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(b) DivO 5750.2

Encls: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for the period
of 1 June 1966 to 30 June 1966.

✓(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
✓(3) After Action Report for Operation Dagger I

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3)
are submitted herewith.

2. This chronology includes all pertinent and significant information as
defined in references (a) and (b).

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. The following organizational data is submitted.

a. Designator/Location. During the month of June the Battalion occupied a position on Hill 54 and continued to control it's assigned TAOR. The Battalion is composed of a Headquarters Company and four rifle companies.

b. Period Covered. From 1 June 1966, to 30 June 1966.

c. Personnel Assignment/Attachments

(1)	(1) Commanding Officer	LtCol H. L. COFFMAN
	(2) Executive Officer	Maj Bayard S. PICKETT 1 June - 6 June 1966 Maj John R. BRADLEY 6 June - 30 June 1966
	(3) S-1	Capt Redding F. HICKS 1 June - 12 June 1966 Capt Mathew T. COOPER 12 June - 23 June 1966 Capt Milton L. HARMON 23 June - 30 June 1966
	(4) S-2	Capt George J. STREMLOW
	(5) S-3	Maj Francis RINEY 1 June - 6 June 1966 Maj Bayard S. PICKETT 6 June - 30 June 1966
	(6) S-4	Capt Robert A. FREEMAN
	(7) CO, H&S Company	Capt Mathew T. COOPER
	(8) CO, Company A	1stLt James R. FURLEIGH
	(9) CO, Company B	1stLt J. P. T. SULLIVAN
	(10) CO, Company C	1stLt Marshall B. DARLING
	(11) CO, Company D	Capt John F. KREBS

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2. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel

(1) Average monthly strength:

(a) USMC	OFFICER	35
	ENLISTED	1008

(b) USN	OFFICER	3
	ENLISTED	47

(2) Present on board strength:

(a) USMC	OFFICER	29
	ENLISTED	1032

(b) USN	OFFICER	3
	ENLISTED	47

(3) Current critical shortages based on manning level are as follows:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>PAY GRADE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
0231	E-5	1
0348	E-7	1
9999	E-8	1
0130	O-1, WO	1
0202	O-3	1
0302	O-3, O-2	10
0402	O-3	1

b. Intelligence

(1) During the period 1 June 1966, to 30 June 1966. The S-2 section has compiled and provided the Battalion with a current Order of Battle within the Battalion TAOR and areas outside the TAOR for possible future operations. The S-2 section has completed an intensified program, assisted by ITT to provide the Battalion with a Black List of known VC in the TAOR. This list has been of the utmost value. It has provided valuable information to the Companies, platoons, squads and fire teams while conducting sweeps, and patrolling within the TAOR, resulting in the apprehension of many known VC.

(2) During the period covered the S-2 section has assisted in the screening and interrogation of some 172 VCS of which 142 were sent to ITT with numerous documents, and assorted gear, which included one Thompson Sub Machine Gun, two French 9MM Sub Machine Guns, one ChiCom 7.62MM Assualt Type 56 Rifle, eight Soviet 7.62MM Assualt Rifles Type AK-47, two ChiCom 7.62MM Carbines Type 56, two ChiCom Light Machine Guns, six Soviet 7.62MM Carbine Model SKS, and one Soviet 7.62MM Mosin Rifle Type 56 which have been forwarded to higher headquarters, via intelligence channels.

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(3) The S-2 Scouts are employed as security element for the movement of the Command Group, in addition to the internal security of the perimeter when set up in night defensive position. The Infa Red Sighting Device has played a vital role in night defensive position which are manned by the S-2 scouts and presently the scouts are giving instructions on the device to elements of the Battalion.

c. Logistics. The Battalion moved into it's present TAOR on 15 May 1966 and commenced to construct its base camp. Presently there are 17 strongback tents, one pre-fab galley was completed on 17 June 1966, and one pre-fab shower was constructed on 30 June 1966. Additionally there are 60 general purpose tents with eight section decking. A motor transport lot has been established with covered maintenance facilities, as well as supply storage area. An ammunition bunker, approximately 80' by 45', has been constructed with triple wall sand bagged sides and this will be covered as soon as material is available.

d. Communications

(1) Internal Battalion communications for Operation Cheyenne I and II was dependent on FM radio equipment. Voice radio nets were terminated at Battalion employing the AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-38. Reception was outstanding considering the distance between units.

(2) Internal Battalion and Regimental communications for the past month have been dependent on FM, HF, UHF and SHF radio equipment. Voice radio nets have been served by the AN/PRC-10, AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-41, AN/PRC-47 and AN/MRC-38. Teletype was terminated by the AN/TRC-27 and land lines. Reception and reliability is excellent.

e. Air Support

(1) The month of June saw no significant increase in air support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Tactical air support was called upon twice during the month; once for landing zone preparation and once in direct support of Company C. The landing zone preparation are covered in the after action reports.

