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Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for the period
1 November to 30 November 1966.
(2) Chronological sequence of events.

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

1. The following organizational data is submitted:

a. Designator/Location.

During the month of November the Battalion occupied a position on Hill 54, and continued to control its assigned TACR. The Battalion is composed of a Headquarters Company and four rifle companies.

b. Period covered.

From 1 November to 30 November 1966.

c. Personnel Assignment/Attachments.

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| Commanding Officer | LtCol E. R. WATSON (1Nov66-3Nov66) |
| | Maj P. L. HILGARTNER (3Nov66-30Nov66) |
| Executive Officer | Maj B. S. PICKETT |
| S-1 | 2ndLt G. L. GORTON |
| S-2 | 2ndLt. W. F. GILLILAND |
| S-3 | Maj R. A. FREEMAN (1Nov66-4Nov66) |
| | Maj R. J. ALGER (4Nov66-30Nov66) |
| S-4 | Capt G. J. SPREMLOW |
| CO, H&S Company | Capt F. M. KAUFFMAN |
| CO, Company A | 1stLt A. C. BLADES |
| CO, Company B | CAPT J. P. T. SULLIVAN (1Nov66-12Nov66) |
| | 1stLt R. BENIGO (12Nov66-25Nov66) |
| | 1stLt J. E. McDONALD (25Nov66-30Nov66) |
| CO, Company C | Capt M. B. DARLING |
| CO, Company D | Capt J. J. CLARTY |

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

a. Personnel.

(1) Average monthly strength:

(a) USMC OFFICERS 33

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(b) USN OFFICERS 3

(c) USN ENLISTED 59

(2) Present on board strength:

(a) USMC OFFICERS 33

USMC ENLISTED 1001

(b) USN OFFICERS 3

USN ENLISTED 59

b. Intelligence.

(1) During the period 1 November 1966 to 30 November 1966, the S-2 continued to maintain the Order of Battle within the Battalion TAOR and area outside the TAOR for possible future operations. Significant in this respect was the volunteering of a Chieu Hoi Rallier, on 23 November 1966, to point out VC unit positions and rice storage area. An aerial reconnaissance was conducted with the Chieu Hoi Rallier and aerial observer who pointed out three VC hospitals vicinity (BT 394072), two rice storage areas vicinity (BT 356069), VC company positions and harboring sites vicinity (BT 283084) and (BT 323110), as well as alternate company positions vicinity (BT 285078) and (BT 323108). The mission resulted in obtaining intelligence information and excellent aerial photos.

(2) The S-2 continues to maintain an up to date black list of known VC and VC suspects in the TAOR. A black list has been initiated for the areas located to the west of the TAOR, and within the RAOR to include Ky Bich and Ky Tra villages. The utilization of the black list, in conjunction with local officials of Ly Tin District has resulted in the apprehension of eleven VCs. One VC captured on 22 November admitted to Battalion S-2 that he had previously been a VC unit leader. There have been 6 Chieu Hoi Ralliers during the month of November.

(3) There have been three incidents of Vietnamese Nationals reporting information directly to Marines, including a report of 40 VC in Thack Kieu Hamlet (BT 354152) on 23 November. A combat patrol was deployed to the area, but VC had withdrawn.

(4) The S-2 scouts continue to be employed as security elements for the movement of the command group and as special intelligence assistants to the Company Commanders. Additionally, the scouts and Vietnamese Interpreters, aid Company Commanders in the initial interrogation of VCs and Hamlet inhabitants. At the combat base, scouts are employed as security elements during the conduct of the night defense. Infra-Red Weapon Sights are utilized to aid in the surveillance effort.

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c. Logistics.

During November the following was accomplished:

A new Battalion mess hall is approximately one third completed by Delta Company Ninth Engineers with an estimated time of completion on this project of 7 December. A trash storage area is being built in the vicinity of the mess hall to provide a more sanitary method of holding garbage until it can be transported to Division. Road work has continued within the Combat Base to include a service road to the mess hall, and a Jeep road from the helo pad landing into the Combat Base.

d. Communications.

