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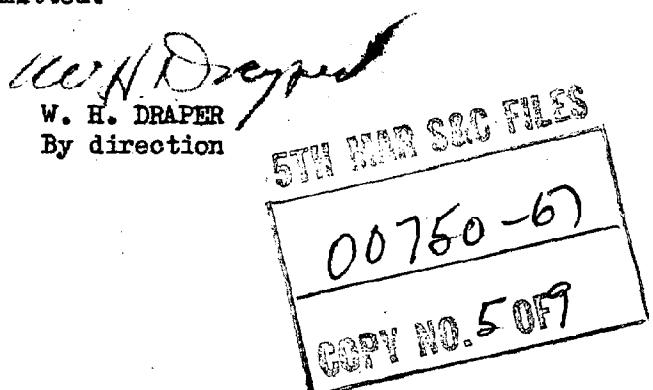
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1967 to 30 April 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

5th Marine Regiment (-)

COMMANDER

Colonel Kenneth J. Houghton

SUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Company, 5th Marines
1st Battalion, 5th Marines
3rd Battalion, 5th MarinesCaptain R. G. Babich
LtCol F. L. Hilgartner
LtCol D. E. EsslingerATTACHED UNITS1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion attached to
Regimental Headquarters2. LOCATIONChu Lai, RVN 1 April to 25 April 1967
Quang Tin, RVN 25 April to 30 April 19673. STAFF OFFICERS

- (1) Executive Officer
- (2) S-1
- (3) S-2
- (4) S-3
- (5) S-4
- (6) S-5
- (7) Air Liaison Officer
- (8) Communications Officer
- (9) Regimental Surgeon
- (10) Regimental Chaplain

LtCol W. H. Draper
 Lieutenant J. W. Horton
 Captain H. D. Pettengill
 Major F. V. White
 Major L. E. Johnson
 Captain W. F. Bell
 Captain W. F. Clark Jr.
 Major R. V. Walker
 Lieutenant T. E. Bunnell (USN)
 Commander W. D. Bruner
 3 - 30 April 1967

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

USMC

USN

Officer Enlisted

79 2420

Officer Enlisted

5 104

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the early part of April the Regiment continued to conduct extensive patrolling and Search and Destroy Operations of platoon and company size within the assigned TAOR. During the period 1 through 7 April the Regimental Command Group participated in Operation BOONE in QUANG NGAI Province. The Second Battalion, 5th Marines remained under direct OPCON of the 1st Marine Division.

Planning was initiated for the regiment's participation in Operation OREGON to be conducted during the month of April. On 25 April the Regimental Command Post was displaced to northern Quang Tin Province for direct participation in Operation UNION. A rear command post was established within the Chu Lai Defense Command. With the displacement of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completed on 30 April, the responsibility of the 5th Marines TAOR was assigned to the U. S. Army. During the period 25 -30 April the 5th Marines (-) were participating in Operation UNION under direct OPCON of the 1st Marine Division.

The change over from the M-14 to the M-16 Rifle was completed in early April. All personnel issued the M-16 Rifle were given thorough instruction regarding the assembly and disassembly, nomenclature, and care and cleaning of the weapon. In addition familiarization firing was conducted for all personnel issued the weapon.

Emphasis on the Combined Action program continued and the establishment of two additional CAC platoons was still under consideration and awaiting approval by higher headquarters.

Liaison with district and village officials was conducted in connection with proposed Golden Fleece operations. Due to the late harvesting period only one Golden Fleece operation was conducted during the month with approximately 65 tons of rice being harvested.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration. The regiment experienced a turnover of approximately 320 personnel; all being rotated to CONUS. Two hundred and fifty replacements were received during the month. The average battalion strength, 31 Marine Officers and 1201 Marine enlisted personnel.

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Shortages of officers in the 0130, 0202 and 0430 MOS's continue to exist. These shortages, although not actually critical, tend to impair the capabilities of the regiment. Of primary concern is the 0302 shortages in the grade of Captain. Enlisted personnel strengths during this period have fluctuated with an average overall strength of approximately 2420, minus 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Replacement personnel arrive almost daily. Expected personnel losses for the coming month are approximately 73.

Casualties for the month of April are as follows:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
I/5	4	17	20	2	43
3/5	3	17	54	35	109
Hq Co	1		2		3
TOTAL	8	34	76	37	155

2. Intelligence. April 1st Operation BOONE commenced. The S-2 Section continually worked order of battle for the operational area and processing and disseminating intelligence for both the command post and subordinate units in the operation. The operation terminated on 7 April with enemy cumulative losses as follows: 33 NV KIA (Conf), 25 VC KIA (Prob), 65 detainees and 9 individual weapons.

During the period between the termination of Operation BOONE and the warning order for Operation UNION the Intelligence Section continued to work towards a more professional and effective section. Due to the section being composed of mostly 03 personnel in on the job training, the members of the section were required to enroll in an 02 MCI course.

Upon receipt of the warning order for Operation UNION the section began to ready itself for deployment by exploiting additional information sources in the area of the proposed operation and to begin the order of battle. The equipment needed for the operation was packed and unneeded equipment was stored. Upon reaching our present location the Intelligence Section was rapidly put into operation and reestablishment of staff coordination with subordinate units began. The intelligence section in operational status has improved the effectiveness of rapidly disseminating and processing intelligence data.

3. Training. The major training emphasis within the Regiment has been on the indoctrination program for new personnel in country. Indoctrination subjects include rules of engagement, history and customs of Vietnam, intelligence and counter-intelligence, civic action and small unit tactics.

