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Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for the
period 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966
(2) Chronological Sequence of Events

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through
(2) 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 July 1966, to 31 July 1966

c. Personnel Assignment/Attachments

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Commanding Officer | LtCol H. L. COFFMAN |
| (2) Executive Officer | Maj J. R. BRADLEY |
| (3) S-1 | Capt F. M. KAUFFMAN |
| (4) S-2 | Capt George J. STEMLOW |
| (5) S-3 | Maj B. S. PICRETT |
| (6) S-4 | Capt Robert A. FREEMAN |
| (7) CO, H&S Company | Capt M. T. COOPER |
| (8) CO, Company A | Capt J. R. FURLEIGH |
| (9) CO, Company B | Capt J.P.T. SULLIVAN |
| (10) CO, Company C | 1stLt M. B. DARLING |
| (11) CO, Company D | Capt J. S. KREBS |

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel

(1) Average monthly strength:

| | | |
|------------|----------|------|
| • (a) USMC | OFFICER | 31 |
| | ENLISTED | 1061 |
| (b) USN | OFFICER | 3 |
| | ENLISTED | 48 |

(2) Present on board strength:

| | | |
|----------|----------|------|
| (a) USMC | OFFICER | 30 |
| | ENLISTED | 1071 |
| (b) USN | OFFICER | 3 |
| | ENLISTED | 44 |

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

| <u>MOS</u> | <u>PAY GRADE</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| 0302 | O-1/O-2 | 7 |
| 0130 | O-1/O-2 | 1 |
| 9999 | E-8 | 1 |
| 0369 | E-7 | 1 |
| 0311 | E-5 | 47 |
| 0331 | E-5 | 6 |
| 0341 | E-5 | 5 |
| 0141 | E-5 | 5 |

b. Intelligence

(1) During the period 1 July 1966 to 31 July 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 is continuing to provide the Battalion with a Black List of known VC in the TAOR. This list and close cooperation with the village chiefs, and the Dai Uy of Ly Tin District have resulted in the apprehension of six known VC, and twelve VCS. These lists have provided valuable information to the companies, platoons, squads, and fire teams while conducting swoops and patrolling within the TAOR. On two occasions, previously captured VC have volunteered to return to hamlets in the TAOR and point out other VC, VCS, and defensive positions. This resulted in the location of one VC hut and apprehension of one VCS.

(2) During the month of July, forty-seven VC surrendered under the CHIEU HOA program. It should be noted that this was a fifty-three per cent increase over the month of June.

(3) The S-2 scouts continue to be employed as security elements for the movement of the Command Group. At the combat base the scouts are utilized as security elements in night defensive positions in addition to manning the AN TPS-21 and weapons sights, infra red which are employed in the defensive perimeter of the Combat Base.

c. Logistics

(1) The camp improvement program has continued to the point that there are now seventy-four general purpose tents with eight section decking, in addition to the eighteen strong back tents. A Vietnamese constructed chapel has been completed, with furniture and fixtures on order from a local contractor. A lighted, all weather, cement heli-pad has been completed; additionally a cement deck "pot shack" for the galley is in its early stages of construction. Road improvement has continued slowly with an additional road having been cut on the south side of the combat base camp established at hill 54. This road when completed should give an all weather capability for resupply of Artillery units in general support of the Division. In addition to the galley at hill 54, two company size galleys located at Chu Lai and Xuan An are in operation as is a platoon size galley. MCB-4 is in the process of drilling a well, with a view towards establishing a water point within the base camp area.

d. Communications

(1) Internal Battalion communications for company size operations were dependent on FM radio equipment. Voice radio nets were terminated at Battalion employing the AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-10. Reception was outstanding.

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

e. Air Support

(1) During the month of July tactical air support was requested on two occasions. The first mission consisted of four A-4 aircraft on dug in troop positions, while the other mission consisted of two HUE's against dug in troop positions.

(2) Helicopter support consisted of:

| | | | |
|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| a. Troops | 26 lifts | 1480 | troops |
| b. Logistics | 22 lifts | 25,300 | lbs cargo |
| c. Admin | 11 lifts | 28 | troops |
| d. Recon | 1 lift | 2 | troops |
| e. Med Evacs | 32 lifts | 58 | persons evac. |

f. Artillery Support

(1) During the month of July 1966 the artillery support of Battalion 1/5 operations consisted of the following events:

- a. Nightly firing of approximately two hundred rounds served to harass enemy operations by denying them the use of trails or causing their operations to be extremely hazardous.
- b. The establishment of additional observation posts provided more complete visual coverage of the TAOR resulting in an increased number of "will adjust" missions. The rapid response of the firing batteries to calls for fire and good effect on targets gave additional impetus to the artillery support.
- c. Artillery FO's were utilized with excellent results on reconnaissance observation posts in the RAOR. The artillery support in this area consisted of; will adjust missions, illumination missions, and accurate firing of defensive preplanned fires to quell VC probes into recon outposts.
- d. Infantry personnel have been trained for use as additional FOs. They are currently being used by small isolated units within the TAOR. This capability increases the effectiveness of artillery support by reducing the time necessary to get effect on target and increased the visual coverage of the TAOR.
- e. The presence of L-4-11 and a platoon of 155mm guns within the 1/5 C P complex has added to the effectiveness of artillery support by providing both general support, 155mm howitzers, and the long range capability of the 155mm guns.
- f. An increased use is being made of the high burst registration. This will enable the batteries to provide more first round target hits on will adjust missions, and increase the effectiveness of preplanned fires.