(1) During the month of November, the Communications Platoon continued to maintain the communications necessary for the Battalion. This included the Battalion Tactical Nets, the Teletype Nets with Higher Headquarters, and the internal and external wire communications hook-up. During this month, the radio relay team, (provided by the Fifth Marine Regiment) was activated twice. This was necessary because of land line failure. The Communications Platoon also continued with the normal maintenance of equipment, and the operational training of new operators. This was accomplished by both lecture/demonstration type training, and also on the job type training. This training was given to approximately 18-20 men at a time throughout the month. On 9 November 1966 this platoon was inspected by a technical inspection team from Task Force X-Ray. This included the condition of all communication equipment, both operational and maintenance wise. This inspection resulted in this unit receiving a rating of "Satisfactory", in all respects. Also during this month the Communications Platoon completed the construction of a platoon class room. The communication section provided one four man team for relay of radio traffic during a 10 day operation conducted by Alpha and Charlie Companies.

e. Air Support.

During November eleven request for medical evacuation were initiated. As a result of these requests sixteen Marines were evacuated to 1stMedBn. Sixteen routine helicopter request were called in to lift four hundred and seventy-three Marines and fourteen thousand-three hundred pounds of supplies. One air strike consisting of two flights of A-4 aircraft were called in on 18 November to support Charlie Company in their operation at coordinates BT 325103. Eight, five hundred pound napalm tanks, four zuni rocket packs and one hundred fifty rounds of twenty millimeter ammo were expended. This air strike neutralized the target and allowed the company to continue with the execution of their mission.

f. Artillery Support.

During the month of November, artillery support was provided for the First Battalion, Fifth Marines in conjunction with operations within and outside the TAOR. Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines was in direct support and Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines provided reinforcing fires.

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Outside the TAOR, an FO team was attached to Company A to support their search and destroy operation in the Thanh Hoa area. During this operation, three (3) on call missions were fired on enemy squads operating in the area. Twenty-four (24) rounds of HE and eighteen (18) rounds of WP were fired by Lima Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines in support of Company A, resulting in the enemy breaking contact and withdrawing. Intelligence obtained as a result of debriefing the Forward Observer, revealed probable enemy harbor sites, rice caches and trench net works. These positions were covered periodically with H&I fires during the remainder of the month.

Within the TAOR, artillery support consisted primarily of H&I fires plotted on various avenues of approach to Hill 54. Numerous on call missions were plotted for use by squad and platoon patrols operating in the TAOR.

Approximately three thousand (3,000) rounds were fired for H&I's on targets submitted by the S-2, artillery FOs and Company Commanders. Coverage was limited by the large NO-FIRE ZONES placed to the North and West of our TAOR. These zones limit the effect of this Battalion's H&I program and often restricts our ability to react to timely intelligence information received via this intelligence community.

The employment of Ontos for H&I fires was a new development in fire support for 1/5. During the month approximately one-hundred (100) rounds were fired on appropriate targets in the TAOR.

During this past month, the counter mortar plan for 1/5 was revised to improve the coverage of possible enemy mortar positions.

8. Civil Affairs

Medical Action patrols, assisted by five Vietnamese trainees, covered the Battalion Tactical Area of Responsibility treating 2270 civilian patients during the month. This figure reflects a decline over the previous month's total of 4375 patients treated. A lack of medical supplies was responsible for the decline.

Additionally, the Med Cap Patrols distributed 20 blankets, 4,000 bars of soap and continued lectures on hygiene and sanitation.

On 1 November the Civil Affairs Officer accompanied the District Chief and 40 Popular Forces to the island of Long Thanh Tay (BT 475125) where local elections were held and a new Hamlet Chief and Council were elected. A Med Cap was conducted, and eight grain grinders and 12 sewing kits were distributed. A survey was taken, in response to the Hamlet Officials request for a two classroom school on the island. Plans will be made for the desired location of the project.

On 13 November, the Commanding Officer hosted a dinner for the District Chief, Village Chief and all Hamlet Chief's. Mutual problems were discussed and locations for future County Fair operations were outlined.

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h. Psychological Warfare.