(2) During the reconnaissance team extraction of "Cantilever", air support was given Company C, by aircraft from MAG-11 and MAG-12. The attacks were successful and enabled the ground forces to maneuver and destroy a troublesome enemy machine gun emplacement. They also suppressed sniper fire in the area. The air strikes were controlled by an organic FAC team during the entire time.

(3) Helicopter activity for the month of June consisted of lifting companies on small operations and one retraction plus a number of administrative and supply missions.

f. Artillery Support

(1) Battery D, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines conducts daily registration at BT 363213.

(2) Harrassing and Interdiction fires are fired nightly at selected locations in and around the perimeter of the Battalion TAOR.

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(3) Artillery support has been very effective in landing zone preparations and area preparations prior to a search and clear operation.

(4) Battery D, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, have provided the majority of the artillery support for this Battalion's operations.

g. Medical

(1) The Med CAP/Civic action projects began on 1 June 1966, and have been expanded as follows: On 3 June a training program for one Vietnamese nurse was established at our civilian dispensary. This was increased to three nurses on 15 June and has continued. Training takes the form of on the job training. On 12 June, local civilians undertook the project of building a dispensary outside the gate. Thus far, the frame of this building has been erected and daily sick call has been held since about 25 June. On 13 June, a program of visiting the maternity hospital at Ky Chang on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week and holding sick call commenced. The sick call at Ky Chang is currently visited by 60 to 80 patients a day.

(2) Projects within the BAS are as follows:

(a) Work on the interior of the BAS is practically complete, including a sick call area, ward, lab, doctor's office, administrative unit and supply section.

(b) A bulletin board was erected on 10 June containing current information of interest to the corpsmen.

(c) A program for completing annual physicals was set up on 15 June averaging four physicals a day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

(d) Immunization schedules were drawn up in late June in preparation for the tri-annual shots. Company C completed immunizations on 29 June 1966.

... (3) Health of the Battalion

(a) A marked increase in Malaria cases has occurred, prompting a visit from Preventive Medical Unit, Da Nang on 28 June. Samples of local water failed to show large numbers of anophiles mosquitos, although some were present. Spraying from a helicopter will be instituted by the preventive medical unit of NSA, Da Nang.

h. Civil Affairs

(1) Since its initiation last month, the Med Cap program has been expanded beyond the defensive perimeter into surrounding hamlets where the doctor and Navy corpsmen treat an average of 170 patients a day. Large quantities of soap were distributed in conjunction with the Med Cap program.

(2) Contact with local officials has increased and is becoming the source of many intelligence tips concerning VC movements through the area.

i. Psychological Warfare

(1) There were 80,300 leaflets dropped during the month over the Battalion TAOR. The leaflets explained the "Chieu Hoi" or open arms program of the Government of Vietnam and appealed to the VC to give up their arms and return to their homes. Lieutenant Colonel COFFMAN prepared a personal appeal to the civilian population which explained the proper civilian conduct during Marine tactical operations. The note was dropped in leaflet form throughout the TAOR.

(2) V-10 aerial broadcasts were made on three occasions by Chieu Hoi ralliers who had surrendered to Company D on 8 June 1966. The two defectors appealed to other VC to surrender.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 301630H, Squad security patrol from Battery L (BT392145) located a trench, five feet long by four feet by four feet containing one CHICOM booby trapped grenade. The grenade was destroyed in place.
2. 301700H, Point of B-1-5 (BT329111) received machine gun and small arms fire. Resulted in two USMC WIA also one USMC non-battle casualty. All were evacuated. Company returned approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and 500 rounds of machine gun fire.
3. 301705H, F-2-5 received approximately 100 rounds small arms fire. Returned approximately 250 rounds semi-automatic and automatic weapons fire. Checked area, located three VC in sniper hole (BT322123). VC attempted to escape, brought same under fire, resulting in three VCC WIA. Captured one CHICOM Carbine, and one MAS-36 rifle. VCC WIA were evacuated to Chu Lai. Weapons are being retained at the 1-5 forward CP.
4. 301715H, B-1-5 apprehended 15 VCS and one VCC. All were evacuated to ITT.
5. 301730H, F-2-5 (BT322123) apprehended three VCS, both being retained in position overnight.
6. 301800H, F-2-5 vicinity (BT322123) captured documents, clothing, diaries, school notes, one gas mask, and undetermined amount of ammunition. Also located one VC KIA, dressed in green uniform.
7. 302200H, D-1-5 in defensive position (BT379175) observed four VC moving at (BT377173). Fired six M79 rounds and approximately 25 rounds small arms fire. Area checked, nothing found.
8. 302205H, Battery L in defensive position (BT395144) received a burst of automatic weapons fire from (BT393144). Returned approximately 60 rounds of semi-automatic fire. Area checked, nothing found.
9. 010758H, Commenced search and destroy operation toward assigned objectives.
10. 010758H, B-1-5 (BT331107) received ten rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT331103), returned one LAAW, VC broke contact, continued on sweep, nothing found.
11. 010850H, B-1-5 (BT336100) located two documents and area where approximately eight men had slept. Will forward documents to Division G-2.
12. 012223H, 2d Platoon, D-1-5 in defensive position (BT379175) observed ten VC (BT379172) fired approximately 20 rounds small arms fire, and three 60mm mortars. Dispatched squad patrol to check area, nothing found.
13. 012322H, Fire team listening post B-1-5 (BT395145) received approximately seven rounds small arms fire. No fire returned directed to return, enroute received one hand grenade. No casualties sustained or fire returned.
14. 020815H, 2d Platoon, B-1-5 (BT397106) observed six VC dressed in black PJ's changing into green uniforms. At (BT386109) artillery fire mission requested which fired 43 rounds HE, checked area, found nothing.