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The indoctrination course also includes a three-day landmine warfare class conducted by 1st Engineer Battalion and instruction and familiarization firing of the M-16 rifle.

Emphasis continues on NCO leadership training, transitional training for the M-16, and weapons handling safety. All members of the scout-sniper platoon have attended a one-week school at Da Nang and are armed with the new sniper rifle, the M-700 Remington.

Schools utilized by the Regiment during the reporting period are as follows:

NAME OF COURSE	LOCATION	NUMBER ATTENDED
Embarkation (Officers)	Okinawa	1
Embarkation (Enlisted)	Okinawa	1
Vietnamese Language School	Okinawa	3
Vietnamese Language School	Da Nang	4
NCO Leadership School	Da Nang	2
Field Wire Course	Okinawa	1
Field Radio Operators Course	Okinawa	3
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course	Okinawa	2
Basic Ammo Technician Course	Okinawa	3
Crypto-Communication Security Course	Japan	1
Registered Publication Custodian Course	Japan	1
Mine Warfare School	Chu Lai	37

4. Operations. Through the period 1 - 25 April the Regiment continued to exercise operational control of the 1st and 3rd Battalions in their respective TAOR's. Planning for Operation OREGON continued throughout the month, with planning for Operation UNION commencing on 21 April. The Regiment continued to exercise all fire support coordination responsibilities in the TAOR. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of the Regiment. Each battalion continued to have one amphibian tractor platoon and one anti-tank (ONTOS) platoon in direct support.

The Regiment continued, until deployment on Operation UNION, to fill a commitment of one rifle company from the 1st Battalion to the Chu Lai Defense Command. A thirty man detachment from the 3rd Battalion guards the AN TAN Bridge, BT 497006, and a reinforced platoon from the 3rd Battalion continued to provide security for the U. S. Army 175mm Gun Battery located at BS 623845 in the ROKMC TAOR. A squad of scout/snipers from Headquarters Company is assigned to operate with the 2nd Battalion. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines located at AN HOA in the Da Nang TAOR is under ADCON of this headquarters while their OPCON is exercised directly by Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.

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Reorganization of the operating portions of the staff was completed with the FSCC and Air Liaison Party being constituted and the S-2 and S-3 Sections being brought up to strength. This reorganization process was given impetus by the planning and participating in Operation BOONE, along with the planning and participation in Operations OREGON and UNION.

During the month of April 1967 there was one battalion sized operation conducted within the TAOR and one Golden Fleece. There was several company sized operations and long range patrols varying in size from company (-) to squad (Rein). Areas within rocket or mortar range of the Chu Lai Airfield were given special attention from patrol activities as well as artillery H&I fires. A program was established to more effectively control movement on the inland waterways within the Regimental TAOR during the hours of darkness. The month of April saw the regiment back on a fully operational basis in control of the TAOR and prepared for operations in the field.

5. Fire Support. Artillery missions fired in support of 5th Marine units during April 1967 at Chu Lai were as follows:

2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

OBSD	UNOBSD	H&I	TOTAL	TYPE	TYPE ROUNDS EXPENDED
61	54	812	917	105H	HE 3804 ILLUM 1052 WP 254 TOTAL 5101
21	11	195	227	107H	HE 768 ILLUM 403 TOTAL 1171
19	9	40	68	155H	HE 537 ILLUM 34 WP 44 TOTAL 615

6. Air Support. Air Support for the month of April was as follows:

(1)	Total Requests/Total filled	63/43	(11) Flareship	2
(2)	Troop Lifts	4	(12) TACA	6
(3)	Prisoner Lifts	0		
(4)	Liaison	0		
(5)	Recon	2		
(6)	Unit Commander	35		
(7)	Medical Evacuation	41		
(8)	Cargo	3,600 lbs		
(9)	Troop Total	301		
(10)	Refugee Evacuation	0		

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7. Logistics. During the month of April the following logistical events occurred within the Regiment:

From 31 March to 7 April the Regiment was on Operation BOONE with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. All resupply was accomplished by helicopter from the LSA located at QUANG NGAI.

On 9 April the Regiment started the advanced logistical planning for Operation OREGON, which consisted of a move north by the Regiment.

From 10 - 19 April embarkation data was updated and all gear palletized and ready to move.

On 20 April the 3rd Battalion started to move all supplies, equipment, and personal property, except that to be utilized on the forthcoming operation, into a Butler building at Chu Lai. This move was completed in five days.

On 23 April Headquarters Company started moving all supplies, equipment and personal property into storage at Chu Lai. This was accomplished in three days.

On 23 April logistical planning for Operation UNION began.

On 25 April 1st Battalion began its movement of storage gear to the rear at Chu Lai. This consisted of all supplies, equipment and personal property. This move was completed in four days.

Since 25 April the Regimental Logistics posture has changed in that we are now depending almost entirely upon resupply from the LSA at TAM KY.

8. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. During April the S-5 Section rendered civil affairs and PSYOPS support to two major regimental operations, Operation BOONE from 1 - 7 April, and Operation UNION from 25 - 30 April. In the intervening period from 6 - 25 April, Golden Fleece operations, operations in support of the April elections, and several isolated PSYOPS were either coordinated or executed by the regimental S-5 section. Civil affairs and PSYOPS effectiveness was limited during April by the transition from USMC to U. S. Army control of the Chu Lai TAOR in the latter part of the month. Thorough turn over folders were prepared on the subject of both civil affairs and PSYOPS.