Psychological warfare efforts in support of company sized operations within, and outside the TAOR included:

- (a) 80,000 Chieu Hoi leaflets
- (b) 40,000 Safe Conduct Passes
- (c) 80,000 Rewards for Booby Traps leaflets
- (d) 80,000 leaflets warning villagers not to allow the Viet Cong to fire on aircraft from their respective hamlets or face possible air or artillery strikes. Additionally, 10,000 leaflets were distributed within the TAOR by Marine patrols. These hand carried leaflets offered rewards to civilians leading Marines to Viet Cong mines or booby traps.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 011200H Company A returned from OPCON Chu Lai Defense Command to OPCON 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Coord. (BT 397145).
2. 011200H Company D OPCON Chu Lai Defense Command.
3. 2Nov66 Negative contact throughout the day.
4. 030650H Company B, commenced operation INW BnFragO 2-66.
5. 030820H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 366264), while searching area, man stepped on concealed punji pit, resulting in minor wound. Medical evacuation not required. Punji pit was destroyed.
6. 030950H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 376155), located one chi comm grenade set up with fish line pull type detonation. Grenade was disarmed and forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2. Also at same location, located two bunkers which faced southeast, dimensions 6' X 6' X 4'. Construction of top beams were of bamboo and sides were of cinder block. Did not destroy bunkers. Believed to be friendly.
7. 031000H Company B, S&D mission (BT 372258), tripped a large unknown explosive device sustaining one USMC WIA. WIA was medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion.
8. 031015H Company B, S&D mission (BT 373258), tripped a booby trapped fragmentation grenade of unknown type, sustaining one USMC WIA who was medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion.
9. 031045H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 3732580), located two freshly laid fragmentation grenades 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, cylinder type with friction type fuse. Grenades had Vietnamese writing on top of them and had fish lines attached. Grenades were placed on trees knee to waist high. Both grenades were disarmed and were forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2.
10. 031125H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 372259), located two fragmentation grenades 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long, cylinder type with friction type fuse. Grenades were attached to trees knee to chest high. Both grenades were disarmed and were forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2.
11. 031210H Company B, S&D mission (BT 373260), located five punji pits within an area of 25 meters, all pits round. Dimensions 3' X 3' each containing three razor sharp steel rods two feet long. All were destroyed.
12. 031200H Company B, S&D missions, (BT 373261), located a punji pit round in shape, dimensions 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' X 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' lined with stone wall with three wires leading from punji stake at bottom of pit to what appeared to be a booby trapped 155mm round. Punji pit and 155mm round destroyed.

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13. 031405H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 365264), received a partially burned kahki uniform from a PF. Uniform was forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2.

14. 031407H Company B, S&D mission, (BT 363266), apprehended two VCS. Both were interrogated by interpreter who believes they are VC. Both were forwarded to ITT.

15. 030510H Operation IAW BnFragO 2-66 terminated.

16. 4Nov66 Negative contact throughout the day.

17. 050800H Co A(-) commenced operation IAW BnFragO 4-66. (S&D operation within Bn TAOR).

18. 051405H Plt S&D mission, Company B, coord. (BT 413116) located approximately six tons of rice in a brick building at same location. Plt questioned people in area with the assistance of PF's. 15 to 20 people stated rice cache is to be used as central rice storage. Civil affairs officer notified by Ly Tin District Chief of rice cache location. No other action taken.

19. 6Nov66 Company A(-) continued operation IAW BnFragO 4-66.

20. 061500H 3rd Platoon, Company B, OPCON 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

21. 6Nov66 70,000 leaflets regarding rewards for revealing locations of VC mines and booby traps to U. S. Forces dropped vicinity coord. (BT 3823) through coord. (BT 3627).

22. 7Nov66 Company A(-) continued operation IAW BnFragO 4-66.

23. 071045H Squad S&D patrol Company B, coord. (BT 368147), located an isolated dwelling place with dead elderly Vietnamese female. Corpsman accompanying patrol believes woman died of malnutrition. No other Vietnamese were in area, details of incident and location was relayed to hamlet Chief of Bo for appropriate action. No other action taken.

