254. FOUND ONE U.S. THOMPSON SUB MG WITH ONE MAG, TWO CHICOM HAND GRENADES, EXTENSIVE AMOUNT OF BLOOD AND SIGNS OF BODIES HAVING BEEN DRAGGED AWAY. EST ONE VC KIA (PROB) & A TOTAL OF 6 VC WIA, TOTAL CAS INFLECTED DUE TO FIRE FIGHT ONE VC KIA (CONF), ONE VC KIA (PROB) SIX VC WIA (PROB) BELIEVED ONE CAS SUSTAINED AT 052235H WAS DUE TO VC 60 MM MORT.	S&F
0845	J-13	060830H	AT 060820H L CO HIT BOOBYTRAP, 1 USMC WIA, MEDVAC. PICKED UP 20 VCS IN VILL AT BT 210210 WHERE FIRING CAME FM, ALSO FOUND SOME PACKS AND EQUIPMENT. A COUNT & FINAL REPORT WILL FOLLOW.	S&F
0915	J-14	060910H	AT 060835H C CO LOCATED VC BILLETING AREA IN HUT AT BT 200283. POLICE CHIEF STATED HUT WAS USED FOR VC LECTURES. DESTROYED HUT WITH FIRE.	S&F
0905	J-15	060905H	AT 060905H REC'D 3/5 CP LOCATIONS, K CO & CMD GRP AT BT 224224, I CO AT BT 211231, L CO AT BT 205214.	M-SF
0905	J-16	060905H	AT 060840H K CO PICKED UP 1 VCS AGE 21, NO ID SAYS HE WAS TAKEN TO TAM KY BEFORE, HAS SEEN NO VC.	S&F
0942	J-17	060942H	AT 060835H B CO LOCATED IN HUT ASS'T DOCUMENTS, 1 MAP, 3 EMPTY PENICILLIN BOTTLES W/EXPANDED CARTRIDGES, AT BT 215225. TO BE FWD TO 5TH MAR CP.	S&F
0950	J-18	060950H	AT 060915H I CO REC'D 4 OR 5 SA FIRE FM EST 4 OR 5 VC AT BT 208231. RET'D FIRE & SEARCHED AREA. 2 VCS.	S&F
1006	J-19	060935H	AT 060930H K CO REAR ELEMENTS REC'D 3-5 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM BT 235228. SPOTTED SNIPER POS & FIRED 2 M-79 RDS WITH UNK RESULTS.	S&F
1030	J-20	061032H	AT 061015H I CO SWENT VILL AT BT 206231 PRODUCED 6 MALE VCS, TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.	S&F

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5th Marines

T-1, RVN

060001H

062400H

TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.		
1120	J-21	061128H	AT 061050H 1/5 EST TOTAL 2 TONS OF RICE & APPROX 30-35 VN NATIONALS BE EVAC AT BT 214255. POLICE CHIEF OF AREA REQ ASS'T CO 5TH MAR HAS REQ RELO'S.	S&F
1120	J-22	061130H	AT 060820H C CO AT BT 200244 APPRE 1 VC FEMALE ID BY POLICE C IEF AS BEING A SUPPLIER FOR VC AND HARBORER OF VC. SENT TO FIFTH MAR CP.	S&F
1000	J-23	061000H	AT 061005H CP LOCATIONS OF 3/5 ARE AS FOLLOWS: CO K & CMD GRP BT 215217, CO I BT 208231, CO L BT 204216.	M-S&F
1015	J-24	061020H	LATE ENTRY, IN REF TO J-13 CO L HAS 16 VCC VICE 20 VCS. ALSO CAPT'D 1 SEMI A/W 3 PACKS, MED SUPPLIES & DESTROYED 300 LBS OF RICE, WHICH COULD NOT BE CARRIED.	S&F
1140	J-25	061143H	AT 061130 1/5 APPRE 1 VC IDENTIFIED BY POLICE CHIEF AS CHAIRMAN OF YOUNG WOMAN ASSOCIATION. TO BE FWD TO FIFTH MAR CP.	S&F
1055	J-26	061100H	AT 061010H CO L FIRED ON BY 4-5 VC AT BT 210210. RET'D 40 RDS & 2 M-79 RDS. SEARCHED AREA FOUND 1 PACK, CART BELT, & 40 RDS SA AMMO.	S&F
1250	J-27	061145H	AT 061200H 1/5 SPL SIT REP #5 PASSED TO DIV. NO CHANGE.	S&F
1150	J-28	061158H	AT 061145H 3/5 CO K FOUND WOOD HANDLE GRENADE ON TRAIL BT 210215. GRENADE BLOWN IN PLACE.	S&F
1200	J-29	061200H	AT 061200H SPECIAL SITREP #6 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1222	J-30	061225H	3/5 CP LOCATIONS CO K & CMD GRP GR 205204, CO I BT 199210, CO L NO CHANGE.	M-S&F
1210	J-31	061240H	AT 060730H 1/5 CO C LOCATED A TUNNEL OF UNK DIM IN TAM PHU HAMLET (BT 2023). TUNNEL IS ABOUT 100 METERS EAST OF TAM PHU HAMLET SCHOOL HOUSE. ALSO THERE IS A RICE STORAGE AREA ABOUT 50 METERS WEST OF THE TUNNEL. THE RICE IS STORED IN BASKETS IN THE HOUSE OF PRAN THO, AGE 40, THE HAMLET ECONOMIC CADRE/ CHAIRMAN OF ANONOMOUS COMMITTEE.	S&F
1210	J-32	061241H	AT 061155H 3/5 CO K FOUND 1919A 4MG W/O MOUNT ALONG TRAIL BT 210215 FRESH FOOT PRINTS WERE FOUND NEARBY LEADING INTO A HOLE. DOG CHECKED IT OUT. NEG, WILL EVAC WHEN POSSIBLE.	S&F
1334	J-33	061223H	3/5 CP LOCATIONS, CO L BT 195226, NO OTHER CHANGERS.	M-S&F
1154	J-34	061154H	AT 061115H 3/5 CO I SPOTTED ABOUT 10 VC BT 199229. TOOK UNDER FIRE 30 SUB-MACHINE GUN, 3 M-79. ENEMY FILED TO WEST, TOO FAR TO PURSUE.	S&F
1110	J-35	061045H	AT 061100H REC'D 3/5 SITREP 060500H TO 061100H.	S&F
1305	J-36	061310H	AT 061230H 3/5 CO L COMOTION SPOTTED 2 VC 1 ARMED 1 WOUNDED AND 3 FEMALE TRAVELING S.W. CO L IS SEARCHING AREA BUT COULD NOT FIND ANYONE.	S&F
1315	J-37	061317H	AT 061250H 3/5 CO K REC'D 1 MORTAR ROUND IN-COMING FM BT 196203. ARTY MISSION NOW BEING FIRED.	S&F
1315	J-38	061317H	AT 061315H 1/5 CO B TRIPPED BOOBYTRAP PRESSURE RELEASE CHICOM GRENADE (TWO) WHICH WERE BURIED ALONG TRAIL. 4 USMC KIA. BT 233255.	S&F

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1330	J-39	061330H	3/5 RPTS MAN WHO IS THE BUDDIST LEADER IN THE VILLAGE AT BT 199214 SPOKE STATING THAT HE AND THE PEOPLE OF HIS VILLAGE DESIRE TO LEAVE AND GO TO TAM KY. THE VILLAGERS HAVE FLED TO AVOID THE FIGHTING THIS MORNING. HE STATES THAT HE CAN HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE ABOUT 200-1000 READY TO BE LIFTED OUT IN THE FUTURE ONCE HE TALKS TO THEM. HE STATES THAT THEY ARE IMPRISONED BY VC. REQ ADVICE.	S&F
1430	J-40	061435H	AT 061345H 3/5 CO I DESTROYED 500 LBS OF RICE WAS SCATTERED ABOUT AND NO CONTAINERS WERE AVAILABLE. THE WALLS OF HOUSES IN THE VILLAGE HAD ANTI U.S. SAYINGS.	S&F
1430	J-41	061435H	AT 061430H 1/5 CO D APPRE 1 VCS, AT BT 252256. INTERROGATION REVEALED SUSPECT KNOWLEDGE OF VC PLANTING MINES IN THIS AREA.	S&F
1525	J-42	061528H	AT 061525H 1/5 CO C REC'D 5 RDS SNIPER FIRE EM 1 SNIPER AT BT 242253. RET'D 50 RDS SA 10 M-79 RDS. SNIPER BROKE CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA APPRE 4 VCS, 1 USMC KIA.	S&F
1553	J-43	061553H	AT BT 262258 IN PROCESS OF SETTING UP NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION.	S&F
1800	J-44	061800H	SPECIAL SITREP #7 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1747	J-45	061745H	AT 061500H "K" CO 3/5 CAPTURED ONE VCS HIDING IN A DITCH. HE IS 19 YEARS OLD AND HAS NO I.D. EVAC TO 5TH MAR CP.	S&F
1655	J-46	061615H	1/5 CP LOCATION S: "B" CO 258258 TO BT 262258 CO "D" FROM BT 260257 TO BT 260257 "C" CO FROM BT 260257 TO BT 258258.	M-S&F
1702	J-47	061700H	3/5 CP LOCATIONS: "K" CO & CMD GR FROM BT 192204 TO 194205, "L" CO FM BT 199213 TO BT 198210, "I" CO BT 178218.	M-S&F
1910	J-48	061905H	AT 061035H "L" CO 3/5 REC 30 RDS SA FIRE FROM BT 203210. RET 50 RDS SA RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA.	S&F
1935	J-49	061935H	LATE ENTRY AT 061200H "L" CO 3/5 HAS RECEIVED A FEW RDS FROM THIS VILLAGE UPON ENTERING THEY FOUND 4 YOUNG MEN IN A HUT. NONE HAD I.D. ALL WERE EVAC AS VCS. BT 196216	
1923	J-50	061410H	AT 061800H "I" CO 3/5 REC 10-15 RDS SA FIRE FM 4 OR 5 VC. VC TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 81MM 2 VC KIA (PROB)	S&F
1955	J-51	061915H	AT 061900H 3/5 CMD GR HELOS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY A 50 CAL MG. HELOS DROPPED RED SMOKE. 81MM AND ARTY CALLED IN. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS UNK.	S&F
2000	J-52	061800H	AT 061700H 1/5 CP LOCATED 200 RDS EMPTY 30 CAL CARTRIDGES, 60 EMPTY CARBINE CARTRIDGES 100 EMPTY 50 CAL CARTRIDGES, 30 RDS EMPTY 45 CAL CARTRIDGES AND 9 RDS CARBINE AMMO. GEAR FOUND ABANDONED IN HUT. AT BT 262259. 6 VCS AND EQUIP ON RESUPPLY HELO ON WAY TO 5TH MAR CP.	S&F