9. Psychological Operations. Between 6 and 10 April aerial broadcasts and leaflet drops were made in the CHU LAI waterways and "rocket belt" areas re-emphasizing curfew regulations and urging disclosure of VC activities in the area. On 15 April the VC burned a widow's home in PHU

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TAN Hamlet. The regimental PSYOPS section exploited this incident with a polaroid camera and submitted leaflet requests to the 244th PSYOPS Company. On 17 April a VC mine destroyed a USMC personnel carrier, killing three Vietnamese boys and wounding two others near the regimental CP. The regimental PSYOPS section again fully exploited this incident with the polaroid camera. Leaflets were prepared and dropped within three days of the incident.

10. NBC or other Special Type of Warfare. During the reporting period NBCD training continued to be conducted at company level with a minimum of 3 hours per month. Decontamination and fall-out prediction capabilities are satisfactory. NBCD equipment is at T. E. level. Field protective masks are issued to individuals as needed for field operations and training.

11. Medical. There were no major discrepancies noted during weekly sanitation inspections. There were no extraordinary health problems noted during the past month. The following number of patients were treated at the Regimental Aid Station during the month of April:

Headquarters Company, 5th Marines	205	70.2%
Other 5th Marines personnel	70	27.4%
Others	17	2.4%
Total Personnel	292	100.0%

12. Dental. During the month of April the Dental Clinic treated a total of 200 Marines from 1/5, 3/5, 2/11, 4/11 and Headquarters Company, 5th Marines. The clinic lost its prosthetics capability with the transfer of one technician. The clinic relocated from Hill 35 to TAM KY to provide dental services for units involved in Operation UNION. The MedCap assistance has been limited to the Provincial Hospital in TAM KY. No mechanical failures occurred throughout the month of April.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed* ENCLOSURE (2) Headquarters Company, 5th Marines Command Chronology
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5th Marines, S-3
HU LAI, RVN

010001H-012400H APRIL 1967

010001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

010645H/J-2 B CO S&D OPN BT330114 RECD 5 RDS S/A FIRE FM EST 2 VC AT A DIS OF APPROX 400M. VC WERE UNQBSD. USMC RETD APPROX 20 RDS S/A FIRE AND SERCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

010700H/J-3 B CO RECD 10-20 RDS S/A FIRE, 15-20 RDS 50CAL FM EST 10-12 VC AT A DIS OF APPROX 300-400 METERS VIC BT330104, AND 1 MORT RD FM UNK DIR & RANGE. USMC RETD 50 RDS S/A FIRE, 6 3.5 WP RDS, 10 M79 RDS, AND ARTY MISSION REQ. RECD 6 RDS 105MM HE. DURING ASSAULT ON VC PSN VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLED IN AN UNDETERMINED DIR. USMC SUSTAINED 1 KIA AND 2 WIA.

011100H/J-4 CO 1/5 REQ TO COMMIT C CO (BALD EAGLE) IN SUPPORT OF B CO. REQ FOR BALD EAGLE APPROVED BY CG TASK FORCE X-RAY

011130H/J-5 C CO (-) AND ALPHA CMD GRP HELI-LIFTED TO LZ VIC BT366060. LIFT COMPLETED AT 011245H.

011200H/J-6 (LATE ENTRY) B CO VIC BT 346093 RECD 25-30 RDS S/A FIRE FM 150M TO THE SE FM EST 12 VC. USMC RETD 50 RDS S/A FIRE, 4 3.5 WP RDS, 3 M79 RDS AND 4 60MM MORT RDS. ENVELOPED AND ASSAULTED VC PSN. SERCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 PACK W/GREY CLOTHING AND AND FOOD, 1 RIFLE GREN, 17 RDS S/A AMMO, 1 CHICOM GREN, 1 CRIMPED CART AND HEAVY BLOOD TRAIL. 2 CIV HIDING IN CAVE SAID THERE WERE 12 VC AND ALL FLED TO THE WEST. USMC SUSTAINED 2 WIA. EST 1 VC KIA (PROB) AND 5 VC WIA (PROB).

011300H/J-8 5 CAC-5 SQD SEC PTL VIC BT309171 QBSD 1 VC DRESSED IN RED SHORTS CARRYING CARBINE SOME 100-200 METERS AWAY. VC WAS MOVING TO THE NW. PTL FIRED 50 RDS S/A FIRE AT VC. VC FLED AS IF HIT. PTL SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND BLOOD TRAIL LEADING TO STREAM VIC BT312174. SERCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. 1 VC WIA (PROB).

011410H/J-9 C CO (-) S&D VIC BT350077 RECD 5 RDS AUTO CARBINE FIRE FM EST 1 UNQBSD SNIPER AT APPROX 200 METERS TO THE NW. USMC RETD FIRE WITH 15RDS S/A FIRE AND 2 M79 RDS, VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLED NW. ONE PLT NOW SEARCHING AREA.

011425H/J-10 B CO S&D VIC BT345089 RECD 10-12 RDS S/A FIRE FM THE EAST AT APPROX 200 METERS. EST 1-2 UNQBSD VC. USMC RETD 50 RDS S/A FIRE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. 1 USMC WIA.

011600H/J-11 B AND C CO JOINED UP VIC LZ BT348084.