24. 071410H Platoon S&D patrol Company B, coord. (BT 375148) received one round small arms fire hitting Marine in stomach. Medical evacuation completed by 071445H. At 072030H Marines condition and prognosis was excellent. Possibility of WIA resulting from friendly round. Informal investigation conducted.

25. 080837H Company A(-) returned to Battalion combat base. Operation IAW BnFragO 4-66 terminated effective 080900H.

26. 081700H 3rd Platoon Company B returned from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines returned OPCON 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

27. 091525H Company A OPCON 7th Marines.

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28. 121330H Squad (Rein) company B established OP vicinity coord. (BT 358130) IAW BnFragO 3-66.
29. 121350H Radio relay team from this Battalion inserted at coord. (BT 282158) IAW BnFragO 3-66.
30. 121400H Platoon (Rein) Company B established OP vicinity coord. (BT 388098) in conjunction with operation established in BnFragO 3-66.
31. 121430H Company C commenced operation IAW BnFragO 6-66. (Operation within Bn TAOR).
32. 121722H Company C(-) S&D mission coord. (BT 475124) apprehended one VCS who is brother of a VC. VCS was screened and forwarded to ITT.
33. 121845H Platoon (Rein) Company B, conducted OP mission coord. (BT 388098) IAW BnFragO 3-66 located a booby trapped chi comm grenade attached to a tree with a fish type wire across trail. Grenade which had a pull type fuse was disarmed and forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2.
34. 130950H Squad (Rein) Company B, conducted OP mission coord. (BT 357129) IAW BnFragO 3-66. Marine while moving down trail tripped booby trap grenade (unknown type) resulting in one USMC WIA. WIA was medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion at 131020H.
35. 131255H Company A (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 315170) received 15 rounds small arms sniper fire, sustaining one USMC WIA wounded in left leg. Company returned 40 rounds small arms fire and deployed platoon to search area. sniper fire ceased and sniper withdrew in an undetermined direction. WIA was medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion.
36. 130630H Operation IAW BnFragO 6-66 terminated.
37. 130710H Company A commenced operation IAW BnFragO 3-66.
38. 130950H Platoon (Rein), Company B conducted OP mission coord. (BT 388098) in conjunction with BnFragO 3-66 returned to Battalion Combat Base, OP mission terminated.
39. 131000H Squad (Rein), Company B OPCON 9th Engineers.
40. 132030H Squad ambush Company A, (BT 315160), received approximately 20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 15-20 VC in uniforms, (BT 315160). Squad ambush returned approximately 30 rounds small arms fire and four rounds 60mm mortars. All four mortars landed in enemy position. VC broke contact and withdrew in a southerly direction. 11 rounds of artillery illumination were fired immediately and preplanned artillery concentrations on likely VC routes of withdrawal were fired consisting of 32 rounds HE. Two USMC were Medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion at 132206H. Estimate one VC KIA probable.

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41. 132315H One man sustained gun shot wound through right foot at Battalion Combat Base coord. 397145. Medically evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion at 140035H. Informal investigation conducted.

42. 132340H Refer my spot report 131255H. A thorough search of area from coord. (BT 315170) to (BT 314165) by a Company A squad patrol, from 131415 until 131610H found blood traces vicinity coord. (BT 314165) and saw one uninformed VC leaving area. Area thoroughly searched with inclusive results. Estimate one VC WIA probable.

43. 140945H Squad (Rein), Company B, conducted OP mission coord. (BT 358130) IAW BnFragO 3-66 observed 7-VC (BT 324110) running in Southerly direction. Three dressed in Khaki uniforms and four dressed in black uniforms. All were carrying long objects believed to be weapons. Artillery fire mission requested and cleared. Six rounds HE fired with excellent target coverage. VCs moved into heavy undergrowth. Due to distance and mission of Squad results are undetermined.

44. 140700H - 140730H Platoon Company A conducted thorough search of ambush sight of 132030H. Area was searched from coord. (BT 314160) to (BT 315159). Area was completely policed up apparently by VC. Platoon could not find any cartridges of evidence of fire fight.

45. 14Nov66 Company A continued operation IAW BnFragO 3-66.