(2) Illumination usage has shown an increase during the month. The response of the batteries to calls for illumination has been rapid and accurate. A new approach to illumination has been tried with favorable results. The guns lay on illumination data and have rounds prepared so illumination can be on target within two to three minutes. This has been more useful than laying on a HE barrage because the battery can lay on several illumination concentrations simultaneously. The type of probes that have been encountered have been of squad size and rapid illumination of the area is mandatory.

g. Civil Affairs

(1) During the month of July Med Cap patrols were expanded to reach areas within the TAOR which had never been served before by medical personnel.

(2) Large quantities of soap were also distributed in these areas along with posters and lectures on health and sanitation.

(3) Clothing was distributed among several families that moved from Duc Bo hamlet to more secure areas along route one. In addition Marines provided the necessary evacuation assistance required to relocate these families.

(4) English classes have been continuing on a daily basis. Sixty-five Vietnamese students are currently enrolled in two separate English classes being taught by Marines.

(5) Contacts continue with local hamlet and village officials to outline future projects within the TAOR

h. Medical

(1) During the month of July 1966 medical teams from BAS 1-5 and company medical teams treated three thousand two hundred and ninety-seven civilian patients in the villages of Ky Chanh, Ly Tin, and Quang Tin. The largest number one thousand two hundred and twenty-eight, were treated for skin disease. Two hundred ninety-three patients with injuries were treated, two hundred fifty-five patients with upper respiratory infections, one hundred forty-four patients with diarrhea, and two hundred and eight patients with headaches were treated. Stomach aches were treated in another three hundred and forty-five patients. Eight hundred and thirty-two patients with a variety of other complaints were also treated.

(2) A dental officer from 5th Regiment is now working with the Battalion in the MedCap program at Ky Chanh. The dental officer is available to the people of Ky Chanh on Monday and Wednesday afternoon of each week.

(3) The training of three Vietnamese nurses is progressing with the plan for them to eventually handle most of the MedCap program.

(4) A recent outbreak of plague on the island of Ky Hoa was reported. A preventive medicine team from Division undertook treatment and preventive measures in the area. Personnel of 1/5 presently located on Ky Hoa have all had plague vaccinations within the month of July and are considered adequately protected against the disease.

(5) Twelve cases of malaria occurred among 1/5 personnel during the month of July. Of these, three cases were caused by P. vivax. This represents twenty-five per cent of the total of twelve. The Battalion continues to stress to all personnel the importance of nets, repellent and the anti-malaria pill. Personnel from Division preventive medicine section have installed a mosquito trap in the area to sample the mosquito population. The mosquito concentration in the base camp is actually light, but Anophles mosquitos are present. The Preventive Medicine people have sprayed the area with insecticide and larvicide.

(6) During the month of July vaccinations of all personnel were accomplished with a few exceptions. It is planned to accomplish one hundred per cent current vaccination within the near future.

i. Psychological Warfare

(1) The Chieu Hoi program continued to be the central theme of the psychological warfare operations for July. Loudspeaker broadcasts and leaflet drops were supplemented by the activities of an Army Psychological Warfare team. This team conducted propaganda lectures in the hamlets of Duc Bo and Xuan Ngoc. Results have been favorable as thirty-eight Chieu Hoi mallicors have defected from the VC during the month of July.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. At 010830H, Company D received information from popular forces as to the location of two tunnels. Company D dispatched a squad patrol to the location where they uncovered two tunnels, three by two by four feet and two by two by six feet. Both tunnels were destroyed with demolitions.
2. At 011320H, Patrol Brandy #2 from Company B, coord BT 392135 received approximately seven rounds sniper fire from coord BT 395141. Company B sustained one USMC KIA. No fire was returned due to position of sniper between friendly units. A thorough search of the area was made, nothing was found. KIA was evacuated by helicopter to Chu Lai.
3. At 020700H, Patrol Miller, Company B coord BT 392142, received one hand grenade which was thrown from approximately 40 meters away from a southerly direction and exploded without any harm to the patrol. The patrol fired approximately six rounds small arms fire in the direction the grenade came from and conducted a thorough search of the area. Nothing was found.
4. At 020810H, popular forces released one VCS and two confirmed VC to Company D at coord BT 436162. The VCS and two VCC were sent to ITT.
5. At 021035H, Patrol Ford from Company D apprehended three VC. They were identified as confirmed VC by popular forces. The VCC were screened and sent to ITT.
6. At 021330H, Patrol Lincoln from Company B at coord BT 434143, apprehended two male and one female VC who were identified as confirmed VC by popular forces. The VCC were screened and sent to ITT.
7. At 021415H, 3d Amtracs with a security squad from Company D located a 81mm mortar round, booby trapped, at coord BT 414158 on the supply route from the battalion CP to Company D's CP. The 81mm round was destroyed in place.
8. At 021940H, 3d Plat, Company A at coord BT 386100 ambushed three VC carrying weapons. The platoon observed one VC knocked down by fire and lost sight of all VC due to the thick vegetation. The platoon searched the area and estimate one possible VC WIA.
9. At 030620H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 386101, received three rounds of sniper fire from vicinity of BT 386102. The platoon returned approximately 50 rounds machine gun fire. The area was searched but nothing was found.
10. At 031900H, Company D at coord BT 415142 received information as to the location of an anti-personnel mine. Company D dispatched a squad patrol to the location where the mine was destroyed in place.
11. At 032130H, Fire Team Patrol from Company A at coord BT 484110 observed a VC moving to their direct front. The VC was instructed to halt. The VC ran and the patrol fired approximately 12 rounds small arms fire and one M79 round at him. A thorough search of the area was made and nothing was found. Estimate one VC WIA possible.

