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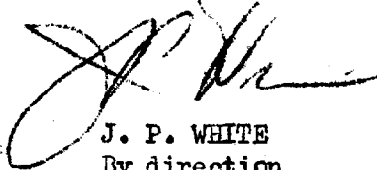
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONUNIT

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein)

COMMANDER1-31 May 1967
LTCOL P.L. HILGARTNERSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1-31 May 1967
CAPT H.G. LYLES

Company A

1-8 May 1967
2NDLT W.P. VACCA8-13 May 1967
CAPT G.L. MCKAY (Acting)13-31 May 1967
CAPT R.G. BABICH

Company B

1-22 May 1967
CAPT J.N. PETERSON22-23 May 1967
CAPT H. G. LYLES (Acting)23-24 May 1967
2NDLT W.P. VACCA (Acting)24-25 May 1967
2NDLT H.T. HANSEN (Acting)25-31 May 1967
CAPT T.D. REESE

Company C

1-29 May 1967
CAPT R.J. CASWELL30-31 May 1967
1STLT R.H. KIRKPATRICK

Company D

1-31 May 1967
1STLT D.L. MCINTURFF

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ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar	(1-31 May 1967)	1STLT B. MARRS
Det, 1st Dental Company	(1-31 May 1967)	LT D.E. ELDRED (USN)
1st Plt, Co B, 1stEngrBn	(1-31 May 1967)	2NDLT G.L. NEWKIRK
1st Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn	(1-13 May 1967)	1STLT F.J. HALLISSEY
	(13-31 May 1967)	2NDLT C.B. KEPPORD

2. LOCATION

1-17 May 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) participated in Operation "UNION".

17-31 May 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) located Hill 51 (BT 025343); QUE SON, RVN.

1-31 May 1967 Det, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear), located CHU LAI (BT 533088); CHU LAI, RVN.

1-31 May 1967 Det, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located LSA (BT 296235); TAM KY, RVN.

5-17 May 1967 Co B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located NUI LAC SON (BT 024288); QUE SON, RVN.

17-31 May 1967 Plt Co C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located NUI LAC SON (BT 024288); QUE SON, RVN.

26-31 May 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) participated in Operation "UNION II".

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1-31 May 1967
MAJ J.P. WHITE

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1-31 May 1967
WO J.E. PERRY

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1-9 May 1967
2NDLT W.M. GORMAN

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S-5/Communications Officer

Air Liaison Officer

Medical Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Legal Officer/Adjutant

Chaplain

9-31 May 1967
2NDLT V.J. VENANZI1-3 May 1967
CAPT J.J. CARPY (Acting)3-31 May 1967
MAJ C.H. BLACK1-31 May 1967
CAPT G.L. MCKAY1-16 May 1967
CAPT J.A. CAPUANO16-31 May 1967
CAPT D.L. MONROE1-31 May 1967
LT K.P. DONNELLY (USN)1-31 May 1967
1STLT G.L. LULES1-31 May 1967
2NDLT A. DESCHAMPS1-31 May 1967
2NDLT G.S. LIDBACK, JR.1-31 May 1967
LT K.P. MEEHAN (USN)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
33	980

USN

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel and Administration. Casualty reporting, condolence letters and general administration were completed at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear), located in Chu Lai, RVN. Some difficulties were encountered due to lack of communications between the Battalion at Que Son and the rear echelon at Chu Lai. Personnel losses due to casualties and normal rotations caused the Battalion to drop below 90% of its manning level on 11 May 1967 and it remained below 90% of the manning level for the rest of the month.

2. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain.

a. During the initial period at the Que son Combat Base there were almost daily sightings of small groups of enemy varying in size from 1 to 20 enemy, believed to be from the 105th Battalion, NVA which was reported to be operating generally to the northwest and southwest of the combat base.

b. Information volunteered by local Vietnamese villagers who led a patrol to a "hidden" booby trap resulted in the harmless destruction of this device by engineers. On another occasion information from the Que Son District Headquarters enabled the Battalion to kill 4 enemy and capture 2 others along with 4 weapons.

c. During the month of May the weather in the Que Son area was hot and humid with partly cloudy skies and some light showers.

d. Terrain consisted of rice paddys and hedgerows with dense undergrowth on the foothills of the surrounding mountains.

3. Organizations and Operations.

a. On 1 May 1967, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) was committed to Operation Union and was involved in that operation against enemy forces until its termination on 17 May 1967.

b. With the termination of Operation Union the Battalion was assigned the task of establishing a new Combat Base at Hill 51 (BT 025343) in the vicinity of Que Son, RVN. The Combat Base was initially subjected to constant and accurate enemy sniper fire and on two occasions received incoming mortar fire. Intensive search and destroy operations, air strikes and artillery missions, including H&I fires and counter mortar fires, were conducted to eliminate these threats. Within one week the Battalion had virtually eliminated the sniper threat and enemy activity had substantially decreased.

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c. Tactical fire was laid, fighting positions were established and fields of fire were cleared as the combat base defenses were continually improved.

d. District Popular Forces troops regularly accompanied the Battalion's units on patrols during the period 17-31 May 1967.

e. On 26 May 1967, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were committed to Operation Union II which carried over into the next month.

4. Training. Newly arrived personnel fired the M-16 rifle for familiarization and classes were conducted on the safety precautions, maintenance, care and cleaning as prescribed in current directives. The indoctrination program for personnel newly arriving in Vietnam continued to be emphasized with a 4 day training period conducted at the Battalion Rear.

5. Logistics, Equipment and Supply.

a. On 1 May 1967 a detachment of H&S Company was established in the Regimental Logistical Support Area at Tam Ky, RVN (BT 296235) to coordinate support for the Battalion. This detachment continued to function after Operation Union terminated and supported the combat base through 31 May 1967. The Battalion had adequate logistical support as 124 tons of equipment and supplies were helicopter lifted into the base during the period 17-31 May.

6. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

a. The initial liaison established by the Battalion with Que Son District Headquarters and local village chiefs was entirely satisfactory. A Civic Action Survey checklist was completed to determine population, number of schools, teacher-student ratio and other data necessary to establish a Civic Action Program.

b. A MED/DENT CAP program was instituted on 20 May and 225 Vietnamese were treated in the next 11 days. The villagers were contacted and provided laundry and barber services for Battalion personnel during this period.

7. Comptroller Activities. The Battalion Supply Account was reconciliated and additional funds were received to support operations through the Fourth Quarter FY 1967.

8. Communications. Upon occupation of the Combat Base at Hill 51 on 17 May, a limited wire system was installed and communications were established with the 5th Marines by radio. A radio relay shot was attempted but equipment failure caused substantial interruptions in its operation. During the rest of the month the wire system was improved and expanded.

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~~SECRET~~9. Cumulative casualties inflicted or sustained during the month of May.a. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA	42	(5 killed by friendly air)
MIA	2	
WIAE	144	(24 wounded by friendly air)
		(5 wounded by friendly 81mm mortar fire)
WIANE	50	
NBC	76	

b. ENEMY CASUALTIES

	<u>NVA</u>	<u>VC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA Confirmed	74	32	106
KIA Probable	75	59	134
WIA Confirmed	0	2	2
Detainees Apprehended			68
PW's			9

10. Significant ordnance equipment captured during the month of May:

- 19 Small arms weapons
- 5 AK 47 Magazines
- 11 30 Caliber magazines for a BAR
- 1 45 Caliber magazine for sub-machine gun
- 4 30 Caliber magazines (15 rounds) for U.S. carbine
- 8 Weapon magazines of unknown type
- 2 Flame throwers
- 1 9mm magazine
- 1 Russian bayonet

11. Significant munitions captured during the month of May:

- 3 Russian rockets rounds (similar to U.S. 3.5 round)
- 4 Homemade grenades
- 14 82mm mortar rounds
- 4 82mm mortar fuzes
- 4 82mm mortar primers
- 1 ChiCom concussion grenade
- 7 ChiCom grenades (Fragmentation)
- 1 M-26 grenade (U.S.)
- 2 Rifle grenade
- 2 Trip flares
- 14 60mm mortar rounds
- 2 81mm illumination rounds
- 6 RR rounds
- 2 Boxes shotgun shells (guage unknown)
- 2 Aircraft signals

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- 476 Rounds 30 caliber M-1 (U.S.)
- 31 Rounds 8mm
- 43 Rounds 45 caliber (U.S.)
- 61 Rounds 7.62 (Russian)
- 50 Rounds 30 caliber carbine (U.S.)
- 24 12 guage shotgun shells
- 1 Box 7.62 (U.S.)
- 45 Rounds 9mm
- 313 Rounds ammunition (caliber unknown)

12. Significant equipment captured during the month of May:

- 2 Pair wire cutters
- 2 Hammocks
- 13 Cartridge belts
- 9 ChiCom intrenching tools
- 2 Russian bags
- 3 Canteens
- 51 Packs, containing miscellaneous clothing, documents and food
- 8 Empty binocular cases
- 202 Flashlights
- 101 Mess kits
- 3 ammunition pouches (2 web - 1 leather)
- 1 Canteen cover
- 3 Ponchos
- 15 Gas masks (1 with charcoal filter)
- 2 Pistol holsters
- 10 Canteens
- 1 Crossbow
- 3 Bear traps
- 18 Hats/helmets/covers of all types
- 2 Pounds assorted medical supplies
- 55 First aid packets
- 33 Five gallon cans of medical supplies of all types
- 3 Complete surgical kits
- 42 Bundles of gauze
- 1 Small box containing assorted and unknown type medicines
- 1 Autoclave
- 5 Bandages
- 2 Sets medical instruction pamphlets
- 5 Pounds assorted documents and papers
- 1 Can containing assorted hand written papers, documents and VC literature
- 1 Case containing assorted documents
- 1 Hand drawn map
- Documents providing names of local guerillas
- 3 Cans of condensed milk
- 1 Unknown type mining device

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- 13 Candles
- Elastic material
- 200 Maps
- 66 Dishpans
- 1 Pressure cooker
- 4 Commercial radios
- 13 Knives
- 19 Gallons salad oil
- 1 Razor
- 2000 Plasters
- 5 VC record/notebooks
- 2 VC flags
- 1 North Vietnamese Book
- 1 Wallet
- 304 Pair khaki trousers
- 200 Pair tennis shoes
- 34 Pair field shoes (leather)
- 300 Sweat shirts
- 8000 Uniforms (piles in 10 feet stacks)
- 1 Military belt
- 1 Military blanket
- 10 Uniforms (green, gray and khaki)
- 2 Towels
- 5 Pair sandals
- 8 Shirts (assorted types and colors)
- 23 Pair trousers (assorted types and colors)

13. Significant equipment captured or found that was destroyed during the month of May:

- 2 Anti-personnel mines (booby trapped)
- 1 M-79 round (U.S.)
- 1 M-26 Grenade (U.S.)
- 4 250 pound bombs (U.S.)
- 1 Cave 4 feet by 4 feet by 6 feet
- 1 ChiCom grenade (booby trapped)
- 3 WP fuse lighters
- 8 Caves 4 feet by 5 feet by 10 feet
- 3 120mm mortar rounds
- 1 Cave 125 meters long with 3 entrances (entrances sealed)

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PERIODIC LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1 May 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(rein) was actively committed to operation "UNION". See Tab (A) to Enclosure (1).
2. 1 May 1967 Detachment from H&S Company was established at the LSA; Tam Ky, RVN to support the Forward Elements of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
3. 3 May 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) completed movement of organic supply from Hill 54, located (BT 397145); to Chu Lai, RVN, located in vicinity (BT 533088).
4. 15 May 1967 The Communications Platoon provided 3 Marines and equipment, consisting of a switch phone and two radios to establish a radio relay at Nui Lac Son located in vicinity (BT 024288).
5. 162100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 38-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).
6. 170545H Company D conducted a platoon (rein) patrol in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 38-67. See Tab (A) to Enclosure (1).
7. 170600H Operation "UNION" terminated. See Tab (A) to Enclosure (1). Location of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units at this time was as follows:

UNITLOCATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(rein)	(BT 044343) Que Son, RVN
1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)	(BT 533088) Chu Lai, RVN
Det, H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	(BT 296235) LSA, Tam Ky, RVN
Company A	OP CON 3rd Bn, 5th Mar
Platoon, Company B	(BT 024343) Hill 51, Que Son, RVN
Company C	(BT 024288) Nui Lac Son, RVN

8. 170900H Company B arrived Hill 51, the new Battalion Combat Base, located in vicinity (BT 025343).

9. 171300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines requested that the Nui Lac Son NFZ and Que Son NFZ be combined and expanded as follows: From (BT 070390) to (BT 000390) to (BT 000380) to (BT 990370) to (BT 990290) to (BT 000270) to (BT 040250) to (BT 070310) to (BT 070390). The expanded NFZ would enable a more rapid fire support response to local friendly activities and would enable the Battalion Commander to better suppress enemy activities and mortar fires directed at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units.

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10. 171330H Company B personnel found one anti-personnel mine without markings, set with a pressure type device, and one dud M-79 round located in vicinity (BT 025343). Mine and dud M-79 round were destroyed in place by engineers.

11. 171905H Company B located in vicinity (BT 024343) received 4 rounds of sniper fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 021343). Sniper fire was received from the west at a distance of approximately 300-400 meters. One Marine, who was digging a foxhole, was wounded. Company B returned fire with 10 rounds of small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. A squad was dispatched to search the area. The area was searched with negative results. An emergency medical evacuation was effected and completed at 171915H. Results; 1 USMC WIA.

12. 180800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group departed Combat Base established in vicinity (BT 044343) and moved to the site of the new Battalion Combat Base at Hill 51 located in vicinity (BT 025343). Company D remained in vicinity (BT 044343) to provide security for D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

13. 180830H Squad patrol 5010 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 002284) received 20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 6 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 998283). Fire was received from the west at a distance of 400-500 meters. Patrol returned fire with 250 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. Mortar fire was called and 15 4.2 HE rounds were fired on suspected VC positions with good target coverage. Squad searched the area and found 1 M-26 frag grenade and estimated 2 VC WIA probable. Results: 1 M-26 grenade destroyed, 2 VC WIA probable.

14. 180900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group arrived at the new Battalion Combat Base located at Hill 51 in vicinity (BT 025343).

15. 180915H Company B located in vicinity (BT 028341) received 2 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved VC sniper located in vicinity (BT 027338). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of 300-400 meters. A squad was dispatched to search the area. The area was searched with negative results. A scout sniper team was established on the high ground located in vicinity of Company B's position.

16. 181030H Company B conducted a platoon (-) patrol in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 39A-67. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

17. 181045H Company B located in vicinity (BT 028338) received 6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 028335). Fire was received from a southerly direction at an estimated range of 300-400 meters. Company B returned no fire. A fire team was dispatched to search the area. The search was concluded with negative results.

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18. 181315H Squad patrol 5B4 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 023347) received approximately 25-30 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 022348). The fire was received from the northwest at a distance of approximately 150 meters. Patrol returned fire with 40 rounds of small arms fire and pursued in the direction of the VC fire. VC broke contact and were believed to have fled in a westerly direction. The search of the area was conducted with negative results.

19. 181645H The 5th Marines Radio Relay Team, while establishing a radio relay withingthe 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter located in vicinity (BT 025343), received approximately 6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper, located in vicinity (BT 026334). The fire was received from the south at an estimated range of 500-600 meters. The officer in charge of the relay site was wounded. A medical evacuation was called and completed at 181740H. Marines from the perimeter returned fire with 6-8 M-79 rounds in the direction of the VC fire. 81mm mortar fire was requested and 4 81mm HE rounds were fired at the suspected VC location. A squad from Company B was dispatched to search the area. As squad was returning to the combat base, a helicopter landing at the combat base LZ, received 20 rounds automatic small arms fire from the same general area of the sniper fire. The squad continued to search the area until 181830H. The squad concluded the search with negative results and returned to the combat base. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

20. 181800H Marines from Company B, while filling canteens at a well, located in vicinity (BT 023346), received 3-5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 018342). The fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 500 meters. A small Vietnamese girl ran into the killing zone of the VC fire and was shot in the arm. The Marines carried the girl to the Battalion Aid Station. A medical evacuation was called and completed at 181845H. Marines returned no fire and no search of the area was conducted. 1 Civilian WIAE.

21. 190700H Platoon patrol 5C1 conducted a combat patrol in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 39B-67. See Tab (D) to Enclosure (1).

22. 190900H Platoon patrol 5B10 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 004370) received approximately 5-6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 002369). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Patrol returned 100 rounds small arms fire and assaulted suspected VC positions. While patrol was searching the area one VC was observed at a distance of 150 meters carrying a weapon and wearing black clothing. Patrol fired approximately 10 rounds small arms fire at VC. The VC fled into thick vegetation moving in a southwest direction. The patrol was unable to regain contact with VC. The search of the area was concluded with negative results and patrol continued on its mission.

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23. 190900H Squad patrol 5B2 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 013335) observed one VC dressed in black clothing carrying a rifle with a scope located in vicinity (BT 013337) at a distance of approximately 200 meters. Patrol fired 40 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds at VC. The patrol pursued the VC, but lost contact when VC fled west into heavy vegetation. The area was searched with negative results.

24. 190900H Company D perimeter located in vicinity (BT 025343) received 3-5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 023336). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 500 meters. One Marine from Company D was wounded by sniper fire while digging a foxhole in vicinity of the perimeter. A patrol was dispatched to search the area. While the wounded Marine was being evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station, the Battalion perimeter received an additional 4-6 rounds small arms fire which wounded another Marine from Company D. The Combat Base perimeter continued to receive sniper fire from the south and southwest. Sniper could not be located by 5 patrols operating in the area. At 0930H all patrols were recalled to the combat base. Air and Artillery missions were conducted in grid squares (BT 0133) and (BT 0233). Aircraft were on station from 1120H to 1215H, expending 27 rockets, 26 napalms and 40-250 pound and 6-500 pound bombs in the target area with excellent target coverage. Patrols were dispatched to search the area. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

25. 190935H Squad patrol 5B3 located vicinity (BT 023355) received 30-40 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved 9-10 VC dressed in green utility type uniforms located in vicinity (BT 017348). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of approximately 500 meters. Patrol returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. The area was searched with negative results. VC broke contact and fled to the northeast.

26. 190940H Squad patrol 5B2 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 028334) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 026333). Fire was received from the southwest from a distance of approximately 200 meters. Patrol returned 20 rounds small arms fire, assaulted suspected VC position and searched the area with negative results.

27. 191000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a MED/DENT CAP patrol in village of Lanh Thuong (5) located in vicinity (BT 024345). 73 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MED CAP. 8 Vietnamese were treated at DENT CAP. This was considered a success, since it was the initial civil affairs endeavor in this area, and there were sniper activities locally while MED/DENT CAP was conducted.

28. 191020H Squad patrol 5B3 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 025337) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 027336). Fire was received from the southeast at a distance of 200 meters. Patrol returned fire with

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20 rounds small arms fire and assaulted VC positions. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. Patrol continued on its mission.

29. 191030H Platoon patrol 5B10 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 994358) received approximately 200 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 10 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 998356). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 300-400 meters. Patrol returned fire with approximately 1000 rounds of small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. An artillery mission was called and 10 105mm HE rounds were fired on suspected VC positions with good target coverage. VC broke contact and fled in an unknown direction. Patrol searched the area with negative results and continued on its mission.

30. 191130H OPCON of Company A was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

31. 191250H Platoon patrol 5D1 was dispatched to search area of the airstrike conducted from 191120H to 191215H. A search of the area was conducted from 191250H to 191850H from the combat base to vicinity (BT 025338) to (BT 016337). One US 250 pound bomb was found and destroyed in place by engineers. The patrol continued to search the area and at 191616H patrol in vicinity (BT 015337) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 5-6 well dispersed VC located in vicinity (BT 016332). One Marine was killed. Fire was received from the south at a distance of 500 meters. Patrol returned fire on suspected VC positions. Artillery fire was requested and 10 105mm HE rounds were fired on VC positions, with good target coverage. Another platoon was dispatched to assist in the search of the area and to extract the KIA. The patrol saw one VC wearing black clothing, carrying a weapon and moving west at a distance of 200 meters. Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire at VC. VC fell as if hit, got up and continued to run in a westerly direction. A continued search of the area was conducted with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 VC WIA probable and one 250 pound bomb destroyed.

32. 191810H Platoon patrol 5C1 returned to Company C's combat base. See Tab (D) to Enclosure (1).

33. 191930H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter located in vicinity (BT 025343) and two patrol positions located in vicinity (BT 026350) and (BT 027338) received approximately 30-40 rounds of incoming 60mm mortar fire. Mortar fire was received from what appeared to be 4-6 mortars located in vicinity (BT 000343). Enemy mortar rounds landed in 4 positions; in vicinity patrol positions located 1000 meters north and 700 meters south of the perimeter and in the vicinity of artillery and 81mm gun positions located within the perimeter. Counter mortar fire was fired promptly with 81's and artillery. 81's fired 130 81mm HE rounds and artillery fired 30 105mm HE rounds as counter mortar fire with good target coverage.

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On 20 May 1967, Company B and Company C moved out to conduct search and destroy operations and search the area of the counter mortar fire. On 20 May 1967, information was received from the Hue Son District Headquarters that the VC sustained 4 KIA's during the counter mortar fire the previous night. Additional information was received later in the day that the VC unit firing the mortars was a 20 man Main Force unit from the C-47 Company, Light Artillery Battalion and had 4 60mm mortar tubes and were located in vicinity (BT 001348) while firing at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter. Results of incident: From 1st Battalion, 5th Marines 10 USMC WIAE, 5 USMC WIAE; from D Battery, 11th Marines, 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIAE; 4 VC KIA probable.