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1958		J-53 061915H	AT 061900H "D" CO 1/5 LOCATED ONE VC PROI- AGENDA BOOK ABANDONED IN HUT. WILL FORWARD TO 5TH MAR HQ.	S&F
2300		J-54 062330H	SPECIAL SITREP #8 PASSED TO DIV. (062400H)	S&F
2300		J-55 062300H	SPECIAL SITREP FROM 1/5 (061800 TO 062300H) NEW CONTACT NO CHANGE.	S&F
1825		J-56 061700H	SPECIAL SITREP FM 3/5 061700H. NO CHANGE.	S&F
2324		J-57 062315H	SPECIAL SITREP #7 AS OF 062300H FM 3/5. NO CHANGE.	S&F
2400		J-58 062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001	J-1		OPENED JOURNAL	
0035	J-2	061815H	LATE ENTRY. 3/5 ACCUMULATED 4 MORE NBC (HEAT GAS) ALL WERE MEDEVACED	S&F
0040	J-3	061815H	LATE ENTRY. CO C 1/5 SQD AMB BT 258256, CO D BT 260255. TOD 2000H AND FOR 0600H, SAME FOR BOTH.	S&F
0502	J-4	070450H	3/5 SITREP NO ENEMY CONTACT. ALL OTHER REMAIN THE SAME.	S&F
0525	J-5	070600H	SPECIAL SITREP #9 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0545	J-6	070540H	1/5 SPECIAL SITREP #8. NO CHANGE.	S&F
0810	J-7	070810H	AT 070800H 3/5 UNITS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS CO K AND CMD GRP NO CHANGE, CO I BT 183221, CO L BT 195217.	M-S&F
0900	J-8	070900H	AT 070835 1/5 B&C CO REC'D APPROX 50 RDS A/W FIRE FM EST 4 VC BT 274264. RET'D APPROX 80 RDS AUTO & SEMI WPNS FIRE ON BT 275267. VC BROKE CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. 5 USMC WIA (MINOR).	S&F
0910	J-9	070830H	AT 070835H CO I 3/5 REC'D 10 RDS S/A FIRE FM VIC BT 199213. FM BT 193221 RET'D 20 RDS S/A AND 3-3.5 ROCKETS. VC WITHDREW WITH UNK RESULTS.	S&F
0900	J-10	070900H	1/5 ON ROAD MOVING TO HOME (TAOR).	S&F
0922	J-11	070922H	1/5 ARR HOME BT 397145.	S&F
0952	J-12	070950H	3/5 LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS CO K & CMD GRP BT 204205, CO I BT 211226, CO L BT 200225.	S&F
1200	J-13	071200H	SPECIAL SITREP #10 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1047	J-14	071045H	AT 071020H AT BT 203226 RECON SPOTTED 10 VC AT BT 199228 WITH MACHINE GUN. FIRED 16 RDS 105 HE. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.	S&F
1045	J-15	071045H	AT 071010H CO I 3/5 REC'D SNIPER FIRE FROM THE VILLAGE BT 211232 ABOUT 6 OR 8 RDS. 1 USMC WIA MEDEVAC. RET'D FIRE WITH 60 RDS S/A AND NOW SEARCHING AREA.	S&F
1113	J-16	071115H	3/5 LOCATION S AS FOLLOWS: CO K & CMD GRP NO CHANGE, CO I BT 228228, CO L BT 203226.	M-S&F
1145	J-17	071145H	AT 071045H CO K 3/5 FOUND A TUNNEL 200 FEET LONG, 4 TO 5 FT HIGH AND 5 FT DOWN AT BT 201201. NEAR TUNNEL CO K CAPT'D 3 VCS DIGGING, 3 VCS HIDING NEARBY, ALSO CAPTURED.	S&F
1154	J-18	071130H	AT 071201H CO K 3/5 PRESENTLY EVACUATING 7 VILLAGERS WITH LIVESTOCK AND BELONGINGS FM VILLAGE AT BT 204206.	S&F
1154	J-19	071130H	3/5 LOCATIONS CO K AND CMD GRP BT 204206, CO L BT 203227 CO I BT 193227. TOTAL USMC GAS 13 WIA & 4 NBC (HEAT GAS).	M-S&F
1154	J-20	071227H	3/5 CO L AT 071205H BT 200237 REC'D 10-20 RDS SA & A/W FIRE. SEARCHING AREA.	S&F
1227	J-21	071230H	AT 071205H CO L 3/5 REC'D 10-20 RDS SA AND AUTO WPNS FIRE FM BT 200237. CO L MANEUVERING.	S&F
1250	J-22	071300H	AT 070930H CO I 3/5 BLEW A 250 LB BOMB RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA CO L.	S&F

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1319	J-23 071314H	3/5 LOCATIONS CO K & CMD GRP NO CHANGE, CO L BT 200222, CO I BT 223247.	M-S&F
1500	J-24 071500H	3/5 LOCATIONS CO K & CMD GRP BT 219222, CO L BT 203231, CO I BT 223246.	M-S&F
1458	J-25 071500H	AT 071430H CO I 3/5 SWEET VILLAGE BT 213223 AND APPRE 1 MALE AGE 35 RUNNING AWAY FM VILLAGE.	S&F
1504	J-26 071515H	AT 071300H CO K 3/5 APPRE 3 YOUNG MEN IN A VILLAGE BT 215226. ALL IN HUT HAD NO ID.	S&F
1522	J-27 071515H	AT 071510H CO K 3/5 REC'D 4 OR 5 RDS SA FIRE FM 1 VC SNIPER AT BT 216228. RET'D 4 M-79 RDS & 20 SA RDS. NEG RESULTS.	S&F
2030	J-28 072031H	AT 071415H CO L 3/5 SWEET REC'D SA FM 1 SNIPER RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO UNKNOWN POSITION OF SNIPER:	S&F
2033	J-29 072033H	AT 071420H CO L 3/5 WHILE ENTERING VILLAGE BT 197237 REC'D 4 TO 5 SA SNIPER FIRE WHICH WOUNDED ONE VILLAGER. SWEET VILL, TOOK ONE VCS, A YOUNG MALE POINTED OUT BY OTHER VILLAGERS AS BEING A VC.	S&F
2034	J-30 072034H	AT 071430H CO K 3/5 REC'D 4 RDS SNIPER FIRE WHILE EVAC VCS. SENT SQD TO CHECK & SAW 1 VC RUNNING ACROSS FIELD. APPRE HIM AND ALSO APPRE 5 VCS HIDING IN HUT. (ALL MALE).	S&F
2040	J-31 072040H	AT 071515H CO K SWEET REC'D 1 RD SNIPER FIRE WHICH SUSTAINED 1 USMC KIA, FM BT 211217. RET'D 11 RDS S/A AT TREELINE WITH NEG RESULTS.	S&F
2045	J-32 072100H	AT 071500H FOLLOWING POSITION OF 3/5 CP'S CO K & CMD GRP BT 213222, CO L BT 219233, CO I BT 223224.	M-S&F
2100	J-33 072100H	AT 071550H CO K NORTH FLANK REC'D ABOUT 10-20 SA FM 3 VC 50 TO 75 METERS, BT 211225. SQD COM PTL RET'D 5 M-79 RDS & 60 SA. 3 VC FLED DUE SOUTH.	S&F
2110	J-34 072110H	AT 071700H CO L 3/5 ON S&D A YOUNG MALE APPROACHED VILL FM THE S.W. & WAS TOLD TO HALT AT BT 200230, DID NOT. 2 MEN PTL FIRED AT VCS, HE FELL BUT GOT UP AND RAN AWAY.	S&F
2115	J-35 071630H	3/5 POSITION REPORT. CO K & CMD GRP BT 2172348, CO L BT 201232, CO I BT 223224.	M-S&F
2300	J-36 072300H	AT 071820H CO L SUSTAINED ONE USMC WIA, SHOT IN BACK BY SNIPER. CO L RET'D 100RDS S/A. SEARCH NEG. WIA MED EVAC'D. BT 201232.	S&F
2400	J-37 072300H	AT 1900H CO K HAS TWO NBC, CO I HAS ONE NBC. ALL THREE NBC'S MED EVAC'D.	S&F
2400	J-38	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0008	J-2	071530Z	SPL SITREP #12 TO DIV.	S&F
0020	J-3	072330H	FM 3/5 TO FIFTH MAR SPL SITREP #11	S&F
0510	J-4	080505H	FM 3/5 TO 5TH MAR SPL SITREP #12	S&F
0558	J-5	072145Z	SPL SITREP #13 TO DIV.	S&F
0856	J-6	080557H	AT 080805H CO L 3/5 REC'D 3 RDS SA FIRE FM BT 200237. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.	S&F
0859	J-7	072005H	AT 071900H CO L RESUPPLY HELLO AT BT 201232 REC'D 5 RDS SA FM VC AT BT 205236. RET'D 80 RDS M-60 MG FIRE W/3 VC KIA (PROB). L ENTRY.	S&F
0900	J-8	071800H	LATE ENTRY. SPECIAL SITREP #11 PASSED TO DIV AT 071900H.	S&F
0901	J-9	072400H	AT 072400H SPL SITREP #12 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0600	J-10	080600H	AT 080600H SPL SITREP #13 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1105	J-11	081105H	AT 081040H CO I 3/5 FOUND TUNNEL IN VILLAGE BT 227247 OCCUPIED BY 3 VC. TUNNEL BLOWN IN PLACE.	S&F
1135	J-12	081200H	SPL SITREP #14 PASSED TO DIV.	
1100	J-13	081100H	3/5 LOCATIONS CO L BT 204240, CO K-2 BT 217235, CO I-1 BT 204346, CO I-2 BT 211252, CO I-3 BT 200250, BN CP & CO K NO CHANGE.	M-S&F
1300	J-14	081300H	AT 081200H CO L 3/5 CAPT 1 VC MALE ABOUT 30 IN SWAMP OF VILLAGE. UPON QUESTIONING HE SAID 1 VC WAS KILLED BY AUTO WPNS FIRE YESTERDAY MORN ABOUT 0800H IN VILL OF TAM PHU (I CO HAD A CONTACT IN THIS VILL 1010H AND FIRED). HE ALSO STATED 25 DAYS AGO HE SAW 25 NVA IN TAM PHU & HE SAID KNEW OF THE BATTLE AT THON SAU. (1/5 ON COLORADO) AND SAID 30 NVA WERE KILLED AND 50 WOUNDED. WILL BE EVACUATED TO CHU LAI.	S&F
1333	J-15	081340H	AT 081045H CO L 3/5 EVACUATED 25 REFUGEES TO TAM KY.	S&F
1317	J-16	081320H	AT 081030H CO K 3/5 CAPT'D 2 VN HIDING IN A CAVE & A WOMAN (WITH 25 SMALL CHILDREN). 1 MAN IN THE TUNNEL WAS IDENTIFIED AS A VC BY PF, THE OTHER WAS TAKEN AS A VCS. THE WOMAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS A WIFE OF VC WHO IS 34 YRS OLD. VC UNIFORMS & ID OF A DEAD ARVN FOUND IN HER HOME.	S&F
1500	J-17	081502H	AT 081450H CO K 3/5 REC'D 4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM BT 214237. FIRED 2 60MM MORT RDS. FT SEAR- CHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.	S&F
1503	J-18	081505H	AT 081320H CO I 3/5 FOUND 105 RD SUSPECTED BOOBYTRAP AT BT 221243. BLOWN IN PLACE.	S&F
1528	J-19	081530H	AT 081230H CO L 3/5 PTL TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 2 VC AT BT 196243. REC'D 10 RDS FIRE. RET'D FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS. DISC'D 10 TONS RICE HID IN DEEP HOLE. SNIPER FIRE CONT'D & WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO EVACUATE IT. RICE DESTROYED.	S&F