12. At 041415H, Company C at coord BT 378157 received one round of sniper fire and sustained one USMC WIA. Company C was unable to determine the direction the sniper fire came from. The WIA was emergency evacuated to D Med, Chu Lai where he later died. A thorough search of the area was made but nothing was found.

13. At 041535H, Company C at coord BT 378157 received seven rounds of sniper fire from coord BT 377157. Company C returned two M79 rounds and fired approximately ten rounds of small arms fire. Company C sustained one slight WIA who was helo evacuated to 1/5 BAS. A thorough search of the area was made but nothing was found.

14. At 041545H, Company C at coord BT 379163 apprehended six VCS who were identified by vietnamese interpreters as being suspects. The VCS were helo lifted to 1/5 battalion CP, screened and sent to ITT.

15. At 041600H, Company C at coord BT 375162, observed helo coming to evacuate WIA. At this time they received approximately eight rounds automatic weapons fire from coord BT 370155. Company C returned approximately 128 rounds small arms fire at VC and called in 81mm fire mission. 81's fired 12 rounds HE. Company C received approximately 60 rounds automatic weapons fire and sustained one USMC KIA. Company C searched the area and found four VC KIA and apprehended nine VCS. USMC WIA and KIA were evacuated to Chu Lai. VCS were helo lifted to 1/5 battalion CP, screened and sent to ITT.

16. At 041721H, Company C at coord BT 373158, detonated an anti-personnel mine and sustained three USMC WIA's. The three WIA's were helo evacuated to D Med, Chu Lai.

17. At 050730H, two VC carrying carbines surrendered to the Dic Wei of Ky Chanh Village, who released them to 1/5 battalion CP at 051300H. VC were interrogated and furnished information concerning seven more VC who want to surrender, and in addition information about 22 Local Force VC who operate in Xuan Ngoc (1) area. The VC stated they can also show tunnels where rice and arms are located. At 151400H, Company B moved to the west of Xuan Ngoc (1) at coord BT 387124 to establish a blocking position. At 051500H, 3d Platoon, Company A with two VC informers, the hamlet chief of Xuan Ngoc (1), one platoon of popular forces and interpreters moved by foot to coord BT 407134 and conducted search and destroy operations in Xuan Ngoc (1).

18. At 051155H, Company C at coord BT 361150 received 20 to 30 rounds small arms fire from coord BT 352148 and observed 20 to 30 VC. Company C returned approximately 70 rounds machine gun fire and requested artillery fire mission which fired 24 rounds HE. The VC broke contact. Estimate three VC KIA possible and six VC WIA possible.

19. At 051220H, Company C at coord BT 375148 apprehended seven VCS who were identified as VCS by Vietnamese Interpreters. The VCS were helo lifted to 1/5 battalion CP, screened and sent to ITT.

20. At 051310H, Company C at coord BT 363146 observed one sniper approaching from the north side of the river at coord BT 361147. Company C fired ten rounds small arms fire at him and observed the sniper knocked down by the fire. Area was not checked due to the depth of the river. Estimate one VC WIA.

21. At 051615H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 397127, apprehended one female VC who was identified by the hamlet chief of Xuan Ngoc (1) as being a collector and buyer of rice for the VC. Also 3d Platoon, Company A, with the information furnished by two VC who surrendered to the hamlet chief of Xuan Ngoc (1), located two tunnels, one at coord BT 393118 and one at coord BT 391112. The tunnels were supposed to contain rice and arms for the VC. WP grenades were thrown into each tunnel. Due to the smoke, 3d Platoon Company A was unable to check the tunnels. Company B was shown the location of the tunnels and placed a guard over the tunnels and conducted a thorough search on 6 June. 3d Platoon, Company A returned to 1/5 battalion CP with the female VC who was retained over night.

22. At 052315H, Fire Team Patrol Bel Air from 1st Platoon, Company A at coord BT 483086, fired approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and four M79 rounds at a boat without lights. During the process of firing at the boat, the patrol received approximately 12 rounds small arms fire from the opposite bank of the river. Two rounds of 105mm illumination were requested. The boat continued moving west. The patrol was unable to check area due to the river and the boat escaped.

23. At 060845H, Company B conducted a thorough search of two tunnels which were located by 3d Platoon, Company A at 051615H, at coord BT 391112 and BT 393118. During the search they uncovered another tunnel coord BT 392112. The dimensions of the tunnel at BT 391112 was two feet by two feet by five feet deep expanding to an area of ten feet in diameter. The dimensions of the tunnel at coord BT 392112 was two feet by two feet by five feet deep expanding into two separate areas, one four feet in diameter, the other five feet in diameter. All three tunnels were empty and destroyed with demolitions.

24. At 060910H, Company B coord BT 392112 located another tunnel, dimensions four feet by four feet by eight feet deep expanding into an area five feet in diameter. The tunnel was empty and was destroyed with demolitions.

25. At 061045H, Company B coord BT 395118 apprehended one female VCS who was identified by Vietnamese interpreters as having a brother who is a VC. The female VCS was brought to 1/5 battalion CP, screened and sent to ITT.

26. At 061145H, Fire Team Patrol Triumph from Company D, coord BT 423164 located a tunnel, eight feet deep by three feet by three feet. The tunnel contained two entrenching tools, one illumination hand grenade, one home made hand grenade, one hand grip for a carbine and numerous small bandages. The tunnel was destroyed with demolitions. The contents of the tunnel were forwarded to 1/5 battalion CP.