011750H/J-12 B & C CO S&D BT348084 RPT THAT HELICOPTERS ATTEMPTING TO LAND IN LZ TO EXTRACT ELEMENTS OF 1/5 RECD 50 RDS S/A FIRE FM THE SOUTH AND SW OF LZ. UNITS RETD 75 RDS S/A FIRE AND 2 M79 RDS. REQ AIR STRIKE. AIR STRIKE CONDUCTED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVER-AGE. 2 HELO'S DOWN IN LZ, 1/5 IS PROVIDING SEC.

012400H/J-13 JOURNAL CLOSED

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020001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

022400H/J-2 JOURNAL CLOSED

030001H-032400H APRIL 1967

030001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

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032215H/J-2 POST 17 H&S CO 3/5 HILL 69 VIC BT464075 RECD 2 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM VIC BT466077. USMC FIRED 3 81MMILLUM RDS AND 3 RDS S/A FIRE. NEG RESULTS.

032400H/J-3 JOURNAL CLOSED
040001H-042400H APRIL 1967
040001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
042400H/J-2 JOURNAL CLOSED
050001H-052400H APRIL 1967
050001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
011845H/J-2 A CO FT SEC PTL FOUND FRESHLY DUG FIGHTING PSNS 3'X3'X6'. HOLES HAD TUNNELS LEADING FM THEM 5' TO 10' FEET LONG. FOUND 1 TRENCH 200 METERS LONG. 1 105MM DUD WAS FOUND IN ONE HOLE AND WAS MARKED FOR LATER DESTRUCTION BY EOD. PTL CONTINUED ON PTL, AREA WILL BE AMBUSHED.

052400H/J-3 JOURNAL CLOSED
060001H-062400H APRIL 1967
060001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
062220H/J-2 LY TIN DIST HQ RPTD SQD SIZED PTL VIC BT486096 RAN INTO VC SQD SIZED AMBUSH. UNKNOWN NUMBER RDS S/A FIRE RECD AND RETD. MED EVAC REQ FOR 2 RD PERSONNEL WIA'S. MED EVAC COMPLETED AT 070015.

062400H/J-3 JOURNAL CLOSED
070001H-072400H APRIL 1967
070001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
072400H/J-2 JOURNAL CLOSED
080001H-082400H APRIL 1967
080001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
080005H/J-2 3/5 I 2 ON GOLDEN FLEECE OPN VIC BT448058 RECD TWO INCOMING GREN. REQ ILLUM. 81MM ILLUM WAS RECD AND PLT RECD 5 RDS S/A SNIPER FIRE FROM APPROX 250 METERS TO THE NORTH. 4 VC SIGHTED MOVING INTO TREE LINE AWAY FROM USMC PSN. VC APPEARED TO BE PROBING MARINE AND PF PSNS. UNIT ON 100% ALERT.

080720H/J-3 I CO FT AMB RETURNING FM AMB SITE RECD 50-80 RDS AUTO WPNS FIRE FM EST 5 VC. REQ ARTY AND RECD 18 RDS 105MM HE. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERGAE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. 2 VC KIA (PROB).

080900H/J-4 CAC-I HQ VIC AT322187 HAD PC HIT MINE. MINE HAD BEEN PLACED IN ROAD APPROX 400 METERS FROM CAC-I TACTICAL WIRE AT A BEND IN THE ROAD. MINE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PRESSURE DETONATED. BELIEVED TO BE EITHER 106MM RR OR 155MM HE RND. HOLE MADE IN ROAD WAS 3' DEEP AND 5' WIDE. MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED AT 080945H. ROAD WAS SWEPT AT 080600H BY SQD PTL RETURNING FM AMBUSH SITE. PC WAS DESTROYED AND 1 106MM RR MOUNT AND 1 M-16 RIFLE DAMAGED. 1 USMC KIA AND 6 USMC WIA.

081930H/J-5 A CO 1ST PLT VIC AT369165 RECD APPROX 50 RDS S/A FIRE FRCM EST 4 VC. RETD 2 RDS 60MM MORT, 1 3.5 RND, AND 200 RDS S/A FIRE. SQD ASSAULTED ENEMY PSN, FOLLOW UP TO COME.

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082250H/J-6 FOLLOW UP TO 081930H. RECD APPROX 50 RDS AUTO/SEMI AUTO S/A FIRE FM EST 4 VC AT RANGE OF APPROX 350 METERS TO SE. VC BROKE CONTACT AND MOST PROBABLE ROUTE OF WITHDRAWAL WAS TO SE. RETD APPROX 200 RDS S/A FIRE, 2 RDS 60MM ILLUM, AND 1 3.5 WP RD. SQD DISPATCHED TO SEARCH AREA. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ANOTHER SEARCH PLANNED FOR TOMORROW.

082400H/J-7 JOURNAL CLOSED

090001H-092400H APRIL 1967

090001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

091130H/J-2 A CO FT SEC PTL VIC AT 371176. VN WORKERS, WHILE WORKING ON DAM RECEIVED 2 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM TREE LINE 300-400 METERS TO THE SOUTH. VC WERE UNOBSD. WORKERS FLED DAM SITE AND PTL SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

091500H/J-3 CO L (-) 3/5 OPCON TO CLDC AT 091500H.

092400H/J-4 JOURNAL CLOSED

100001H-102400H APRIL 1967

100001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

101045H/J-2 C CO FT SEC PTL BT354145 RPT WHILE SEARCHING HUTS VIC BT354146 FT FND 2 VN FEMALES AGED 18-19 W/O ID CARDS. VN DRESSED IN BLACK PJ'S AND WEARING STRAW HATS. DETAINEES WILL BE FWD TO 1/5 S-2 FOR FURTHER DISPOSITION.