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1540	J-20	081545H	AT 081230H, 1300H, 1500H, AT BT 238229, 2 FEMALES CAPT'D HIDING IN A TUNNEL VC TAX COLLECTOR PAPERS & LEDGERS IN THE HOUSE. PF SAY THEY ARE VC. AT 222235 2 MEN RAN & REFUSED TO HALT. WHEN APPRE 1 MAN IDENTIFIED AS LOCAL VC BY PF, OTHER MAN HELD AS VCS. AT 216225 2 MEN WERE RUNNING & REFUSED TO HALT, WHEN CAUGHT WERE IDENTIFIED AS VC INSTRUCTORS BY PF.	S&F
1600	J-21	081605H	AT 081330H CO I PLT SWEEPING THROUGH VILL BT 217247 FOUND 1 MAN HIDING IN CAVE. IDENTIFIED BY PF AS LOCAL CADRE OF VILLAGE.	S&F
1855	J-22	081855H	AT 081820H CO G SPOTTED 5 PEOPLE RUNNING IN RICE PADDY ONE WITH RIFLE. FIRED 2 M-79 RDS & REC'D 5 SA FIRE FM LEFT FLANK & REAR. WENT INTO VILL FOUND 1 VN MALE WOUNDED BY VC. HE IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY VILLAGERS. CONTINUING ON AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. VC NOT PURSUED AT BT 275233 BECAUSE IT WAS AT EDGE OF MARINE ZONE OF ACTIVITY.	S&F S&F
1900	J-23	081800H	SPECIAL SITREP #15 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2010	J-24	082010H	AT 081800H CO K AT BT 221235 LED BY VCC TO TUNNEL WHERE HE SAID WEAPONS WERE AT. THE TUNNEL WAS EMPTY, THEN SHOWED ANOTHER TUNNEL CONTAINING FOUR PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO COME OUT. EXPLOSION IN TUNNEL AS MARINE TRIED TO TALK THEM OUT. FOUND 1 MALE AND 1 FEMALE DEAD. MARINE KILLED 1 VC MALE WHO TRIED TO USE GRENADE. FOUND WOUNDED FEMALE WHO WAS MED EVACED. SEVERAL GRENADES, PAPERS UNIFORMS, MED SUPPLIES CAPT'D. 3 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 VCC.	S&F
2050	J-25	081600H	AT 081600H CO K AT BT 213243, LOCATED CAVE AND TUNNEL COMPLEX APPROX 122M LONG, 3-5 FT WIDE W/ROOMS 10 FT X 15 FT. EMPTY. TO BE BLOWN 09 SEPT.	S&F
2051	J-26	081600H	AT 081600H CO K AT BT 226246 FOUND MG AM O DRUM IN BUD TEMPLE, EMPTY.	S&F
2255	J-27	082255H	AT 082100H CO I SPRANG AMB ON EST 15 VC. FIRED 250 RDS SA & A/W FIRE AND 6 GRENADES WHILE RETREATING, TOWARD HILL 26 AT BT 208249. ARTY MIS ON HILL CAUSED EST 6 VC KIA (PROB). AT AMB SITE, BT 217251, 3 VC KIA, 7 VC KIA (PROB).	S&F
2315	J-28	082315H	AT 082130H CO I AT BT 225025, SPRANG AMB ON APPROX 12 VC, FIRED 6 M-79 RDS & 200 RDS SA. VC OBS'D MOVING ON TRAIL AT BT 211251. ARTY MISSION ON TRAIL, EST 2 VC KIA (PROB). AT AMB SITE, EST 8 VC KIA (PROB).	S&F S&F
2355	J-29	081550Z	SPECIAL SITREP #16 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
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0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0130	J-2	090115H	3/5 S&L SITREP #15	S&F
0510	J-3	090508H	3/5 S&L SITREP #16	S&F
0610	J-4	082210Z	S&L SITREP #17 TO DIV, NO CHANGE.	S&F
0910	J-5	090915H	AT 090830H CO I REC'D 4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM BT 218254. SPOTTED 3 VC RUNNING AWAY TO N.W. FIRED 30 RDS SA FIRE. 1 VC KIA (CONF) & 2 VCC (1 WIA).	S&F
1035	J-6	091036H	AT 091020H CO K 3/5 PTL SPOTTED 6 VC CARRYING MG HEADING WEST FM BT 220212. NOTIFIED CO L PTL THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE AND TAKE UNDER FIRE.	S&F
1100	J-7	091102H	AT 091045H CO K 3/5 PTL FOUND VC CAVE AROUND CAVE PIECES OF FLESH AND POOLS OF BLOOD WERE FOUND, ALSO SANDALS AT BT 222235. CONTINUE SEARCH.	S&F
1140	J-8	090330Z	SPECIAL SITREP #18 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1125	J-9	091126H	AT 091115H CO L 3/5 REC'D 4 RDS SA SNIPER FIRE FM BT 205235. OBS'D 2 MEN RUNNING SOUTH A LONG TREE LINE. RET'D 20 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS.	S&F
1158	J-10	091200H	AT 091150H CO CAS RPT FM 3/5 POSSIBLE BROCKEN LAND NEC.	S&F
1230	J-11	091230H	AT 091200H CO G 2/5 SQD (+) PTL APPRE 1 VCS. APPRE IN AREA WHERE CO G REC'D SA FIRE ON 8 SECT. DID NOT HAVE ID CARD. SENT TO ITT BY CHOPPER ASAP.	S&F
1305	J-12	091307H	AT 090915H CO I 3/5 A MAN AGE 50 PICKED UP DURING SWEEP OF VILL IDENTIFIED BY PF AS A VC.	S&F
1445	J-13	091450H	AT 091400H CO K 3/5 REC'D 8 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM BT 215239. RET'D FIRE 20 RDS SA & 3 60MM MORT RDS. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.	S&F
1530	J-14	091530H	AT 091530H CO L 3/5 1LT S&D REC'D 4 RDS SA FIRE FM BT 225235. SUSTAINED 1 WIA USMC, MEDEVAC.	S&F
1600	J-15	091600H	3/5 CP LOCATIONS CP & CO K BT 216236, CO L BT 208238, CO I BT 223247.	M-S&F
1617	J-16	091617H	AT 090915H CO I 3/5 1 MAN APPREHENDED IN SWEEP OF VILL BT 225246. PF SAYS HE IS VC.	S&F
1620	J-17	091620H	AT 091020H CO 1 WOMAN APPRE. PF SAYS SHE IS VC WHO RUNS VC MEETING PLACE.	S&F
1625	J-18	091625H	AT 091030H CO I 3/5 PICKED UP 1 MALE IN SWEEP OF VILL HAD 1320 P'S ON HIS PERSON PF BELIEVES HE IS A VC TAX COLLECTOR, MAN HAS 1 LEG.	S&F
1630	J-19	091630H	AT 091040H CO I 3/5 APPRE 1 MALE AT BT 229257 IN SWEEP OF VILL. PF SAYS HE IS VC.	S&F
1630	J-20	091635H	AT 091230H CO I 3/5 PTL DIS'D 8 RDS 20MM INCD AMMO HIDDEN IN SM CAVE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S&F
1637	J-21	091639H	AT 091300H CO I 3/5 PTL DIS'D A LARGE TUNNEL AT BT 210252 ABOUT 10 FT DOWN 3 TO 4 FT HIGH AND ABOUT 50 FT LONG. NO EXPLOSIVES AVAILABLE COULD NOT BLOW.	S&F
1800	J-22	091800H	SPECIAL SITREP #19 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F