27. At 061220H, Fire Team Patrol Triumph from Company D, coord BT 429163 located a tunnel 13 feet deep by three feet by three feet. the tunnel was empty and was destroyed with demolitions.

28. At 061230H, Company B coord BT 403113, located two home made anti-personnel mines. One was made from a 105mm shell and the other from a M79 round. The 105mm mine was destroyed in place and the M79 round mine was sent to ITT.

29. At 061307H, Company B at coord BT 410110, took into custody, two VCS who gave themselves up. The VCS surrendered approximately 80 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. Vietnamese interpreters with Company B questioned another Vietnamese who stated the VC made him collect empty shells and canisters. He surrendered three empty six inch naval gunfire shells and six aircraft illumination canisters. The vietnamese who surrendered the empty shells and canisters was released. The two VCS were brought to 1/5 battalion CP. All empty shells and canisters were destroyed. The two VCS were sent to ITT.

30. At 061310H, Fire Team Patrol Triumph from Company D tripped a booby trapped hand grenade at coord BT 437152 and sustained one USMC WIA. The WIA was holo evacuated to Chu Lai.

31. At 061630H, VC corpsman Tran-Ngoc-Te surrendered to 3d Platoon, Company D, at coord BT 416152. The VC corpsman lived at Phu Vien and has treated a total of ten VC for gunshot wounds over the four months he was a VC. Six of the wounded were treated in the month of May. The VC corpsman was interrogated by Company D and sent to ITT.

32. At 070840H, Battalion S-2 received information from the Hamlet Chief of Duc Bo that approximately 200 VC entered the hamlet of Duc Bo last night and another 100 were in the vicinity of Hill 186. The 200 VC left Duc Bo for Hill 186 also.

33. At 071030H, Artillery commenced a 30 minute TOT of the arca VC were reported to be in. Coverage of the target area was outstanding.

34. At 071030H, Company B moved toward Hill 186 to conduct a thorough search of the target area.

35. At 071100H, Two A-4's commenced a 30 minute air strike of the target arca VC were reported to be in.

36. At 071130H, Company B at coord BT 373137 received approximately six rounds sniper fire from coord BT 375139. Company B sustained one USMC WIA. The company returned approximately 15 rounds small arms fire. Emergency helicopter was requested and WIA was evacuated to D Med, Chu Lai.

37. At 071200H, Company B apprcheded one female VCS without any identification. She was holo liftcd to the Battalion CP, screened and sent to ITT.

38. At 071320H, Fire Team security patrol from Company D chased two VC into a small cave at coord BT 420125. The VC refused to come out. The patrol tossed a WP grenade into the cave. One VC was seriously burned, the other VC surrendered. The burnt VC was held evacuated to Chu Lai. The other VC and two captured weapons were taken to Company D.

39. At 071500H, Company B secured Hill 186 without any contact and conducted a thorough search of the area. Nothing was found.

40. At 071645H, one man from Company B fractured his foot. He was held evacuated to D Med, Chu Lai.

41. At 071530H, four VC surrendered to Company D at coord BT 418151. They were interrogated overnight and sent to ITT at 081200H. The VC did not have weapons.

42. At 071915H, Company B at coord BT 388147 received four rounds sniper fire from coord BT 381147. The company returned 60 rounds small arms fire and requested an 81mm Mortar mission which fired six rounds HE. The area was not checked because of approaching darkness and Company B returned to the Battalion CP.

43. At 081100H, 1st Platoon, Company C at coord BT 384147 received two rounds of sniper fire from huts at coord BT 386147. Approximately 30 rounds small arms fire was returned. The area was checked but nothing was found. The two huts were burned at the request of the hamlet chief.

44. At 081535H, 1st Platoon, Company C commenced movement from Duc Bo with several villagers who have requested protection from the hamlet of Duc Bo to the vicinity of 1/5 defensive area. They will be escorted from the village of Duc Bo to the vicinity of 1/5 Battalion perimeter. From here they will be released to the hamlet chief of Duc Bo.

45. At 091305H, Company B was committed to Operation Apache.

46. At 111215H, two injured Vietnamese children were brought to 1/5 Battalion perimeter by Vietnamese villagers who stated the children were injured by a VC booby trap. The children were held evacuated to D Med, Chu Lai. The location of the exploded VC booby trap could not be determined.

47. At 120900H, Fire Team Security Patrol Edson from Company D at coord BT 428158, apprehended two VCS without any identification. They were taken to Company D's CP where they were interrogated by Popular Force interpreters.

48. At 120930H, Fire Team Security Patrol Triumph from Company D apprehended two VCS without any identification at coord BT 415154. In the same vicinity, the patrol located and destroyed three camouflaged, one man fighting holes. The holes were three feet by three foot by four feet. The holes were destroyed with demolitions and the two VCS were interrogated by Popular Force interpreters.

49. At 130700H, Squad security patrol from Company A apprehended five VCS who were identified as suspects by Popular Forces with the patrol. One VCS was apprehended at coord BT 464164, one VCS was apprehended at coord BT 456137 and three VCS were apprehended at coord BT 463145. All five were screened and sent to ITT.

50. At 131100H, Squad security patrol from Company D at coord BT 427159, located and detonated, in place, an anti-personnel mine, grenade type with attached pull trip wire.

51. 131200H, 3d Platoon, Company A chopped OPCON 2d Battalion, 5th Marines and returned to OPCON 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

52. At 131500H, Platoon security patrol Ferrari from Company D apprehended one VC who was identified by Popular Forces with the patrol. The VC was screened and sent to ITT.

53. At 141440H, Eight snipers from 5th Marines Headquarters joined 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in general support.