46. 141630H Company A (Rein), S&D mission located three rice caches as follows: Coord. (BT 305145) approximately 1000 rounds, coord. (BT 314318) approximately 3000 pounds and coord. (BT 310138) approximately 6000 pounds. All rice appeared to be freshly harvested. Patrol observed no young men and few people in area. Recommend 80% of rice caches be evacuated 15Nov66.

47. 141920H Squad ambush Company A, coord. (BT 316151) received ten rounds automatic weapons fire, two were tracers. VC position (BT 311145), 300 meters away. Artillery 155 fired two rounds illumination. No fire was returned. Ambush remained in position over night.

48. 15Nov66 Company A(-) (Rein) continued operation IAW BnFragO 3-66.

49. 15Nov66 1600H Company B assumed mission of conducting patrols and ambush activities in TAOR from 25 meters East of National Route number one to Eastern limits of TAOR.

50. 151600H Company C displaced to Battalion Combat Base coord. (BT _____).

51. 151715H Platoon (Rein), Company A returned to Battalion Combat Base.

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52. 160900H Company A(-) (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 330113) received approximately 3000 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated platoon of VC (20 men), coord. (BT 330110). VC sprung a five sided ambush. Company A(-) (Rein) assaulted all five positions returning approximately 2500 rounds semi and automatic weapons fire, 12 60mm mortars and approximately 100 M-79 rounds. VC broke contact and withdrew in segments to the Southeast, Southwest and Northwest. Artillery fire missions were requested and missions were fired at coord. (BT 327103), (BT 326105) and (BT 327117). A total of 21 rounds 155 HE was fired. An air strike by H4-LE aircraft was conducted at coord. (BT 329109) and (BT 307126). Air strike suppressed VC fire. Company A(-) (Rein) continued to pursue VC. 161045H Platoon (Rein) Company A was helo lifted from Battalion Combat Base coord. 397145 to coord. (BT 307126) and commenced sweep toward Company A(-) (Rein) at coord. (BT 320108) for linkup. Company A (Rein) located VC bivouac area with machine gun emplacements, a classroom and cooking fires which were still burning. No Vietnamese were in the area. Seven blood trails were found in this area. Estimate seven VC WIA probable. Company A(-) sustained one USMC KIA and seven WIA. Four WIA were medically evacuated at 161145H, three WIA did not require medical evacuation, one VCS was apprehended during Company A (Rein) sweep at coord. (BT 328111). VCS was forwarded to 9th ITT.

53. 161030H Squad Security Company B, coord. (BT 422119), waiting at pickup point for amtracks to Island of Hoa Vinh Thanh received small arms fire from five PF's. No fire was returned. PF's were apprehended and forwarded to Ly Tin District Headquarters. PF's claimed they were only test firing weapons.

54. 161300H Squad S&D mission Company A, coord. (BT 333117) received ten rounds small arms fire from one sniper coord. (BT 334118) approximately 300 meters away. Patrol returned ten rounds small arms fire and two M-79 rounds. Squad sustained one USMC WIA who did not require medical evacuation. Searched area with inclusive results.

55. 16Nov66 Company A (Rein) continued operation LAW BnFragO 3-66.

56. 161300H Squad S&D Company A coord. (BT 333117) received ten rounds small arms fire from one sniper coord. (BT 334118). Patrol returned ten rounds small arms fire and two M-79 rounds. Searched area with inclusive results.

57. 161630H Platoon S&D mission Company A (Rein) coord. (BT 329104) received 75 rounds automatic weapons fire from structures approximately 300 meters Southwest of patrol coord. (BT 327107). Platoon returned three rounds M-79, 25 rounds small arms fire and requested an observed artillery mission which fired 20 rounds WP. Four structures were destroyed and two were partially destroyed. A thorough search was conducted with inclusive results.

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58. 170740H Company A (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 331108) received ten rounds automatic weapons fire from one VC coord. (BT 329113). Company A returned 50 rounds small arms fire. VC broke contact and fled in a Southwest direction. Company A pursued with inclusive results. One USMC WIA was medically evacuated at 170845H.