15. 020835H, 2d Platoon, B-1-5 (BT397106) observed approximately a platoon of VC dug in defensive position (BT395110). Air strike requested, which conducted 35 minute strike. Artillery fire mission followed for 15 minutes. 81mm mortars fired 21 rounds HE.
16. 020842H, A-1-5 (BT394113) apprehended one male VCS subject had ID card from another Hamlet. VCS brought to 1-5 CP and sent to ITT.
17. 020901H, A-1-5 (BT399111) located one locally fabricated booby-trapped hand grenade. Grenade was destroyed in place.
18. 020958H, A-1-5, commenced search of area. A-1-5 (BT399112) received approximately 50 rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT383117), returned approximately 80 rounds small arms fire. Enemy fire ceased. Sustained one USMC WIA. WIA was helicopter evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai.
19. 021207H, A-1-5 completed through search of area. VC platoon was observed (BT 385110) located approximately 16 emplacements dimensions two feet by two feet by four feet long. All were partially destroyed due to air strike and artillery fire support.
20. 021400H, A-1-5 apprehended 38 VCS at (BT399111). All were screened and sent to ITT.
21. 022240H, B-1-5 in defensive position (BT397144) received one rifle grenade from approximately (BT397143). No casualties were sustained. Fire returned.
22. 031525H, Fire team security patrol, Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (BT395150) apprehended two VCS. Both were screened and released.
23. 031630H, D-1-5 in defensive position received information from Popular Forces of the location of two possible VC caves. Dispatched one squad from D-1-5 accompanying one squad of Popular Forces to (BT433145) where two caves reinforced with bamboo were located. One caves dimensions was six feet by six feet by four feet, the dimensions of the other were five feet by two and one half feet by four feet. Both caves were destroyed on 4 July 1966.
24. 032055H, Squad security patrol A-1-5 (BT390152) received approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT388151), returned two M79 rounds. Area was checked, nothing found.
25. 032209H, Squad security patrol A-1-5 (BT392152) received three rounds sniper fire from (BT397150) requested illumination, nothing was observed no fire was returned.
26. 041530H, Fire team security patrol, H&S-1-5 (BT408129) apprehended one VCS who attempted to flee from patrol and change his clothes from black PJ's to pink colored clothes. VCS was sent to ITT.
27. 041230H Platoon recon patrol B-1-5 (BT399142) apprehended two VCS who were screened and sent to ITT.

28. 042110H, Squad security patrol B-1-5 (BT401137) received approximately six rounds automatic weapons fire, from the same vicinity (BT401137). Platoon returned approximately ten rounds small arms fire. Checked area nothing found. Patrol sustained one USMC WIA who was evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai.

29. 042215H, Fire team listening post B-1-5 (BT399143) received three rounds small arms fire from (BT400143). Listening post observed one VC running, fired three rounds small arms fire. VC returned three rounds small arms fire. Patrol fired four more rounds small arms fire. Searched area, found nothing.

30. 042330H, Fire team listening post B-1-5 (BT399143) observed one VC at (BT400144) listening post fired four rounds small arms fire requested illumination, checked area, found nothing. Estimate possible one VC WIA.

31. 051100H, 2d Platoon A-1-5 (BT384124) received three rounds sniper fire from (BT384119). Returned approximately 25 rounds small arms fire, one LAAW and two 60mm mortars, area checked, found nothing.

32. 051150H, 2d Platoon A-1-5 (BT386141) observed approximately ten men and women vicinity (BT387143). Platoon checked area but was unable to locate people, received two rounds sniper fire from same vicinity (BT387143) returned approximately 15 rounds small arms fire, checked area, found nothing.

33. 051030H, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was visited by CG FMFPac, accompanied by CG 1st Mar Div.

34. 052130H, Fire team listening post B-1-5 (BT396141) received two rounds small arms fire, returned approximately 40 rounds small arms fire. Nothing was observed.

35. 052135H, B-1-5 in defensive position (BT396145) received two rounds sniper fire and one mortar from (BT400124) returned approximately ten rounds small arms fire, checked area, nothing found.

36. 060430H, B-1-5 conducting search and destroy mission (BT373145) received three rounds small arms fire from (BT372145), returned approximately 14 rounds small arms fire, killed one VC, observed two other VC grab dead VC's weapon and flee. Lost sight of fleeing VC. Searched area and nothing was found.

37. 060500H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy mission (BT365143) apprehended two VCS. VCS were screened and sent to ITT.