54. At 142300H, Fire Team security patrol Mercedes at coord BT 437151 observed four VC carrying lights at coord BT 441153. One was carrying a rifle. The patrol fired approximately 50 rounds small arms fire. One VC was observed to fall. The VC broke contact. The area was searched but nothing was found.

55. At 150015H, Squad ambush Brass from Company C at coord BT 393150 observed six armed VC moving in a westerly direction approximately 150 meters from their position. The patrol fired automatic and semi-automatic fire and one claymore mine. The area was checked and nothing was found.

56. At 150630H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 348140, sprang an ambush on three VC. The platoon fired approximately 70 rounds machine gun fire and 30 rounds small arms fire. The platoon searched the area and found large pools of blood. Nothing else was found. Estimate three possible VC KIA.

57. At 150845H, 3d Platoon, Company A, coord BT 365139 received ten rounds small arms fire from coord BT 368141. The platoon returned five M79 rounds and approximately 40 rounds small arms fire. The platoon searched the area and found one confirmed VC KIA and large spots of blood. One VC WIA possible also. One French 9mm submachine gun, 124 rounds, and 7200 piasters were captured. The submachine gun and piasters were forwarded to 5th Marine Regiment.

58. At 151015H, Patrol Lead at coord BT 391141 received two rounds sniper fire from coord BT 391149. No fire was returned. The patrol searched the area and received approximately ten rounds small arms fire from coord BT 389151. The patrol requested a 60mm mortar mission which fired 15 rounds HE. A squad size patrol was dispatched to assist in searching the area. Nothing was found.

59. At 151245H, Fire Team patrol Desoto from Company D observed one VCS in an abandoned hut. The man ran from the hut and the patrol pursued and fired one round small arms fire wounding him in the hip. The VC had no identification and the local villagers were unable to identify him. The VCS was helo lifted to B Med, Chu Lai.

60. At 151315H, 2d Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, while clearing fields of fire at coord BT 395145, uncovered a tunnel. Dimensions were five feet deep by five feet high by three feet wide. One old U. S. made grenade was found. The grenade was blown in place.

61. At 160605H, Company C commenced helo lift to Landing Zone at coord BT 150190.

62. At 160640H, Company C completed helo lift.

63. At 160650H, 2d Platoon, Company D and 2d Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon arrived at 1/5 CP.

64. At 160700H, Company C touched down at assigned Landing Zone.

65. At 160715H, Advance party of Company M, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines arrived at this CP.

66. At 160715H, Company C landed along ridge of Hill 433 at coord BT 131198 and commenced movement toward hill 488 to retrace Recon unit. Company C received sniper fire from VC at coord BT 138202. The company returned approximately ten rounds small arms fire and observed one VC killed by fire.

67. At 160740H, A helicopter went down at coord BT 411159. 1st Platoon, Company D moved via LVT's to establish a defensive perimeter for the helo.

68. At 160750H, Company C reached Hill 488 at coord BT 132202, at which time the Recon unit on the hill was under attack and was receiving an extensive amount of fire from the north side of Hill 488 in the vicinity of BT 132205. 2d Platoon, Company C commenced a counterattack by going around both sides of Hill 488. At the same time an air strike was conducted. The air strike consisted of two F-8's and two A-4D's which fired approximately 200 rounds 20mm each, at the VC. At the completion of the air strike, 2d Platoon, Company C charged a machine gun position at coord BT 131205 and killed three VC. During the attack Company C sustained three WIA's and two KIA's. Company C commenced a search of the area and commenced helo evacuation of friendly WIA's and KIA's. Company C confirmed 42 VC KIA by body count, captured 19 VC weapons, numerous 782 gear and documents. All weapons, documents and 782 gear are being forwarded to 1st Marine Division. Two WIA's of Company C and ten WIA's of Recon were evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai. Two KIA's from Company C and five KIA's from Recon were evacuated to B Med also. One minor WIA from Company C was evacuated to 1/5 BAS for treatment.

69. At 160815H, a helicopter went down at coord BT 194222. 3d Platoon (Rein), Company B was alerted to move via helicopter to downed helicopter.

70. At 160819H, the remainder of Company M, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines arrived at 1/5 CP.

71. At 160830H, 3d Platoon (Rein), Company B commenced helo lift to downed helicopter.

72. At 160915H, helicopter that was down at coord BT 411159 was flown out. 2d Platoon, Company D was directed to return to 1/5 CP.

73. At 160940H, 3d Platoon (Rein), Company B touched down near downed helo at coord BT 194222 and established a defensive perimeter while two H-34's landed mechanics who repaired the helicopter.

74. At 161015H, Company C commenced helo lift from Hill 488 back to 1/5 CP.

75. At 161100H, the helicopter at coord BT 194222 was flown out. 3d Platoon (Rein), Company B was left in position.

76. At 161130H, 3d Platoon, Company B at coord BT 194222 received scattered sniper fire and approximately ten rounds semi-automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of BT 192224. The platoon returned approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. Two UH-1E's came on station and took the VC under fire. VC fire ceased and 3d Platoon, Company B commenced helo lift back to 1/5 CP.

77. At 161220H, All elements of Company C completed helo lift back to 1/5 CP.

78. At 161245H, 3d Platoon, Company B completed helo lift back to 1/5 CP.

79. At 171145H, Squad recon patrol Uranium from Company C with attached snipers, at coord BT 381157, received approximately six rounds sniper fire from the vicinity of BT 378155. Patrol Uranium sustained one USMC WIA and returned approximately 15 rounds small arms fire. WIA was helo evacuated to B Med, Chu Lai. Area was checked but nothing was found.