34. 192315H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 40-67 was promulgated directing Company B and Company C to conduct search and destroy operations. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

35. 200120H 3rd Platoon Company A patrol base located in vicinity (BT 012349) received 30 rounds small arms fire and eight grenades from an estimated 7 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 011348). The rounds and grenades were received from the southwest at a range of 100 meters. Platoon returned 75 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-26 grenades. The platoon sustained nine casualties. Ambush activity 5A1 was moved to the 3rd platoon's position and corpsman rendered medical assistance. A medical evacuation was completed at 200530H. The area was thoroughly searched at first light with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

36. 200530H Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 40-67. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

37. 200600H Company C (-) commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 40-67. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

38. 200820H Company C while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 005315) received 10 rounds sniper fire from an unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 000315). Fire was received from the northwest at a distance of approximately 500-600 meters. Company C called for artillery and 16 4.2 HE mortar rounds were fired on VC locations with good target coverage. Company C searched the area from 200820H to 201150H in vicinity (BT 001314) to (BT 000317) and found 2 cartridge belts, documents, 1 first aid packet, one Russian beltaction carbino serial number 2748, one 9mm magazine, 45 rounds 9mm ammunition, 12 rounds .30 caliber carbine ammunition, 5 rounds 7.62 ammunition and 2 VC KIA confirmed. One VC KIA was wearing blue and white clothing, the other VC KIA was wearing blue clothing. The area was searched, blood trails were found and followed with negative results. It was estimated that the VC sustained 1 VC KIA probable and 2 VC WIA probable. VC broke contact and fled in an unknown direction. Results: Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2; 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable, 2 VC WIA probable.

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39. 200900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted MED/DENT CAP patrol in village of Lanh Thung (5) in vicinity (BT 024345). 31 Vietnamese were treated at MEDCAP. 2 Vietnamese were treated at DENTCAP.

40. 200900H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 009326) received 50 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 15 unobserved VC. Fire was received from the northwest at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Company B returned fire with approximately 1500 rounds of small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and 2 3.5 WP rounds. The area was searched with negative results. VC fled in an unknown direction.

41. 201030H Company B while searching area vicinity (BT 998319) found a cave 4 feet by 4 feet by 6 feet. Cave was searched and Company B found one unserviceable helmet (US), 1 VC entrenching tool and 1 green towel. Results: Cave and equipment were destroyed.

42. 201430H Company B while searching area in vicinity (AT 994319) apprehended one fairly well groomed, well built Vietnamese male. Detainee was about 40 years of age, wore black clothing and did not have an ID card. When interrogated the detainee was uncooperative, lied about where he lived and refused to give his name and answer questions. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

43. 201540H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 001319) received 7 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 989319). Fire was received from a westerly direction at a range of 350-400 meters. Company B returned 50 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

44. 201755H Company C located in vicinity (BT 007334) received 300 rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an estimated 10-15 unobserved VC located in trench lines in vicinity (BT 006336). Fire was received from the northwest at a distance of approximately 300-500 meters. Company C returned fire with 500 rounds small arms fire, 25 M-79 rounds, 15 60mm HE rounds, 4 3.5 inch WP rounds, and called artillery. Artillery fired 10 105mm HE rounds in vicinity (BT 006336) with good target coverage. One platoon enveloped and assaulted the trenchline. The trenchline was searched with negative results. One Marine was wounded during the assault. An emergency medical evacuation was called and while the helicopter was attempting to land, the helicopter received heavy automatic weapons fire from approximately 600-700 meters from the northwest. The helicopter was hit by 11 rounds small arms fire and downed. The rounds cut wiring within the helicopter. Company C fired an additional 3000 rounds small arms fire and 40 M-79 rounds of suppression fire as the helicopter was landing. During the fire fight, Company C sustained an additional 4 casualties. An artillery mission was called and 66 105mm WP and HE rounds were fired in vicinity (BT 006337), (BT 007335), and (BT 004338) with good target coverage. Another medical evacuation was called. Gunships were requested and 4 gunships

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arrived on station to fire suppression fires. VC broke contact and fled in a suspected westerly direction. At about 201915H Company B linked up with Company C and consolidated the defensive perimeter. All medical evacuations were completed at 201930H. Company C provided security for downed helicopter. Night ambushes and OP's were established in vicinity of Company B and Company C perimeter. The following day, patrols were dispatched to search the area. Blood trails were found in vicinity (BT 004336) and (BT 002336). 3 detainees were apprehended and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. At about 211355H the helicopter was repaired and extracted from Company C's position. Results of contact: 5 USMC WIAE, 5 VC KIA probable and 3 detainees apprehended.

45. 202200H A squad ambush from Company C enroute to ambush site located in vicinity (BT 009336) heard movement and voices approaching from the east. Patrol set in a hasty ambush and fired 100 rounds small arms fire at two figures moving along the brushline from east to west. Patrol saw one figure fall as if hit. An immediate search of the area was made with negative results. Results: 1 VC WIA probable.

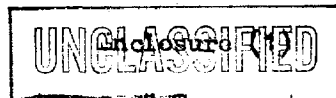
46. 202300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 41A-67 was promulgated. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

47. 210600H Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 41A-67. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

48. 210645H Company C located in vicinity (BT 005345) received approximately 10-20 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 008349). Fire was received from the northeast at a range of approximately 400 meters. Company B returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. The VC broke contact and fled in an unknown direction. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

49. 210900H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 005345) received approximately 700 rounds automatic and semi-automatic fire from an estimated 30-40 VC located in 3 different positions in vicinity (BT 005348), (AT 999346), and (BT 006347). Fire was received from the northeast and the northwest from ranges varying from 400 to 600 meters. VC were observed wearing black and khaki clothing. Company B returned fire approximately 2400 rounds small arms fire, 30 rounds 60mm HE, and 100 M-79 rounds. A search of the area was conducted from 210900H to 211000H from vicinity (BT 005345) to (BT 005348) to (AT 999346) to (BT 006347). Company B found several blood trails and drag marks which were followed with negative results. Additional items found were: 1 bayonet, 14 12 guage shotgun shells and 1 ammunition pouch. Results of contact: 3 USMC WIA, 6 VC KIA probable, 10 VC WIA probable. Items found were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

50. 211110H Company C squad reconnaissance patrol 503 located in vicinity (BT 005335) received 50 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 5 unobserved VC located in trenchlines in vicinity (BT 004336) and (BT 006336).



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Fire was received from the north and northeast. Patrol returned 250 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds at suspected VC locations. Company C called for mortar fire and received 10 rounds 4.2 HE, fired on VC locations with good target coverage. The area was searched and one blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC WIA probable.

51. 211200H Company B located in vicinity (BT 002349) observed approximately 40 VC dressed in khaki uniforms located in vicinity (AT 994353) to (BT 001357). Artillery was requested and 40 105mm HE rounds were fired in three separate fire missions with good target coverage. VC were observed fleeing north and west. At this time Company C (-) was protecting a downed helicopter and Company B was waiting for an emergency resupply of ammunition and rations. From 211355H to 211500H Company C and Company B searched the area and found blood trails and drag marks. It is estimated that the VC sustained 20 VC KIA probable and 10 VC WIA probable.

52. 211355H The downed helicopter was extracted from Company C's position. Company B and Company C were directed to continue search and destroy operation. Companies moved out to search area where the 40 VC had been previously observed.

53. 211415H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 41B-67 was promulgated. See Tab (G) to Enclosure (1).

54. 211500H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 002349) found a Vietnamese male hiding in a cave. The Vietnamese male was ordered out of the cave and he would not come out. One gas grenade was thrown into the cave and the Vietnamese came out. The detainee was questioned and he stated he was a VC. He was 32 years old, had an ID card and was wearing grey clothing. VCC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

55. 211715H Company B located in vicinity (BT 001350) received approximately 4000 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 50-60 VC dressed in khaki and green uniforms located in vicinity (BT 002345) to (AT 999350) to (AT 999348). Fire was received from the northwest and southwest from ranges varying in distances from 300 to 700 meters. Company B returned fire with approximately 4000 rounds small arms fire, 100 M-79 rounds, 5 M-26 grenades and 3 3.5 inch WP rounds. VC broke contact and fled to the north and northwest. Gunships and artillery fired missions in the vicinity of Hill 62 located in the vicinity (AT 998354), where the estimated 50 to 60 VC were fleeing. Artillery fire was observed and controlled by an Artillery FO. The area was searched from 220530H to 220800H by Company B and Company C moving along two axes of advance. Company B moved along axis of advance from (BT 001451) to (AT 990355). Company C moved along axis of advance from (BT 003354) to (AT 990355). Company C reported finding heavy blood trails and drag marks along trail in vicinity Hill 62. Company B reported finding numerous blood trails and drag marks. Blood trails and drag marks were followed with negative results. It is estimated that the VC sustained 10 VC KIA probable and 20 VC WIA probable. Results: 8 USMC WIAE, 10 VC KIA probable and 20 VC WIA probable.

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56. 211735H Scout sniper team attached to Company C located in vicinity (BT 003352) observed one VC, located in vicinity (AT 998356) at a distance of approximately 600 meters to the southwest wearing black clothing and carrying a weapon. Scout sniper team fired one round small arms fire at VC. The VC fell as if hit. After the scout sniper team fired, Company C received 5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved VC sniper located in vicinity (BT 004355). Fire was received from the north at a distance of 300 to 400 meters. Company C returned fire with 200 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. Artillery was requested and 20 105mm HE rounds were fired on the suspected VC locations with good target coverage. The area was searched the following morning. Results of the search shown in significant event 211715H.

57. 220515H Company C commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 42-67. See Tab (H) to Enclosure (1).

58. 220535H Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 42-67. See Tab (H) to Enclosure (1).

59. 220930H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 996353) apprehended one Vietnamese male moving along a trail in a northerly direction. Detainee was about 40 years of age, without ID card and was wearing black clothing. The Detainee was questioned and did not answer questions in a cooperative manner. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

60. 221040H Company C while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 005357) apprehended one Vietnamese male, about 65 years of age wearing black clothing. Detainee was apprehended on recommendation of the Kit Carson Team. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

61. 221130H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 997365) received one round small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 995375). Fire was received from the north at a distance of approximately 800-1000 meters. Capt. PETERSON, the commanding officer of Company B was wounded. An emergency medical evacuation was called and completed at 221200H. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

62. 221150H Company C while conducting search of area in vicinity (BT 008358) found assorted medical supplies, 1 poncho, 1 khaki shirt and 4 VC record books which had been placed under some rocks. Items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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63. 221220H Scout sniper team attached to Company B located in vicinity (AT 990367) observed 2 VC moving southwest in vicinity (AT 990365). VC were wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Scout sniper team fired one round small arms fire and killed one VC at a range of approximately 700 meters. The body was searched and the area around the body was searched for a weapon with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

64. 221230H Capt LYLES the Commanding Officer H&S Company assumed acting command of Company B.

65. 221230H Capt CAPUANO, the Battalion ALO, assumed acting command of H&S Company.

66. 221500H A booby trap located in vicinity (BT 016376) was tripped by a Marine from Company B. The booby trap appeared to be an M-26 grenade which had a trip wire attached that ran across the trail. Marines in the area of the explosion were well dispersed. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

67. 221800H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines issued instructions to all subordinate units concerning Buddha's Birthday. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

68. 221900H The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received an intelligence report from the Que Son District Headquarters that 20 VC were hiding in a tunnel complex approximately 150 meters long located in vicinity (BT 011341). At 1900 Company A (-) deployed to vicinity of the tunnel complex. Three entrances were found, a riot control grenade, was thrown into the tunnel complex. 5 VC attempted to run from the tunnel and 4 VC with weapons were killed. The other VC was probably wounded. Company A continued to search the tunnel complex, apprehended two VC without weapons, and found 1 VC gas mask, 1 dark green uniform and a camouflaged hat. CS agent was placed in the cave and the entrances to the cave were sealed. The platoons returned to the combat base. Results: 4 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC WIA probable, 2 VCC, equipment captured: 2 Russian carbines, serial numbers 09585 and E6862; 2 US carbines serial numbers 499514 and 2610040; 2 cartridge belts, 1 gas mask, 1 green uniform and one camouflaged hat. Weapons, VCC and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

69. 222015H Two incoming grenades exploded approximately 40 meters from Company B's perimeter located in vicinity (BT 016376). Grenades were thrown from an unknown direction and distance. A squad ambush from Company B, which was departing the perimeter, searched the area of the explosions with negative results.

70. 222045H Squad ambush 5B2 while moving to ambush site located in vicinity (BT 013375) observed 25-30 VC in full combat uniforms, with packs and helmets moving in a column from the southwest in vicinity (BT 012374). Patrol set up a hasty ambush and waited for the head of the VC column to approach.

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The ambush was sprung and patrol fired 150-200 rounds small arms fire pinning the VC down in an open rice paddy. Patrol was ordered to return to Company B's position. At 222105H Company C located in vicinity (BT 013367) was ordered to move to and search the ambush site. 66 105mm HE rounds were fired in the vicinity of the ambush site and on possible escape routes. Company C arrived in the ambush area at 222315H and commenced a search of the area. The search terminated at 230100H. Company C searched the area again from 230600H to 230700H covering the area from vicinity (BT 012378) to vicinity (BT 012378) to vicinity (BT 014376) and found blood trails and 2 homemade gas masks. Blood trails were followed with negative results. Results: 5 VC KIA probable and 10 VC WIA probable. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

71. 241115H A report was received from Que Son District Headquarters that contact between Company B and the VC at 222045H May 1967 in vicinity (BT 013373) resulted in the death of 29 NVA and 10 weapons captured by Marines. Battalion S-2 rated the information as F-3. Company B and Company C conducted a search of the area on 22-23 May 1967 and captured no weapons nor found any bodies.

72. 230310H Company B perimeter located in vicinity (BT 018376) received one incoming grenade which exploded approximately 300 meters from the perimeter. No enemy were observed and no fire was returned.

73. 230920H 2NDLT VACCA assumed command of Company B.

74. 230930H MED/DENT CAMP was conducted in Lanh Thong (5) hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). 12 PF's were used as a security force for the patrol. 20 Vietnamese were treated at MEDCAMP. 25 Vietnamese were treated at DENTCAMP.

75. 230950H Company C commenced movement to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

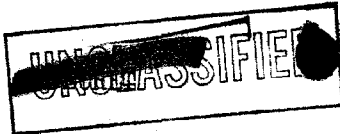
76. 231100H Company C while moving south in vicinity (BT 015363) observed 4-6 VC with weapons, wearing black clothing at a range of approximately 100 meters moving east to west in vicinity (BT 015362). Company C halted, and a squad was dispatched to the east side of the trail to reconnoiter a possible enemy ambush site. VC initiated no action and continued in a westerly direction out of sight. Company C executed no offensive action, in accordance with written instructions concerning Buddha's birthday. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

77. 231200H Company C returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

78. 231630H The Assistant Village Chief of Vin Lam, brought one Vietnamese female, age 35, dressed in maroon and black clothing to Company C's position located in vicinity (BT 023288). The detainee was questioned and she admitted that she had worked for the VC by digging trenches and carrying supplies. She lived in a VC controlled area and did not want to move. She

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claimed she had attended an anti-American assembly in which a 120 persons had participated in the vicinity of Hien Loc. The detainee revealed that she knew the names of the VC leaders. The interpreter believed that she belonged to a VC Women's Association. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

79. 231800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 43-67 was promulgated. See Tab (J) to Enclosure (1).

80. 231815H Resupply helicopter while at Company B's position in vicinity (BT 015375) received 7 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located at a range of approximately 600 meters in a northerly direction. VC fire ceased, and no further action was taken.

81. 231942H Company B reported movement of an undetermined number of Vietnamese moving west carrying bundles in vicinity (BT 002376). This was reported to 5th Marines. No action was taken in accordance with instructions received concerning Buddha's Birthday. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

82. 240010H Company A departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 43-67. See Tab (J) to Enclosure (1).

83. 240430H Company A while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 994361) received 7 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper in vicinity (AT 985365). Fire was received from the northwest at a distance of approximately 800-1000 meters. Company B searched the area with negative results.

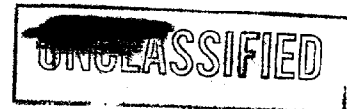
84. 240730H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 44-67 was promulgated. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

85. 240735H Company A and Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 44-67. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

86. 240815H Platoon patrol 501 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 011330) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 012329). Fire was received from the south at a distance of approximately 200 meters. The patrol returned 100 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds and requested mortar fire. 4 81mm H3 rounds were fired on the suspected sniper location. Patrol conducted a thorough search of the area with negative results. VC broke contact and fled in a suspected southwesterly direction.

87. 240905H Platoon patrol 501 while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 010330) received 30-40 rounds automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in vicinity (BT 006332). Fire was received from the west at a distance of

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approximately 300-400 meters. Patrol returned fire with 150-200 rounds small arms fire, 6 M-79 rounds and requested mortar fire. 6 81mm HE rounds were fired in VC positions with good target coverage. Platoon assaulted the VC positions and searched the area with negative results.

88. 241034H Company A while in a blocking position in vicinity (AT 990360) observed 5 VC dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons moving in a southwesterly direction in vicinity (AT 984361) in front of Company B's axis of advance. At 241115H Company B while sweeping in a southwesterly direction in vicinity (AT 990362) received continuous small arms fire from an estimated 20-30 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 985358). The fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 500-600 meters. The VC fire wounded 8 Marines from Company B, one being the acting Company Commander, 2NDLT VACCA. Company B returned approximately 700 rounds small arms fire, 20 M-79 rounds and called for artillery fire. 42 105mm HE rounds were fired on suspected VC locations with good target coverage. Company B secured a landing zone and called for a medical evacuation. Company A was directed to move and search the area of the artillery fire. Company A apprehended 4 Vietnamese; 1 male and 3 females with 4 children. Company A searched the area, which was densely covered with vegetation, and found 7 VC KIA confirmed, wearing black clothing. Numerous blood trails were found and followed with negative results. It was estimated that the VC sustained 10 VC WIA probable. Company A continued to search the area and captured the following equipment: 1 gas mask, 1 suitcase containing assorted papers, 1 grey utility jacket, 1 helmet, 1 hand drawn map and miscellaneous VC papers and literature. The detainees were held in Company A's position during the night. At approximately : 242220H one of the female detainees evaded the Marine guard while Company A was moving through a village located in vicinity (AT 989349). A search of the area was conducted for the detainee with negative results. Results: 8 USMC WIAE, 7 VC KIA confirmed, 10 VC WIA probable, 3 detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

89. 241300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 45-67 was promulgated directing Company B to return to the Combat Base and directing Company D to commence search and destroy operations. See Tab (L) to Enclosure (1).

90. 241345H Company D departed Combat Base to conduct search and destroy operations moving to Objective K located in vicinity (AT 992353). See Tab (L) to Enclosure (1).

91. 241630H Company B arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

92. 241855H Company A while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 984353) received 5 incoming rounds of mortar fire estimated to be 82mm and 40 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in two positions in vicinity (AT 984347) and (AT 980357). Fire was received from a distance of approximately 600 meters. Company A returned

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fire with 250 rounds small arms fire, 6 60mm HE rounds and called for artillery fire. 32 105mm HE rounds were fired on suspected VC locations in vicinity (AT 984347) with good target coverage. One Marine was wounded. A medical evacuation was effected. At 242045H Companies A and D commenced movement as planned to vicinity (AT 979342) to establish a combat base.

93. 242250H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 46-67 was promulgated. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1)

94. 250530H The Commanding Officer Company A reported an M-60 machine gun, serial number 20589R, and 300 rounds 7.62 ammunition were missing from a gun position located in the night defensive perimeter in vicinity (AT 979339). It was learned that the gun crew fell asleep and appointed personnel failed to inspect the position. The incident occurred at 0415H at which time, the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines ordered that a search be conducted. The search was conducted with negative results. It is believed that the position was infiltrated and the weapon was taken by the enemy. An informal investigation will be conducted and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

95. 250625H Company A while conducting search and destroy operations in vicinity (AT 983338) received 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated 4 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 983336).. Fire was received from the south at a distance of 200 meters. Company A returned 40 rounds small arms fire and one 60mm HE round. The area was searched with negative results. The VC's most likely route of withdrawal was to the south.

96. 250930H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted at Lanh Thuong (5) hamlet located vicinity (BT 024345). Four PF's were used as a security force for the patrol. 30 Vietnamese were treated by MEDCAP.

97. 251010H Company A while on search and destroy operations in vicinity (BT 016335) received approximately 40 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in treeline in vicinity (BT 013334). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of about 300 meters. Company A returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire and 6 M-79 rounds. The area was searched with negative results.

98. 251550H A wounded local Vietnamese male, age 50, came to the entrance of the Battalion combat base requesting aid. The wounded man's condition prevented him from giving accurate details of the incident resulting in his being wounded. He stated that VC approached him while he was clearing brush and threw one fragmentation grenade inflicting serious wounds on his person. The Vietnamese was given immediate medical assistance by the Battalion Surgeon, and a medical evacuation was effected.

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99. 251635H Company A squad security patrol in vicinity (BT 014334) apprehended one Vietnamese male, age 10, dressed in black clothing. The detainee attempted to flee when he observed the patrol. During interrogation by the Battalion S-2, the detainee admitted he was a VC courier. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

100. 251635H Company A and Company D terminated search and destroy operations and arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to prepare for Operation "UNION II".