59. 170745H Company A S&D mission coord. (BT 328104) observed three VC at coord. (BT 328108). Company fired 15 rounds small arms fire knocking one VC down by fire. Company A pursued VC but lost sight of them due to thick vegetation. Company A found one block trail estimate one VC WIA probably. Sustained one USMC WIA, but medical evacuation was not required.

60. 17Nov66 Company A (Rein) continued operation LAW BnFragO 3-66.

61. 171035H Company C (Rein) departed Battalion Combat Base LAW BnFragO 8-66 for relief of Company A in same approved area of operation.

62. 171405H Company C (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 331111) located a tunnel, dimensions 20' X 3' X 3'. Conducted thorough search with inclusive results. Tunnel was destroyed.

63. 171430H - 171630H Company A (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 328108) to (BT 330107) conducted extensive search of building complex which was located in a VC dominated area. Included in complex was a galley, classroom and barracks, totaling 15 buildings. All were constructed of Vietnamese material (straw and bamboo). Everything was photographed by ISO and then destroyed.

64. 171550H Company A (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 330108) received 16 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated 2 snipers. Company A returned 20 rounds small arms fire. A thorough search was conducted with inclusive results.

65. 171550H Company A (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 322123) apprehended one VCS who has good intelligence information. VCS was screened and forwarded to 9th ITT.

66. 171600H Company A (Rein) commenced displacement toward Battalion Combat Base for termination of operation LAW BnFragO 3-66.

67. 17Nov66 A Chieu Hoi leaflet drop was made throughout operation area approved for BnFragO 3-66 and 8-66 and LAW Psychological warfare operation programmed in each BnFragO. Approximately 80,000 leaflets were dropped. No response.

68. 171815H Company C (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 320120) received 15 rounds small arms fire from coord. (BT 323112). One USMC WIA was sustained and medical evacuated at 171905H. No fire was returned due to distance. A thorough search of the area was conducted with inclusive results.

69. 180530H Company A (Rein) returned to Battalion Combat Base. Operation LAW BnFragO 3-66 terminated at 180530H.

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70. 180820H Company C (Rein) S&D mission coord. (BT 32113) received 15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated one sniper coord. (BT 32116). VC was not observed. Estimate he was 300 meters away. Company C returned three M-79 rounds and 20 rounds of small arms fire. Area was searched with inclusive results. One USMC WIA was medically evacuated at 180850H.

71. 180835H Company C S&D mission coord. (BT 32113) received small arms fire from estimated three to four snipers approximately 1000 meters away coord. (BT 325103). VC were not observed due to thick vegetation and no small arms fire was returned. Air strike conducted from 180855H to 181005H consisting of two A4's expending Napalm, snake eyes and 20mm rounds with excellent target coverage. Estimate three VC KIA probable. Area was not searched due to distance and pursuit of sniper (reference my spot report 180820H).

72. 18Nov66 Company C (Rein) continued operations LAW BnFragO 8-66.

73. 181106H Co C SID mission Coord. (BT 317122) apprehended two VCs as they attempted to flee on approach of patrol. Interpreter interrogated VCs. All answers were evasive. Interpreter believes they are VC. Both will be forwarded to IPT.

74. 181245H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 315124) while moving into objective 21 coord. (BT 313123), received 50 to 100 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated 20 VC wearing black PJ's and armed with carbines. Range of contact was about 500-700 meters. Co C assaulted enemy position returning 28 rounds automatic weapons fire and ten 3.5 rounds. VC broke contact and fled to the west. Area searched with inclusive results.

75. 181620H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 287134) helo resupply received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from coord. (BT 280136) approx. 400 meters from Co C position. Helo landed with no casualties sustained. Co C dispatched sqd to search area with inclusive results. Security was provided for downed helo until 190900H.

76. 181707H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 287134) reference my spot report 181106H one of two captured VCs attempted to escape. Effort was made to halt VC failed. VC was shot resulting in one VC KIA.

77. 190945H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 290132) received five to six rounds small arms fire from an estimated one sniper vicinity coord. (BT 293129). No fire was returned. Unable to determine direction VC fire came. Area was searched with inclusive results.