80. At 171300H, A Platoon from Company L, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines at coord BT 412141, captured two VC sleeping in a boat. One French 9mm submachine gun with four magazines and one Chicom grenade were captured also. The VCC and captured equipment were sent to ITT.

81. At 171545H, 3d Platoon (-), Company A, 3d Tank Battalion, coord BT 418121, while returning from a blocking position at Tien Xuan (2), hit a mine and blew one tread. One squad from Company B was dispatched to provide security for the tank during repair.

82. At 172000H, Squad security patrol from Company A at coord BT 479102, observed three VC moving down river in a boat without lights. The patrol fired five rounds small arms fire and requested illumination. The boat disappeared before the illumination came.

83. At 172030H, 1st Platoon, Company A at coord BT 389101 observed six VC moving westerly. The Platoon fired approximately 45 rounds small arms fire. The VC fled southerly. No fire was returned. The area was searched but nothing was found.

84. At 180120H, 1st Platoon, Company A in defensive perimeter at coord BT 490104, received one rifle grenade from an unknown direction, resulting in two minor USMC WIA's. Illumination was fired, nothing was observed. The WIA's were treated by the unit corpsman.

85. At 181035H, Tiger Patrol, 1st Platoon, Company C at coord BT 389153 received approximately seven rounds sniper fire from a hut at coord BT 385151. The patrol returned approximately 30 rounds small arms fire and an 81mm Mortar mission which fired 15 rounds WP. The hut was destroyed. The area was checked, nothing was found.

86. At 181050H, Tiger Patrol, 1st Platoon, Company C at coord BT 385154 observed five VC in the vicinity of BT 383152. The patrol requested an 81mm Mortar mission which fired 16 rounds WP. The rounds were on target. The area was checked but nothing was found.

87. At 181120H, Squad security patrol Gallo from Company B at coord BT 386141 received four rounds sniper fire from a hut at coord BT 383142. The patrol returned 60 rounds small arms fire and one LAW which destroyed the hut. The area was not checked by patrol Gallo but was later checked by platoon patrol Tiger. Nothing was found.

88. At 181030H, Squad security patrol from Company D at coord BT 436142 apprehended two VCS. They were interrogated overnight. One man's name appeared on the Blacklist as being a VC. The VCS and VCC were sent to IFT.

89. At 182215H, Company A (-) in defensive perimeter at coord BT 476144, received one incoming round small arms fire. A fire team patrol was dispatched and nothing was found.

90. At 200100H, Fire team security patrol from Company C at coord BT 393145, received approximately seven rounds small arms fire from vicinity of BT 390145 while they were momentarily illuminated by a flare. No fire was returned.

91. At 200430H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 388099, enroute to establish a platoon patrol base observed approximately 15 VC at BT 392107. 155mm artillery fire mission was requested which fired 40 rounds HE with excellent coverage of the area. Due to the platoon's mission at this time, the area was not checked.

92. At 200700H, Companies B and C commenced movement toward their assigned objectives.

93. At 200820H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 386102 observed three VC carrying weapons at coord BT 391112. Artillery fire mission was requested which fired 16 rounds HE resulting in one VC KIA and two possible KIA. The area was not checked due to distance.

94. At 200910H, 3d Platoon, Company A observed two VC carrying weapons in the vicinity of BT 391112. Artillery fire mission was requested which fired 16 rounds HE. The results were not observed and the area was not checked due to the distance.

95. At 201100H, Squad security patrol Gold from Company C at coord BT 388150 observed approximately 175 men, some with weapons, moving westerly along a trail.

96. At 201159H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 386102 observed 15 VC at coord BT 396110. Artillery fire mission was requested which fired 12 rounds HE and two rounds WP. The area was checked the following day and an extensive amount of dried blood was found. Estimate 5 VC KIA and 4 VC WIA.

97. At 201250H, Company B at coord BT 410124 received two rounds sniper fire from BT 413124. No fire was returned and the company continued toward it's assigned objective.

98. At 201300H, Company B was directed to return to 1/5 CP and take new objective in the vicinity of Duc Bo.

99. At 201338H, Company C at coord BT 395113, located one Soviet 7.62mm Mosin rifle and a VC khaki uniform in brush. The rifle and uniform were sent to the 5th Marine Regiment.

100. At 201435H, Company B at coord BT 387154 received approximately 20 rounds of sniper fire from BT 385156 and BT 390156. The company returned approximately 70 rounds small arms fire. The sniper fire ceased and the company continued toward it's assigned objective.

101. At 201535H, Company B at coord BT 381156 received approximately 45 rounds small fire from BT 380159. The company returned two 3.5" WP rounds, four M79 rounds, and approximately 200 rounds machine gun and small arms fire. A UH-1E conducted an air strike also. The area was searched but nothing was found.

102. At 202230H, Company B at coord BT 375156 heard noises believed to be VC movement. Three rounds of 60mm Mortar were fired. The noise ceased. The area was not checked due to darkness.

103. At 202300H, Company B at coord BT 375156 observed a group of VC, number unknown, approaching from coord BT 375155. The company fired approximately five rifle grenades. The VC fled. The area was not checked due to darkness.

104. At 210003H, Company B at coord BT 375156 observed ten VC in the vicinity of BT 375154. Four 60mm mortars were fired. One round was right on target. The area was not checked due to darkness.

105. At 210110H, Company B at coord BT 375156 observed three VC at coord BT 375154 and two VC at BT 373155. An 81mm fire mission was requested which fired a total of 15 rounds HE. One concentration of eight rounds was right on target at BT 375154. The other concentration missed it's target at BT 373155. The area was not checked due to darkness.