101. 251830H Capt T.D. REESE assumed command of Company B.

102. 252200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 47-67 was promulgated. See Tab (N) to Enclosure (1).

103. 260001H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units commenced movement from combat base to participate in Operation "UNION II". See Tab (N) to Enclosure (1).

104. 261530H Company B while conducting a security patrol in vicinity (BT 003328) observed one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing standing on the edge of a treeline approximately 100 meters away. The Vietnamese spotted the approaching Marines and started to run, but halted when challenged. The Vietnamese was apprehended, searched, and found to have a healed gun shot wound and sores on his shoulders which may have been caused by packstraps. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

105. 270045H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) located at combat base in vicinity (BT 025343) received 6 incoming rounds of mortar fire from vicinity (BT 015368). The size of the incoming mortars was undetermined. Mortar fire was received from the northwest at an estimated distance of approximately 3000 meters. 81's and artillery fired counter mortar fire. 81's fired 70 81mm HE rounds and artillery fired 18 105mm HE rounds as counter mortar fire in vicinity (BT 015268). No casualties were sustained.

106. 281200H While conducting MED/DENT CAP in Lanh Thuong (5) hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024346). The patrol observed two signs 7 feet by 4 feet in the hamlet. One was inscribed with "American-Vietnamese Friendship Forever" and the other with "Welcome 1st Battalion, 5th Marines". 29 Vietnamese were treated at MED CAP. 8 Vietnamese were treated at DENT CAP.

107. 281539H Squad security 5D1 located in vicinity (BT 013321) received 20-25 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 4 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 011318). Fire was received from the south at a distance of approximately 300 meters. The patrol sustained 1 USMC WIA. Patrol returned fire with 60-70 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. The VC positions were assaulted and searched with negative results. VC broke contact and fled in an undetermined direction. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

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108. 281700H Squad Security patrol 5B1 located in vicinity (BT 027333) found two 250 pound bombs (US). Engineers destroyed the bombs in place.

109. 281815H Squad Security patrol 5B1 located in vicinity (BT 043321) received 20-25 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 4 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 011318). Fire was received from a southerly direction at a distance of approximately 400 meters. Patrol returned fire with 60-70 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. One fire team (Rein) enveloped and assaulted the VC position. One Marine was wounded during the assault. The VC broke contact and fled in an undetermined direction. The area was searched with negative results.

110. 290700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 51-67 was promulgated directing Company B to commence search and destroy operations. See Tab (0) to Enclosure (1).

111. 291100H Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 51-67. See Tab (0) to Enclosure (1).

112. 291720H Company B while conducting search and destroy operations found one 12 gauge shotgun hidden behind a house in vicinity (BT 004328). Shotgun was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

113. 30 May 1967 1STLT R. A. KIRKPATRICK assumed command of Company C.

114. 301000H Squad security patrol from Company B located in vicinity (BT 004346) received 2 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 002346). Fire was received from the west at a distance of approximately 200 meters. Patrol returned 10-15 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results. The sniper broke contact and fled in an undetermined direction.

115. 301050H Squad security patrol from Company B located in vicinity (BT 011339) found one booby trapped ChiCom grenade located inside a punji pit. The booby trap had a trip wire attached extending across the punji pit. The grenade was disarmed and returned to the combat base. Engineers destroyed the grenade.

116. 310930H MED CAP patrol was conducted to Lanh Throung (5) hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024346). 4 PF's acted as the security force for the patrol. 49 Vietnamese were treated at MEDDENT/CAP and 300 bars of soap were distributed in the village.

117. 311215H Villager reported to personnel of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines combat base that there was a booby trapped M-16 mine buried on a trail in vicinity (BT 024348). Engineers destroyed the mine in place.

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118. 311420H Squad security patrol 5B1 located in vicinity (BT 020330) observed 2 VC moving in a southeasterly direction at a range of approximately 300 meters, in vicinity (BT 021333). VC were dressed in black and brown clothing and were carrying weapons. Patrol fired 10-15 rounds small arms fire at VC. VC fled in a southwest direction. Patrol searched the area and found one blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC WIA probable.

119. 312130H The south side of the defensive perimeter received approximately 60 rounds small arms fire from a southerly direction. Just prior to receiving the VC fire, Company B night patrols in vicinity (BT 034334) and (BT 024334) reported movement on all sides of their position. Company B's patrols were directed to return to the combat base. Upon return of the patrols to the combat base 15 105mm illumination rounds, 15 81mm illumination rounds and 16 81mm HE rounds were fired in the vicinity (BT 034334) and (BT 024334). While firing 81's a wrong mil deflection was made on the gun and 2 81mm HE rounds landed in friendly lines wounding 5 Marines. The area was searched the following morning with negative results. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

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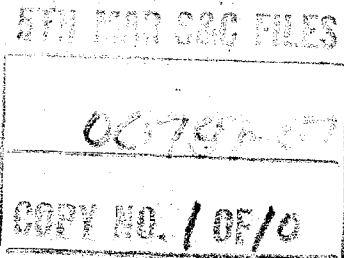
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1. CODE NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION.

Operation "UNION" (Search and Destroy)

2. DATES OF OPERATION.

- a. 210655H April 1967 to 170600H May 1967
- b. The 1st Battalion (-)(Rein) was actively committed to Operation Union 1 May 1967.

3. LOCATION. Operation Union was conducted in the HIEP DUC/THANG BINH VALLEY area located in Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces, Republic of South Vietnam.

4. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.

CO, 1stBn (-)(Rein) 5thMar		LtCol P.L. HILGARTNER
CO, Co A (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar	(1-8 May 67)	2ndLt W.P. VACCA
CO, Acting, Co A (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar	(8-13 May 67)	Capt G.L. MCKAY
CO, Co A (Rein) 1st Bn, 5thMar	(13-17 May 67)	Capt R.G. BABICH
CO, Co B (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar		Capt J.W. PETERSON
CO, Co C (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar		Capt R.J. CASWELL
CO, Co D (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar		1stLt L.L. MCINTURFF
CO, H&S Co (-)(Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar		Capt G.K. LYLES

5. TASK ORGANIZATION.

1st Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines	LtCol P.L. HILGARTNER
H&S Company (-)(Rein), 5th Marines	Capt G.K. LYLES
H&S Company (-)	
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar	
Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn	
Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stEngrBn	
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Company A (Rein) (CO, 1-8 May67)

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(CO, Acting, 8-13 May67) Capt G.L. MCKAY

(CO, 13-17 May67) Capt R.G. BABICH

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Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plt

S-2 Scouts

Kit Carson Tm

Det, Med Plt

Det, HqCo, 5thMar

Company B (Rein)

Capt J.W. PETERSON

Company B

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 5thMar

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Det, FAC Tm

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Company C (Rein)

Capt R.J. CASWELL

Company C

Det, H&S Company

Det, TACP

Det, 106's

Det, S-2 Scouts

Det, FAC Tm

Det, 81mm Mortar Plt

Det, Btry D, 3rdBn, 11thMar

Det, Med Plt

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stMarBn

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stSFBn

Det, HqCo, 5thMar

Company D (Rein)

1stLt L.L. MCINTURE

Company D

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stSFBn

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1stMarBn

Det, H&S Company

Det, 61mm Mortar Plt

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

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Det, Med Plt.

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6. SUPPORTING FORCES.

A. Air Support. The 1st Marine Air Wing provided air support for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation Union.

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(1) Helicopters. At L Hour D-Day six CH-46 helicopters were utilized to insert the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines into the operational area at LZ CONDOR vicinity coordinates (BT 027225).

The Helicopter Support Team detachment from the 1st Shore Party Battalion coordinated and controlled helicopters for medical evacuations and resupply missions throughout the operation.

(2) Fixed Wing. On D+3 fixed wing aircraft provided CAS to assist in an emergency medical evacuation in vicinity coordinates (AT 964288). On D+10 fixed wing aircraft were used extensively to attack an NVA Battalion and provide covering fire for medical evacuations in the vicinity of Hill 110 at coordinates (BT 036385). All areas where fixed wing aircraft were utilized in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, were searched by ground units. During the latter part of Operation Union, fixed wing aircraft were utilized to strike targets by use of TPQ 10 radar on known VC activities during the night.

(3) TAC/A. Throughout the operation C-1E aircraft were utilized in the role of TAC/A. TAC/A rendered invaluable assistance in their observations of enemy movement and activities, aerial reconnaissance and controlling CAS. Their prompt response to all requests greatly enhanced the successful accomplishment of all assigned missions.

B. Artillery. Artillery support for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was initially provided by Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. On D+3 the artillery support functions were assumed by Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines reinforced by Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

(1) The first extensive use of artillery by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation Union was on D+4 for sniper suppression fires during a medical evacuation. Excellent target coverage was obtained. On D+10, artillery was extensively used in support of Company C, to lay smoke screens and fire high explosive missions as directed. All areas where artillery was used in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were searched by ground units.

(2) Throughout the operation, H&I fires were fired nightly on targets located during the day and on routes of communications to harass and deny the enemy the use of these facilities. Approximately 100 rounds of artillery were fired nightly as H&I fires.

7. INTELLIGENCE.

a. Estimate of VC strength, location and Disposition in the Objective area.

(1) Forces anticipated in the immediate area.

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH	TACTICAL DISPOSITION
2nd NVA Div Hqs	BT 0022	500	Unknown

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3rd NVA Regt	BT 0945	1600	Unknown
RQ-20 NVA Bn	AT 9920	300	Unknown
RQ-22 NVA Bn	BT 0219	300	Unknown
RQ-24 NVA Bn	BT 0219	150	Unknown

(2) Intelligence was initially provided to this unit by the 5th Marine Regiment and 1st Marine Division PREINTREP 5-67.

b. Enemy Strength and Situation actually determine during the operation

(1) Estimate of actual strength was determined to have been about 1,250 men, including VC and NVA units.

(2) All cadre and soldiers display a high degree of self sufficiency and appeared ready to put forth a determined defense.

c. VC/NVA Units Identified.

(1) 3rd NVA Regiment

(2) 105th Bn.

d. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) It was discovered that the Vietnamese populace were friendly and of a cooperative nature when approached for information but at times were hesitant to volunteer information in apparent fear of VC reprisal.

(2) The suspects captured displayed obvious fear when approached by Marines.

(3) Interrogation of detainees indicated a strong VC infrastructure, consisting of Youth, Farmers, and Women's Association.

(4) The objective of this operation was to fix and destroy VC forces and supplies in the objective area.

e. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features.

- (a) NUI NONG HAM (Hill 185)
- (b) NUI DA HAM (Hill 218)
- (c) NGHI HA SA (Hill 110)

(2) The terrain in the objective area of HIEP DUC/THANH BINH Valley is composed of paddyland surrounded by densely forested mountains with elevations of 100 to 445 meters. Paddyland was interspersed with thickly brush covered hills.

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(3) Obstacles. Many rivers and streams traverse the objective area.

(4) Avenues of Approach. Trails in the operational area were good to excellent for foot troops.

(5) Cross Country Movement. No unusual problems were encountered.

f. Weather. Throughout the operation, weather was characterized by partly cloudy skies and for the most part, unrestricted visibility.

8. Mission. On D-Day at L Hour the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines landed by helicopter in the operation area at LZ CONDOR vicinity coordinates (BT 027225) and moved to consolidate forces by linking up with Company C (Rein) which had been previously committed under operational control of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. After effecting linkup with Company C (Rein), the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced search and destroy operations in a westerly direction to kill or capture VC, weapons, and supplies.

9. Concept of Operation.

Commencing on D-1, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein), moved by motor convoy from the Battalion Combat Base vicinity coordinates (BT 397 145) to the LSA at TAM KY vicinity coordinates (BT 297235). At L-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) landed in LZ CONDOR vicinity coordinates (BT 027225), effected a linkup with Company C (Rein) and conducted search and destroy operations in a westerly direction toward HIEP DUC vicinity coordinates (AT 905245).

10. Execution.

A. D-1 (30 April 1967)

(1) 301100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) moved, via motor convoy, from Battalion Combat Base vicinity coordinates (BT 397 145) to the LSA located in TAM KY vicinity coordinates (BT 297233).

(2) 301845H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) received the 5th Marines Frag Order 11-67, for Operation Union. (See reference (c)).

(3) 302300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 29-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (1)).

B. D-Day (1 May 1967) See enclosure (2) .

(1) 011000H All units arrived at pick-up LZ vicinity coordinates (BT 298230) for helicopter insertions into operational area.

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(2) 011000H Company B (Rein) commenced helilift, but did not initially land because of communication difficulties between pilots and security force at the LSA. Helicopters returned for refueling and additional instructions and lifted off again for LZ CONDOR vicinity coordinates (BT 027225).

(3) 011150H Company B (Rein) landed in LZ CONDOR vicinity coordinates (BT 027225) and established perimeter defense while awaiting arrival of remainder of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein).

(4) 011300H Squad from Company B while searching LZ area in vicinity coordinates (BT 023223) apprehended one Vietnamese male detainee wearing black clothing and hiding in vicinity of his house. The detainee was initially interrogated by the interpreter without results. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 011320H Operational control of Company C was passed from the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(6) 011345H A squad from Company B while searching LZ area in vicinity coordinates (BT 024223) apprehended one Vietnamese male detainee about 19 years of age wearing black clothing. Detainee was hiding behind a paddy dike with a pack containing the following items; 1 military belt, one first aid packet, one hammock, and one gray uniform. After the initial interrogation it was revealed by the detainee that he was a hamlet guerrilla. He stated that the 226th Company, B-40th Battalion, 325th Regiment passed through the area moving southwest the previous night with a 50 caliber machine gun and a 105mm howitzer. Detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 011350H Fire team from Company B, while searching area in vicinity coordinates (BT 017216) apprehended one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing. Detainee was observing activities in the LZ. Detainee had a cartridge belt and gray uniform in his possession. Detainee and equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 011420H All units of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) were established in a perimeter defense at LZ CONDOR in vicinity coordinates (BT 027225).

(9) 011445H Squad from Company B vicinity coordinates (BT 024223) found three WP fuze igniters beside a rice paddy. WP fuze igniters were destroyed in place by engineers.

(10) 011450H All units commenced movement in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 29-67. Command Group moved with Company D to linkup with Company C in vicinity coordinates (BT 015220), then to vicinity coordinates (BT 004223). Company B moved to vicinity coordinates (BT 004223) via coordinates (BT 017226).

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(11) 011500H Company B apprehended Vietnamese male in vicinity coordinates (BT 024223). Detainee, about 30 years old, was found in a hut wearing black clothing and carrying a wallet containing assorted documents. Detainee was interrogated by the ARVN Liaison Officer. The ARVN Liaison Officer believed the detainee was lying when answering questions. Detainee and wallet, with assorted documents, were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 011630H Command Group and Company D were in vicinity coordinates (BT 015218). Company B was in vicinity coordinates (BT 015221). All units were moving toward coordinates (BT 004223).

(13) 011715H Squad from Company D observed one VC wearing black clothing and carrying a weapon in vicinity coordinates (BT 015221) at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Squad fired 100 rounds small arms fire as VC ran into the underbrush. Squad did not pursue due to friendly patrol being located in that vicinity. Friendly patrol pursued VC with negative results. Company D squad continued on mission.

(14) 011840H Squad from Company C received 8-10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3-4 unobserved VC located in vicinity coordinates (BT 000224), at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Squad returned fire in general direction of VC fire and assaulted suspected VC positions. The area was searched with negative results.

(15) 011910H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines defensive perimeter and night activities were established in vicinity coordinates (BT 004224). (See enclosure (2)).

(16) 012135H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) received 5th Marines Frag Order 12-67. (See reference (d)).

• 6. D+1 (2 May 1967) See enclosure (3).

(1) 020500H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 30-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (4)).

(2) 020545H Company C and Company D arrived at Phase Line Vermillion. Company C and Company D were ordered to cross phase line and continue their attack toward Objectives E and F.

(3) 020650H Squad from Company C observed one VC wearing black clothing and carrying a carbine at coordinates (AT 996228), a range of 200 meters. Patrol fired 40 rounds small arms fire at fleeing VC. VC dropped his weapon and disappeared in heavy underbrush. Squad pursued, but lost contact with VC. Results of contact: 1 U.S. carbine captured and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 020715H Company C and Company D arrived at Phase Line Chartreuse. Company C and Company D were ordered to cross Phase Line and continue attack toward Objective E and F.

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(5) 020745H Squad from Company D at coordinates (AT 986227) received 30 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3 unobserved snipers located in vicinity coordinates (AT 985229). Squad returned fire with 40 rounds small arms fire and 6 M-79 rounds. Squad assaulted suspected VC positions. The area was searched with negative results.

(6) 020845H Squad from Company D received approximately 70 rounds small arms fire from vicinity coordinates (AT 982230) from an estimated 5 unobserved VC at a range of 125 meters. Squad assaulted VC positions and found one cave. Cave and immediate vicinity was searched without further significant results. Results of contact: 1 USMC KIA.

(7) 020845H Platoon from Company D located a fording site across the SONG CHANG RIVER at vicinity coordinates (AT 993221).

(8) 021335H Squad from Company B received 30 to 40 rounds small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated 2 VC at a range of 200 meters. Squad assaulted and searched area without further significant results.

(9) 021600H Squad from Company D apprehended a Vietnamese male age 35, in vicinity coordinates (BT 001222). Detainee was wearing white and black clothing. After initial interrogation by Battalion S-2, it was determined that detainee was a possible VC. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 021615H Squad from Company C apprehended a Vietnamese female in vicinity coordinates (AT 977239) wearing green and black clothing. Detainee was in a hut in vicinity of where two Vietnamese males, who were wearing black clothing, were previously observed fleeing west. After initial interrogation, detainee admitted her husband was a VC. She had papers that provided names of VC guerrillas in the local area. Detainee and papers were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 021630H Squad from Company C found the following items in a bomb shelter in vicinity coordinates (AT 970233); one military blanket, 6 pair black trousers, 6 black shirts, one bandage, assorted documents, and two sets of VC corpsman instruction complets. Items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 021600H Squad from Company B found a VC notebook in an abandoned hut in vicinity coordinates (AT 965237). Notebook was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 021830H A platoon from Company B while searching area vicinity coordinates (AT 943237) for possible fording site on the SONG CHANG RIVER received semi-automatic fire from an estimated 4-6 VC at a range of approximately 600 meters. Platoon returned fire with 500 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. Enemy fire was suppressed. Area was not searched due to distance and darkness.

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.. (14) 022000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established in vicinity coordinates (AT 965 237). (See enclosure (3)).

(15) 022350H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received an addendum to 5th Marines Frag Order 12-67, which directed continuous patrolling to maintain control of area in vicinity coordinates (AT 944235), (AT 960 255), and (AT 970235). (See reference (d)).

E. D+2 (3 May 1967)

(1) 030830H Platoon from Company C while patrolling area in vicinity coordinates (AT 958252) received 30 rounds semi and automatic small arms fire from a range of 150 meters from an estimated 5-7 VC wearing gray uniforms at vicinity coordinates (AT 958252). Platoon returned 200 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds and assualted VC positions. One squad searched the area and found blood trails. Blood trails were followed without significant results. The VC broke contact and fled in a northerly direction. Results of contact: two USMC WIA, one VC KIA probable, and two VC WIA probable

(2) 030945H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted extensive patrolling and established ambushes in vicinity coordinates (AT 944235) to (AT 960255) to (AT 970235) in accordance with 5th Marine Frag Order 12-67. (See reference (d)).

(3) 031715H Squad from Company B while on combat patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male, age 27, at coordinates (AT 956242) who was changing from khaki uniform to black clothing. The detainee while being interrogated by the interpreter lied when he was questioned. The detainee had in his possession: 3 pair of khaki trousers, 2 pair black trousers, 1 khaki shirt, 1 blue shirt, 2 rolls of gauze, 1 tube of salve, one bottle of medicine of unknown type and one razor. The detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 031820H A platoon combat patrol from Company B while searching a hut in vicinity coordinates (AT 950242) found one Vietnamese male hiding in the attic. The detainee was changing a green uniform into peasant type clothing. While being questioned, the detainee admitted he was a VC and would answer no other questions. VC and uniform were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 031830H Squad from Company C while on search and destroy operation vicinity coordinates (AT 976233) received 5 rounds small arms fire from one VC approximately 200 meters away. VC fled into a cave when the squad returned fire with 20 rounds of small arms fire. The squad assualted the position. One Marine entered the cave and the VC threw a frag grenade, which bounced off the wall and fell back into the cave and exploded. The Marine again entered the cave and saw that the VC was still alive with another grenade in his hand. Marine hastily threw a CS grenade

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into the cave. VC would not come out. A frag grenade was throw in the cave and after the explosion, a Marine reentered the cave and the VC was still alive and still holding a grenade. Marine threw another frag grenade into the cave and the VC threw it out where it exploded wounding one Marine. Another Marine entered the cave and killed the VC with a .45 caliber pistol. The cave was searched and the Marines found one VC KIA confirmed, one 8mm bolt action Franch Mauser rifle with serial number E4046, 34 rounds of ammunition, one ChiCom grenade, one ammunition pouch, 4 bandages, one canteen cover, one poncho, and one hammock. Result of incident: 1 USMC WIAE, and one VC KIA confirmed. All equipment captured was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 031830H Squad patrol from Company B entered a hut in vicinity coordinates (AT 950244). As the patrol entered the hut, a VC ran out the rear door. The patrol ordered the VC to halt in Vietnamese and he failed to obey the command. Patrol fired two rounds small arms fire, killing the VC. The VC was about 25 years old and was wearing black clothing. Result of contact: one VC KIA confirmed.