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090001H

5th Marines

092400H

TIME IN	SER CUT	DTG NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1520	J-23	091522H	AT 091200H CO K 3/5 1LT S&D SPOTTED 4 VC IN AN AMBUSH POSITION. DISPERSED ON LINE & CALLED 81MM MORTAR CONCENTRATION, 10 RDS. APPROACHED POSITION FINDING TRACES OF BLOOD. NO ENEMY AT BT 233237.	S&F
1542	J-24	091545H	AT 091330H CO K 3/5 1LT S&D CALLED FIRE MISSION ON 6 VC MOVING TOWARD HILL 25 AT BT 239229. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE 3 VOLLEYS FIRED. 5 VC WIA (1ROB).	S&F
1600	J-25	091600H	AT 091115H CO K 3/5 MAN WAS FOUND IN VILL AFTER ASSAULT ON SAME AT BT 213237. TF SAYS HE KNOWS WHEREABOUTS OF VC.	S&F
1950	J-26	091950H	AT 091640H CO I PTL DIS LARGE TUNNEL SYSTEM AT BT 211236. APPROX 200M LONG, WELL CONST, 20 FT BELOW SURFACE, 4 1/2 FT WIDE AND 5 1/2 FT HIGH. TO BE DESTROYED 10 SEPT.	S&F
2035	J-27	092035H	AT 091115H CO L 3/5 CAPT FOUR POSTERS IN VILLAGE AT BT 204234. ANTI AMERICAN AND GAVE REPORTED U.S. LOSSES.	S&F
2105	J-28	092105H	AT 091600H CO K 3/5 DIS TUNNEL AT BT 221236, 50FT LONG W/A WELL-TYPE ENTRANCE 20FT DEEP, 4-5FT HIGH, 4FT WIDE. CONTAINED APPROX 1000 LBS OF RICE, WILL BE EVAC'D W/1-OPEN ENTRANCE AND 3 THAT ARE CAVED-IN. 15FT DEEP 3-4 FT HIGH, 4FT WIDE. NEITHER TUNNEL HAD RECENTLY USED.	S&F
2110	J-29	092110H	AT 091630H CO K 3/5 PTL TAKEN BY VCC TO HOLE LARGE ENOUGH FOR 3-4 MEN TO LIVE IN. RECENTLY DUG AND USED. ENTRANCE TOO SMALL FOR PATROL MEMBER, A GRENADE WAS INTRODUCED, NEG RESULT.	S&F
2202	J-30	092202H	AT 092045H CO I 3/5 AT BT 223247, RECEIVED 16RDS SA FIRE FM 3-4 VC AT BT 220249. RET'D 10 RDS M-14 FIRE, ESTIMATE 4VC KIL. PROB.	S&F
2300	J-31	092300H	3/5 SPL SITREP #19	S&F
2315	J-32	091522H	SPL SITREP #20 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2400	J-33		JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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TAM KY, RVN  
100001H

5th Marines

102400H

TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
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0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0450	J-2	100450H	AT 100300H 3/5 (REIN)(-) MOVED OUT FROM CP LOCATIONS ON BN S&D MISSION AT KY THU, LOC BT 215225.	S&F
0518	J-3	100518H	3/5 SITREP 092300H TO 100500H. CP LOCATION: CMD GRP NO CHANGE; K BT 231233, L BT 197198, I BT 216229, AND MOVING.	M-S&F
0522	J-4	092130Z	SPL SITREP #21 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0732	J-5	100700H	3/5 POSITION REPORT CP. 216236, CO "L" 210224 CO "K" 220225 CO "I" 227228	S&F
0910	J-6	100901H	AT 100830H "K" CO 3/5 AT BT 212223 REC 14-15 RDS SA FIRE FROM BT 212221. RET'D 40-50 RDS S/A FIRE AT 3 VC AND 8 RDS 81MM MORT FIRE 2 VC KIA(POB)	S&F
0940	J-7	100930H	AT 100830H VN MALE WAS BROUGHT TO 3/5 CP, BY OLD COUPLE WHO LOOKED LIKE HIS PARENTS. VN WAS 30 YEARS OLD AND HAD SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN SIDE AND LEG. NO INTERPRETER WAS AVAILABLE SO NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN. WAS EVAC THRU MED CHANNELS AS VCS WITH SERIOUS CONDITION.	S&F
1350	J-8	101250H	AT 100900H "L" CO 3/5 FLT ON S&D AT BT 213236 FOUND 1 M-79 ROUND BOOBY TRAPPED. BLEW IN PLACE.	S&F
1340	J-9	101340H	AT 101330H "L" CO 3/5 AT BT 235249 FOUND 4 60MM ROUNDS BOOBY TRAPPED. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S&F
1052	J-10	101150H	AT 101030H "K" CO 3/5 AT BT 227227 REC 2 RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM 228226. RET'D 20 RDS S/A CONT ON MARCH.	S&F
1035	J-11	101017H	SNIPER FIRE FROM BT 220227 REC 2 RDS SENT FIRE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE. NEG RESULTS.	S&F
1504	J-12	101504H	AT 101400H "I" CO 3/5 FLT/S&D RECV'D 6RDS OF SA FIRE AT BT 213236, FM EST 3 SNIPERS, RET 10RDS SA FIRE, SEARCH NEG.	S&F
1520	J-13	101520H	AT 101245H "K" CO AT BT 241240, FLT/S&D RECV'D 2RDS SA FIRE, FM BT 231244. RET 10RDS SA FIRE FT SEARCHED W/NEG RESULTS	S&F
1700	J-14	101700H	AT 101600H "K" CO SQD AT BT 246240 RECV'D 4 RDS SA FIRE FM BT 247237. RET'D 40-50 RDS M-14 AND 4RDS M-79. SEARCH NEG.	S&F
2012	J-15	102012H	AT 101810H "I" CO AT BT 215237 RECV'D 15 RDS SA FIRE FM 4-5VC AT BT 233253. RET'D 80 RDS SA FIRE, SEARCH NEG.	S&F
2040	J-16	102040H	AT 102035H "K" CO CP AT BT 247240 RECV'D 15 RDS S/A FIRE FM EST 2-VC AT BT 247240 VIC. RET'D 15-20RDS M-14. AMB AWAITING RETURN OF VC.	S&F
2230	J-17	102230H	AT 102130H "K" CO SQD/AMB AT BT 247244 RECV'D 15-20RDS S/A FIRE FM EST 2-VC SAME VIC. RET'D 15-20RDS M-14 FIRE. 1-VC WIA(POB). AMB WAS RETRACTED DUE TO COMPROMISE.	S&F
2300	J-18	102300H	RECV'D 3/5 SPL SITREP #23.	S&F
2325	J-19	101530Z	SPL SITREP #24 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2400	J-20		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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TAM KY, RVN  
110001H

5th Marines

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ACTION

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IN	OUT	NO.		
0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0455	J-2	110455H	3/5 SPL SITREP #24	S&F
	0535 J-3	112145Z	SPL SITREP #25 PASSED TO DIV, NO CHANGE	S&F
0940	J-4	110830H	CO "L" 3/5 AT BT 253258 AT 110745H DETONATED CHINESE TYPE GRENADE PLACED IN A HEDGEROW TWO (2) WIA - MED EVAC	S&F
0940	J-5	110830H	AT 110745H CO "L" 3/5 AT BT 254255 DETONATED M-26 GRENADE IN HEDGEROW WITH TRIP WIRE. FIVE (5) WIA, FOUR (4) MED EVAC	S&F
0950	J-6	110610H	AT 110610H CO "L" FT AMB AT BT 246247 HEARD RUSTLING BUSHES NEARBY. FIRED 8 RDS S/A RESULTING IN ONE (1) VC KIA (CONF)	S&F
1311	J-7	111235H	AT 111205H AT BT 222236 CO "I" 3/5 SEALED A TUNNEL ABOUT 40 METERS LONG. THE TUNNEL CONTAINED ABOUT 100 LBS RICE SCATTERED ABOUT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO RECEIVE.	S&F
1400	J-8	111400H	AT 110830H AT BT 246234 CO "K" 3/5 FOUND ONE BELT LINK 30 CAL AMMO ONE NOTEBOOK & A 5 GAL CONTAINER-AMMO & CONTAINER DESTROYED	S&F
1400	J-9	111400H	AT 110900H AT BT 246239 CO "K" 3/5 REC 2 RDS SA FM BT 247231 RET 3 TO 4 RDS & SENT A SQD TO PURSUE. NEG RESULTS.	S&F
1400	J-10	111400H	AT 110945H AT BT 235233 CO "K" 3/5 REC 3 RDS S/A FIRE FM BT 237222. RET 20 RDS RESULTS UNK.	S&F
1400	J-11	111400H	AT 111145H AT BT 238227 CO "K" 3/5 REC 7 RDS S/A FIRE FM BT 240225. RET 4 M-79 & 30 RDS S/A FIRE. RESULTS NEG.	S&F
1200	J-12	111200H	SPECIAL SITREP #26 PASSED TO DIV	S&F
2328	J-13	112305H	3/5 SPL SITREP #27.	S&F
2355	J-14	111558Z	SPL SITREP #28 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2400	J-15		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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S-3 S [REDACTED] ON  
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120001H

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122400H

TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0503	J-2	120503H	3/5 SPL SITREP #28 120001H TO 120500H	S&F
	0525 J-3	122130Z	SPL SITREP #29 PASSED TO DIV; NO CHANGE	S&F
1002	J-4	120915H	3/5 H&S CO 120915H BT 234249 REC 3 RDS SA FIRE FROM BT 227245. RETURNED 15 RDS SA 12 RDS 105MM. GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. PLAT. SEARCHING AREA. 1 USMC WIA MED EVAC.	S&F
1157	J-5	121000H	3/5 CO "I" AT 1200H BT 227245 APPREH VCS MALE HIDING IN VILLAGE, ONLY MALE THERE AND WAS LYING DOWN WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN SITTING AROUND HIM TRYING TO HIDE HIM. STATED HE KNEW THE LOCATION OF SOME VC EQUIPMENT. & HES SEEN 4 VC IN CAMO. CLOTHING WITH RIFLES. TO BE EVAC. AS VCS AFTER SEARCH OF AREA.	S&F
1202	J-6	121030H	3/5 CO "I" BT 238253 DURING SWEEP OF VILLAGE MAN RAN AROUND OF HUT & INTO A SQD LEADER TURNED AND RAN AGAIN, APPREH, HE FOUGHT WITH MARINES AND HAD TO BE BODILY CARRIED TO THE CP. DENIED FIGHTING & REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. VCS TO BE EVACUATED.	S&F
1225	J-7	121030H	3/5 AT 121030H BT 239228 SPOTTED 5 VC W/ WEAPONS, WEARING BLACK PJ'S PURSUED AND REC. 6 RDS SA FIRE. RET. 100 RDS SA & 5 M-79 & 8 81 MM MORTAR RDS AREA SEARCHED 1 VC KIA 1 VC WIA PROB. 1 VCS.	S&F
1255	J-8	121130H	3/5 CO K BT 247238 REC'D 6-8 RDS SA. RET'D 30 RDS SA FIRE. SEARCHED AREA FOUND 3 WOMEN IN HOUSE WITH LARGE AMOUNT OF SPENT BRASS. MORE AS VCS. 3 USMC WIA MED EVAC.	S&F
1324	J-9	121100H	3/5 AT 121100H BT 246234 FOUND A BOOBYTRAP M-26 GRENADE, BROWN IN PLACE.	S&F
1700	J-10	121700H	3/5 SPL SITREP #30	S&F
1800	J-11	120935Z	SPECIAL SITREP #31 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1840	J-12	121840H	3/5 POS REPORT CHD GRP & L CO AT BT 293197, I CO BT 293194, R CO BT 289198.	M-S&F
1910	J-13	121910H	3/5 I CO AT 121300H VN FAMILY BROUGHT BOY & GIRL TO CP, WOUNDED BY WP. MED EVACED.	S&F
2020	J-14	122020H	3/5 I CO AT 121515H, COLUMN LEAVING VILL VIC BT 262254, TRIPPED UNK TYPE BOOBYTRAP, ONE USMC WIA. MED EVACED.	S&F
2310	J-15	122300H	SPL SITREP #31 FM 3/5.	S&F
2400	J-16		JOURNAL CLOSED	