38. 060900H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (PT384152) located several rounds small arms ammunition in hut at (BT384152). Destroyed ammunition and hut, heard secondary explosions from hut believed to be other ammunition which was concealed in hut. Search area nothing else found.

39. 060915H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT381148) located tunnel four feet by six feet by eight feet deep. Searched tunnel found nothing. Tunnel was destroyed with demolitions.

40. 060940H, Scout dogs attached to C-1-5 for search and destroy operation (BT377148) picked up a strong scent at river edge. Searched area nothing found. Threw one hand grenade into river, nothing was observed.

41. 061030H, B-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT391113) observed four VC running, one carrying a rifle. Fired approximately 35 rounds small arms fire, loss sight of VC due to vegetation. Searched area found one canteen with cover and one poncho.

42. 061115H, B-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT397112) received information from Hamlet Chief of Xuan Ngoc that a hut (BT397112) belonged to three VC, and requested that it be destroyed. Hut was destroyed with Hamlet Chief's assistance.

43. 061130H, Fire team security A-1-5 (BT393150) located one dead VC concealed in brush. VC left side of head was shot off and it is estimated the incident took place two days ago. Searched area unable to locate any weapons. One VC KIA.

44. 061330H, B-1-5, during the conduct of search and destroy operation (BT389115) Company Commander was in the process of pointing out platoon boundaries to two of his platoon commanders, when another Marine, acting as security, tripped a booby trap. Booby trap was grenade which had been inserted in can with trip wire attached. All three officers were wounded. Two were evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai. Other was nicked on the ear and not evacuated.

45. 061400H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy mission (BT368157) apprehended one VCS. VCS was screened and sent to ITT.

46. 061625H, C-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation (BT364155) apprehended one VCS. Subject was screened overnight and sent to ITT on 7 July 1966.

47. 061900H, D-1-5 in defensive position received report that a Popular Rorce personnel was killed in his house (BT483115). D-1-5 dispatched a squad patrol to area and observed five VC escaping south on river (BT472108) Patrol fired approximately 200 rounds small arms and one M79 round, estimate two VC KIA and one WIA all probaple. Apprehended 30 VCS in area VC boat fled. VCS were screened and released on 7 July 1966.

48. 061915H, Squad security patrol B-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT393109) received seven rounds small arms fire from (BT395109). Patrol returned 30 rounds small arms fire and two M79 rounds. Area was searched, nothing found.

49. 061940H, B-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT 392114) observed six VC moving northerly at (BT387107). B-1-5 fired four 60mm mortars and requested artillery fire mission which fired 14 rounds HE excellent coverage of area, estimate five VC KIA, one secondary explosion was observed. Area not checked due to darkness. Was checked at first light, nothing found.

50. 062000H, Squad ambush B-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation (BT398106) sprung an ambush on one VC fired approximately six rounds small arms fire and wounded VC in the leg. VC appeared to throw weapon in brush unable to locate due to darkness. At first light checked area again nothing found.

51. 062205H, A-1-5 in defensive perimeter (BT396146) received approximately 15 rounds automatic weapons fire. Returned approximately 40 rounds small arms fire. Area checked at first light nothing found.

52. 071430H, B-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation (BT397113) apprehended three VCC who were identified by Hamlet Chief as being VC intelligence men. All VCC were sent to ITT.

53. 071630H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation at (BT380153) received four rounds small arms fire from vicinity (BT377153) returned four rounds small arms fire. Searched area with negative results.

54. 071940H, C-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation at (BT367148) received approximately ten rounds sniper fire from approximately 30 meters away. Returned 20 rounds small arms fire and four grenades. Searched area with negative results.

55. 072020H, Squad security patrol B-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation, (BT395114), received four rounds small arms fire, returned 20 rounds small arms fire and one grenade, searched area and found nothing.

56. 072240H, Fire team ambush from C-1-5 (BT363157) observed four VC approaching southeasterly at approximately 50 meters away. Fire team fired approximately 250 rounds semi-automatic weapons fire and observed VC hit the ground. Ambush withdrew to patrol base due to shortage of ammunition. Patrol immediately returned to area and found numerous blood stains and evidence of bodies being dragged away. Estimate four VC KIA.

57. 080015H, Platoon ambush C-1-5 (BT370165) observed five VC traveling along edge of river about waist deep. Platoon fired approximately 400 rounds semi-automatic and 200 rounds machine gun and two M79 rounds. VC returned one round small arms fire. Platoon observed four bodies sink into river and apprehended one VC WIA who had on his person a VC shot card. VC WIA later died of wounds. At first light members of Platoon attempted diving to retrieve VC weapons, with negative results. Results five VC KIA confirmed, one VC shot card; shot card will be forwarded to ITT.