(7) 031830H Platoon from Company C apprehended two Vietnamese males without ID cards in vicinity coordinates (AT 966242). One detainee was wearing black clothing, the other wore white and black clothing. Detainees were carrying assorted documents. Detainees and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 031900H, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established.

(9) 032350H The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 13-67. See enclosure (c).

F. D+3 (4 May 1967) See enclosure (5).

(1) 040100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 31-67 was promulgated to all subordinant units. (See enclosure (6)).

(2) 040100H All units commenced movement in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 31-67.

(3) 040645H Squad from Company B observed two VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons at vicinity coordinates (AT 955248), at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire at VC. When fired upon, the VC fled west. The patrol observed one VC fall as if hit. Patrol searched the area and found one blood trail. Blood trail was followed with negative results. Result of contact: One VC KIA probable.

(4) 040830H Squad from Company B found a young boy in a cave vicinity coordinates (AT 958248). The boy had been wounded by artillery fragments during the night. Wounds were on the face, shoulder, and hands. Corporman administered first aid and the boy was medically evacuated at 040930H.

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(5) 040845H. Company B and Company D arrived at Phase Line Red. Companies were ordered to proceed to Phase Line Blue.

(6) 040845H. Squad patrol from Company B observed 5 VC with weapons moving towards hamlet in vicinity coordinates (AT 956269). Patrol fired 100 rounds small arms fire at VC. The VC returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire which wounded one Marine. The patrol returned 200 additional rounds of small arms fire and assaulted the VC positions. The VC broke contact and fled in a northerly direction. Patrol searched area, and found an extensive blood trail leading from the hamlet. The blood trail was followed with negative results. Patrol continued to search the area and apprehended six detainees and found one VC pack and 1 gas mask. The six detainees, gas mask and pack were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result of contact: 1 USMC WIA, 1 VC WIA probable.

(7) 040900H. Company B and Company C arrived at Phase Line Blue and were ordered to proceed with mission of securing Objective India.

(8) 041000H. Company B and Company C secured Objective India.

(9) 041100H. Company B and Company C arrived at Phase Line Green and were ordered to proceed to Objective Juliet.

(10) 041200H. Company B and Company C secured Objective Juliet.

(11) 041300H. Company B while conducting a search of the area in vicinity coordinates (AT 956257) found the following items in an abandon hut: 2 VC gas masks, 2 green uniforms, one flashlight and one homemade pack. All items found were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 041310H. Squad from Company C apprehended one Vietnamese male hiding in cave at vicinity coordinates (AT 936255). Detainee was about 40 years of age and was wearing black clothing. Detainee was initially interrogated by Battalion S-2 and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 041330H. Company B and Company C arrived at Phase Line Purple and were ordered to proceed to secure Objective Kilo.

(14) 041415H. Squad from Company C apprehended Vietnamese female located in hut vicinity coordinates (AT 927254). Detainee was about 24 years of age and was wearing blue and black clothing. She had 2000 piasters in her possession with a note stating the money came from VC taxation. Detainee, money and note were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(15) 041530H. Company B and Company C secured Objective Kilo and were ordered to proceed to Phase Line Brown.

(16) 041800H. Platoon from Company B while searching hamlet vicinity coordinates (AT 930250) found the following items: two pistol holsters one pack containing one pair of green utilities, one pair gray trousers,

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one homemade gas mask, and assorted hand written papers pertaining to VC activities. All items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(17) 041839H Company B and Company C arrived at Phase Line Brown and were ordered to proceed to Regimental Objective 8.

(18) 041930H Squad from Company C apprehended two Vietnamese males in vicinity coordinates (AT 911247). Detainees were about 50 and 55 years of age and were found hiding in bushes in an area of extensive VC activity. Detainees were forwarded to Battalion S-2 for the initial interrogation and were later forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(19) 041945H Company B and Company C secured Regimental Objective 8 and began preparing night defensive positions.

(20) 042015H Company B in vicinity coordinates (AT 905242) received 50 rounds small arms automatic fire from vicinity coordinates (AT 902247) and (AT 905249) from an undetermined number of unobserved VC. Fire was believed to be probing fire. Company B did not return fire.

(21) 042045H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established in vicinity of Regimental Objective 8. (See enclosure (5)).

(22) 042115H Squad ambush from Company C while moving from perimeter to establish LP and recon stream crossing at vicinity coordinates (AT 912248) observed one Vietnamese male approximately 50 meters away. Due to proximity of friendly forces, the Vietnamese male was challenged. No reply was received. The patrol fired 25 rounds small arms fire in general direction of the Vietnamese male. While searching the area patrol received one round of small arms fire. Search ended without further significant results and patrol continued on mission.

(23) 042200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Fragment Order 14-67. (See reference (f)).

g. D+4 (5 May 1967. (See enclosure (7)).

(1) 050735H Company D lead elements on search and destroy mission received 3 rounds small arms fire from 2 unobserved sniper located in vicinity coordinates (AT 9112256) and (AT 911253). Company D returned 25 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round and assaulted VC position. The area was searched without further significant results. Company D continued on assigned mission.

(2) 050830H Company D while crossing a stream in vicinity coordinates (AT 911264), received heavy automatic fire 250-300 meters from an easterly direction from an estimated 15-20 VC observed wearing black clothing, camouflaged utilities and khaki clothing. The point squad laid down a heavy base of fire with 150 rounds automatic fire, 10 M-79 rounds,

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and three grenades. The VC positions were enveloped and assaulted. VC broke contact and fled in a north and northeasterly direction. Marines observed 3 VC carrying 2 VC into the brush. Squad in pursuit of the VC, fired one 3.5 WP round at fleeing VC. The area was searched; and Company D apprehended one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing and found 3 canteens, 3 VC packs, one green shirt, one khaki shirt, one pair of utility trousers, one roll of writing paper and documents, one mess kit, two bear traps, one flashlight, 12 rounds 7.62 Russian ammunition, one VC gas mask, 2 camouflaged jungle covers, eight 12 guage shotgun shells, 19 rounds .30 caliber ammunition for U.S. carbine and 13 rounds .45 caliber ammunition. Blood trails were found and followed with negative results. Detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result of contact: 1 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA probable.

(3) 051050H Company D reported leaving check point 1 vicinity coordinates (AT 911263).

(4) 051115H Company D was ordered to complete all daylight patrols by 051600H and return to the combat base no later than 151830H.

(5) 051215H Squad from Company C apprehended one Vietnamese male approximately 35 years old, without ID card, wearing black clothing. Detainee was moving southwest along a trail in vicinity coordinates (AT 913255). When the detainee saw the Marines he attempted to turn around and move in a northeast direction. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 051222H Company C reached and established patrol base vicinity coordinates (AT 912271) and commenced patrolling activities.

(7) 051430H Squad from Company D found an enemy harbor site located vicinity coordinates (AT 911251) with numerous caves and concealed huts. Eight caves were found with small openings that went to enlarged rooms 5 feet high, 4 feet wide, and 10 feet in length. Caves were not adjoining. Five concealed huts contained 14 60mm HE rounds, 2 81mm illumination rounds, 6 recoilless rifle rounds, and one bucket of M-1 ammunition (approximately 400 rounds). The caves were destroyed by engineers. 8 Vietnamese males were apprehended in vicinity of the caves, with ages ranging from 15-45 years of age. Detainees and munitions were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 051445H Squad from Company B apprehended two Vietnamese males vicinity coordinates (AT 956259). Both detainees appeared nervous and were very uncooperative. The Battalion S-2 believes they were both withholding information. Detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 051515H Squad from Company B apprehended one Vietnamese male in vicinity coordinates (AT 922268). Detainee was wearing black clothing and was about 19 years of age and did not have ID card.

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Detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation and later forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 051604H Company D located a VC supply cache vicinity coordinates (AT 913274) which contained the following equipment: 100 mess kits, 200 tennis shoes, 300 khaki trousers, 300 sweat shirts, 4 civilian radios, 4 rice packs, 8000 uniforms (10 foot piles), 13 knives, 1 autoclave, 19 gallons salad oil, 3 rolls cheese cloth, 8 empty field glass cases, 16 field packs, 33 5 gallon cans (containing many types of medical equipment), 3 complete surgical kits, 34 field shoes, 2 boxes shotgun shells, 7 canteens, plastic material, 40 bundles guaze, 200 maps, 66 dishpans, and one pressure cooker. All equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. A reward of 600 Piasters given to a local Vietnamese male, age 60, for his assistance in the location of the enemy supply cache.

(11) 051635H Squad from Company D apprehended one Vietnamese male, age 34, wearing white clothing located in vicinity coordinates (AT 916247) sitting in a hut holding a small box containing an assortment of unknown type medicines. Detainee and small box containing medicines were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 051730H Squad security patrol from Company C apprehended one Vietnamese female in vicinity coordinates (AT 928253). Detainee was about 18-20 years of age, was wearing black clothing and was without an ID card. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 052000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure 7).

(14) 052230H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 32-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure 8).

H. D+5 (6 May 1967) See enclosure (9).

(1) 060500H OPCON of Company B was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 060500H OPCON of Company A was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(3) 060630H Command Group, Company A and Company C departed combat base to linkup with Company D at position vicinity coordinates (AT 910268).

(4) 060935H Company A squad patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male about 30 years of age hiding in river at coordinates (AT 911262). Detainee was dressed in black clothing and had no ID card. Detainee was delivered to Battalion S-2 for initial interrogation and later forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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(5) 061205H Squad security patrol from Company D in vicinity coordinates (AT 907272) observed three VC, wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. VC were moving across rice paddy at coordinates (AT 914274) at a distance of approximately 600-700 meters. The squad fired approximately 30 rounds small arms fire at VC. One VC was hit and fell to the ground. The squad searched the area with negative results. The VC fled in an unknown direction. Results of contact: One VC WIA probable.

(6) 061235H Company D while searching in vicinity coordinates (AT 909267) apprehended twelve Vietnamese, six females and six males ranging in age from 16 to 50, at coordinates (AT 915275). Detainees were dressed in black, green and black and white clothing. One male was dressed in khaki clothing. The detainees were delivered to Battalion S-2 for interrogation. It was determined through questioning of detainees that the women were either wives of VC or were nurses. The men were believed to be VC. Detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 061305H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received information from reconnaissances insert that four VC were seen at coordinates (AT 898268) walking in a southwest direction in rice paddy. VC were wearing black pajamas, white hats, carrying three rifles and two packs. Company C searched area with negative results.

(8) 061330H Company C platoon at coordinates (AT 906273) surprised two Vietnamese males of military age, 17-19, approximately 100 meters to the northwest at coordinates (AT 905274). When the Vietnamese males spotted the Marines they started to run. Patrol ordered the Vietnamese to halt, however they did not. Patrol fired 15 rounds small arms at fleeing VC. Results of contact: one VC KIA confirmed and the other VC fled to the west and was lost in heavy underbrush.

(9) 061430H Company C combat patrol at coordinates (AT 898266) observed 3 Vietnamese males wearing black and white clothing running from a house. The patrol pursued the 3 males but lost contact. A search was made of area in an attempt to locate the Vietnamese with negative results. Patrol conducted a complete search of the house and found one box containing medical supplies and documents which were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 061515H Company A while searching village at coordinates (AT 917270) found numerous tunnels. While searching tunnels, a woman, age 40, with a child, was found. A continued search of the tunnels was conducted and the following equipment was found: two wicker helmets, 3 cloth helmets, one with red star, one plastic gas mask with charcoal filter and a can with assorted papers. Detainee and equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 061625H Resupply was completed at LZ vicinity coordinates (AT 917277) and all captured VC equipment was helilifted to 5th Marines S-2.

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(12) 061910H Company D while conducting a search of the area in vicinity coordinates (AT 924252) found a cave 5 feet long, 2 feet wide and four feet high containing the following equipment: two pair wire cutters, 15 rounds Russian 7.62 ammunition, 6 rounds U.S. .30 caliber M-1 ammunition, 16 rounds U.S. .30 caliber carbine ammunition, three 20 round magazines for U.S. carbine, one leather ammunition carrying case, two aircraft signals, one rifle grenade, two trip flares and one box US 7.62 linked ammunition. All equipment was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for further transfer to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 061900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (9)).

(14) 062105H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received Regimental Frag Order 15-67 (See reference (g)).

(15) 062245H Company C in night defensive position at coordinates (AT 910268) apprehended two Vietnamese, one male about 45 years of age wearing white clothing and one female about 18 years of age wearing black clothing. Detainees were delivered to Battalion S-2. It was determined by the initial interrogation that the male was an innocent civilian and was released. The female was suspected of having knowledge of VC activities in area and was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 062345H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 33-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (10)).

I. D+6 (7 May 1967) (See enclosure (11)).

(1) 070200H Marine in Company D night defensive perimeter heard movement in front of the perimeter. Shortly after hearing movement, a thud was heard and immediately afterwards, an explosion occurred. Marines in that sector of the perimeter opened fire with 25-30 rounds of small arms fire. A patrol was sent to search area of suspected enemy position with negative results. Result of contact 2 USMC WIA.

(2) 070500H Battalion Command Group, Company A, Company C, and Company D departed night patrol base vicinity coordinates (AT 917276) in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 33-67.

(3) 070530H Company D apprehended three Vietnamese males in a cave in vicinity coordinates (AT 916215). Two detainees were about 25 years of age and one was about 12 years of age. All detainees were dressed in black clothing. Detainees were carrying rice, a military hammock, 1 pair of green utility trousers, 2 green utility shirts and assorted documents. Detainees were delivered to Battalion S-2 for questioning. Two detainees, age 25, were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2 and the 12 year old Vietnamese male was released.

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(4) 070800H Point fire team of Company C in vicinity coordinates (AT 937278) surprised 10 VC moving northeast on a trail in vicinity coordinates (AT 937280) at a distance of approximately 200 meters. The VC wore khaki uniforms and black clothing. The point fire team fired 350 rounds small arms fire at VC and pursued but lost contact with the VC in heavy brush. The VC broke contact and fled in a northerly direction. The area was searched and Company C found 4 VC KIA confirmed, 1 Russian bolt action carbine, serial number C 3810, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 M-26 grenade, 4 cartridge belts with ammunition, magazines and flares, 2 packs with documents and medical equipment. The captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result of contact: 4 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable, 3 VC WIA probable.

(5) 070945H Company C at coordinates (AT 941284) heard voices to the west in vicinity of the trail. The point of one proceeded to envelop the unsuspecting VC and observed VC with weapons and packs dressed in black clothing moving westward through heavy vegetation. The VC were taken under fire with 250 rounds small arms fire. The VC returned 5 rounds small arms fire. The area was searched and 3 VC KIA confirmed with weapons and packs were found. A further search of the area resulted in the capture of 1 VC WIA approximately 35 years of age. The VC had a pack containing clothing, rice, and drugs. Questioning of the VC revealed that the 105th VC Battalion was operating in the area and the 11th VC company was the unit encountered. The VC WIA stated that his unit planned to harass the Marines by sniper fire, but not engage in close combat. The VC said his Company Commander's name was NGUYEN VO. The VC died of wounds at 071520H. Results of contact: 4 VC KIA confirmed, and the following equipment captured: 1 Thompson Sub-machinegun serial number 383025, with magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition, 1 .45 caliber pistol, serial number 2457977, 1 homemade grenade, 1 cartridge belt, 2 packs containing assorted clothing and rice, and 58 rounds .30 caliber U.S. M-1 ammunition. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 071030H Lead man of fire team in Company D in vicinity coordinates (AT 944284) tripped a booby trap believed to be a 81mm or 82mm mortar round. The area was searched for additional booby traps without further significant results. Results of contact: 3 USMC WIAE.

(7) 071220H Company C at coordinates (AT 944284) received an incoming rifle grenade from an unknown direction. The area was searched with negative results. A medical evacuation was called and completed at 071310H. Results of contact: 2 USMC WIAE.

(8) 072205H Company D perimeter security in vicinity coordinates (AT 953294) observed 2 VC carrying weapons running in a northeast direction. Marine fired 20 rounds small arms fire at VC. One VC fell as though hit, got up and continued to move, leaving his weapon. Area was illuminated and searched. Marines found 1 BAR, serial number 861409 with one magazine and 20 rounds of ammunition.

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Weapon and equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 1 VC WIA probable.

(9) 072000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (11)).

(10) 072330H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received the 5th Marines Frag Order 16-67. (See reference (h)).

J. D-7 (8 May 1967) See enclosure(12).

(1) 8 May 1967 Capt McKAY assumed acting command of Company A.

(2) 080230H Company C in defensive perimeter in vicinity coordinates (AT 948297) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located approximately 200 meters to the west in vicinity coordinates (AT 945296). Company C returned 100 rounds small arms fire. A medical evacuation was called and completed at 080520H. The area was searched at 080600H without further significant results. Results of contact: 2 USMC WIAE.

(3) 080630H The Battalion S-2 Officer approached one Vietnamese male about age 16 wearing black clothing. The detainee, after being interrogated admitted being a member of Communist Youth Association. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 080650H Company D while in vicinity coordinates (AT 076302) received 3 rounds sniper fire from one VC dressed in black clothing. Fire was received from a distance of approximately 150 meters from vicinity coordinates (AT 976303). The point squad returned 50 rounds small arms fire and pursued the VC. The VC broke contact and fled into thick brush moving in a northerly direction. The area was searched and heavy blood trail was found. The blood trail was followed with negative results. Results of contact: 1 VC WIA probable.

(5) 081040H Company A while conducting a search in vicinity coordinates (AT 971328), observed 5 VC carrying packs moving through thick brush. Company A fired 20 rounds small arms fire at VC. The VC broke contact and moved into thick brush and fled in a northerly direction. The area was searched and Company A found 1 pack with green clothing and documents. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 081145H Company A while in vicinity coordinates (AT 974286) received 40 rounds sniper fire from an estimated 5 VC located in vicinity coordinates (AT 975287). Company A returned fire with 300 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and assaulted the suspected VC positions. The area was searched and Company A found 2 VC KIA confirmed, and 1 K 48 French rifle, serial number 4682, with 51 rounds of ammunition. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 2 VC KIA confirmed.

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(7) 081145H Squad from Company D while in vicinity coordinates (AT 984328) observed 3 VC approximately 100 meters to the east of the squad's position located in vicinity coordinates (AT 984329). VC wore black clothing and were carrying packs, and one VC carried a rifle. The VC spotted the squad and fled to the east. Squad fired 40 rounds small arms fire at VC and assaulted the VC position. Squad captured 1 VC with slight head wound. The area was searched and squad apprehended a Vietnamese male, age 50, carrying an ID card. The detainee was questioned by the Battalion S-2 about VC activities in the area and was released. Results of contact: 1 VCC WIA.

(8) 081300H A refugee family of 5, consisting of 1 male age 32, 1 female age 26, and 3 children requested to be evacuated from the area vicinity coordinates (AT 974326) to avoid VC terrorism. The family was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 081313H Company A while searching area vicinity coordinates (AT 948298) found US Remington 12 gauge shot gun laying on a pile of brick. The shotgun, with serial number 95870, was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 081430H Company C at coordinates (AT 975343) observed 18 VC carrying weapons and packs, dressed in black clothing. Some of the VC were wearing helmets. The VC were moving into a trench line from the northeast. An artillery mission was called and delivered on the VC position. Company C conducted a detailed search of the area and found 2 discarded packs 1 loaded carbine magazine, 2 helmets and 1 canteen. Several drag marks were found in the area. Company C observed 2 VC fall after being hit by artillery fire. Results of contact: 4 VC WIA probable. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 081515H 1st Platoon Company A in vicinity coordinates (AT 981340) observed 3 Vietnamese dressed in black clothing running in a rice paddy at a range of approximately 300 meters vicinity coordinates (AT 983340). Marines ordered the Vietnamese to halt, but Vietnamese continued to run into thick brush. Marines fired 6 rounds small arms fire and two M-79 rounds at the fleeing Vietnamese, but lost contact due to dense vegetation. The area was searched without further significant results.

(12) 081600H Company D fire team while searching for water in vicinity coordinates (AT 944341) apprehended 2 Vietnamese in a house near Company D perimeter. One detainee was a male, age 40, and the other a female, age 30, both had ID cards. The fire team searched the house and found a crossbow, a bear trap, 2 VC helmets, and a jungle hat. Detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 081600H Patrol from Company C in vicinity coordinates (AT 983348) apprehended one Vietnamese male age 20, dressed in black clothing and carrying papers which identified him as a VC. At the same

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time the patrol received 2 rounds sniper fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity coordinates (AT 984352). The sniper fire was received from the west from a distance of approximately 300 meters. The point returned fire with 150 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and assaulted the sniper's position. The area was searched and a heavy blood trail was found and followed, leading to the capture of a wounded VC approximately 20 years old dressed in black clothing. A search of the area was conducted without additional significant results. VCC were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 2 detainees (1 WIA.)

(14) 081710H Company A while searching for water vicinity coordinates (AT 986340) came upon a house which had 2 VC flags, expended ammunition cartridges, 1 canteen, and 1 North Vietnamese book. One Vietnamese male was apprehended near the house. Detainee and items found were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(15) 081815H Company D while conducting a search of the area in vicinity coordinates (AT 984344) found a cave 2 feet high, 2 1/2 feet wide and 8 feet long which was searched with negative results. One Vietnamese male age 30, without ID card was apprehended in immediate area of the cave. The detainee was dressed in black and pink clothing. The detainee was questioned by Battalion S-2 and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 081900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure 12).