101130H/J-3 C CO SQD S&J PTL BT355158 RECD APPROX 30 RDS SEMI AUTO AND AUTO WPNS FIRE FM N AND NW AT RANGE OF APPROX 300M. SNIPERS WERE UNOBSD AND DIR OF WITHDRAWAL WAS UNK. PTL RETD 150 RDS 5.56MM S/A FIRE AND 150 RDS M60 MG FIRE AND ASSAULTED SUSPECTED SNIPER PSN. CONDUCTED SEARCH OF AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

101430H/J-4 CAC I SQD SEC PTL BT362177 RECD 10 RDS S/A FM EST 2 VC AT RANGE OF APPROX 500M. PTL RETD 150 RDS S/A FIRE AND VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLED TO THE N. UPON REACHING SNIPER PSN PTL FND 1 VN FEMALE W/GUNSHOT WOUND IN STOMACH. EMER MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED AT 101500H.

101840H/J-5 C CO FT (REIN) SEC PTL BT 353158 RECD 3 RDS S/A SNIPER FIRE FM 200M NORTH. PTL FIRED 8 RDS S/A FIRE, 1 M79 RD AND 4 VCS WERE APPREHD. DETAINEES TO BE FWD TO 1/5 S-2.

102400H/J-6 JOURNAL CLOSED

110001H-112400H APRIL 1967

110001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

111620H/J-2 AT 111620H WORD WAS RECD FM TFX TO ACTIVATE REIN PLT FOR HELICOPTER DOWN AT BT1751. (HELOS RPTD OVER 1/5 AREA BEFORE ACTIVATION WAS ORDERED). 3RD PLT A CO IS PLT DESIGNATED. INFO PASSED TO 1/5 REGARDING FIRE SPT AVAILABLE. PLT WILL NOT LAUNCH UNTIL ORDERED BY TFX OR 5TH MAR HQ. AT 111655H WORD WAS RECD FROM TFX TO LAUNCH BLAD EAGLE. PASSED TO 1/5. 1/5 WILL RETAIN OPCON. CO A IS BALD EAGLE CO. AT 111750H BALD EAGLE WAS LAUNCHED. AT 111810H THE FIRST WAVE LANDED VIC BT165320. NEG CONTACT. AT 111836H THE REMAINDER OF BLAD EAGLE LANDED IN LZ WITH NEG CONTACT. AT 111936H THE DOWNED HELICOPTER WAS LIFTED FROM LZ TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN. BALD EAGLE FORCE REMAINED IN AREA

ENCLOSURE (5)

- 111852H/J-3 A CO SQD (+) AT BT172318 SITED 4 VC FLEEING AREA. CONTACTED HUEY GUNSHIPS ON STATION AND HUEYS DELIVERED SURPRESSING FIRES AND RPTD SEEING THE 4 VC FALL. A CO SENT OUT PTL TO SEARCH AREA. PTL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CASUALTIES. 4 VC WIA (PROB)
- 112400H/J-4 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 120001H-122400H APRIL 1967
- 120001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 120113H/J-2 K CO OUTPOST SIGHTED MORTAR FLASHES. FLASHES APPEARED TO BE AIMED TOWARDS CHU LAI AIR FIELD. ALERTED 81MM MORT PLAT AT K CO PSN. ARTY ALSO ALERTED. CLEARANCE TO FIRE WAS REQ, BUT DUE TO CLOSE PROXIMITY OF STAGED ARMY UNITS REQ WAS DENIED. DEPLOYED TROOPS TO THE S AND W AND H&I'S WERE FIRED ON ALL LIKELY ESCAPE ROUTES. AREA BEING SEARCHED. WILL SWEEP AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
- 120120H/J-3 K CO MARINE IN SEC PSN WAS TRYING TO FIND HIS RELIEF. HE OBSD FIGURE CRAWLING TOWARDS HIM FM OPPOSITE DIR. MARINE TURNED AND FIRED AT CRAWLING MAN. MAN WAS WOUNDED IN ARM, LEG, AND CREASED SKULL. WOUNDED MAN WAS MARINE'S RELIEF. HE WAS NOT CHALLENGED. INVEST OFF WILL BE APPOINTED. EMER MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED AT 120200H.
- 120530H/J-4 A CO AT BT172318 RECD APPROX 4 RDS 82MM MORT, 7 RIFLE GREN, AND 15 RDS S/A FIRE. RETD 5 RDS 60MM MORT AND 50 RDS S/A FIRE. REQ AND RECD ARTY ILLUM. 2 USMC WIA MED EVAC.
- 120640H/J-5 FOLLOW UP TO 120530H. AT BT172318 AT DAYBREAK PSN SPOTTED 2 DEAD VC APPROX 20M IN FRONT OF THEM. FOUND 1 9MM SUB MG, FRENCH MODEL 1949 SER NO A8163, 2 30 RD MAG CONTAINING 28 RDS, CHICOM HAND GRENADE W/POUCH, 1 CART BELT AND ASSORTED PICTURES. 2 VC KIA CONF.
- 120950H/J-6 LIFT OF BALD EAGLE COMMENCED AT 120950H. LIFT COMPLETED AT 121040H.
- 120955H/J-7 A CO SPOTTED 1 VC IN BLACK PJ'S IN OPEN PADDY. VC WAS ORDERED TO HALT AND FAILED TO COMPLY. 50 RDS S/A WAS FIRED AT VC BEFORE HE HALTED. WHEN MARINES APPROACHED VC HE AGAIN FLED AND MARINES RESUMED FIRING. CONTACT OCCURED AT 200M, INIT BY USMC. 1 VC KIA CONF.
- 121305H/J-8 FOLLOW UP TO 120530H. A SER OF AN ABANDONED HUT IN THE IMMED AREA OF AVTIVITY PRODUCED A PACKET OF ASSORTED DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS. ALL MATERIAL FWD TO TFX ON 13 APRIL.
- 122400H/J-9 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 130001H-132400H APRIL 1967
- 130001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 130015H/J-2 CAC-I-4 5 MAN ROVING PTL WAS SPOTTED BY 3 VC. VC FIRED APPROX 100 RDS S/A FIRE. 1 PF WOUNDED IN STOMACH. PTL RETD APPROX 500 RDS S/A FIRE. MED EVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED AT 130115H. PTL CONTINUED ON MISSION.