106. At 210200H, Company B at coord BT 375156 observed six VC at coord BT 372156. Company B fired six rounds 60mm mortar which were right on target. The area was not checked due to darkness.

107. At 210815H, Company B at coord BT 375156 conducted a thorough search of the area and located three VC bodies and an extensive amount of blood on trails where bodies and or wounded VC had been dragged off. Results: three VC KIA confirmed, six VC KIA possible, and ten VC WIA possible.

108. At 210845H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 399110 apprehended three VCS. One VCS was wounded while attempting to flee. The VCS WIA was evacuated by helicopter to B Med, Chu Lai. The other two VCS were brought to 1/5 CP and forwarded to ITT.

109. At 211245H, Company B at coord BT 360150 received six rounds semi-automatic weapons fire from coord BT 358152. Four rounds small arms fire was returned. The area was checked and nothing was found.

110. At 211625H, Company B at coord BT 367127 received approximately ten rounds small arms fire from coord BT 365127. Company B returned one LAW, two M79 rounds and approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. The area was searched and nothing was found.

111. At 212120H, Squad security patrol from Company D at coord BT 442158 observed a boat moving on river with no lights. One round small arms was fired as a warning. Five rounds small arms fire returned from the boat at BT 443158. The patrol returned approximately 50 rounds small arms fire and requested illumination. Fire from the boat ceased and it drifted out of sight before the illumination came. Estimate two VC WIA possible.

112. At 212135H, Fire Team security patrol from Company A at coord BT 479110 observed a boat moving on river with no lights. Two rounds small arms fire and one M79 round was fired at the boat. The boat continued to move and no light appeared. Approximately 40 more rounds small arms was fired and illumination was requested. The boat was out of sight before illumination came.

113. At 221400H, Fire Team security patrol at coord BT 388147 received approximately six rounds sniper fire from BT 384153. The patrol returned two M79 rounds and approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. The area was checked and nothing was found.

114. At 221420H, Fire Team security patrol from Company C at coord BT 384153 received four rounds sniper fire from coord BT 390155. Ten rounds small arms fire and one M79 round were returned. Checked area and observed two VC fleeing at coord BT 387158. The patrol lost sight of the VC due to heavy vegetation.

115. At 221446H, Fire Team security patrol from Company C at coord BT 388150 received 15 rounds small arms fire from BT 384154. The patrol returned approximately 30 rounds small arms fire and one LW. One VC was observed knocked down by fire. The area was not checked due to the mission of the patrol.

116. At 231045H, Squad security patrol from Company C at coord BT 388151 received approximately 25 rounds small arms fire from coord BT 384151. The patrol sustained one USMC WIA and returned approximately 30 rounds small arms fire. The WIA was emergency evacuated by helicopter to B Med, Chu Lai. The patrol checked the area and found one VC KIA. Other VC were in the area and Company C dispatched another squad to assist.

117. At 231225H, Squad security patrol from Company C at coord BT 388153 received one round sniper fire from an undetermined direction. The patrol sustained one minor USMC WIA. Medical evacuation was not required. No fire was returned.

118. At 240545H, Artillery commenced a 15 minute preparation fire of Landing Zone Crow.

119. At 240600H, Two A-4D's commenced a 15 minute air strike of Landing Zone Crow.

120. At 240600H, Company B commenced helo lift to Landing Zone Crow.

121. At 240605H, Company C commenced search and destroy operation.

122. At 240615H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 352143 observed approximately 40 VC, men, women and children, some with weapons, at coord BT 350150. The platoon fired approximately 50 rounds small arms fire and observed one VC male knocked down by fire. Lost sight of other VC due to vegetation. The area was checked and nothing was found. One VC WIA possible.

123. At 240616H, the first elements of Company B touched down in Landing Zone Crow with no enemy contact.

124. At 240640H, Company B completed helo lift to Landing Zone Crow and commenced search and destroy operations within the Thach Kieu complex.

125. At 240700H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 352143 observed approximately 15 VC at coord BT 352145 wearing green uniforms and helmets. All were carrying weapons and well camouflaged. The platoon fired approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and approximately seven rounds M79. The area was checked and nothing was found.

126. At 240705H, Company C apprehended 50 VCS in the vicinity of BT 372153. They were screened and interrogated. 39 VCS were released, 11 VCS were retained and sent to ITT.

127. At 240730H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 352143 observed two VC with weapons at coord BT 347145.. The platoon fired approximately 30 rounds small arms fire and two M79 rounds. The area was checked and nothing was found.

128. At 240825H, Company B located a tunnel with three entrances at coord BT 357163. A CS grenade was thrown into one of the entrances. The tunnel was searched and found to be 20 feet long by four feet by five feet. Nothing was found in the tunnel and it was destroyed with demolitions by attached engineers.

129. At 241117H, Company B at coord BT 359148 located a tunnel 20 feet long by three feet by three feet. The tunnel was searched and nothing was found. The tunnel was destroyed with demolitions by attached engineers.

130. At 241130H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 366145, apprehended one VCS. The VCS was screened and released.

131. At 241145H, 3d Platoon, Company A at coord BT 376144, received three rounds sniper fire from coord BT 378144. The platoon returned approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. The area was checked and nothing was found.

132. At 241245H, 3d Platoon, Company A returned to 1/5 CP.

133. At 241330H, Company B returned to 1/5 CP.

134. At 241920H, Squad security patrol from Company C at coord BT 376142 fired one round small arms fire and hit a VCS who was fleeing from the patrol. The VCS was retained overnight and helo lifted to B Med, Chu Lai at 250815H.