(17) 082200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 17-67. (See reference (i)).

(18) 082230H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 34-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (13)).

K. D+8 (9 May 1967) (See enclosure(14)).

(1) 090705H Company C in vicinity coordinates (AT 984349) received 10 rounds sniper fire from an estimated 3 unobserved VC at a range of approximately 300 meters, which wounded one Marine. Fire was received from the northwest in vicinity coordinates (AT 979351). Company C returned 200 rounds small arms fire and assaulted the VC positions. Company C searched the area and found the following equipment: 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 AK47 rifle serial number 9476409, 4 AK47 magazines, one ChiCom grenade, 3 homemade grenades, documents, wallets and clothing. A medical evacuation was called and completed at 090810H. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 1 USMC WIA and 2 VC KIA confirmed.

(2) 090840H Marine from Company C in vicinity coordinates (AT 975345) observed 3 VC dressed in camouflaged utilities at a range of 300 meters in vicinity coordinates (AT 972346). Marines fired 60 rounds small arms fire at the VC. The area was searched without further significant results.

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(3) 091010H Company C in vicinity coordinates (AT 988360) received approximately 50 rounds automatic small arms fire from an estimated 5 VC. The fire was received from the northwest from a distance of approximately 500 meters in vicinity coordinates (AT 094365). Company C returned 250 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds, and 4 3.5 inch WP rounds. An artillery mission was requested and 5 105mm HE rounds were fired on suspected VC positions. An artillery FO observed 2 VC fall during the artillery mission. The area was searched without significant results. Result of contact: 2 VC WIA probable.

(4) 091030H Company A in vicinity coordinates (AT 984353) apprehended one Vietnamese male age 40, without an ID card, dressed in black clothing. The detainee was questioned by Battalion S-2 and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 091425H Company D perimeter in vicinity coordinates (BT 013350) received 5-6 rounds of small arms sniper fire from a VC sniper located in vicinity coordinates (BT 010350). The sniper fire was received from the west from an estimated range of 300 meters. Marines returned fire with 10-15 rounds of small arms fire. A fire team searched the area with negative results.

(6) 091530H Company C at vicinity coordinates (BT 013376) apprehended 2 Vietnamese one male, age 37, dressed in tan clothing, and 1 female, age 20, dressed in black and green clothing. Both detainees were carrying medical supplies. The two detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 091730H Company C squad patrol located vicinity coordinates (BT 007373) observed two VC traveling east in vicinity coordinates (BT 005373). VC were dressed in black clothing, were wearing packs and one VC was carrying a weapon. The patrol deployed and fired 100 rounds small arms fire at VC. The area was searched and the patrol found one VC KIA confirmed, 1 Russian bolt action carbine, serial number 84025, 1 pack containing documents and clothing. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result of contact: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC WIA probable.

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(8) 091930H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (14)).

(9) 091945H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 18-67. (See reference (j)).

L. D+9 (10 May 1967) See enclosure (15).

(1) 100030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 35-67 promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (16)).

(2) 100945H Colonel HOUGHTON, the Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post, located in the field.

(3) 101030H Company C, while conducting search and destroy operations in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 035383), was taken under heavy automatic, small arms and mortar fire by an estimated NVA Battalion located vicinity of Hill 110. The NVA were wearing khaki uniforms, carrying packs and were well entrenched in vicinity coordinates (BT 035381) to coordinates (BT 038387). At approximately 101040H Company C assaulted Hill 110. The fire fight continued until approximately 101830H when the enemy began to break contact to the east. During the fire fight Company C returned fire with 15,000 rounds small arms fire, 200 M-79 rounds, 12 3.5 inch rounds and 60 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery and air strikes were continuously called while Company A was deployed to vicinity coordinates (BT 051385) at approximately 101045H. At 101130H one platoon from Company D was deployed to vicinity coordinates (BT 039375) to support Company C, while the remainder of Company D and the Battalion Command Group prepared to be helicopter lifted into the vicinity of Hill 110. Helicopters could not be made available for the movement and the Command Group and Company D (-) commenced movement overland at approximately 101330H, arriving vicinity coordinates (BT 036376) at approximately 101500H. Hill 110 was secured at approximately 101830H and Company D, which had moved to vicinity coordinates (BT 035382) to support Company C by fire, linked up with Company C. Company C consolidated positions, evacuated the wounded and received emergency ammunition resupply. A thorough search of the area was conducted on D+10. Company C initially reported sustaining 8 KIA and 37 WIA while the NVA lost 45 KIA probable and 100 WIA probable.

(4) 101200H Company A had completed a sweep of Phuoc Duc (2) vicinity coordinates (BT 082365) and was deploying to vicinity coordinates (BT 051385) when it received fire from six automatic weapons and intense small arms fire from the northwest at a distance of 200-300 meters from vicinity coordinates (BT 050387). The NVA wore khaki uniforms, carried packs and were well entrenched. Company A was deployed and closing with the NVA positions when the center of the Command Post was marked with rockets from a HUEY gunship. A flight of F-4 aircraft immediately strafed the Company A Command Post and the surrounding area. Company A sustained 5 USMC KIA and 24 USMC WIA from the air strike. This air strike was not requested or

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cleared by units of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Company A broke contact with the enemy in order to establish security for an LZ so the wounded could be evacuated from the operational area. Heavy automatic weapons fire and mortar fire were received in the LZ. Company A returned fire with 8,000 rounds of small arms fire, 60 M-79 rounds and 20 3.5 inch WP rounds. The medical evacuations were completed at 101500H. Company A stayed at coordinates (BT 051385) to consolidate its forces and await an emergency resupply, Company A moved to coordinates (BT 049383). As result of the contact, Company A sustained 6 USMC KIA (5 from the air strike) and 31 USMC WIA (24 from the air strike). The NVA lost 3 NVA KIA confirmed, 30 NVA KIA probable and 50 NVA WIA probable.

(5) 101530H OPCON of Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(6) 101820H Company A in vicinity coordinates (BT 036382) observed heavy enemy movement in vicinity stream bed at coordinates (BT 049387). An air strike was called and delivered with good coverage.

(7) 101830H OPCON of Company A was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(8) 101855H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at coordinates (BT 039380) observed 12 NVA moving east on the side of rice paddy. Marines fired 130 rounds small arms fire at NVA. The NVA were dressed in khaki uniforms. The area was searched and 7 NVA KIA confirmed were found. The remaining NVA fled to the east. Results of contact: 7 NVA KIA confirmed.

(9) 101900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (15)).

M. D+10 (11 May 1967) (See enclosure (17)).

(1) 110045H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 20-67. (See reference (k)).

(2) 110200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 36-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (12)).

(3) 110915H Company D while searching area in vicinity coordinates (BT 028384) found a 250 pound bomb on the side of Hill 110 and 2 gas masks at base of hill in a village house. The bomb was destroyed by engineers and the two gas masks were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 110920H Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines while searching area in vicinity coordinates (BT 036383) found one ChiCom automatic weapon, 3 NVA KIA, three ChiCom grenades, and one khaki uniform. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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(5) 110930H Company D while searching area in vicinity coordinates (BT 028384) apprehended one Vietnamese female inside a hut making punji stakes. A further search of the hut revealed a gas mask. The detainee and gas mask were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 111005H Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines while conducting search of area in vicinity coordinates (BT 034386) found one NVA KIA, one ChiCom bolt action rifle, serial number 7064276, and a gray uniform. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 111035H Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines while conducting search in vicinity coordinates (BT 044386) found the following equipment: 250 rounds machine gun ammunition, three Russian rocket rounds, two VC helmets, 12 VC packs, 15 pounds of food, clothing, one cartridge belt, three VC entrenching tools, three magazines, two pounds assorted medical supplies, two gray uniforms, 12 rounds Russian 7.62 ammunition, one unknown type mining device, 5 pounds documents and two VC gas masks. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 111105H Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines while conducting search of area in vicinity coordinates (BT 038382) found two NVA KIA confirmed dressed in khaki uniforms.

(9) 111245H Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines while conducting search of area in vicinity coordinates (BT 036384) found 10 NVA bodies freshly buried, and six blood stained shirts adjacent to the graves. The dead bodies were wearing khaki uniforms.

(10) 111300H LieutenantGeneral WALT and Colonel HOUGHTON visited the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post on Hill 110.

(11) 111440H Patrol from Company C at coordinates (BT 036384) found a covered trench containing 10 NVA KIA confirmed, two cartridge belts and one AK47 magazine. The dead NVA bodies were wearing khaki uniforms. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(12) 111450H Company C while conducting search in vicinity coordinates (BT 037385) found 37 NVA KIA confirmed wearing khaki uniforms and the following equipment: 30 rounds small arms ammunition, 14 82mm mortar rounds, 4 mortar fuses, 4 82mm primers, 17 Russian 7.62 rounds, 5 30 round magazines, 5 pair of sandals, 2 towels, 4 pair of black shorts, two black shirts, 1 ChiCom concussion grenade, 2 ChiCom entrenching tools, 1 canteen, 1 pack, 3 cans condensed milk, 1 poncho, 1 set of khaki trousers. All captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(13) 111830H Eleven members of the press arrived to spend the night with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and moved with the companies the following day.

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(14) 112145H Company C at coordinates (BT 037387) observed approximately 10 VC in a trench line. 81mm fire was requested and 10 81mm HE rounds were fired at VC positions. A squad searched the area from coordinates (BT 041389) to coordinates (BT 037387) at 120630H and found 4 entrenching tools, 3 utility jackets, one pair black trousers, 1 VC gas mask, and a case containing assorted documents. Blood trails were found and followed with negative results. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 4 VC WIA probable.

(15) 112150H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (17)).

(16) 112245H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 21-67. (See reference (1)).

(17) 112400H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 37-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (19)).

N. D+11 (12 May 1967) (See enclosure (20)).

(1) 120645H Squad patrol from Company D while conducting search of area in vicinity coordinates (BT 049387) found one NVA KIA confirmed wearing khaki shirt and black trousers.

(2) 120645H Squad patrol from Company D while conducting a sweep in vicinity coordinates (BT 054384) found the following burned USMC equipment: 16 helmets, 1 poncho, 2 M-17 field protective masks, 3 magazine pouches, 2 entrenching tools, 1 entrenching tool cover, 1 cartridge belt, 1 .45 caliber magazine pouch, 2 .45 caliber magazines. All equipment was unserviceable and squad continued mission.

(3) 120920H OPCON Company D was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(4) 120920H OPCON of Company M was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(5) 120920H OPCON of Company A was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(6) 121200H OPCON of Company B was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. At this time Company B was located at NUI LAC SON in vicinity coordinates (BT 024287).

(7) 121330H Patrol from Company B at coordinates (BT 000265) observed one Vietnamese male running from hamlet at coordinates (BT 000263). Vietnamese male was ordered to halt and at that time a VC sniper in the immediate area fired 3-5 rounds small arms fire at the patrol. Patrol returned 40 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. The area was searched with no further significant results.

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(8) 121340H Company B while searching hamlet in vicinity coordinates (BT 000263) received 3-5 rounds sniper fire from a sniper located in vicinity coordinates (BT 000261). The patrol returned approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire, assaulted VC position and searched the area with no further significant results.

(9) 121720H Company B at coordinates (BT 024284) apprehended one Vietnamese male, age 35, wearing black clothing with no ID card. The detainee had an old shrapnel wound in his left shoulder. The detainee was questioned by the Battalion S-2 and was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 121800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (20)).

O. D+12 (13 May 1967) (See enclosure (21)).

(1) 130015H The perimeter of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located vicinity coordinates (BT 044343) received approximately 15 rounds of 120mm mortar fire from vicinity coordinates (BT 055365). Counter mortar fire was fired by artillery and 81's. 81's fired 23 81mm HE rounds and artillery fired over 100 105mm HE rounds on suspected mortar positions, in the impact area of the 81mm and artillery fire, three secondary explosions were observed. Counter mortar fire ceased at 130045H. The following morning 3 120mm mortar dud rounds were found within the perimeter and were destroyed by engineers. Results of incident: 2 USMC WIAE.

(2) 130225H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 22-67. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was directed to maintain the Command Group and one company on a one hour alert. (See reference(m)).

(3) 131200H Captain BABICH assumed command of Company A.

(4) 131200H Captain MCKAY, the acting Commanding Officer of Company A, assumed his normal duties as Battalion Communications Officer.

(5) 131330H Company A departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter and moved towards coordinates (BT 075365).

(6) 131500H Company A arrived at coordinates (BT 075365). OPCON of Company A was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(7) 131800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines and maintain the Command Group on one hour alert.

(8) 131900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (21)).

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P. D+13 (14 May 1967) (See enclosure (22)).

(1) 140600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines and maintain the Command Group and one company on a three hour alert. Combat outposts were established during the day in vicinity of the perimeter.

(2) 141800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (22)).

(3) 142220H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 25-67. (See reference (n)).

Q. D+14 (15 May 1967) (See enclosure (23)).

(1) 150600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines and maintain the Command Group on a three hour alert.

(2) 150600H OPCON of Company D was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(3) 150845H Company D arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter.

(4) 151100H Company C squad security patrol at coordinates (BT 026350) heard firing to the south and observed two VC dressed in black clothing carrying weapons at a range of approximately 300 meters moving northeast in vicinity coordinates (BT 025347). Scout sniper team fired one round small arms fire killing one VC. The other VC fled in a northeast direction. Squad searched the area and found one VC KIA confirmed and assorted papers. The papers were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results of contact: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(5) 151530H A Vietnamese Regional Force patrol in vicinity coordinates (BT 044263) observed 20 VC moving in the same area. VC were wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. The Regional Force Patrol did not have communications, so therefore moved to 2nd Platoon, Company B position at ~~VISTAN~~ located in vicinity coordinates (BT 019269) and requested an artillery mission be fired at coordinates (BT 044263). 20 105mm HE rounds were fired at coordinates (BT 044263). The area was not searched.

(6) 151800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (23)).

(7) 151900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines promulgated Frag Order 38-67 to all subordinate units. (See enclosure (24)).

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R. D+15 (16 May 1967) (See enclosure (25)).

(1) 160700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines and maintain Command Group and one company on a three hour alert. Combat outposts were established in vicinity of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 161200H Company C relieved Company B at NUI LAC SON.

(3) Company B at coordinates (BT 001304) received 5-6 rounds of sniper fire from an unobserved sniper. The fire was received from the north in the vicinity coordinates (BTBT 001307) at a distance of approximately 300 meters 4.2 mortar fire was called and 11 4.2 HE rounds were fired in vicinity coordinates (BT 001307). Company B searched the area with negative results and continued on assigned mission.

(4) 161800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines night defensive perimeter and night activities were established. (See enclosure (25)).

S. D+16 (17 May 1967)

(1) 170600H Operation UNION was terminated.

11. RESULTS.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) Friendly

(a) KIA	34	(5 Killed by friendly airstrike)
(b) WIAE	120	(24 wounded by friendly airstrike)
(c) WIANE	30	
(d) MIA	2	(MIA's were lost when Company D was under operational control of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines)

(2) Enemy

	<u>NVA</u>	<u>VC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) KIA Confirmed	74	18	92
(b) KIA Probable	75	8	83
(c) WIA Confirmed	0	2	2
(d) WIA Probable	150	20	170
(e) Detainees apprehended			58
(f) VC Captured			4

(3) Refugees Relocated 5

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(4) Ordinance/Munitions and Equipment Captured or Destroyed(a) Ordinance Captured.

1-US Carbine Caliber .30 serial number unknown
 1-8mm Bolt Action French Mauser serial number E4046
 1-ChiCom Automatic Weapon Type and serial number unknown
 1-ChiCom Bolt Action Rifle serial number 7064276
 2-Russian Bolt Action Carbines serial numbers 84025
 and C 3810
 1-AK47 Chinese Rifle serial number 9476409
 1-K-48 French Rifle serial number 4682
 1-US Browning Automatic rifle caliber .30 serial number
 861409
 1-US Pistol Caliber .45 serial number 2457977
 1-US Thompson Sub-Machine Gun serial number 383025
 1-12guage US Remington Shotgun serial number 95870
 5-AK47 Magazines
 1-.30 Caliber Magazines for BAR
 1-.45 Caliber Magazines for Thompson Sub-Machinegun
 4-15 Round .30 Caliber Carbine Magazines
 8-.30 Caliber Magazines (Type Unknown)
 2-Flame Throwers

(b) Munitions.

3-Russian Rocket Rounds (Similiar to US 3.5)
 4-Homemade Grenades
 14-82mm Mortar Rounds
 4-82mm Mortar Fuses
 4-82mm Mortar Primers
 1-ChiCom Concussion Grenade
 7-ChiCom Grenades (Fragmentation)
 1-M-26 Grenade (US)
 2-Aircraft Signals
 1-Rifle Grenade
 2-Trip Flares
 14-60mm Mortar Rounds
 2-81mm Illumination Rounds
 6-RR Rounds (Caliber Unknown)
 31-Rounds 8mm Ammunition
 43-Rounds .45 Caliber US Ammunition
 301-Rounds Ammunition Assorted Types
 50-Rounds .30 Caliber Carbine Ammunition (US)
 56-Rounds Russian 7.62mm Ammunition
 2-Shotgun Shells Gauge Unknown
 64-Rounds .30 Caliber M1 (US) Ammunition
 1-Box (250 Rounds) 7.62 (US) Ammunition
 8-12 Gauge Shotgun Shells
 1-Bucket (Approximately 400 Rounds) .30 Caliber M1
 (US) Ammunition

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(c) Other Equipment Captured.

2-Cutters
 1-leather ammunition carrying case
 1-hammock
 98-cartridge belts
 9-ChiCom entrenching tool
 2-Russian bags
 13-VC helmets (1 with Red Star)
 50-VC pack containing miscellaneous clothing, documents
 and food
 8-empty field glass cases
 202-flashlights
 2-camouflage jungle covers
 101-mess kits
 1-ammunition pouch
 1-canteen cover
 2-ponchos
 12-gas masks (1 with charcoal filter)
 1-homemade pack
 2-pistol holsters
 13-canteens
 1-crossbow
 3-bear traps
 2-pounds assorted medical supplies
 54-first aid packs
 37-5 gallon cns containing medical supplies of all types
 3-complete surgical kits
 42-bundles of guaze
 1-small box containing assorted and unknown type medicine
 1-autoclave
 assorted pills
 5-bandages
 2-sets medical instruction pamphlets
 1-tube of salve
 1-bottle medicine (type unknown)
 3-pair green utility trousers
 7-green utility shirts
 5-pair of sandals
 2-towels
 13-pair black shorts
 8-black shirts
 1-khaki uniform
 5-grey uniforms
 6-blood stained shirts
 3-rolls cheese cloth
 34-pair field shoes
 200-pair tennis shoes
 304-pair khaki trousers

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300-sweat shirts
 8000-uniforms (piled in 10 foot piles)
 1-jungle hat
 3-green uniforms
 1-grey trouser
 1-military belt
 1-military blanket
 1-blue shirt
 5-pounds assorted documents and papers
 1-can assorted papers
 assorted handwritten papers pertaining to VC activities
 roll writing paper and documents
 case containing assorted documents
 3-cans condensed milk
 1-unknown type mining device
 15-pounds food
 13-candles
 plastic material
 200-maps
 66-dishpans
 1-pressure cooker
 4-civilian radios
 4-rice packs
 13-knives
 19-gallons salad oil
 1-razor
 2000-plasters
 1-VC notebook
 2-VC flags
 1-North Vietnamese book
 1-hammock
 1-wallet

(d) Destroyed.

1-US 250 pound bomb
 3-WP fuse igniters
 8-caves 4X5X10
 3-120mm mortar rounds

12. Administrative Matters.A. Supply

(1) Initially each individual Marine carried a marching pack, six MCI's, three canteens, individual weapons and a basic allowance of ammunition. Six MCI's proved sufficient for an individual for a period of 3 days. On the 3rd day a routine resupply of rations was effected. Water was plentiful while units operated in the flat lands of the HIEP DUC/THANG BINH VALLEY area. On occasions when units moved to high ground, water was delivered by helicopters from the LSA. Ammunition was delivered to the units by helicopter, either by routine or emergency

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resupply. No problems were encountered with ammunition resupply.

(2) Operation UNION, unlike previous operations, posed some unique logistical problems which were precipitated by a series of events during the operation. FLSG-B had let some stocks become depleted and had transferred others to the Da Nang area, subsequently, Battalion supply was required to extensively supplement some resupply requests.

(3) On occasions, it was difficult to obtain timely and sufficient helicopter support and there were incidents when resupply requests were left at the loading lane at the LSA for a period of 2 to 3 days. Usually these requests were not of a priority nature.

(4) The organization of the HST detachment consisted of a command team, with the Battalion Command Group and one team attached to each letter company. One radio net was used to connect the command teams. The procedure for requesting resupply/medical evacuations was initiated by the unit commander through the company HST. The company HST relayed requests to HST personnel at the LSA and notified the appropriate unit when helicopters were on the way. The appropriate team then changed frequencies to contact the incoming helicopters and guide them into the LZ. On occasions it became necessary for the company HST to submit requests directly to the LSA. This was necessary only when the company team failed to have communications with the command HST. A minor difficulty incurred by the HST's was the arrival of C&C helicopters in the area that were not on a standard frequency.

(5) Poor communication between the Battalion in the field and the Battalion in the rear greatly hampered Battalion S-4 efforts. Throughout the operation it was necessary to use a relay located at the LSA. Subsequently, problems which could have been readily clarified with direct communication took considerable time.