58. 080100H, Squad bush D-1-5 (BT509092) observed three boats containing a total of eight men at (BT510094). One boat had night light other two did not, squad challenged men on boats and received approximately ten rounds small arms fire. Returned 200 rounds small arms fire, five M79 rounds, and three WP 3.5 rockets. Observed one boat completely destroyed and four bodies sink into the river, but were unable to retrieve due to the depth of river. Four VC KIA
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59. 080635H, Fire team ambush A-1-5 returning to CP at (BT393143) observed two VCS fleeing toward three other VCS. Fire team pursued VCS and caught all five. VCS were making a directional device pointing out friendly positions. The device was a forked stick stuck in the ground with a long stick laying in the crotch pointing toward friendly positions. All VCS were screened and sent to ITT.

60. 080944H, 3rd Platoon A-1-5 in defensive position (BT378175) observed six VC carrying weapons at (BT377170). Dispatched squad from C-1-5 to try and intercept also one squad from 3rd platoon A-1-5 to pursue. Patrols were unable to gain contact.

61. 081235, Squad observation post B-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT376114) received six rounds semi-automatic weapons fire from (BT373114). Due to mission no fire was returned. VC broke contact.

62. 081450H, Fire team security A-1-5 at (BT387156) received three rounds small arms fire from (BT384156). Returned five rounds small arms fire, checked and found nothing.

63. 090900H Platoon C-1-5 located twelve to fifteen fresh fighting holes and two bloody bandages at (BT351138). Holes were approximately two feet by two feet by three feet. Fighting holes were not destroyed.

64. 091232H, Squad observation post C-1-5 at (BT358131) observed two VC at (BT342132). Artillery mission fired; good coverage. Area not checked because of mission. Estimate two VC KIA (Prob)

65. 100430H, Fire team security Patrol D-1-5 at (BT478093) observed three boats with lights (BT475095) containing three to five men in each. Patrol challenged occupants who immediately doused lights and attempted to flee. Patrol fired 100 rounds small arms and one M72 LAAW. One boat sunk with five occupants. Estimate five VC KIA, two VC WIA (possible)

66. 100900H, Squad observation post B-1-5 at (BT388098) observed three VC with weapons, one VC with pack at (BT395102) traveling in a southerly direction. Artillery mission fired 36 rounds HE. Negative results.

67. 100904H Platoon recon A-1-5 at (BT325130) observed two VC with weapons at (BT324123). Artillery mission fired 24 rounds HE. Estimate two VC KIA (possible)

68. 101005H, Squad recon A-1-5 at (BT323063) observed approximately ten VC at (BT319068). Artillery mission fired 16 rounds HE. Estimate four VC KIA, two VC WIA (possible)

69. 101035H, C-1-5 (BT358152) observed suspected VC outpost at (BT359131). Artillery fired mission, eight rounds HE, two rounds WP. Squad patrol checked area with negative results.

70. 101110H, Squad observation post B-1-5 (BT384103) observed thirteen VC with weapons at (BT370096) Artillery fired 35 rounds HE, one WP round. Estimate six VC KIA and five WIA probable.

71. 101730H, Squad security patrol B-1-5 moving east through heavy brush from vicinity of Hill 194 reached open area (BT384112). Point man tripped booby trapped frag grenade. Five USMC WIA, all were evacuated to First Med Bn, Chu Lai.

72. 102100H, Spot report was submitted relative to four personnel in ambush being burned by WP. Investigation, which consisted of interviewing all personnel involved, revealed the following: at 102030H Squad leader was positioning a reinforced squad in a night linear ambush at (BT397102). After positioning and checking the positions of all men, and immediately after checking the left flank man, he tripped a VC booby trapped WP grenade. He could not escape the effects of the WP and was severely burned. One rifleman, located on the right flank thought the ambush had been sprung and fired one round. This round struck the squad leader in the leg. At the outcry of the squad leader, three members of the squad went to his assistance and were burned about the hands during their attempt to extinguish the fire. All four men were evacuated by helo to First Med Bn Chu Lai.

73. 110120H, Squad ambush patrol D-1-5 (BT414155) observed four VCS. Squad sprung ambush wounding one VC, other three escaped. Area searched nothing found. VC WIA Med evacuated to First Med Bn. Chu Lai

74. 110730H C-1-5 conducting search and destroy operation (BT354158) apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

75. 111015H, C-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation (BT354158) apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

76. 110830H, B-1-5 during conduct of search and destroy operation (BT395110) located three tunnels, dimensions four feet by three feet by ten feet. Tunnels searched with negative results, and destroyed.

77. 112030H, Fire team observation post (BT397144) AN/TPS-21 detected strong contact of movement (BT395135). 81mm mortars fired 21 WP rounds, 65 HE rounds, and 45 rounds illumination. Artillery fired 16 rounds HE, three rounds illumination, and four rounds WP. Area was checked at first light, with negative results.

78. 112320H Fire team observation post (BT396146) received one hand grenade approximately 30 meters in front of their position. No fire was returned. Area was checked with negative results.

79. 120945H, Squad recon from A-1-5 (BT326084) received information from Popular Forces patrol at (BT326084) that approximately 30 VC were digging in at (BT298091). Artillery fired 20 rounds HE with VT fuse. Popular Forces patrol reported ten VC KIA and seven VC WIA by artillery fire.