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- 131300H/J-3 2ND PLT C CO AT BT437161 SPOTTED 2 VC WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND CARRYING WEAPONS. VC WERE OBSERVED THROUGH FIELD GLASSES MOVING NW ON CIGAR ISLAND. VC WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITH 50 RDS M60 MG FIRE AND 4 RDS 81MM MORT HE. OBSD 1 VC FALL AS VC FLED IN A NW DIRECTION. 1 VC WIA PROB
- 131645H/J-4 CAC-K4 S&C PTL AT BT442142 SIGHTED VC RUNNING. VC HID IN CAVE, THEN THREW GREN WHICH WAS A DUD. CAC PF THREW GREN INTO CAVE KILLING VC. VC HAD OTHER GREN AND DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. APPREHEND 1 VCC MALE AND 1 VCS FEMALE IN SAME AREA AND BROUGHT TO LY TIN DISTRICT HQ FOR DISPOSITION. 1 VC KIA CONF.
- 131200H/J-5 LATE ENTRY - S-3 3/5 RPTS ONTOS OF 1ST PLT, B CO, 1ST AT BN ARRIVED AT HILL 69 AT 131200H.
- 132400H/J-6 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 140001H-142400H APRIL 1967
- 140001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 141505H/J-2 3RD PLT B CO AT BT358154 SPOTTED 1 VC AT 1600M THROUGH FIELD GLASSES. VC WAS DRESSED IN BLACK PJ'S AND APPEARED TO BE ARMED W/INDIVIDUAL WPN. PLT FIRED 4 WP AND 2 HE 60MM MORT RDS AT ENEMY PSN. SQD WAS SEN TO CHECK AREA, RESULTS OF SEARCH WERE NEGATIVE.
- 142145H/J-3 3RD PLT M CO AT BT432089 SIGHTED 3 VC AFTER HEARING ACTIVITY ON SID DEVICE AND HAVING ROCKS THROWN AT BUNKERS. FIRED 81MM ILLUM AND 4 81MM HE RDS. SENT OUT 2 FT'S TO CHECK AREA, NEG RESULTS.
- 142400H/J-4 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 150001H-152400H APRIL 1967
- 150001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 150315H/J-2 3/5 LR PTL PSN PROBED FM ALL SIDES BY EST 10 VC. RECD APPROX 15 GREN AND 50 RDS S/A FIRE. VC MAKING GREAT AMOUNT OF NOISE AROUND POSITION. VC BROKE CONTACT AT 150420H. RETD 4 GREN, 150 RDS S/A FIRE. RESULTS UNK, ILLUM CALLED AND WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
- 151330H/J-3 FOLLOW UP TO 150315H - DAYLIGHT SEARCH REVEALED TWO DRAG MARKS WITH HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS. PTL ALSO FOUND 2 CHICOM GREN, 2 M26 GREN DUDS, 2 RIFLE GREN FIN ASSEMBLIES, 1 AK-47 MAG CONTAINING 5 RDS AND 3 RDS OF RUSSIAN CARBINE AMMO. 2 VC KIA PROB.
- 151230H/J-4 B CO SQD SEC PTL AT BT353172 WHILE CONDUCTING SEARCH OF HAMLET AT OBOVE COORD OBSD 1 VN MALE DRESSED IN CLEAN BLACK SHORTS AND WHITE SHIRT MOVING ON TRAIL AWAY FM PTL. PTL LDR SHOUTED HALT IN VN AND VN HALTED. VN WAS ABOUT 25-30 YEARS OLD AND HAD NO ID CARD. VN WAS RETURNED TO PTL BASE AND QUESTIONED. DETAINEE STATES VC TOOK HIS ID CARD. DETAINEE WILL BE FORWARDED TO BN S-2 FOR FURTHER DISPOSITION.
- 151300H/J-5 C CO S&C OPN AT BT432161 WHILE SEARCHING THE HOUSE OF A KNOWN VC WHOSE NAME IS ON THE BLACK LIST THE SQD FOUND PAPERS, NV COINS AND MEDICAL HERBS. SQD ALSO APPREHENDED 2 VN FEMALES W/O ID CARDS, AGES 17 AND 45 DRESSED IN BLACK AND WHITE CLOTHING. DETAINEES AND CAPTURED GEAR FORWARDED TO 1/5 S-2.