B. Maintenance.

(1) All personnel carried individual cleaning equipment for maintenance of individual and crew served weapons. Weapons were cleaned daily. It was noted throughout the operation that selector switches on the M-16 rifle would become jammed in one position and the weapon would not fire properly.

C. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Medical support for Operation UNION was rendered in the field by corpsmen attached to the letter companies, and by 3 corpsmen and the Battalion surgeon traveling with the Command Group. The company corpsmen would initially treat the casualty and determine the seriousness of the wound received by the individual. The HST would

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~~request a~~ helicopter, as directed by the unit commander, to effect a medical evacuation. Casualties were medically evacuated by helicopter to a collecting and Clearing Company located in the LSA, the casualties were given additional medical assistance and were further routed to field hospital, located in the Da Nang and Chu Lai area or channeled to hospital ships as required. On occasions wounded personnel were evacuated directly to field hospital or hospital ships bypassing the Collecting and Clearing Company, located at the LSA.

D. Transportation.

(1) On D+1 the 7th Motor Transport Battalion provided trucks which moved the Battalion to the LSA, located in Tam Ky. Trucks arrived at the combat base on time and no problems were encountered while the Battalion was enroute to the LSA. 7th Motor Transport Battalion provided the Battalion Rear with transportation when requested to transport items of supply and personnel to the LSA. Vehicular transportation provided this Battalion was punctual throughout the operation.

(2) Helicopters were used initially to insert the Battalion into the operating area. During the operation helicopters were utilized continuously to transport ~~needed~~ supplies and personnel to the Battalion and extract casualties from the operating area.

E. Communications.

(1) A few difficulties were encountered with communications during the operation. The operating range between Battalion and the 5th Marines made it necessary for the 5th Marines to establish a radio relay site at NUI LAC SON. When terrain made the use of the relay site unusable, reconnaissance units in the area acted as a relay to the 5th Marines. No further problems were encountered with communications.

F. Medical Evacuations.

(1) In spite of extremely high temperatures, this Battalion avoided heat casualties by rigid control of salt and water. No cases of heat exhaustion were found among personnel in the Battalion. The omission of upper torso body armor during this operation aided in the reduction of heat casualties.

(2) It was noted by the Battalion Medical Officer that little more was done for casualties at the Collecting and Clearing Company at the LSA, than what could be done by the field corpsmen attached to the letter companies.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

(a) CS gas was successfully employed to extract the enemy from caves and tunnels.

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 (b) BnO 3300.1A (Rules of Engagement)
 (c) BnO 3000.1 (SOP for Operations)
 (d) BnO 2000.11A (Comm SOP)

Time Zone: Hotel

TASK ORGANIZATION:

1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 5th Marines
H&S Company (-) (Rein)

LtCol Hilgartner
 Capt Darling(ACTING)

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stSPBn
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stEngrBn
 Det, ARVN Interpreter Tm
 Det, 9th ITT
 H&S Company (-)

Company B (Rein)

Capt Peterson

Company B
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stSPBn
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stEngrBn
 Det, H&SCo, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plt
 Det, FAC Tm
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm
 ARVN Interpreter

Company D (Rein)

1stLt McInturff

Company D
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stSPBn
 Det, 1stPlt, CoB, 1stEngrBn
 Det, H&SCo, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plt
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 Det, Med Plt

Enclosure (1)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. One North Vietnamese Division Headquarters is believed to be operating in the objective area. Regular North Vietnamese units, local force and main force VC units and hamlet oriented guerrillas operate extensively within the objective area. The area is known to be heavily mined and booby trapped.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1stMAW provides Air Support.
- (2) 11th Marines provides V/S artillery.
- (3) SLF operates in zone of action adjacent to 5th Marines units.
- (4) 1st Recon Bn, G/S of all 1st Marine Division units.

2. MISSION. On D-Day at L-Hour land in designated LZ. Consolidate forces by linking up with Company C and commence search & destroy operations in a westerly direction to kill or capture VC and weapons.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. At L-Hour 1st Bn. lands in secure LZ, links up with Company C and commences S&D operations in a westerly direction toward HIEP DUC (AT 905245). (Annex A-Operation Overlay).

b. H & S Co (-). General Support.

c. Company B (Rein)

(1) Upon landing in LZ Condor, occupy assembly area in northwestern portion of zone.

(2) On order move to PL VERMILLION and be prepared to commence attack in a westerly direction in assigned zone of action.

d. Company C (Rein)

(1) At L-Hour link-up with 1st Battalion, occupy assembly area vicinity southwestern portion LZ Condor.

(2) On order move to PL VERMILLION and be prepared to commence attack in a westerly direction in assigned zone of action.

e. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company D (Rein)

(a) Upon landing in LZ Condor, occupy assembly area in eastern portion of zone.

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- (b) Be prepared to assume the mission of either attacking ~~Company~~ Company.
- (c) On order provide security for Command Group.
- (d) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Link-up with Company C is controlled by CO, 1stBn, 5thMar.
- (2) D-Day: 1 May 1967
- (3) L-Hour: TBA (1100 for planning purposes)
- (4) Thrust Points (Effective 301400H)

PRESIDENT	(BT 9729)
BIRD	(BT 9621)
WHISKY	(BT 9725)
RANK	(BT 9326)
STATE	(BT 0220)
INSECT	(BT 0224)
- (5) Responsibility for SONG KHANG River belongs to 1st Bn.
- (6) Trail initially forming boundary between Company B and Company C is responsibility of Company C.
- (7) Guide is left to right.
- (8) Rice destruction only on order CO, 1st Bn, 5th Mar.
- (9) Liberal use of RCA authorized, Immediately inform CO, 1stBn, 5th Marines upon employment.
- (10) Report seizure of objectives and arrival at phase lines.
- (11) Do not cross phase lines without first receiving approval of CO, 1stBn, 5thMar.
- (12) Conduct thorough search of terrain and huts for VC & equipment in caves and tunnels.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS

- a. Three full canteens/man.
- b. Two salt tablets consumed for each canteen of water.
- c. 6 MCI/man.

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- e. Emergency re-supply as required.
- f. Routine resupply. requests submitted prior to 1800 on day preceding an afternoon resupply.

5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS


- a. Command. Report CP locations when established.
- b. Communications. No change.

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Annex: A-Operation Overlay

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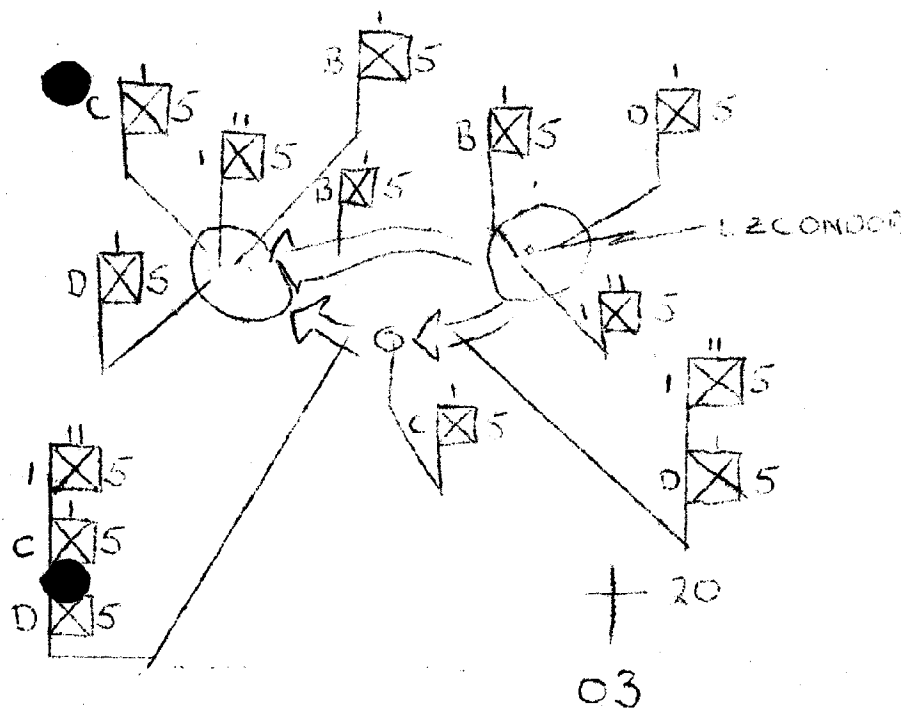
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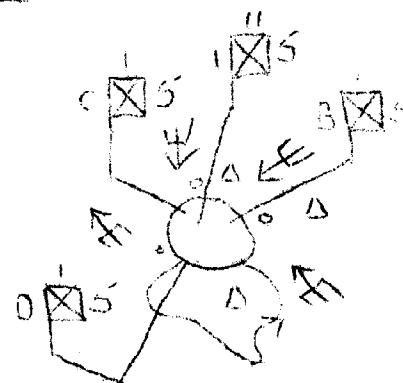
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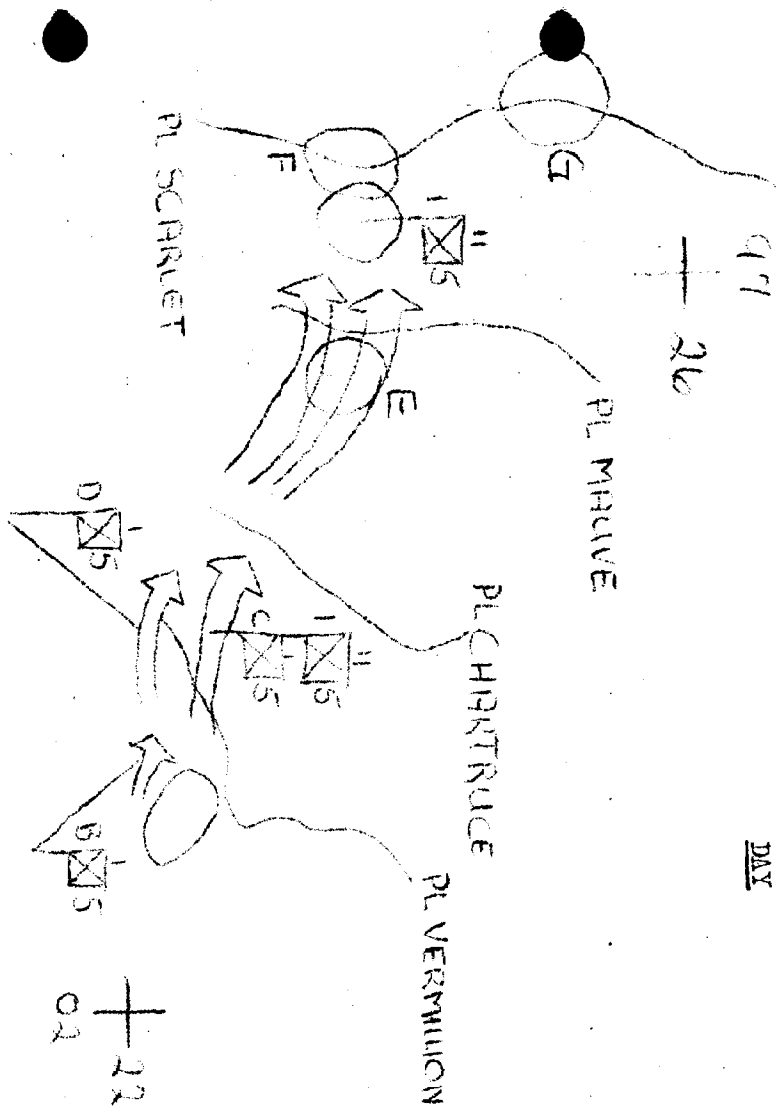


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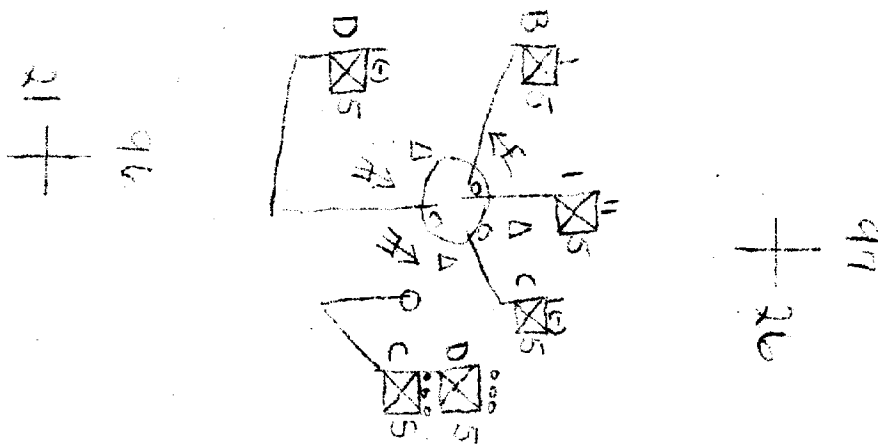
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020500H

Frag Order 30-67

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Force. No changeb. Friendly Forces. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines continue attack in westerly direction south of SONG CHANG RIVER.2. MISSION. At 020500H continue attack to west to seize objectives E and F to kill or capture VC and weapons.3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. Attack west with two companies abreast, command group traveling in trace of right company with third company providing command group security and serving as battalion reserve.

b. Company D

(1) 020500H Commence attack to west in assigned zone of action in southern portion of Battalion zone.

(2) Search SONG CHANG RIVER for fording sites and report same as soon as located.

c. Company C

(1) 020500H Commence attack west in assigned zone of action in northern portion of Battalion zone.

(2) Conduct thorough search in zone for caves and tunnels.

d. H&S Co. General Support.

e. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company B

(a) Provide security for command group.

(b) Be prepared to reinforce/support either attacking company.

(c) Be prepared to assume mission of either attacking company.

(d) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions. No change except:

(1) Boundary 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and 1st Battalion, 5th Marines is SONG CHANH with the river remaining a 1/5 responsibility.

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(2) Trail initially forming boundary between Co C and Co D.
Responsibility of Co C.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

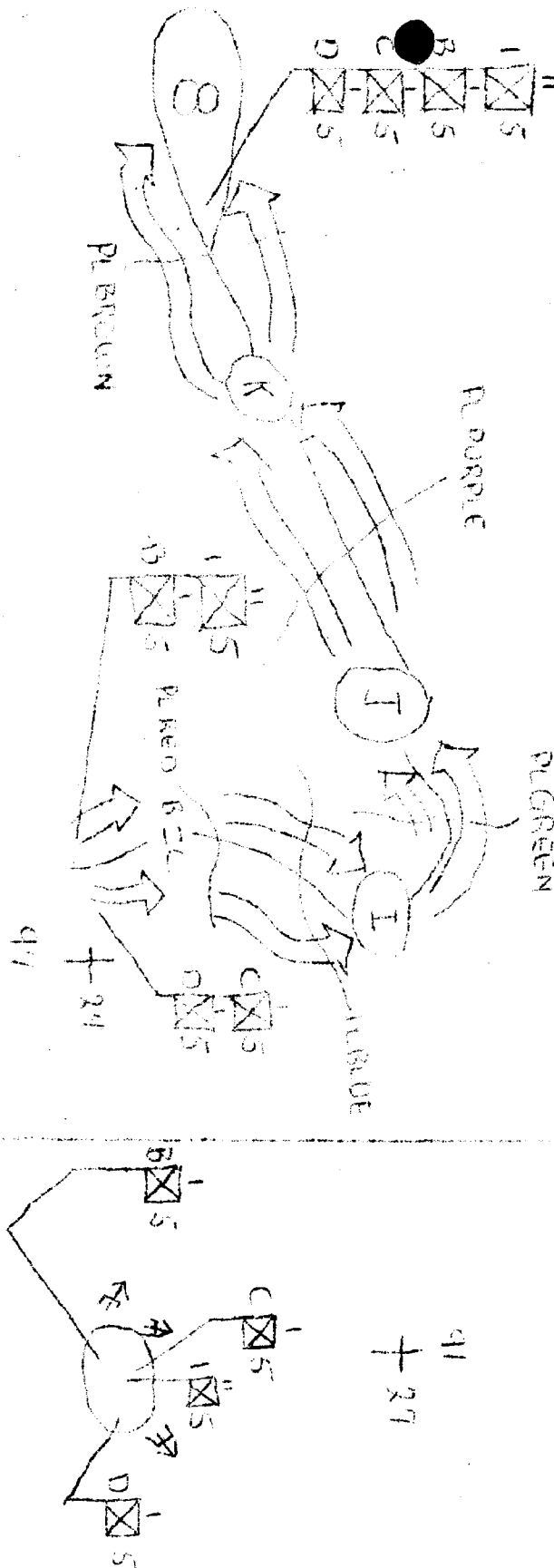
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No Change

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OPERATION AND NIGHT DISPOSITION OVERLAY D-3

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THANG BINH VALLEY, RVN
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Battalion Frag Order 31-67

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. Conduct search and destroy operations north from present position to HIEP DUC - THANG BINH road, then southwest along road to HIEP DUC to kill or capture VC and weapons.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. On order 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attacks with two companies abreast to secure Battalion Objective I, then shift direction of attack to seize Battalion Objective J, K, and Regimental Objective 8.

b. Company B. On order attack north in zone of action to secure position of Objective I in zone. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company C. On order attack north in zone of action to secure portion of Objective I in zone. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(1) 2nd Platoon Company C. At 040500H commences movement in northeasterly direction to seize junction vicinity AT 958248 and linkup with Company C at that location.

d. H&S Company. General Support.

e. Company D. Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.
- (2) Be prepared to assume mission of either attacking company.
- (3) Provide rear and flank security for the Battalion.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Reveille at 040500H.
- (2) Pile trash in rice paddy vicinity AT 963238. Company D burn trash as rear element departs Battalion Patrol Base.
- (3) Trail and road forming boundary between attacking companies is responsibility of Company on the left.
- (4) Be especially watchful for mines and booby traps. All mines and booby traps will be blown in place.
- (5) Contact is left to right.
- (6) H-Hour at 040600H for planning purposes.

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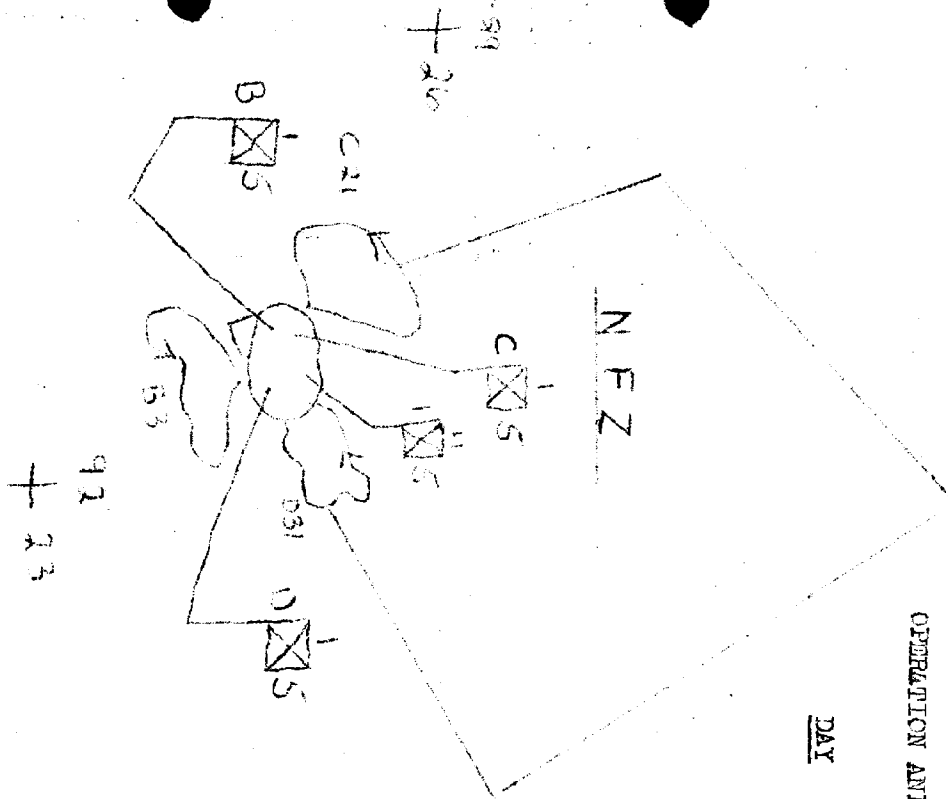
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

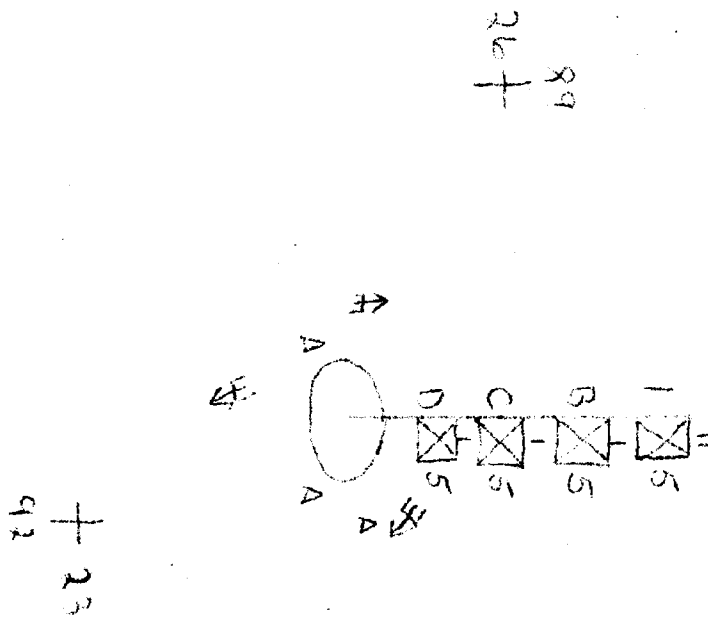
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
CHU LAI, RVN
052230H May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 32-67

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. Conduct search and destroy operations in area of responsibility to kill or capture VC and weapons.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines deploys to vicinity coordinates AT 914274 and continue operations in assigned area.

b. Company D

(1) Continue search and destroy operations in present positions. Prepare to receive units at your position at approximately 060900H.