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S-3 SEC  
TAM KY, RVN  
130001H

5th Marines

132400H

TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.		
0001		J-1	JOURNAL OPENED	
	0005	J-2	121607Z SPL SITREP #32 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0500		J-3	130500H 3/5 SPL SITREP #32, NO CHANGE.	S&F
	0530	J-4	122135Z SPL SITREP #33 PASSED DIV.	S&F
1545		J-5	131530H 3/5 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO NEW AREA OF OPERATION AT BT. 245168	M-S&F
2010		J-6	130915Z SPL SITREP #35 PASSED DIV	S&F
2023		J-7	131850H 3/5 CO I BT 244171 RESUPPLY COPTERS REC. 30-40 (RDS) SA FIRE. RET 40-50 RDS. SA FIRE 81 MM & HUEY RTD ROCKET & MG FIRE GOOD COVERAGE ON TARGET 2 VC KIA PROB.	S&F
2040		J-8	132040H I-3-3 PCS AT BT 248173 FOUND THREE MINES WILL BLOW 14 SEPT 66. 1-M16 'BOUNTING' AND THE TWO WERE FRAG TYPE BLU 3/8 LOT LP2-197-62.	S&F
	2325	J-9	131535Z SPL SITREP #36 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2345		J-10	132320H 3/5 SPL SITREP #34.	S&F
2400		J-11	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S&F

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0315	J-2	131920Z	CHANGE TO 5THMAR FRAG ORDER 14-66	S&F
0325	J-3	140245H	AT 140110H I-CO RECV'D 3-FRAG GRENADES AT BT 247183. DID NOT RETURN FIRE IN ORDER NOT TO COMPROMISE POS.	S&F
0355	J-4	140330H	AT 140320H K CO RECV'D 4RDS SA FIRE AT BT 250179. DID NOT RETURN FIRE.	S&F
0510	J-5	140435H	3/5 SPL SITREP #35	S&F
0525	J-6	132130Z	SPL SITREP #37 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
1335	J-7	140950H	3/5 CO L BT 248171 REC 8 RDS SA FIRE OVER A PERIOD OF 10 MINUTES FM 249169 RETURN 15 RDS SA W/NEG RESULT	S&F
1341	J-8	140950H	3/5 CO L 247165 REC 40-50 RDS SA FIRE FM EST 5-6 VC OVER PERIOD OF ONE HOUR RET 100 RDS SA 10 60MM & 81MM MORTAR RDS & HUIE ROCKETS. SEARCHED AREA FOUND 1 VC KIA W/EXPENDED BRASS (45CAL) NO WEAPON. VILLAGERS SAID VC FLED TO WEST W/1 VC WIA ON FOOT.	S&F
1346	J-9	141000H	3/5 CO I AT BT 255153 RECEIVED 20 RDS SA FIRE FROM EST 3 OR 4 VC BT 261150 RET 20-30 RDS SML ARMS FIRE 1 USMC WIA MEDEVAC.	S&F
1352	J-10	141145H	3/5 CO L BT 251158 REC 5 RDS SA FIRE FM 1 VC RET 10 RDS SA FIRE. SEARCH AREA NEG. RESULT. 1 USMC WIA MEDEVAC	S&F
1355	J-11	141200H	3/5 CO L BT 250160 APPREH 4 VCS IN HOUSE THE AREA WHICH LIMA RECV'D SA FIRE. ALL MALES OF MILITARY AGE. 4VCS	S&F
1725	J-12	141530H	3/5 CO K BT 241165 RESUPPLY KILO RECV'D 5 RDS SA FIRE. FIRE NOT RET ENEMY POS NOT BE DETERMINED	S&F
1730	J-13	141615H	3/5 CO L BT 240154 LIMA PATROL REC 5 RDS SA FIRE. RET 15 RDS NEG RESULT NO CASUAL.	S&F
1800	J-14	141800H	AT 141530H CO I 3/5 RECV'D 5-6 RDS SA FIRE FM BT 262145. RET'D 50 RDS SA FIRE AND 6 3.5 RDS.	S&F
1800	J-15	141800H	AT 141550H CO I 3/5 RECV'D 20 RDS FM EST 4 VC AT BT 265145. RET'D 100 RDS SA FIRE & SAW 1 VC FALL DOWN.	S&F
1745	J-16	141745H	AT 141430H CO K 3/5 REC'D 10 RDS SA FIRE IN PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES FM BT 236156. RET'D FIRE W/50 RDS SA FIRE & 4 M-79 RDS. HUIES USED W/ROCKETS, W/GOOD COVERAGE BUT UNK RESULTS	S&F
1730	J-17	141725H	AT 141615H CO G 3/5 REC'D 15-20 RDS SA FIRE FM EST 5 VC AT BT 255186. RET'D FIRE WITH 80 RDS SA FIRE AND 7 M-79 RDS. RESULTS UNK, PATROL SEARCHING AREA.	S&F
1700	J-18	141700H	REC'D 3/5 SPECIAL SITREP NR 38 AS OF 141700H SEPT 66.	S&F
1930	J-19	141800H	2/5 CO "G" AT BT 259199 DURING SWEEP OF VILL REC. 8-10 RDS SA FIRE. RET 80 RDS SA & 4M-79 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS. CONTINUING SWEEP 2USMC WIA MED EVAC.	S&F

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140001H

5th Marines

142400H

TIME IN	OUT	SFR NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
2130		J-20	142110H	3/5 CO "L" AT 142015H SQD ENROUTE TO RMB PCS REC'D 2 RDS SA FIRE AT BT 245152, CAUSING 1 USMC WIL (EVAC'D). SQD RET'D 15RDS S/A FIRE, EST 2-VC WIL(ROB).	S&F
2325		J-21	142300H	3/5 SPLSITREP #39 AS OF 142300H.	S&F
2330		J-22	141530Z	SPL SITREP #39 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
2335		J-23	142220Z	FM 1ST MAR DIV TO 1ST MAR DIV: OPN NAPA WILL TERMINATE 151200H SEPT 66. BT	S&F
2400		J-24		JOURNAL CLOSED	

S-3 SECTION

5TH MARINES

TAM KY, RVN

150001H

152400H

TIME IN	SER OUT	DTG NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0001	J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0510	J-2	150506H	3/5 SPL SITREP #40, NO CHANGE	S&F
	0546 J-3	142150Z	SPL SITREP #40 PASSED TO DIV.	S&F
0915	J-4	150830H	AT 150830H K-3-5 ON S&D "OPN NAPA" AT BT 241165 SPOTTED 3 VCS AT BT 229146. MOVING UP A HILL, FIRED 4 RDS 106MM HE, 1 VC KIA (PROB)	S&F
1200	J-5	151200H	OPERATION NAPA TERMINATE AS OF 151200H SEPT 66 ALL UNITS RETURNING TO TAOR.	S&F
1200	J-6		JOURNAL CLOSED.	



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INITIATING DIRECTIVE EL PASO AND FRESNO

A. NY 021439Z SEP 65 NOTAL

1. REF A-ESTAB INTENT TO CONDUCT SUBJ OPS IN CONJUNCTION SVN ELECTIONS.

2. FOR FIFTH MAR. PREPARE PLANS FOR AND CONDUCT OPERATION EL PASO WHEN DIRECTED. TENTATIVE D-DAY 3 SEP.

A. FORMER MAR 224800Z (TOTAL 7 RIFLE COS)

ONE BN MCMUS REEN, ELEVENTH MAR

(DET HQ BN)

(DET COMM CO, NO BN)

(DET 9TH ITT)

(DET CIT)

(DET MP CO)

(DET, FIRST SP BN)

CO, 1ST ENGR BN

CO, 1ST AT BN

CO, 1ST RECON BN

S AND R TM, 1ST MED BN

3. FOR SEVENTH MAR. PREPARE PLANS FOR AND CONDUCT OPERATION FRESNO WHEN DIRECTED. TENTATIVE D-DAY 8 SEP. SUBMIT CONCEPT AND ADD FORCES REQUIRED ASAP.

4. COMM INST PASEP.

5. REQUEST FMAW PROVIDE AIR AS REQUIRED.

6. DIRLAUTH ALL DIV UNITS AND FLSC-B

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TOR : 03/1850H/CCN: 136/JTG

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A. MY 030920Z SEP (S)  
1. REF A REFERS.  
2. EXECUTE EL PASO, D-DAY 5 SEPT.  
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ENCLOSURE (10)

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UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN PAR. 1, UNCL. AREA FILE.

(2) 2D ARVN DIVISION CONDUCTS SEARCHES IN COORDINATION WITH 5TH MARINES IN TAN KY AND PHUOC AREA.

(3) 1ST MAR. PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

2. MISSION. CONDUCT COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH ELEMENTS OF 2D ARVN DIVISION OPERATIONS IN THE TAN KY AND PHUOC AREA.