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- 152210H/J-6 B CO SQD AMB AT BT352163. MARINE IN AMB SITE DEARDED NOISE AND DREW HIS PISTOL AND PREMATURELY FIRED SAME, WOUNDING SELF IN FLESHY PART OF LEFT THIGH. WOUND WAS MINOR AND MARINE WAS ABLE TO WALK. WOUNDED MARINE ESCORTED TO CAC-I PSN. PTL WILL BE RELOCATED TO VIC BT349168 TO CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
- 152400H/J-7 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 160001H-162400H APRIL 1967
- 160001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 152345H/J-2 LATE ENTRY - CAC-I-1 SQD SEC PTL AT BT339173 WAS RETURNING TO CMBT BASE WHEN THEY OBSERVED BURNING HUTS IN VILLAGE AT BT336178. THE PATROL HEARD APPROX 40 RDS S/A FIRE IN VILLAGE AND WENT TO INVESTIGATE. AS PTL ENTERED VILLAGE THERE WERE APPROX 5 VC FIRING INTO VILLAGE FROM SCATTERED PSNS. PTL FIRED 10 RDS S/A FIRE AND VC FLED. 3 HUTS IN VILLAGE WERE BURNED AND 1 COMPLETELY DESTROYED. PTL FOUND PROP LEAFLETS STREWN ABOUT THE VILLAGE BUT NO SIGN OF ENEMY CASUALTIES. DARKNESS AND HEAVY UNDERGROWTH PREVENTED PTL FM MAINTAINING CONTACT. WILL SEARCH AREA AT 160730E.
- 161050H/J-3 FOLLOW UP TO 152345H - SQD (-) PTL CONDUCTED SEARCH. FOUND 1 CHICOM GRENADE. VILLAGERS SAY 5 VC WERE IN THE AREA DURING THE INCIDENT LAST NIGHT. CHICOM GRENADE WILL BE FORWARDED TO BN S-2.
- 161520H/J-4 B CO SQD SEC PTL AT BT352143. AS PTL WAS MOVING ALONG DESIG ROUTE THE POINT ELEMENT SAW 2 VC. VC WERE 150M TO THE SW. 1 VC CARRIED RIFLE. VC SPOTTED THE PTL AND BEGAN TO RAPIDLY DEPART THE AREA. THE PTL FIRED 16 RDS S/A FIRE AND VC FLED INTO THICK BRUSH. PTL PURSUED BUT FAILED TO REGAIN CONTACT. ARE SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.
- 162400H/J-5 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 170001H-172400H APRIL 1967
- 170001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 170020H/J-2 1/5 RADIO RELAY AT BT388036. RELAY DETECTED PROBING BY EST 2 VC. PROBING OCCURRED ON SW SIDE OF PSN. FIRED 20 RDS S/A FIRE AND 3 RDS 105MM ILLUM.
- 170201H/J-3 CLDC FT AMB. 2 MARINES W/PE'S AT BT514091 HEARD SCREAMING AND FIRING FM KY XUAN ISLAND. PE FM PTL WENT TO SHORE LINE AND WAS FIRED UPON FM SANPAN LEAVING THE ISLAND AT BT512092. PTL WENT TO SHORE LINE AND RECD 70 RDS S/A FIRE FM SANPAN. ALSO RECD S/A FIRE FM ISLAND AT BT511092. PTL RETD 50 RDS S/A FIRE AND SANK SANPAN. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
- 170340H/J-4 1/5 RADIO RELAY AT BT388036 REPORTED 1 FRIENDLY 105MM HE RD LANDED IN RELAY CP. 1 USMC WIA, WOUNDED IN CHEST, WILL BE MED EVAC AT FIRST LIGHT. RADIO RELAY REQ CEASE FIRE ON FUTURE ARTY MISSIONS IN THAT AREA.
- 171525H/J-5 M CO FT SEC PTL TRIGGERED BOOBY TRAP WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO BE AN 81MM MORT RD. PTL WAS INFORMED BY A SMALL BOY OF THE LOCATION OF ANOTHER MINE AT BT444064. REWARDED BOY W/400 PIASTERS. ENGRS WERE SENT TO THE LOC OF THE OTHER MINE. IT WAS A BEAR TRAP DEVICE WITH M26 GRENADE AS CHARGE. BLOWN IN PLACE.