(2) Control linkup with Company A.

c. Company B

(1) Depart present positions on order at approximately 060630H

(2) Conduct movement along prescribed route to linkup with Company D and conduct search and destroy operations enroute.

(3) Be prepared to establish detached combat base vicinity AT 928276 on order.

(4) Pickup one ration per man as company passes through Battalion Command Post.

(5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

(6) Check into Battalion TAC Net at 060500H

d. H&S Company (-). Remain in general support.

e. Company C. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Provide security for Command Group, and follow in trace of H&S Company.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordination Instructions.

(1) Linkup with Company D. and Company A controlled by Company

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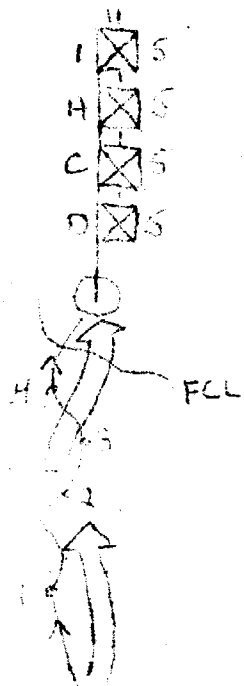
- (2) Estimate time of departure 060630H for planning purposes.
- (3) Company A chops to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at 060500H.
- (4) Company B chops to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at 060500H.
- (5) Report arrival at check points.
- (6) H&S Company provide one guide for Company A at 060500H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Remains the same.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. Remains the same.

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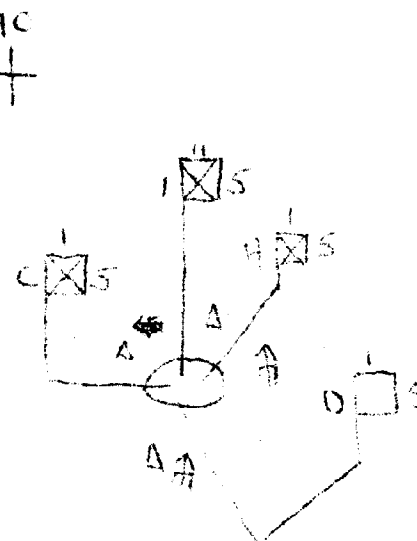
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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062345H May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 33-67

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. Attack from present position along axis of advance and conduct search and destroy operations to kill or capture VC and weapons and be prepared to support the attack by 3/5.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. 1/5 attacks in northeast direction with Battalion initially in column. Seize Regimental Objective 9. Prepare to support 3/5 from that position and, on order, continue attack beyond Phase Line Gold.

b. Company C (Rein).

(1) At 070500H commence attack in assigned zone to secure Battalion Objectives A and B. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions as directed.

c. Company A (Rein).

- (1) On order follow in trace of Company C.
- (2) Provide flank security for Battalion Command Group.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. H&S Company (Rein). General Support.e. Company D (Rein).

- (1) Initially Battalion Reserve.
- (2) On order follow in trace of Company A
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Order of March, Company C; Company A; CP Group; Platoon Company A; 81mm Platoon; H&S Company and Company D.

(2) All activities outside perimeter return to perimeter by 070400H. Report to this headquarters when all activities have returned.

- (3) Reveille as directed by Company Commanders.
- (4) Report arrival at phase lines and check points.

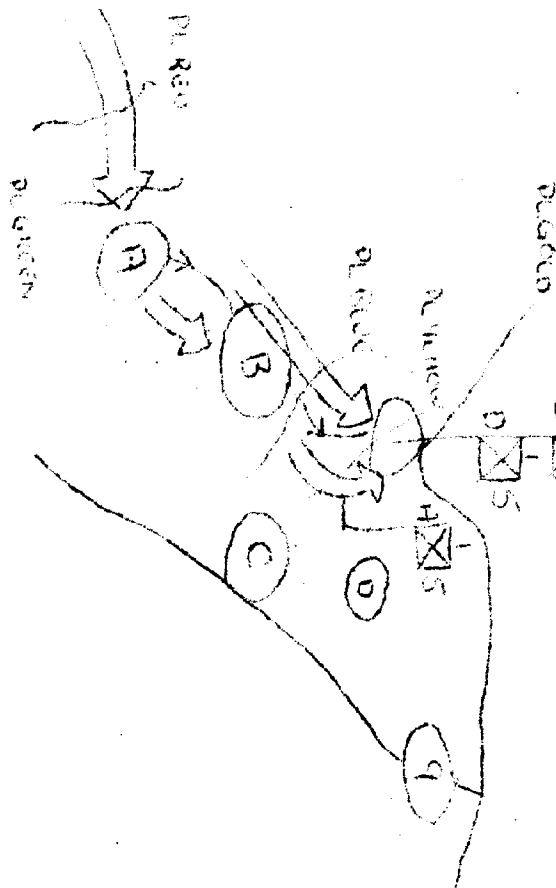
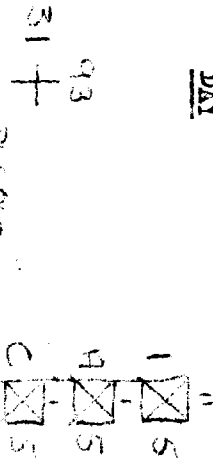
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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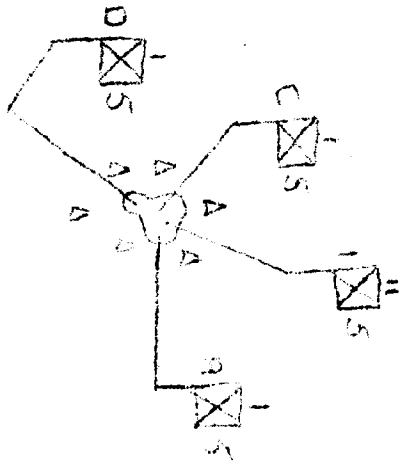


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
THANG BINH VALLEY, RVN
082230H May 1967

Frag Order 34-67

1. SITUATION. No change

2. MISSION. Continue search and destroy mission in assigned area. To kill or capture VC and weapons. Linkup with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in vicinity QUE SON (BT 030345).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continue search and destroy operations along axis of advance from Objective F to northeast to Check Point 1 and then west to Objective I.

b. Company C.

(1) Depart present position 090500H and attack to northeast, seize Objective G in zone.

(2) On order continue attack to seize Objective H, J and portion of Objective L in zone.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company D.

(1) Depart present position at approximately 090530H and follow in trace of Company C.

(2) On order continue attack, seize Objective I and portion of Objective L in zone.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) Follow in trace of Company D

e. Company A.

(1) Battalion Reserve

(2) Follow in trace of H&S Company.

(3) Be prepared to assume missions of Company C or Company D.

(4) Provide security for the Battalion Command Group.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reveille 090400H

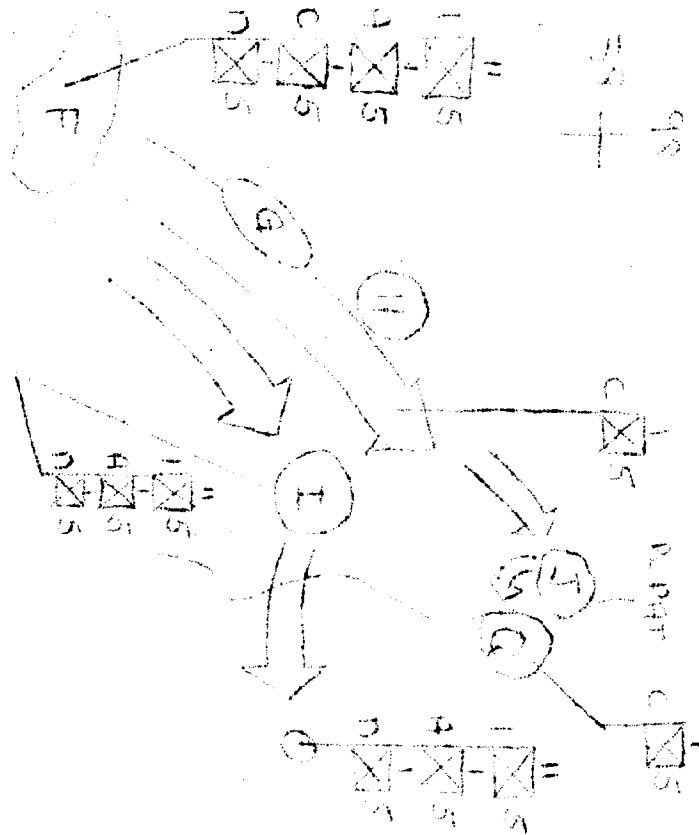
(2) All activities will return to the perimeter by 090330H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

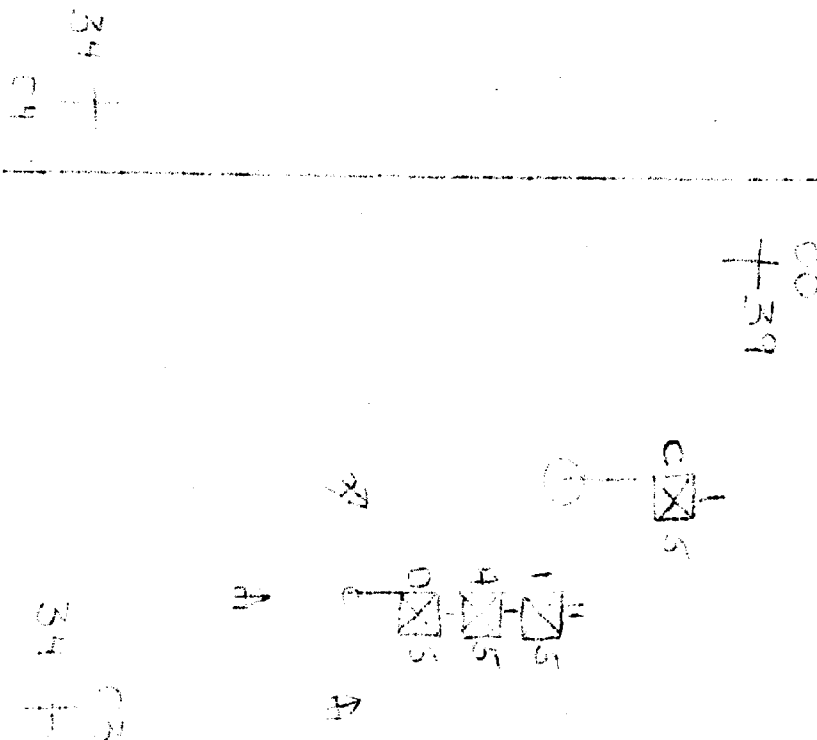
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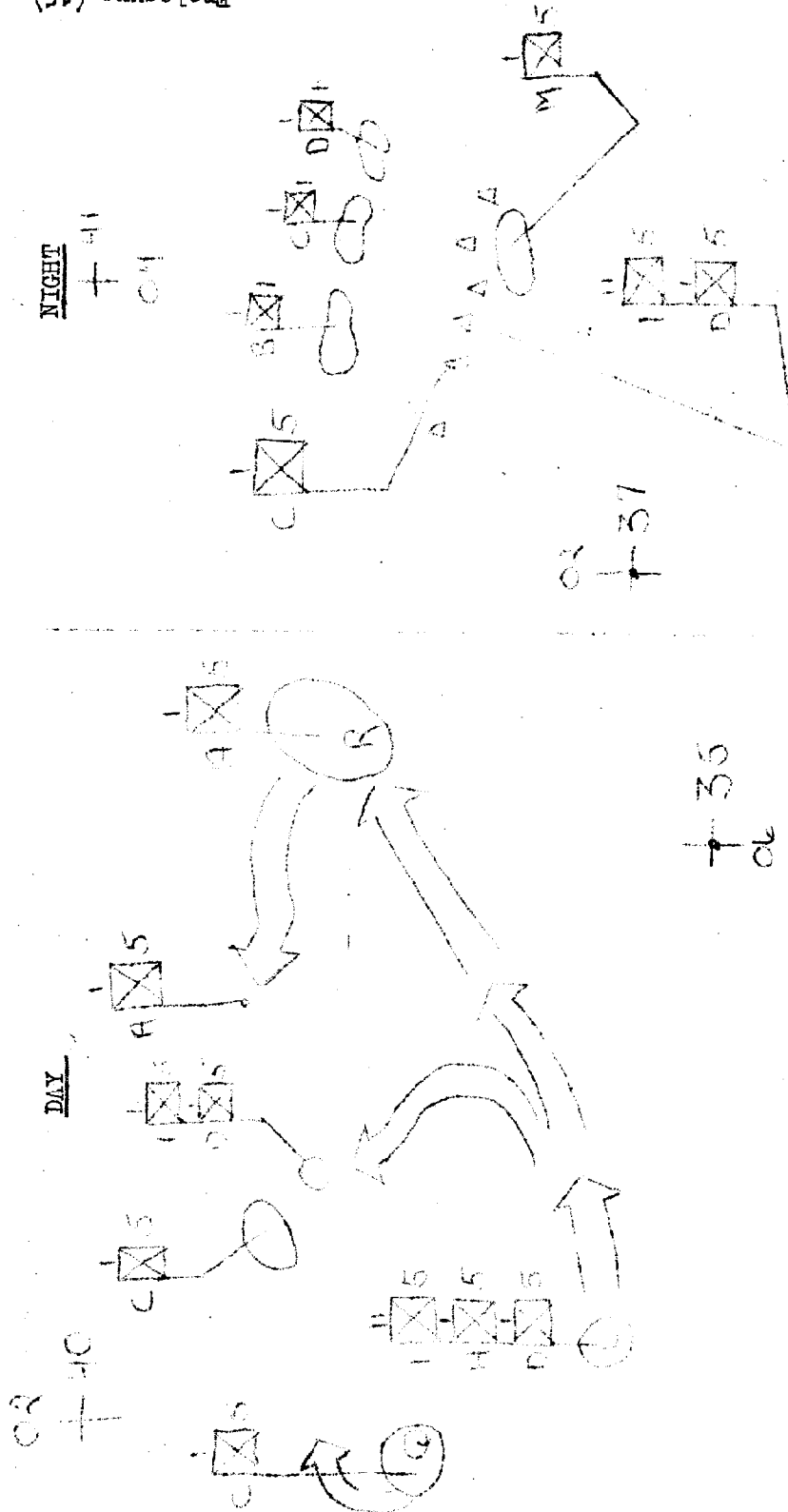
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 THANG BINH VALLEY, RVN
 092200H May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 35-67

1. SITUATION. No change

2. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations in assigned zone to kill or capture VC and weapons.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues operations sweeping to east northeast employing decentralized company operations to clear assigned zone north of QUE SON.

b. Company C.

(1) At 100545H commence search and destroy operations from patrol base QUE SON sweeping along axis of advance in east northeast direction through Objective J, M, N, O, and P. with special emphasis in the area between Objectives O and P.

(2) On order, continue along axis from Check Point 9, Check Point 10 and linkup with Command Group vicinity coordinates BT 048362.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company A.

(1) At 100530H commence search and destroy operations along axis of advance with thorough search of area between Check Points 12 and 9. Continue attack to seize Objective R and conduct thorough search of objective.

(2) Be prepared to harbor in vicinity Objective R or to return to Battalion Patrol Base and linkup with Command Group on Objective T.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. H&S Company. General Supporte. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) At 100600H commence search and destroy operations along axis of advance to secure Battalion Patrol Base vicinity Objective T.

(3) Provide Command Group security.

(4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reveille Co A; 100430H

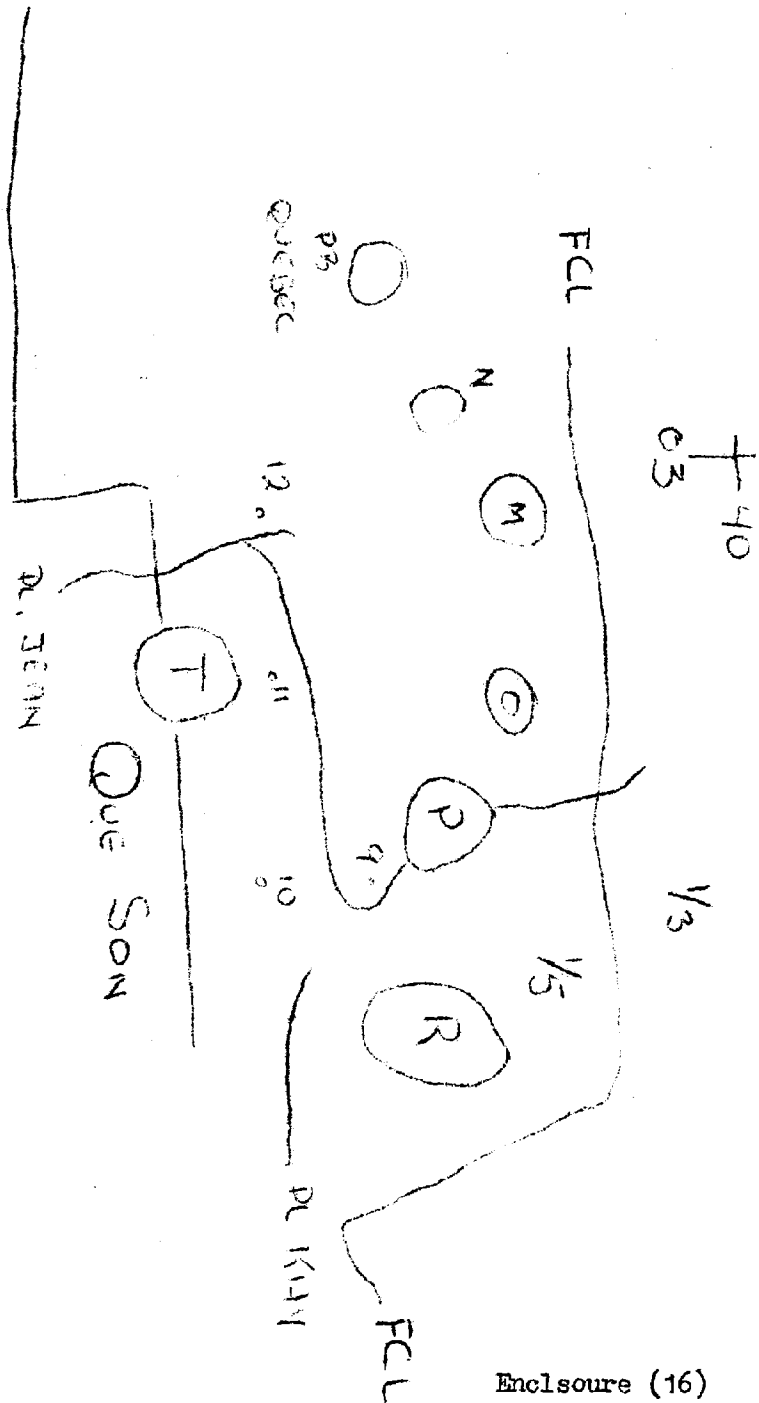
(2) Reveille Co D and H&S Co; 100500H

(3) Reveille Co C 100445H

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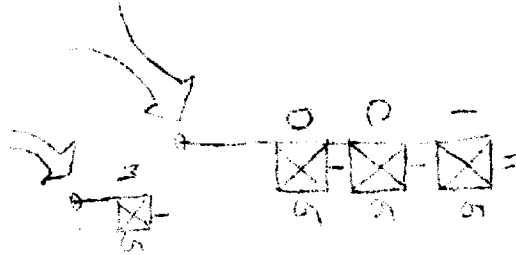
- (4) Linkup Co C and Command Group controlled by CO, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 - (5) Linkup Co A and Command Group controlled by CO, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 - (6) Report arrival at phase line, check points and objectives.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change



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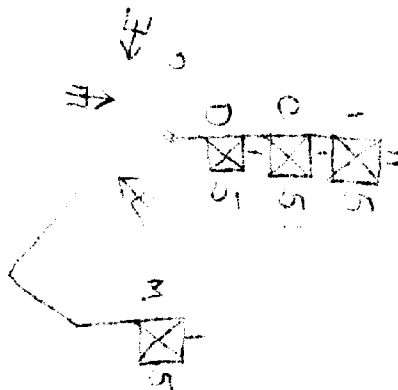
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
11 May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 36-67

1. SITUATION. No change

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations in assigned area to kill or capture VC and weapons.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations in assigned area.

b. Company C.

(1) At 110600H conduct search and destroy operation to clear the northern half of Objective N.

(2) On order, about 111200H, continue attack in assigned zone to Phase Line Pete. Assigned zone is from 50 meters below the SONG CHO DUN RIVER to the center of paddy land.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company D.

(1) At 110600H conduct search and destroy operations to clear the southern half of Objective N.

(2) On order, at about 111200H, continue attack in assigned zone to Phase Line Pete. Assigned zone is from the center of the rice paddy area to the lower part of the hills.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. H&S Company. General Support.

e. Company M.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Maintain security of ridgeline at present position by posting the ridgeline and conducting patrols to the paddy area at the base of the hills.