78. 190950H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 287138) observed helo extraction receive 10 to 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated two snipers vicinity (BT 287139), approx. 200 meters away. Sqd dispatched to pursue snipers and tripped booby trap of unknown type coord. (BT 287139). Area searched with inclusive results. Four USMC WIAs were Med evac at 191000H. Two USMC WIAs did not require med evac.

79. 191150H Co C S&D mission coord. (BT 284134) observed two VC armed with weapons coord. (BT 280136) approximately 500 meters away.

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Co C fired ten rounds small arms fire and two M-79 rounds. Both VC were knocked down by fire. Area searched. Found one VC KIA confirmed. Unable to locate other VC or weapons. VC KIA was dressed in black PJ's and had no documents. Estimate one VC WIA probable.

80. 191300H 3rd plt Co C moved via truck convey to 1stBn, 7thMar TAOR for OPCON 1stBn, 7thMar.

81. 191600H sqd sec patrol Co B coord. (BT 467148) located one M-14 anti-personnel mine buried in sand. Mine appeared to have been exposed to the weather for quite sometime. Mine was destroyed in place.

82. 191625H Sqd sec patrol Co B coord. (BT 468150) located two M-14 anti-personnel mines both buried in sand and spaced approximately 30 meters apart. Mines were destroyed in place. Secondary explosion was observed. Possibly booby trap.

82. 191730H Sqd sec patrol Co B coord. (BT 465155) located two M-14 anti-personnel mines both buried in sand and were placed close together. Mines were destroyed in place. One secondary explosion was observed. Possibly booby trap.

83. 191600H radio relay team positioned at coord. (BT 282158) IAW BnFragO 8-66 extracted and returned to Bn combat base.

84. 191600H Operation IAW BnFragO 8-66 terminated.

85. 191715H Sqd (Rein) Co B returned OPCON this organization from OPCON 9th Engineers.

86. 220330H fire team combined action patrol 5B20 Co B apprehended four VCs at coord. (BT 415163). VCs were taken to Co B combat base screened by Hamlet Chief of Binh An and was released.

87. 220800H fireteam combined action patrol 5B15 Co B apprehended one VC at coord. (BT 414163). VC was screened and PF's believe he is associated with four VCs apprehended at 220330H. VC was forwarded to 9th ITT.

88. 221515H Combined action fireteam security patrol 5B3 Co B coord. (BT 483117) PF accompanying patrol apprehended one VC and released VC to Hamlet Chief of Ky Xuan.

89. 24Nov66 received intelligence report from member of Duc Bo Hamlet counsel Mr. Bui Uah MINH of possible VC activity coord. (BT 354152) 241200 inserted squad OP at Hill #186 coord. (BT 358130) for observation of area.

90. 25Nov66 negative contact throughout the day.

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91. 26-27Nov66 Negative contact throughout the day.
92. 28Nov66 Company C returned OPCON 1stBn, 5th Marines from OPCON 7th Marines.
93. 290630H Company A OPCON Chu Lai Defense Command, Company D returned OPCON 1stBn, 5th Marines Chu Lai Defense Command
94. 291145H Squad sec patrol 5B17 Company B located two tunnels, one tunnel at coord. (BT 439158) dimensions 15 feet long by 3 feet high by 2 feet wide. Other tunnel at coord. (BT 436151) dimensions 25 feet long by 5 feet wide by 5 feet high. Both tunnels were searched, found no signs of recent enemy use. Both tunnels destroyed.
95. 291200H Company D returned to OPCON 1stBn, 5th Marines from OPCON Chu Lai Defense Command.
96. 291940H ambush Company C patrol C-5 coord. (BT 407106 sitting in ambush near house observed five to six VC enter house approximately 15 meters from their position. Patrol clicked safety's off and VC scattered. Ambush fired 50 rounds machine gun and approximately 220 rounds small arms fire. Threw two illum grenades. Searched area found one VC KIA with the following gear, 1 cartridge belt, 3 locally fabricated grenades 1 US M-26 grenade, 1 N.V. type (pineapple) grenade, 1 poncho, 1 document (propaganda type) and 1 hammock. VC were dressed in black PJ's and fled east. Estimate one VC probable KIA.
97. Operation "SUTTER" commenced.

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