80. 121800H C-1-5 on a search and destroy mission (BT368159) apprehended five VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

81. 121930H Squad security patrol D-1-5 (BT487094) apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

82. 130430H Fire team security patrol D-1-5 accompanied two Popular Forces members to a hidden VC (BT482115). The two Popular Forces members entered the hut killed the VC, and burned the hut.

83. Platoon recon A-1-5 (BT324132) reported no sightings.

84. Squad recon A-1-5 (BT328083) reported no sightings.

85. 131505H, C-1-5 on search and destroy operation (BT373157) apprehended nine VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

86. 131730H, Squad observation post A-1-5 (BT328084) observed a platoon of VC in defensive positions at (BT298098). An artillery mission was fired. Estimate eleven VC KIA, and fifteen VC WIA, probable. A secondary explosion was observed.

87. 131940H, Squad observation post A-1-5 (BT328084) received information from an ARVN patrol of two VC battalions at (BT333073) and (BT293097) with the intent of attacking A-1-5 observation post. An artillery mission was fired. Results were not observed.

88. 141030H, C-1-5 on search and destroy mission (BT348152) apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

89. 142145H, Squad ambush patrol D-1-5 spotted a boat showing a light, containing two men and a boy, at (BT423165). When the patrol approached, one man ran and the other man and boy pushed the boat off and attempted to cross the river. Patrol ordered the boat to return and fired one M79 round, and 48 rounds SA at the man who ran. Two VCS apprehended, screened and sent to ITT.

90. 142215H, Squad security patrol C-1-5 received two rounds small arms fire from culvert (BT395155). Patrol threw two grenades in culvert and checked. VC was heard escaping from opposite end of culvert. Popular Forces fired at him from opposite side of the road. One VC WIA probable.

91. 141846H, Squad security patrol D-1-5 (BT419145) apprehended one VC who turned himself in. VC sent to ITT.

92. 141900H, B-1-5 on search and destroy operation (BT376164) apprehended two female VCS identified by hamlet chief as VC cooks. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

93. 151150H, Platoon from B-1-5 on search and destroy mission accompanied a hamlet chief to (BT375158) and destroyed a VC hut at his request.

94. 151530H, 2nd platoon A-1-5 (X-ray) was extracted.

95. 151855H, B-1-5 on search and destroy operation (BT369155) received approximately 25 rounds SA fire and 15 rounds AW fire from (BT364150). Returned approximately 100 rounds SA fire, 50 rounds AW fire and six M-79 rounds. Artillery fired 17 rounds HE VT. VC broke contact. Searched area, found one dead and one wounded civilian, both shot by the VC when they attempted to warn the Marines. At first light the dead civilian was buried by his family. The wounded civilian was evacuated to First Med Bn.

96. 152020H, Squad ambush A-1-5 (BT391094) while moving into position, observed a VC patrol. Squad established a hasty ambush and fired 250 rounds small arms fire, ten M-79 rounds, and threw six grenades. VC returned approximately 100 rounds small arms fire. During the fire fight the squad heard moans of wounded VC. Estimate two VC WIA. Area was searched with negative results.

97. 152100H, Squad recon A-1-5 (BT323088) received information from ARVN patrol as to the location of a VC company (BT324087). Artillery fired 36 rounds with excellent target coverage. On 16 July an ARVN patrol observed VC carrying 10 dead VC away. Estimate 20 VC WIA.

98. 151630H, A-1-5 on search and destroy mission (BT392112) located a booby trap, consisting of a US Army pack with attached wire leading to a M-2 frag grenade. Booby trap was disarmed and the grenade was destroyed. The pack will be forwarded to Division G-2.

99. 161328H, B-1-5 on search and destroy mission (BT375151) apprehended four VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

100. 161530H Squad recon patrol A-1-5 observed four persons moving on trail to position in vicinity of (BT383093) at approximately 161330H. These persons were carrying material of some sort. The exact nature thereof could not be determined. After the group halted they appeared to be observing the patrol position for approximately two hours. After obtaining clearance from Ly Tin, artillery fired 26 rounds HE 105mm on position. Area search on conclusion of artillery fire, and two dead men and one wounded woman were found. Medical evacuation called for wounded woman.

101. 162130H Squad ambush patrol B-1-5 in ambush (BT374155) heard noises to the left rear. Two grenades were thrown by the patrol. In the darkness apparently one grenade did not land where intended but struck some object near by. The patrol sustained three minor USMC WIA. An investigation is being conducted. WIA's were evacuated to First Med BN.

102. 170835H Squad security patrol C-1-5 (BT388153) received three rounds sniper fire from (BT387154). Patrol returned ten rounds small arms fire and three M79 rounds. Patrol sustained one USMC WIA. Patrol was unable to check area due to mission. WIA was evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai.

103. 171853H, Squad recon patrol B-1-5 (BT368143) observed one estimated VC squad wearing camouflaged utilities. Two were carrying weapons and the others appeared to be covering the trail at. (BT357134) Camouflaged hut observed in same vicinity. Artillery fired 24 rounds 155mm. Area was checked with negative results.