### 3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. 5TH MARINES CONDUCTS GROUND RECONNAISSANCE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE OF OPERATIONS

IN COORDINATION WITH ELEMENTS 2D ARVN DIVISION OPERATIONS, USMC BATTALIONS MOVE OVER LAND INTO ZONE OF ACTION AND CARRY OUT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION.

#### B. 1ST BN (-) (REIN)

(1) EXECUTE ON ORDER GO 5TH MARINES ORAL INSTRUCTIONS OF 031330H

#### C. 2D BN (-) 5TH MARINES (REPT RESERVE)

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#### F. RECON GO PROVIDE RECON AS ASSIGNED

#### G. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT UNIT (PASMP)

#### H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT EXECUTION ORDER

(2) 12-HOUR 0700H

(3) D-DAY 0500H (TENTATIVE)

(4) BOUNDARIES. SEE OPERATION OVERLAY (PASMP)

(5) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. 1ST MANDIV CP ORDER 301-66

(6) REPORTING. 1ST MANDIV ORDER 3400.1

A. HOURLY REPORTS ON UNIT LOCATIONS WHILE MOVING.

(7) USE OF LS-CV AGENTS AUTHORIZED. REPORT USE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP. 1ST MANDIV ORDER 030400.9A APPLIES.

#### 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. PRESCRIBED LOADS. UNITS DEPLOY WITH FOLLOWING: CL 1-3-5 AND H-30 5MCI W/FUEL BARS. ALL OTHER UNITS FOUR MCI W/FUEL BARS. CL II COMBAT ESSENTIAL T/E T/A EQUIPMENT AS DESIGNATED BY UNIT CDR. NECESSARY REPAIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES TO SUPPORT TWO DAYS AND THREE DAYS WATER PURIFICATION AND SALT TABLETS; CL V.L.D.A. TWO DAYS BATTERIES.

B. RESUPPLY. UNIT DISTRIBUTION RESUPPLY BY HELICOPTER FROM LSA LOCATED AT MAG-36 HELIPAD. SUBMIT REQUEST PRIOR TO 1200 DAILY COORDINATES FOR DELIVERY PRIOR TO 1500. EMERGENCY REQUEST ANYTIME.

C. CAPTURED MATERIAL. TAV ADMIN ORDER 301-66

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B. HUNTS AND FORWARD. HUNTERS WILL BE ORDERED TO HILL.  
 H. SERVICE. TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN ISA AS BY HQ ON 4 SEP 66 AND  
 WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL 050000Z. TWO DAY SUPPLY LEVEL WILL BE MAINTAINED  
 OF CLASS I AND V, ADVISED CLASS II, III, AND IV AVAILABLE.  
 FISC-2 PROVIDE AND DELIVER REQUIRED SUPPLIES TO ISA.

F. EVACUATION OF ALL CASUALTIES WILL BE BY HELICOPTER TO  
 (S AND N TAW) IN LOC HIGHT CP.

G. PERSONNEL. PERSONNEL DAILY SUMMARY BY ALL UNITS (IN AND ATTACHED  
 UNITS) BY 1000Z TO S-1 FORWARD. ALL OTHER ADMIN PROCEDURES IN ACCORD  
 ORDER 314-66.

#### H. MOVEMENT SCHEDULE.

1-04 HQ 5TH MAR, 00 1ST AT HQ  
 DEPART HILL 35 040800Z  
 2-04 3D IN 5TH MAR (-)  
 DEPART PRESENT LOCATION 041000Z  
 3-04 2D IN 1TH MAR  
 DEPART PRESENT LOCATION 041100Z  
 4-04 1ST IN 5TH MAR (-)  
 DEPART HILL 54 041300Z  
 5-04 CO "B" 3D IN 5TH MAR  
 DEPART CLIC 041400Z  
 6-04 CO C 2D IN, 3TH MAR  
 DEPART HILL 69 041400Z

#### I. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

SERIAL 1-04 THROUGH 6-04 REPORT DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL OF UNIT.  
 TAG MAP. AND DELAYS ALONG ROUTE WILL BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

#### J. MISCELLANEOUS

1. UPON DEPLOYMENT, UNITS MAY POSITION AT ISA ANY EQUIPMENT DESIRED  
 FOR LATER USE.

2. UNITS PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO ISA AND REPORT OF NO AVAILABLE  
 INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT.

3. HAVE IN DELIVER 20% EMPTY WATER CANS, FOUR RESSO BATTERIES,  
 ONE BATTERY CHARGER TO ISA AND PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 3D  
 NLT 041500Z.

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S-3 5th MARINES

PLACE

CHU LAI, RVN

FROM (Date and hour)

070001H Sept 66

TO (Date and hour)

072400H Sept 66

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0650		2	070241	At 070241H Co I PERIM DEF AT BT 505025 OBS 3 VC AT BT 499019 FIRED 5 RDS S/A & OBS 2 VC FALL. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. 2 VC WIA (PROB).	S, F
<del>0850</del>	<del>-----</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>070820H--</del>	AmTrac ATTACHED TO 2/5 HIT MIND AT 437072 AmTrac BURNING 3 WIA MEDEVAC. SQD FROM CO F IN DEF.	S,F, M
0850		3	070820H	BAD ACTOR "W" OBS 25 VIETNAMESE AT 441021 & 6 VIETNAMESE AT 454020. H Co SENT SQD TO RECON FOUND 10 WOODCUTTERS. OBS 6 VIET. RUNNING SOUTH AND APPREHENDED THEM PF's	S, F, M
1345		4	071245H	WITH H Co SAID MEN WOODCUTTERS MEN RELEASED H Co SQD OP BOS 3 VC WITH WPNS OBS USMC OP FIRED 12 106mm RDS, CHECKED AREA FOUND Large amount of blood, 2 VC KIS (PROB). OBS ONE VC RUNNING SOUTH.	S,F,M
1530H		5	071405H	2/5 L BTRY 4/11 LP OBS'D 1 MAN ATTEMPTING TO BREAK WIRE, HE TRIPPED FLARE & 1 FRAG GRENADE THROWN IN VIC BT 394143. WILL CHECK RESULTS AT FIRST LIGHT.	
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0827		J-2	090830H	AT 082230H HQ CO 5TH MAR 2 VC WEARING GREY UNIFORMS WERE SEEN THRU BY HQ CO'S GRAVEYARD POST NEAR THEIR WIRE AT BT 433084. AN ILLUM GRENADE WASTHROWN & POST OBS'D TWO MEN SQUAT DOWN, THEN WHEN WEAK FIRED ON THEY RAN BACK TOWARD THE NORTH, HIT ONE BUT NO BLOOD SIGNS WERE FOUND BUT SIGNS OF DRAGGING WERE OBS'D. WIRE HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH SO THAT ENEMY COULD GET THROUGH BY SPREADING WIRE. WIRE WILL BE BOOBYTRAPED AT DUSK TONIGHT. DEVISE WILL BE COVERED BY FIRE. CLAYMORE WILL BE ORIENTED TO COVER AREA.		
090930		J-3	090932H	AT 090915H 2/5 (S-2) RECON PTL AT BT 444055 TRIPPED BOOBYTRAP GRENADE STANDARD STRING TYPE. GRENADE WAS WP. NO CAS. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.		
1415		J-4	091417H	AT 091415H FM DIV COC OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RIVER PTL RPTS APPROX 75 TO 100 VC ON ISLAND AT BT 478135, ALSO AT BT 485116, BT 490140. HE STATED MARINES & AMTRACS DON'T PATROL THIS ISLAND (BT 478135) BECAUSE IT IS SO SMALL.		
1515		J-5	091515H	AT 091500H 2/5 BN TENT AREA, MARINE IN TENT OBS'D 1 VCS DIGGING AROUND PROTECTIVE WIRE AND APPRE WHEN HE CONTINUED TO DIG HOLE NEXT DAY WHICH WAS ALMOST UNDER WIRE. APPRE & SENT TO ITT.		
1543		J-6	091543H	AT 091543H HQ CO 5TH MAR FOUND BOOBYTRAP GREN 150 METERS FORWARD OF WIRE ON TRAIL TO HILL (BT 433089) FROM HILL 35. GRENADE BLOWN BY ENGR DEMO TEAM.		
1855		J-7	091855H	AT 091830H FT/SEC PATROL OF F-2-5 FOUND AN M-26 GRENADE W/OUT SPOON AT BT 432089, BLOWN IN PLACE.		
2110		J-8	092110H	AT 092015H 1/5 OP 1 & 2 AT BT 394145, HEARD NOISES, THREW GRENADE. OBS THREE PERSONS RUN. OP 1 REC'D ONE GRENADE. RET'D 4-5RDS S/A, 81MM ILLUME FIRED, NEG RESULTS.		
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0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
0010		J-2	100010H	AT 092350H HQCO, 5THMAR LP AT BT 440077 OBS 2-3VC VIC BT 441076 DURING ILLUM MISSION. A TANK SWEPT AREA W/LIGHT. NEG RESULTS.		
1258		J-3	101258H	1/5 SPARROW HAWK ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE USE.	S,F	
1301		J-4	101301H	1/5 TO STAND BY FOR HELO LIFT AT 101315H TO BS 462968		
1335		J-5	101335H	1/5 SPARROW HAWK SQ LIFTED OFF HILL 54 BT 396145, TO BE AIRBORNE ALERT FORCE FOR SEARCH OF DOWN PLANE.		
1435		J-6	101535H	SPARROW HAWK SQ BACK ON HILL 54 BT 396145. NOT NEEDED AS SECURITY.		
1835		J-7	101745H	AT 101725H HQ CO 5TH AT BT 433081 FOUND NUMEROUS PUNJI TRAPS OF NEW ORIGIN. TRIGGERED ONE BOOBY TRAP GRENADE W/WIRE IN BUSH. PLT TO BE DEBRIEFED BY S-2. 1 WIA.		
1855		J-8	101855H	AT 101840H HQCO, 5THMAR PERSONNEL SETTING BOOBY TRAP ON WIRE AT BT 434083. RETURNED TO PERIM, M-26 EXPLODED, CAUSING 2-USMC WIA MINOR. MED EVAC NOT REQUIRED.		
2345		J-9	102345H	AT 102230H H-2-5 OP AT BT 443028, HEARD MOVEMENT OF EST 6-8VC IN FRONT OF WIRE. FIRED 6RDS S/A, REQ ILLUM, NEG SIGHTING.		
2350		J-10	102350H	AT 2315H 106RR ATTACHED TO F-2-5 AT BT 440074, HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF POS, REQ ILLUM, OBS 1-VC AT WIRE. THREW TWO GRENADES. SEARCH OF AREA NEG.		
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0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0115		J-2	110115H	AT 110015H 2/5 C.A.S. LOC BT 464083, HEARD LOUD NOISES 200M NORTH OF THEIR POSITION. AT 110030H HEARD SOUNDS LIKE PERSON BEING BEATEN W/RIFLE, FOLLOWED BY ONE SHOT. PF'S W/ C.A.S. HEARD VILLAGERS (BT 462084) TALKING ABOUT MAN BEING BEATEN. LY TIN DIST HQ WAS NOTIFIED. LY TIN WILL SEND PATROL TO CHECK AREA AT 110300H.	S,F
0130		J-3	110130H	AT 110130H F-2-5, PERIM/DEF FOR HILL 35, BT 436078, RECV'D 3RDS MORTAR FIRE. SQD FROM F CO, ON HILL 22 RECV'D S/A AND W/W WEAPONS FIRE FM VIC BT 422093. MORTAR RDS LANDED VIC BT 434078. F CO FIRED ON SUSP ENM POS WITH M.G. FIRE AND CALLED IN 18RDS 105MM H.E. FT+ FM F CO IS CHECKING SUSP AREA. 1-USMC WIA. * 2/11 CP RECV'D 12RDS MORTAR FIRE AND S/A FIRE. 8-USMC WIA'S, 6 MED-EVAC'D. 4/11 REC APPROX 20 RIFLE GRENADES AND SPORATIC S/A FIRE FM UNK NO. OF VC. 3-USMC WIA'S AND 5VC KIA'S BY BODY COUNT.	S,F
0355		J-4	110355H	AT 110335H H-2-5 FO/OP AT BT 452038 RECV'D ONE HAND GRENADE FM APPROX 30M TO SE OF POS. OP RET'D 1-RD S/A FIRE AT THREE PERSONS OBS LEAVING THE AREA. NO FURTHER CONTACT.	S,F
0558		J-5	100558H	LATE REPORT AT 102335H M-3-5 2D/PLT AREA, MARINE RECIEVED ONE SNIPER ROUND FM APPROX 50M NORTH OF HIS POSITION, BT 518023. RET'D 5RDS S/A FIRE, OBS 1-VC LEAVING AREA.	S,F
0822		J-6	110227H	AT 110145H AT BT 398115 "B" CO 1/5 HEARD APPROX 40 RDS AUTO CARBINE FIRE TO SOUTH. NO INCOMING. BELIEVED TO BE 2 WENS	
0811		J-7	110800H	AT 110715H AT B T 448076 FUSEC FM 2/5 CO "F" FOUND M-26 GRENADE. B DOWN IN PLACE.	
0940		J-8	110924H	AT 110835H AT BT 405118 "B" CO 1/5 REC'D 40 RDS AW FIRE FM BT 405116 SENT OUT 4 SQDS TO SUPPRESS. NEG CONTACT. 2 VCC	
1335		J-9	111330H	AT 111230H CO "B" AT B T 391118 PLT SED APP 2VCS IN AREA THAT REC SNIPER FIRE FM EARLIER TODAY. WILL FORWARD TO ITT.	
2305		J-10	112305H	AT 112300H H&S-2-5 PERIM DEF AT BT 463073, OBS 2-VC AT BT 462068. REQ ILLUM, FIRED 4RDS S/A, VC TOOK COVER, N O FURTHER CONTACT.	S,F
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## UNIT OR SECTION