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- 171715H/J-6 A CO OF AT BT311155 SPTD 3 VC CARRYING RIFLES AT APPROX 1100M MOVING NW DIR. 2 VC WERE DRESSED IN BLACK PJ'S AND 1 VC WAS DRESSED IN WHITE PJ'S. SNIPER TM FIRED 2 RDS S/A FIRE AT VC. VC BELIEVED TO HAVE ENTERED PHU DUC (4). SQD DEPARTED TO SER OUT AREA. FOLLOW UP WILL BE SUBMITTED.
- 172140H/J-7 4/11 FDC AT BT4309 RECD 1 INCOMING RD S/A FIRE AT POST 11. RD CAME FM AN EASTERLY DIR. AREA UNDER CLOSE SECURITY. ALL POSTS ALERTED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
- 172400H/J-8 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 180001H-182400H APRIL 1967
- 180001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 181000H/J-2 C CO SQD SEC PTL AT BT418123. PTL WAS LED TO A MARKET PLACE BY VN NATIONAL FEMALE WHERE SHE POINTED OUT 4 105MM RDS, 12 155MM RDS, AND 14 81MM RDS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE AREA. ALL RDS WERE OF ILLUM TYPE WITH FILLER REMOVED. ALL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND NO MARKINGS WERE VISIBLE. WITH THE AID OF THE VN FEMALE THE PTL LOCATED 6 MORE 155MM RDS AND 1 105MM DUD WHICH WAS INTACT IN VIC OF BT419119. EOD WAS DISPATCHED TO THE AREA AND THE DUD WAS DETROYED. VN WOMAN WAS PAID 300 PLASTERS FOR INFO FURNISHED.
- 181343H/J-3 4/11 SQD SEC PTL AT BT435095. PTL RECD 1 INCOMING GREN. NO CASUALTIES. SENT OUT CORPSMAN TO TREAT 1 MAN THAT APPEARED TO BE IN SHOCK. CORPSMAN ARRIVED AT PSN AT 181407H.
- 182100H/J-4 I CO LR PTL AT BT449061. UNDER ILLUM SPOTTED 2 VC. PTL TOOK VC UNDER FIRE. BELIEVED TO HAVE WOUNDED ONE. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NOTHING. 1 VC WIA PROB.
- 182400H/J-5 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 190001H-192400H APRIL 1967
- 190001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 191540H/J-2 I CO SQD SEC PTL AT BT452038. PTL FOUND THREE AP MINES AT ABOVE LOCATION. MINES WERE BOUNCING BETTY TYPE. MINES TO BE BLOWN IN PLACE.
- 191745H/J-3 CAC K-4 AT BT450070. 3 VN TRIPPED MINE. 1 WOMAN AND 1 CHILD MINOR WOUNDS WITH 1 WOMAN EVACUATED BY CAC K-4. CIVILIANS WHO BROUGHT WOUNDED PEOPLE TO CAC K-4 STATED THERE WERE MORE MINES IN THAT AREA. AREA WILL BE CAREFULLY SEARCHED. VN GUIDES WILL BE UTILIZED IF POSSIBLE.
- 192400H/J-4 JOURNAL CLOSED
- 200001H-202400H APRIL 1967
- 200001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED
- 200715H/J-2 CAC-I-3 AT BT487103. TWO VN ADULTS BROUGHT TO COMBAT BASE ONE 9 TO 10 YEAR OLD BOY WITH RIGHT LEG BLOWN OFF. ADULT INFORMED INTERPRETER THAT INCIDENT OCCURED NEAR BT485118. EMER MED EWAC CALLED FOR AT 201740H AND COMPLETED AT 200750H. FOLLOW UP SPOT REPORT TO FOLLOW.

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201100H/J-3 FOLLOW UP TO 200715H - INCIDENT OCCURED IN VIC OF COORD BT491116. CAC-I-3 DISPATCHED PTL TO SEARCH AREA AND INQUIRE ABOUT INCIDENT. THE HAMLET CHIEF QUESTIONED THE VN IN AREA OF INCIDENT AND FOUND OUT THAT TWO BOYS, AGE 14, BOUGHT A GRENADE FROM ANOTHER BOY, AGE 9. THE GRENADE HAD BEEN FOUND BY THE BOY SOMEWHERE ON THE ISLAND OF KY XUAN. THE 14 YEAR OLD BOYS WENT FISHING WITH THE GRENADE. THE GRENADE EXPLODED, KILLING ONE AND BLOWING THE LEG OFF THE OTHER. THE BOY THAT SOLD THE GRENADE IS IN CUSTODY OF THE VILLAGE CHIEF.

201500H/J-4 CO I (-) AT BT415029. VN MAN POINTED OUT TWO MINES AND TWO BOOBY TRAPS AT BT415029, PLUS THREE HIDDEN CAVES AT BT411028, BT412031 AND BT 433058. ALL CAVES WERE 8'X5'X3'. MINES, BOOBY TRAPS AND CAVES DESTROYED. MAN AWARDED 1000 PIASTERS FOR INFO. MINES WERE M16 BOUNCING TYPE AND BOOBY TRAPS WERE 57MM RR RDS.

202400H/J-5 JOURNAL CLOSED

210001H-212400H APRIL 1967

210001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

211315H/J-2 AT 211315H 2 COMPANIES AND CP GRP FROM 3/5 WERE PUT ON ONE HOUR STANDBY.

211425H/J-3 K AND M CO 3/5 WERE ALERTED FOR HELO LIFT IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINES VIC AT0830.

211515H/J-4 FIRST HELO'S LANDED AT LZ MARLIN TO LIFT M CO 3/5

212400H/J-5 JOURNAL CLOSED

220001H-222400H APRIL 1967

220001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

220815H/J-2 HELO LIFT OF A AND C CO TO JOIN 3/5 VIC BT1030 COMMENCED

221230H/J-3 LIFT OF A AND C CO COMPLETED. CHOP OPCON TO 3/5.

222400H/J-4 JOURNAL CLOSED

230001H-232400H APRIL 1967

230001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

231010H/J-2 I CO 3/5 CAME UNDER OPCON OF 1/5.

231200H/J-3 PLT B CO 1ST AMTRAC BN IN SUPPORT OF 3/5 PASSED OPCON TO PARENT UNIT.

231400H/J-4 L CO 3/5 IS OPCON TO 1/5.

231700H/J-5 3/5 SECURITY FORCE FOR PETERSON ALPHA TERMINATED.

232400H/J-6 JOURNAL CLOSED

240001H-242400H APRIL 1967

240001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

241400H/J-2 JOURNAL CLOSED

250001H-252400H APRIL 1967

250001H/J-1 JOURNAL OPENED

251200H/J-2 5TH MAR CP GRP DEPARTED HILL 35 FOR QUANG TIN PROVINCE FOR DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION UNION.

251900H/J-3 COMMENCED OPERATION UNION. 5TH MAR ASSUMED OPCON OF ALL OPERATION UNION FORCES.

251900H-302400H APRIL 1967 DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION UNION

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