104. 172230H, H&S-1-5 observation post (BT398143) received two rounds small arms fire, and one frag grenade from (BT398142) observation post returned 25 rounds small arms fire. Sustained one USMC WIA who was evacuated to 1st Med Bn., Chu Lai. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

105. 180250H, Squad recon patrol A-1-5 (BT388098) received 30 rounds small arms fire and three grenades from approximately three VC in the same vicinity. The patrol returned 70 rounds small arms fire. Area was searched at first light. The search revealed one VC KIA and one VC WIA probable, and one M-14 rifle. Patrol sustained three USMC WIA. One WIA was evacuated to First Med Bn. Chu Lai.

106. 171655H Squad security patrol A-1-5 located three caves at (BT393119). Two caves were four feet by three feet by 20 feet and one was four feet by three feet by ten feet. The caves were destroyed by demolitions.

107. 171816H, Fire team security patrol A-1-5 apprehended two VCS who were attempting to flee (BT394116). One male and one female VCS with no I D cards were screened and sent to ITT.

108. 171830H, Search and destroy patrol from B-1-5 located and destroyed the following tunnels at (BT372152), one four feet by four feet by six feet long with shaft opening four feet by three by five feet deep. One tunnel with two openings two feet in diameter at same coordinates. One tunnel six feet by three feet by six feet with shaft opening four feet by four feet, at (BT375153), one branch of same tunnel six feet by four feet by four feet, and one branch four feet by three feet by three feet, with an escape opening two feet in diameter. Destroyed one cave (BT367149) ten feet long by five feet by five feet, with shaft five feet by five feet by 15 feet deep

109. 182000H, Squad recon patrol C-1-5 (BT383103) saw four VC moving west (BT385098). Artillery fired 19 rounds 105 HE. Area was checked at first light, found fresh blood stains and three VC grenades. Estimate four VC WIA probable. The grenades were destroyed

110. 182125H, Squad ambush patrol C-1-5 (BT390110) fired ten rounds at two VC in same vicinity. Area was searched with negative results.

111. 190440H, Fire team listening post H&S-1-5 (BT396145) received one VC grenade from an undetermined direction. One hand illumination was fired but nothing was observed.

112. 190510H, Fire team observation post H&S-1-5 (BT396145) received one VC grenade from an undetermined direction. One hand illumination was fired but nothing was observed.

113. 190600H, Squad combat patrol C-1-5 apprehended one VCS (BT401117) VCS screened and sent to ITT.

114. 191015H, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

115. 191055H, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 apprehended one VCS. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

116. 191110H, Squad security patrol B-1-5 located three booby trapped grenades (BT384104) Grenades were destroyed in place.

117. 191955H, Squad ambush patrol B-1-5 (BT368158) received 20 rounds small arms fire. Patrol returned 60 rounds small arms fire and nine rounds M79. The area was searched and numerous blood stains were found. Estimate two VC WIA probable.

118. 192010H, Squad ambush patrol B-1-5 (BT374147) received 60 rounds small arms fire and one rifle grenade from same vicinity. Returned 50 rounds small arms fire and nine rounds 105 HE. Area was searched with negative results.

119. 200045H, Squad ambush patrol A-1-5 (BT394142) received one VC grenade from (BT394142) Nothing was observed.

120. 201030H, Squad recon patrol B-1-5 (BT355130) observed four VC (BT360120). Artillery fired 20 rounds HE with excellent target coverage. Two VC WIA probable.

121. 201031H Squad recon patrol C-1-5 (BT388092) observed four VC (BT388093) constructing defensive positions. Artillery fired 39 rounds HE. Estimate four VC KIA probable.

122. 201150H, Squad recon patrol B-1-5 (BT362120) received approximately 200 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated VC squad. Patrol returned 150 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. VC broke contact. Sustained one USMC WIA. WIA evacuated to 1st Med Bn. Estimate five VC WIA probable. Patrol swept area and located cave four feet by eight feet by eight feet. containing small quantities of rice and potatoes, and one tea pot. All items were destroyed.

123. 191500H, Squad search and destroy patrol B-1-5 (BT364125) located two caves four feet by six feet by eight feet and one cave ten feet by eight feet by 15 feet. The caves were destroyed.

124. 201900H, Patrol B-1-5 (BT377149) saw four VC with weapons (BT366136). Artillery fired three rounds 105 HE. Area was searched with negative results.

125. 202150H, C-1-5 (BT398102) observed an unknown number of VC trip illumination booby traps at. (BT395124) Artillery fired three WP, ten HE, and 40 illumination rounds with good target coverage. Area searched with negative results.

126. 210930H, Squad search and destroy patrol B-1-5 (BT378147) Sgt. P.A. Lorado stepped on a VC pungi stake. WIA evacuated to 1-5 BAS.

127. 210800H Squad recon patrol B-1-5 (BT358129) located and destroyed three booby trapped frag grenades.

128. 220440H Squad search patrol C-1-5 (BT417123) observed four persons in an unlighted boat (BT418123). Occupants were challenged but failed to stop. Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round. The boat was sunk but casualties could not be estimated due to darkness.