S-3, FIFTH MARINES

## PLACE

CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM

## FROM (Date and hour)

150001H SEPT 66

## TO (Date and hour)

152400H SEPT 66

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0750		J-2	150105H	2/5 H-2-5 3RD PLT BT 445030 MAR ON PERIM WATCH HEARD NOISE TO FRONT, FIRED. WOUNDED A MAR ON LP, 150M AWAY. MED EVAC REQ 150700H COND SAT., CLEAN WOUND THRO RIGHT SHOULDER.	SF
1000		J-3	150927H	AT 150910H B-1-5 PLT S&D AT BT 365157. L68 A SMALL TUNNEL. AT SAME COORDS, VILLAGERS SAID 2 VC USUALLY HIDE THERE. DEMENSIONS: 2 1/2 WIDE, 4FT DEEP, 8FT LONG, DESTROYED BY ENGRS.	SF
1007		J-4	150928H	AT 150908H, F-2-5, FT (REFORCE) PATROL SEC. AT BT 431085 DISCOVERED 1 81MM MORT (DUD) RO. NOT BOOBY TRAP BLOWN IN PLACE BY PATROL.	SF
1330		J-5	151320H	AT 151200H "L" CO, S&D OPN NAPA AT BT 244160 FOUND A LARGE TUNNEL AT SAME COORDS. 80 METERS LONG, 4FT WIDE, 5FT HIGH NOT RECENTLY USED. ENTRANCES DESTROYED BY ENGRS W/L CO.	SF
1340		J-6	151336H	AT 151245H L-3-5 SQD S&D AT BT 238162 RECV'D 2RDS SA FIRE FM 50M N.E. RET'D 10RDS S/A 1-VC KIA (CONG): NO WPN.	
1445		J-7	151448H	AT 151345H 3/5 S-2 APPRE 1 MALE 33 YRS OLD VCS WHO WAS IN HOUSE VIC OF SNIPER FIRE. REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. TO BE EVAC- UATED. (BT 250165).	
1500		J-8	151501H	AT 151400H SQD SEC PLT CO B WHILE CONDUCTING SEARCH OF VILLE, OBS'D 1 VC, HIDING IN HUT AT BT 378154. VC FLED FM HUT WITH HANDGRENADE FIRED 4RDS SA FIRE KILLING 1 VCS SEARCHED VC & FOUND M-26 GRENADE. HAMLET CHIEF OF DUC BO SAYS VC WAS TAX COLLECTOR.	
1500		J-9	151502H	AT 151430H CO I CP AREA FT SEC SPOTTED 1VC IN RICE PADDIES AT BT 517034. DISPATCHED ONE FT TO CHECK AREA OUT. APPRE 1 VC WHO HAD 3000 P'S & \$11.00 MPC. VCS IS IN CO I CP NOW WILL FWD TO ITT.	
1523		J-10	151523H	3/5 S-2 AT 151345H, APPREH ONE MALE VCS IN HOUSE AT BT 250168, VIC SNIPER FIRE. REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. TO BE EVACUATED.	
1545		J-11	151545H	AT 151145H K-3-5 RECV'D 4RDS SA FIRE, RET'D 20RDS SA, 8-M79'S AND 7-LAWS. RESULTS NEG. 1 USMC KIA AT BT 195254. ENM: 195253	
1545		J-12	151547H	AT 151145H CO K REC'D 4SNIPER RDS FM BT 195253. RET'D 20 RDS SA FIRE, 8 M-79, 3 LAW WITH NEG RESULTS.	

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230001H SEPT 66

232400H SEPT 66

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1141		J-9	231141H	AT 231118H CO B SQD S&D LOC'D TUNNEL 10' LONG BY 3' HIGH BY 3' WIDE. ENTRANCE CONCEALED BY HEDGE ROW AT BT 375156. DESTROYED W/ DMMO BY PTL.		S,F
1310		J-10	231310H	AT 231230H CO M REC'D 2 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORT FM SS BS 484956. NO ACTION TAKEN. CO M REQ'D TO SEARCH A VILL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 483948. TAY PHUOC (1).		S,F
1354		J-11	231354H	AT 231335H CO B SQD SEC PTL SPOTTED APPROX 30 VC MOVING IN AN N.E. DIRECTION TO TOP OF HILL 99, AT BT 398090. VC WERE CARRYING WPNS. ARTY REQ'D, FIRED 2 RDS WP, 95 RDS HE, GOOD TARGETER COVERAGE. ARTY 1ST PLT & 3 PLT MOVING INTO AREA. APPEARS THAT VC SCATTERED & NOW TRYING TO MIX WITH FARMERS & CATTLE ON LOW GROUND. WILL RPT AS INFO BECOMES AVAILABLE.		S,F
1340		J-12	231340H	AT 231300H CO M BQD S&D REC'D 10 RDS SA FIRE FM BT 472950. RET'D 3 RDS 81MM MORT RDS. SQD SEARCHING AREA.		S,F
1354	REF	J-11	231354H	AT 231440H HAVE DETAINED 71 CIVILIANS IN PROCESS OF SCREENING THEM WITH INTERPRETOR NOW. CAUGHT SIGHT OF APPROX 8 VC, 4 W/WPNS MOVING WEST AT BT 398082. CAN NO LONGER OBSERVE. AT 231550H HAVE SCREENED ALL VCS; 3-VCS SENT TO ITT, ALL OTHERS RELEASED.		
2220		J-13	232220H	AT 232150H 'C' CO PERIM/DEF AT BT 397145 OBS 1-VC ON DEF WIRE AT BT 398145. FIRED ILLUM, VC DUCKED. FIRED 15RDS S/A AT VC, SEARCHED AREA, NEG RESULTS.		S,F
2345		J-14	232345H	AT 232315H 'B' CO SQD/AMB HEARD NOISES AT BT 406106, MOVED TO CHECK AREA, RECV'D 8RDS S/A FIRE. RET'D 40RDS S/A AND 3-M 26 GRENADES. 1-VC KIA CONF, 2-VC KIA PROB DRAGGED AWAY, AMB REMAINING FOR RECOVERY ATTEMPT.		S,F
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0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
0030		J-2	230037H	AT 230030H H&S 1/5 FT OP AT BT 394145 REC'D 3RDS S/A FIRE, FM BT 392144. REQ ILLUM, NEG RESULTS.	S,F	
0112		J-3	230112H	AT 222235H A CO AT BT 515158 REC'D 3RDS A/W FIRE FM BT 515153. DOG SENTRY REPORTED ONE MAN PENETRATED PERIM. REQ ILLUM, SEARCHED THE AREA, NEG RESULTS.	S,F	
0120		J-4	230120H	AT 230100H A CO AT BT 515158 REC'D SPORATIC S/A FIRE FM VILLAGE AT BT 513153. DIVERTED SQD SEC PATROL TO CHECK AREA. WILL INFORM. 230200H SQD AT BT 515158 REC'D 2RDS S/A FM BT <del>513153</del> , SEARCH STILL IN PROGRESS. 513153 230300H: SEARCH OF VILLAGE AT BT 513153 NEG.	S,F	
0909		J-5	230909H	AT 230725H CO G SQD AMB SEC PTL RETURNING FM AMB POS DISC'D 1 90MM HE RD RIGGED WITH M-26 GRENADE FUZE. SQD DIS'D 2 PIECES OF BAMBOO POINTING TO BOOBYTRAP. 1 PIECE WAS LONGER THAN THE OTHER, ANOTHER LONG PIECE OF BAMBOO SHOWED VILLAGERS THE SAFE PATH TO GO. BLOWN IN PLACE. EXPLOSION EXPOSED ANOTHER 90MM RD WHICH WAS BLOWN IN PLACE ALSO. (EX <del>442053</del> )	S,F	
0910		J-6	230910H	AT 230740H G CO SQD SEC PTL DIS'D M-26 GRENA* DE BOOBYTRAP. STICK WAS SITTING ON TRAIL AT BT 442053. SQD PICKED UP STICK HEARD SPOON FLY, TOOK COVER & GRENADE EXPLODED RESULTING IN NO CAS.		
1018		J-7	231020H	AT 230835H CO M PLT S&D FOUND 2 VC THO AN, 1 VC WOUNDED & DROPPED HIS WPN, ONE VC ESCAPE & DROPPED HIS EQUIPMEN T, FOUND 2 HOT POTS OF TEA IN AREA WHERE VC WAS LIVING AT BT 473954. SEARCHING VILL FOUND 1 MAN AND TWO WOMEN. CAPT'D 12 GAGE SHOT GUN SINGLE SHOT, FIVE LBS CLOTHING & MED SUPPLIES.	S,F	
1125		J-8	231125H	AT 231030H M CO S&D INHABITANT OF VILL REPORTS 7 VC LIVING IN TREE GROVES AROUND VILL AT BT 473954. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTION IN SPT RPT DTG 230835H PARA E WHILE SEARCHING VILL FOUND 1 MAN AND 3 WOMEN. M CO HAS APPRE THEM AS 4 VCS. # 3 PACKS, LARGE AMOUNT OF MED SUP, 1 RED FLAG W/INSIGNIA (HAMMER & SICKLE), CLOTHING WITH CHICOM CHARACTERS. LARGE SIGN 12 FT BY 2 FT WITH WORDS, "WELCOME NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS" WRITTEN IN RED VIETNAMESE LETTERS.		