135. At 251212H, Company C returned from search and destroy operations to 1/5 CP.

136. At 251315H, Fire Team security patrol from Company D at coord BT 434148 apprehended one VCS. The VCS was retained overnight, screened and sent to ITT on 26 June 1966.

137. At 252015H, 2d Platoon, Company D at coord BT 378176 received one rifle grenade, which landed 50 meters in front of their position. The platoon returned 60 rounds of small arms fire and three rounds of 60mm mortar fire. The area was not checked due to darkness. Artillery was requested which fired 12 rounds of illumination. Nothing was observed. The area was checked and nothing was found.

138. At 252125H, 2d Platoon, Company D at BT 378176 received two rounds of mortar fire from 270 degrees from position. Artillery fired 24 rounds HE. The area was checked at first light. The platoon found two 82mm mortar tail fins and sent one to ITT.

139. At 252145H, 1/5 Battalion perimeter at coord BT 397145 received approximately ten rounds small arms fire from coord BT 399143. Approximately 60 rounds small arms fire were returned. The area was checked and nothing was found.

140. At 252150H, Fire Team scout sniper patrol from H&S Company at coord BT 396142 received small arms fire from coord BT 401140. The patrol returned approximately ten rounds small arms fire and requested artillery which fired 13 rounds illumination. Nothing was observed. The area was checked at first light and nothing was found.

141. At 252230H, Squad ambush from Company C at coord BT 391151 fired approximately 25 rounds small arms fire at three VC coord BT 391151. The area was checked and nothing was found.

142. At 260700H, Squad security patrol from Company B at coord BT 390108 received approximately 15 rounds small arms fire from coord BT 388099. The patrol returned two M79 rounds, one LAW and six rounds 60mm mortar. The area was checked and nothing was found.

143. At 261430H, Fire Team security patrol from Company C at coord BT 385150 received three rounds sniper fire from coord BT 385152. The patrol returned approximately 20 rounds small arms fire and observed one VC knocked down by fire. The area was not checked due to the mission of the patrol.

144. At 262130H, Company B at coord BT 397145 observed what appeared to be a VC signal fire at coord BT 421061. Artillery fired eight rounds of WP at the direction of the Regimental FSCC.

145. At 262300H, Fire Team listening post from Company B at coord BT 398144 heard noises and fired approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. The patrol checked the area and found a stick three feet high with white paper on top pointing toward 1/5 defensive position.

146. At 270620H, Squad recon patrol from Company B at coord BT 386117 received three rounds automatic weapons fire from coord BT 393117. No fire was returned and the patrol continued with the mission.

147. At 270725H, Squad recon patrol from Company B at coord BT 383118 received five rounds automatic weapons fire from coord BT 378118. No fire was returned and the patrol continued with the mission.

148. At 271517H, Squad recon patrol from Company B at coord BT 372122 received approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from three directions. The patrol returned approximately 40 rounds small arms fire. The VC broke contact and the patrol continued with the mission.

149. At 272201H, Squad ambush from Company A observed a boat with no lights at coord BT 474137. Four warning shots were fired. The boat failed to stop and was last seen heading for Fish Island at coord BT 475125. Amphibious patrol Sea Lion was notified. Sea Lion checked the area but found nothing.

150. At 272335H, a grenade landed in the vicinity of Battery L at coord BT 394145. 20 rounds of small arms fire was returned. Two men were observed running into the tree line. The area was checked but nothing was found.

151. At 280630H, Squad recon patrol from Company A at coord BT 375123 received five rounds small arms fire. The Squad returned approximately 20 rounds small arms fire. The area was checked but nothing was found.

152. At 282145H, Fire Team security patrol from Company A at BT 390145 received approximately ten rounds small arms fire from an estimated two VC located at coord BT 386145. No fire was returned and the patrol continued the mission.

153. At 291250H, Squad security patrol from Company A at coord BT 386151 received approximately 40 rounds small arms fire from coord BT 384147. The patrol returned approximately nine M79 rounds and 150 rounds small arms fire. The area was checked and nothing was found.

154. At 291845H, Fire Team security patrol from Company B at coord BT 394136 received three rounds small arms fire from vicinity of BT 394136. The patrol returned 40 rounds of small arms fire, checked the area, and found nothing.

155. At 292115H, Fire Team security patrol from Company A at coord BT 478106 saw one boat without lights at BT 474106. The patrol fired six warning shots. The boat did not turn on lights or stop. The patrol fired one 106mm round and sank the boat. Nothing was observed.

156. 300220H, Fire Team security patrol from Company A at BT 379163 received approximately 40 rounds of automatic weapons fire from BT 378165. The platoon returned approximately 100 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire. An 81mm mortar mission was requested which fired one round HE. The area was checked and nothing was found.

157. At 301235H, Squad security patrol from Company A at coord BT 381156 received approximately 80 rounds automatic weapons fire from BT 382147. The patrol returned approximately 50 rounds automatic weapons fire and requested an 81mm mortar mission which fired 11 rounds HE. The patrol checked the area and found one anti-personnel mine which was destroyed in place.

158. At 301430H, two A-4D's commenced a 15 minute airstrike on the landing zone at coord BT 304126.

159. At 301435H, Company B commenced helo lift to the landing zone.

160. At 301520H, the first elements of Company B landed in the Landing zone at coord BT 304126 unopposed.

161. At 301530H, 1/5 Command Group and elements of Company A commenced
helo lift to the landing zone at coord BT 304126.

162. At 301550H, all units of 1/5 were in the landing zone at BT 304126.