129. 221155H Squad search and destroy patrol B-1-5 (BT312165) observed three VCS in stream in same vicinity. Patrol fired six rounds as a warning and VC's returned one round small arms fire. Patrol returned 50 rounds small arms fire. Patrol searched area and found one female VC WIA. VC WIA evacuated to 1st Med Bn.

130. 221502H, Platoon search and destroy operation B-1-5 (BT312157) received one round small arms fire (BT312156) and sustained one USMC WIA. Returned 25 rounds small arms fire, and five M-79 rounds. Estimate one VC WIA probable. While searching area around Hill 107 one Marine stepped on a VC mine resulting in one USMC KIA and one USMC WIA. WIA and KIA were evacuated by helo to 1st Med Bn.

131. 220930H Squad security patrol B-1-5 (BT312167) apprehended one female VCS in same vicinity. VCS screened and sent to ITT.

132. 221025H, Squad search and destroy patrol B-1-5 (BT318164) apprehended three male VCS. One boy, has 1000 piastres, stated that VC came to see his father, who has 4130 piastres. One VC, who had a bundle containing papers was sent direct to ITT. VCS were screened and detained at B-1-5 CP.

133. 230900H, B-1-5 was displaced from Bn 1/5 CP to Chu Lai defense perimeter.

134. 231100H Platoon search and destroy operation A-1-5 located one cave eight feet by five feet by 30 feet (BT368174) Cave was destroyed by demolitions

135. 232223H, Communications platoon H&S-1-5, command post saw movement outside of the wire in the same vicinity. Fired eight rounds small arms fire and threw two illumination grenades. Nothing was observed.

136. 240245H, A-1-5 (minus) at (BT395113) received ten grenades, three rifle grenades, and 50 rounds of small arms fire in perimeter. Estimate there were ten to 15 VC. Platoon returned 100 rounds small arms fire and three rounds 105 illumination. Platoon sustained seven USMC WIA. Four USMC WIA were evacuated to First Med Bn. Area was searched at first light, estimate two VC WIA probable, found one ChiCom grenade, one US M-26 grenade, three US rifle grenades, and anti-warfare propaganda leaflets. There was evidence that VC cut trip wires. The grenades were destroyed, and three copies of the leaflets will be forwarded.

137. 251100E, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 (BT364147) received approximately 30 rounds small arms fire and one rifle grenade or 60MM mortar round, from several VC. Exact number of enemy unknown. Patrol returned approximately 50 rounds to vicinity of (BT361148). Enemy withdrew and patrol could not make contact again. Patrol sustained one USMC WIA, who was evacuated to 1st Med Bn.

138. 251400H, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 (BT372154) apprehended one VCS. VCS was screened and sent to ITT.

139. 251115H, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 (BT394178) located various documents in the same vicinity, to include: rice receipts, 19 45 caliber cartridges, 12 empty 30 caliber cartridges, eight rounds U.S. carbine ammo with charger, and one package of lead fragments. Items were forwarded to Fifth Marines.

140. 251550H, Squad search and destroy patrol C-1-5 (BT379149) apprehended one VCS in same vicinity. VCS was screened and sent to ITT.

141. 251615H, Resupply helicopter in landing zone (BT373150) received two rounds small arms fire from (BT370147). Platoon C-1-5 (BT373150) returned approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire, searched area, and found nothing.

142. 270630H, Platoon search and destroy mission C-1-5 (BT377154) apprehended one male VCS. His name appeared on Black List. The VCS was screened and sent to ITT.

143. 270730H, Platoon search and destroy mission C-1-5 (BT377154) apprehended one female VCS. VCS identified by hamlet chief, Duc Bo, as a VC runner. screened and sent to ITT.

144. 270815H, Platoon search and destroy mission A-1-5 (BT393133) apprehended 13 VCS, four appeared on Black List, five were released, and eight were screened and sent to ITT.

145. 282135H, Squad ambush patrol D-1-5 (BT425159), while moving through village received two rounds small arms fire from one VC, in the same vicinity. The VC fled into a house. The patrol followed, threw in a grenade and searched house. Patrol was unable to find VC.

146. 292140H, Fire team listening post H&S-1-5 (BT398140) received one frag grenade from approximately twenty feet south of position. Fire team was unable to determine exact location it came from.

147. 300030H, Squad ambush patrol D-1-5 (BT479108) observed one boat moving north (BT478108). Boat was challenged, three warning shots were fired, and the boat moved to shore. The occupants were checked, four children, one man, one woman. ID cards were in order and the boat was released.

148. 300045H, Squad ambush patrol D-1-5 (BT480107) observed one person running west in the same vicinity. Patrol fired ten rounds small arms, searched area, but found nothing. One probable VC WI.

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149. 302245H, Fire team ambush patrol D-1-5 (BT437160) observed a boat containing an undetermined number of people (BT440163). Fire team fired six warning shots, but occupants failed to heed warning. Boat was sunk with small arms fire. Unable to determine results due to darkness.

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