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0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
0008		J-2	240008H	AT 232300H 'I' CO PERIM/DEF AT BT 500025 REC'D 4RDS SNIPER FIRE FM UNK LOC. NO ACTION TAKEN.	S,F	
0220		J-3	240220H	AT 240145H 2ND BN COMBINED ACTION SQUAD CP AT BT 448107 REC'D 15RDS S/A FIRE. CAS RET'D 50RDS S/A FIRE, REPORTED 2-VC INSIDE AND 5-VC OUTSIDE PERIM. PF'S CHECKING AREA	S,F	
1625		J-4	241605H	AT 241510H M CO PLT S&D 4 VCS M WERE FLUSH FM HIDING. 2 VCS WERE APPREH. AT BS 473943 OTHER 2 ESCAPE 1 OF VCS WHO ESCAPE WAS ARMED. OTHER WOUNDED BY PLT AS HE FLED, LAST FM THEIR HOUSE, VC FIRED 1 RD SA AT PLT. PLT IS FWDING TWO VCS TO M CO CP FOR HELO PICK-UP TODAY. NO ARMS & EQUIPMENT CAPTURED. (UNIT SAW VC FALL AND SAW HIM BLEED AS THE VC ESCAPED). 1 VC WIA (CONF).		
2016		J-5	242010H	AT 241955H 2/5 COMBINED ACTION COMPANY PATROL AT BT 465082 WHILE SHOWING MOVIES TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 50 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. PATROLS RETURNED MACHINEGUN AND SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ARE NOW SEARCHING AREA. NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED.	S,F	
2122		J-6	242110H	AT 242045H HQ CO PERIMETER DEFENSE AT BT 438082 OBS'D 3 MEN IN BROWN UNIFORM AT BT 436083, NEAR TREE LINE. NEAR THE WIRE. THE MEN WERE CHALLENGED AND A WARNING SHOT FIRED. MEN RAN, AND 107 AND TANK ILLUM WAS REQUESTED. REC'D . HQCO AND ANTI-TANKS FIRED APPROX 100 RDS S/A. VC RET'D 3 RDS. S/A.	S,F	
2235		J-7	242235H	AT 242225H HQ CO 5THMAR PERIM DEF POS AT BT 435082 REC'D 4RDS CARBINE FIRE FM VIC OF BT 434083. NO ACTION TAKEN, INSUFFICIENT TARGET.		
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0012		J-2	250012H	AT 242340H 2D/BN COMBINED ACTION SQUAD PERIM DEF AT BT 449107 RECV'D 20ORDS S/A FIRE FROM EST 20-VC. RETURNED 50ORDS S/A AND M.G. AND 1-M79 RD. MAINTAINED POS, NO CAS OBS.	S,F	
0545		J-3	250545H	AT 250500H 'E' CO PERIM POS RECV'D 6RDS S/A FM 1-VC 50M WEST. RET'D 4ORDS S/A AND 7-M79 RDS. INITIAL SEARCH NEG, WILL SEARCH AGAIN AT FIRST LIGHT. BT 447080	S,F	
1930		J-4	251225H	AT 251045H 3RD PLT C CO BT 372152 FRIENDLY FOUND 1VCC FEMALE AT BT 382142 IN HUT ON BLACK LIST ALSO SON IS VC. FWD TO ITT	S,F	
1935		J-5	251235H	AT 251205H COMBINE ACTION COM 2/5 BT439119 CAC DISCOV CAVE W/1VC HELMET, 2 BATTERIES & 1 E TOOL INSIDE. CAVE FILLED IN. GEAR TURNED INTO BY TIN DISTRICT HQS.		
1940		J-6	251535H	AT 251415H M CO BS430954 M PATROL SPOTTED MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE CARRYING A WEAPON. MAN FLED WHEN PTL APPRO PTL FIRED 2RDS AND WOUNDED MAN IN ARM, MAN TURNED OUT TO BE OLD HERMIT WHO WAS CARRYING A STICK. HAS LIVED IN VALLEY LONG TIME (BS 430950) WILL BE EVACUATED TO 9TH ITT TODAY.		
2235		J-7	252235H	AT 252145H 'I' CO 2D/PLT AT BT 510025 OBS APPROX 3-VC MOVING ACROSS FRONT AT BT 510024 FIRED S/A AND INITIATED AMB AT BT 514036, USING M-79'S TO FLUSH VC TO AMB SITE.	S,F	
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PLACE	
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FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
300001H SEPT 66	302400H SEPT 66

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0150		J-2	300150H	AT 300140H A CO TANKS OBS'D 3 VC IN TREE LINE WITH BLACK LIGHT AT BT 434083. FIRED 250 RDS 50 CAL RESULTS UNK. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.	S,F
0530		J-3	300530H	AT 300530H REC'D CG, 1ST MARDIV FRAG ORDER 25-66 (REINFORCEMENT NORTHERN IOTZ) DEPLOY ONE BN MINUS (ONE RIFLE CO) TO DONG HA.	
0535		J-4	300535H	AT 300535H CO H 2/5 DEPARTED FM CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
0731		J-5	300731H	AT 300731H 1/5 HAS COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO PICK UP POINT.	
0815		J-6	300815H	AT 300815H CO H DEPARTED FM CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
1020		J-7	301020H	AT 301020H CO F LEFT CLDC FOR AIRFIELD, CMD GRP & CO G WILL LEAVE AT 301100H IF TRANS IS AVAILABLE. NGF TEAM AT HILL 69 NOW.	
1055		J-8	301055H	AT 301055H 1/5 IS MOVING TOWARD BN CP.	
1135		J-9	301135H	AT 301135H CO G & CMD GRP DEPARTED FOR CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
1145		J-10	301145H	AT 301145H 1/5 HAS RET'D TO BN CP.	
1345		J-11	301345H	AT 301330H CROSSING VIA DIV COG OBS'D 50 VC DIGGING ON HILL SIDE, WEARING PJ'S & KHAKI UNIFORMS WITH WHITE HELMETS & RIFLES AT BT 405076. ARTY MISSION CALLED, RESULTS OF FIRE MISSION OBS'D. 4 VC FLEEING EAST DOWN TRAIL AT 402084. TOTAL VC KIA UNK BUT 4 VC FLEEING WERE OBVIOUSLY WOUNDED. PLT DISPATCHED TO SEARCH AREA. INFO WILL FOLLOW. AN AIR STRIKE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SAME AREA.	S,F
0900		J-12	300900H	AT 300900H 3D BN, 5TH MAR CMD GRP "A" DISPLACED TO 2D BN, 5TH MAR TAOR. (LATE ENTRY).	
1120		J-13	301120H	(LATE ENTRY) AT 301120H "A" CMD GRP FM 3D BN 5TH MAR ASSUMED COMMAND OF 2D BN, 5TH MAR TAOR.	
1619		J-14	301619H	AT 301505H CO B PLT S&D APPRE 1 VCS WHOSE NAME (DID NOT) APPEAR ON BLACK LIST. NOT FWD HAS BEEN APPEARED THREE TIMES BEFORE.	S,F
2000		J-15	302000H	AT 302000H CO F DEPARTED FM CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
2030		J-16	302030H	AT 302030H 1ST ELEMENTS OF G CO & CMD GRP DEPARTED CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
2245		J-17	302245H	AT 302245H 2ND ELEMENTS OF G CO AND CMD GRP DEPARTED CHU LAI AIRFIELD.	
2400		J-18		JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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