(3) Provide CP security.

(4) Be prepared to assume the mission of either attacking companies.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Stay off the ridgeline.

(2) Reveille 110500H All units must be prepared to deploy by 110530H except the Battalion Command Group and Company M who will remain in present position.

(3) Use CS in tunnels.

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(4) Phase Line Pete is a trail located from vicinity BT 055380 to BT 050390 to BT 045395.

(5) FCL between 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines is stream from BT 020587 to BT 050390.

(6) FCL between sweeping units and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines is Phase Line Pete.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
11 May 1967

MODIFICATION TO FRAG ORDER 36-67

3. EXECUTION

a. Company D.

(1) On order, about 111200H, attack to east in assigned zone to Objective W. Assigned zone is from 50 meters south of the SONG CHO RIVER to the lower slopes of the hill mass to the south.

(2) Coordinate with Company B 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on the left boundary and Company M 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on the right boundary.

b. Company M.

(1) Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned zones to Objective W.

(2) Provide right flank security from present position.

(3) Be prepared to provide security from the high ground vicinity BT 050390 to BT 041390 when Objective W is secured.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Battalion Command Group with Company C provide security force in trace of Company D.

(2) Battalion Zone to Objective W reported to be heavily mined and booby trapped.

(3) Rear security be alert for VC emerging from tunnels to Battalion Rear, from coordinates BT 048386 to BT 048382.

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
THANG BINH VALLEY, RVN
12 May 1967

Battalion Frag Order 37-67

1. SITUATION. No change

2. MISSION. No change

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts extensive search of area for NVA/VC bodies and weapons/equipment and on order moves to QUE SON RVN to relieve elements of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and provide security for B Battery, 11th Marines.

b. Company D.

(1) At 120600H conducts search and destroy operations to Phase Line Pete in assigned zone with particular emphasis on river bed in zone.

(2) Be prepared to chop to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on order and as directed.

c. Company M.

(1) At 120600H conduct search and destroy operations to Phase Line Pete in assigned zone.

(2) Be prepared to chop to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on order.

d. H&S Company. General Support

e. Company C.

(1) Initially Battalion Reserve.

(2) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.

(3) At 120600H commence patrolling to west of present position to vicinity Hill 110 paying particular attention to the creek bed to the north and foot hills to the south.

(4) All patrols will return to Battalion Patrol Base by 120800H.

(5) On order move to Phase Line Pete.

(6) Be prepared to move to QUE SON on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Linkup of Company C, Command Group, Company D and Company M will be controlled by Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) Reveille 120500H.

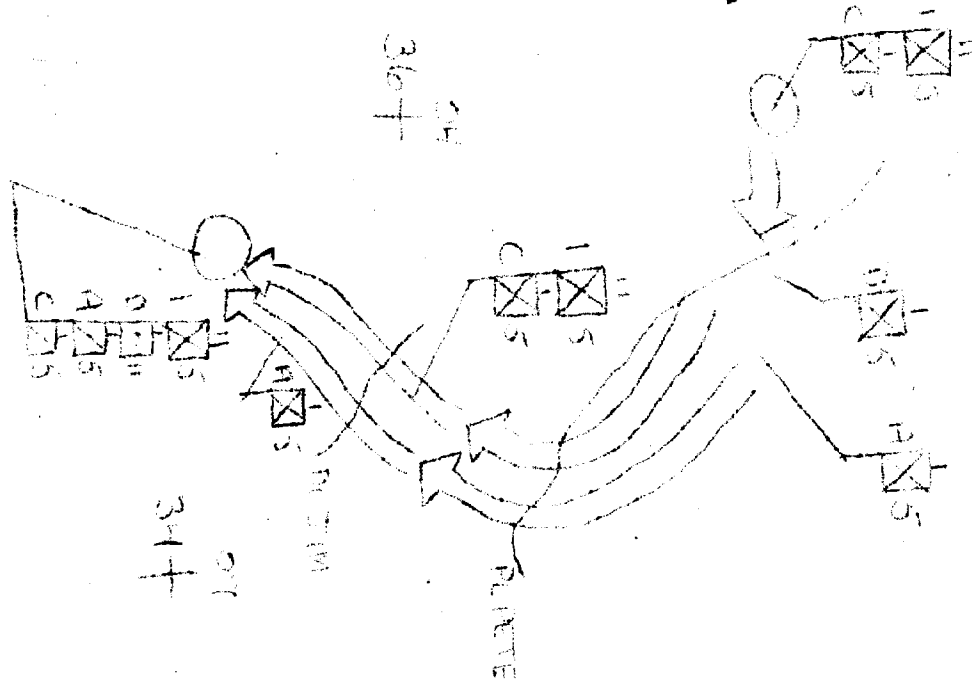
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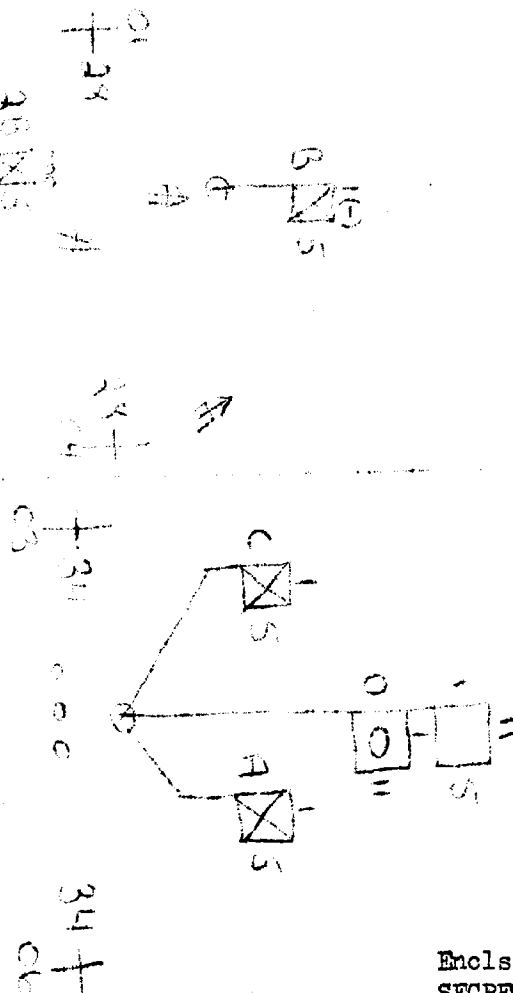
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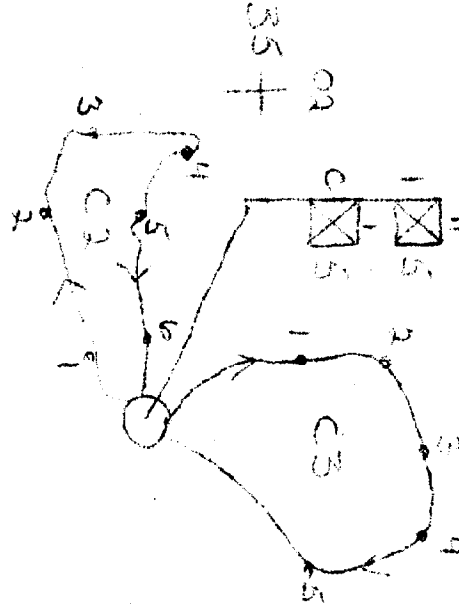


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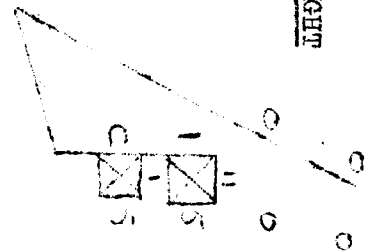
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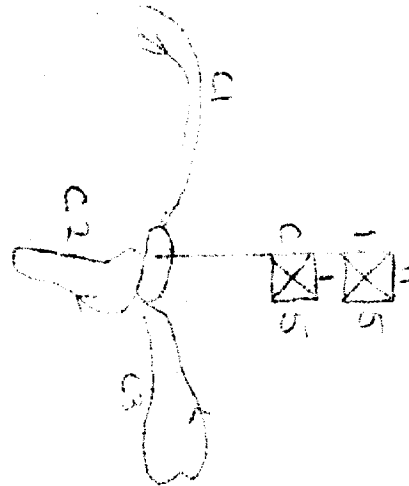


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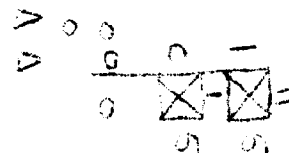
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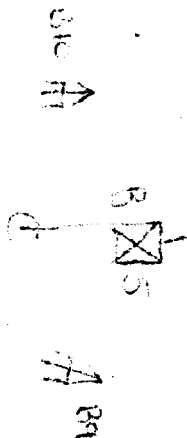
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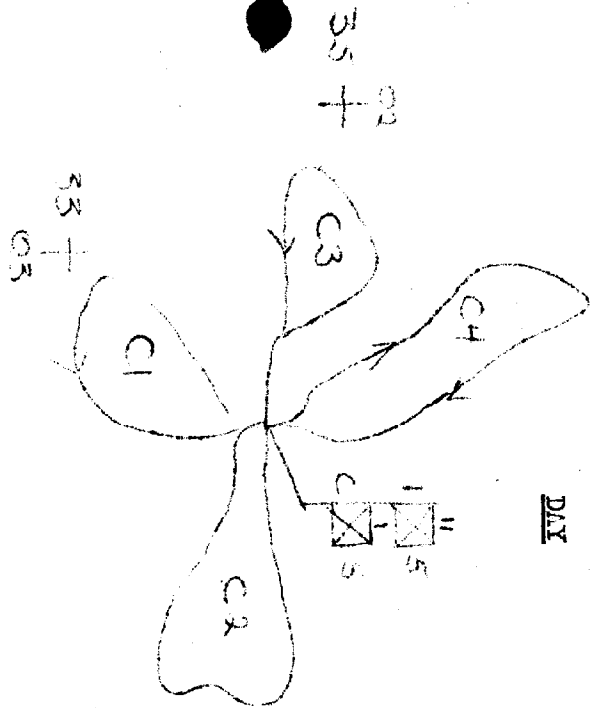
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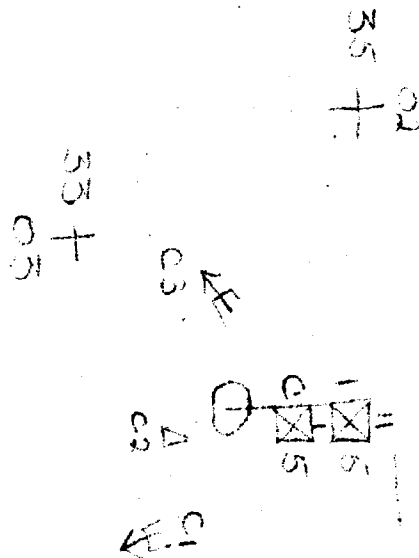
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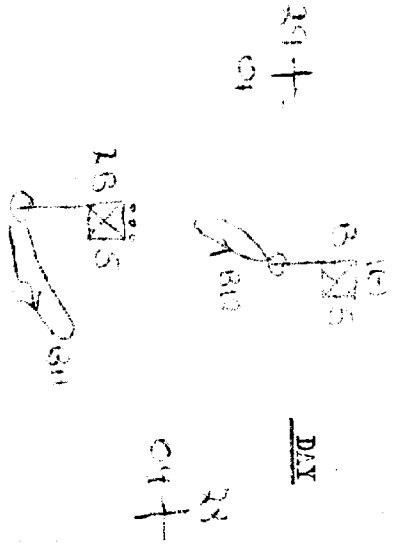
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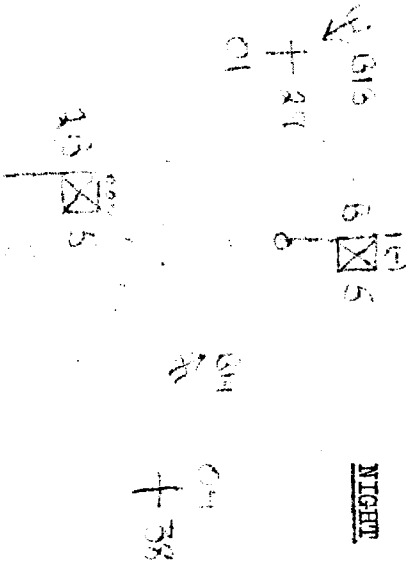
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUE SON, RVN
 151900H May 1967

Frag Order 38-67

Task Organization

Company C (Rein)

Capt CASWELL

Company C

Det, H&S Co

81 FO Tm

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med. Plt

Det, HqCo, 5th Mar

Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 1st SPBn

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. No change

b. Friendly. Upon relief of Company B, the following units are detached from Company B, and are attached to Company C.

Det, H&S Co

Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt (20)

Sec, 106 RR Plt (13)

Det, SVC Plt (3)

Det, Comm Plt (1)

Detachments/Attachments effective on completion of relief.

2. MISSION. Company C to relieve Company B at NUI LAC SON.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. Company C conducts search and destroy operation from present position to NUI LAC SON and relieves Company B. Upon completion of relief, Company C conduct search and destroy operation from

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NUI LAC SON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. Annex A - Operation Overlay.

b. Company C.

(1) At 160900H conduct search and destroy operation to Objective X-Ray along axis of advance from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to Check Points 2, 3, and 5.

(2) Relieve Company B upon arrival at Objective X-Ray and assume responsibility for mission of NUI LAC SON NFZ.

(3) Assume 3 hour alert from 160500H until relief of Company B is completed.

c. Company B.

(1) When relieved by Company C and no later than 161400H conduct search and destroy operations along axis of advance through Check Points 7, 8, and 9 to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP.

(2) Assume 3 hour alert status upon relief by Company C.

(3) Control linkup with Company C at NUI LAC SON.

(4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

(5) Task Organization of Company B will include Det, Flame Section.

d. Company D. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Continue to provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines in QUE SON, RVN.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

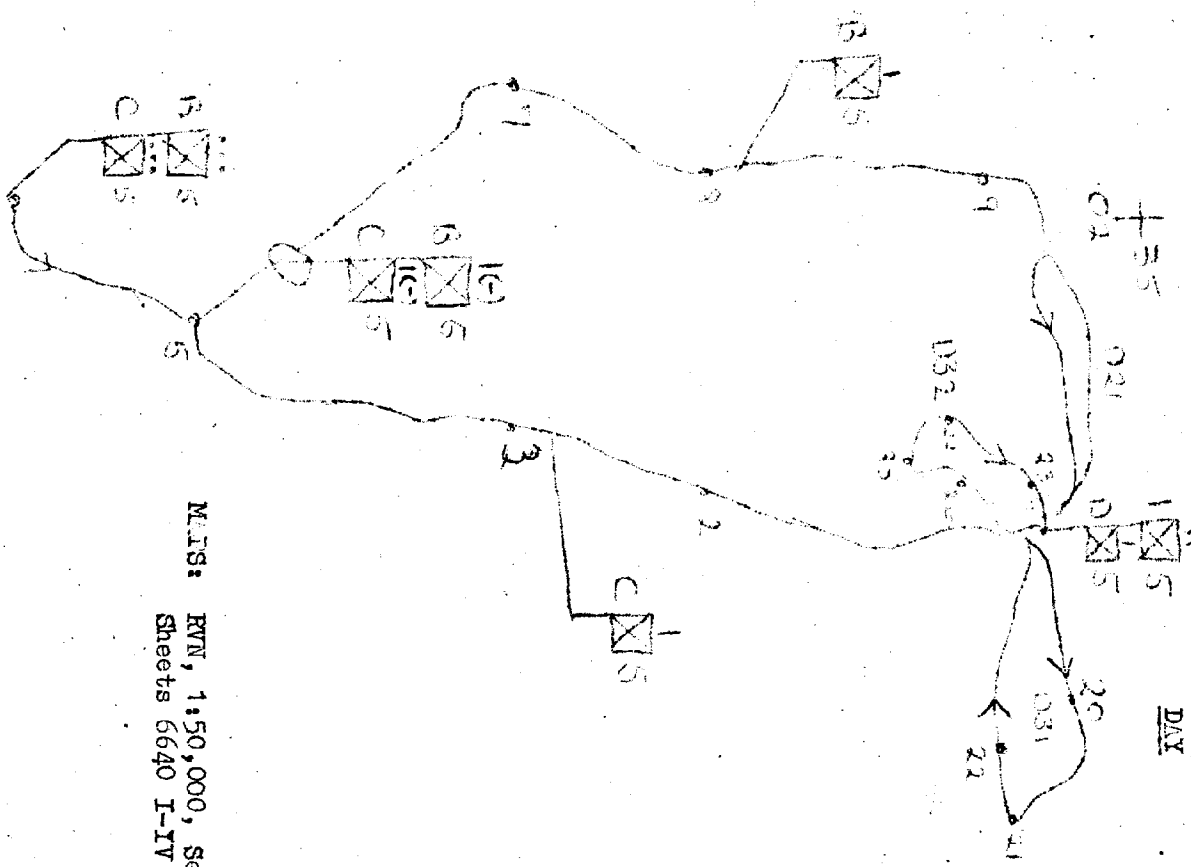
(1) Reveille 160500H for Company C.

(2) Reveille 160600H for remainder of Battalion.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Company C carry 6 MCI's

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No Change

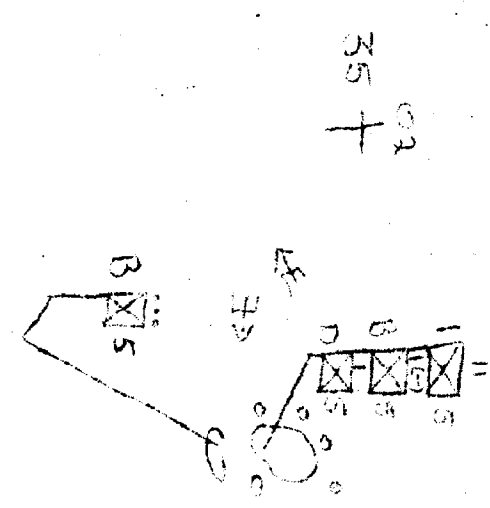


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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUE SON, RVN
 16 May 1967

Frag Order 38-67

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company B.

(1) On order deploy from present position to (BT 025343), establish defensive positions and prepare to receive remaining elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and artillery units now located at present Command Post.

(2) Ambush established at coordinates (BT 028343) will remain in position until Company B arrives at new command post site. (Hill 51).

(3) Guidelines for preparation of combat base will be issued separately.

b. Company D.

(1) Be prepared to assume responsibility for defensive positions presently occupied by Company B.

(2) Conduct reinforced platoon patrol at 180530H along patrol route. See Operation Overlay.

a. To kill or capture VC and weapons.

b. Search for possible mortar sites.

c. Conduct reconnaissance for lines of communications.

d. Deny the enemy free access to this key terrain feature.

c. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Reveille 0600.

(2) Be on the alert for mines and booby traps located at new combat base Hill 51.

(3) Patrol will plan supporting fires.

(4) Point, flank and rear security will be stressed.

(5) For Company B, H-Hour for planning purposes 170800H.

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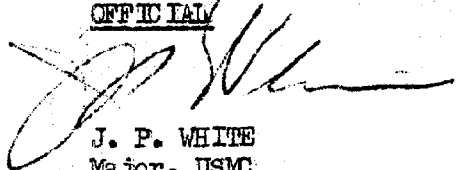
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

P. L. HILGARTNER
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

ANNEX A- Operation Overlay

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J. P. WHITE
Major, USMC
Executive Officer

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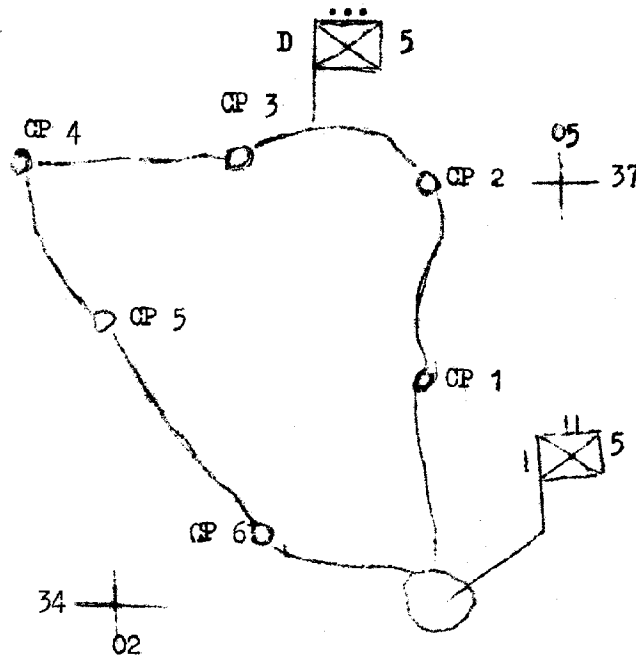
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ANNEX A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 38-67

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P. L. HILGARTNER
 Lieutenant Colonel
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J. P. White
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 Major, USMC
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUE SON, RVN
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Frag Order 39A-67

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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company B.

(1) Conduct a platoon (-) combat patrol/outpost/ambush in vicinity (BT 015835) to locate possible enemy mortar sites, establish ambush in vicinity of possible mortar site and report any sighting of mortar firing. See ANNEX A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Patrol will be reinforced with an M-60 machine gun squad, 3.5 rocket launcher squad, 81 FO team, Engineer team and will maintain communications with Company B.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) For Planning purposes use 172000H as time for commencing patrol.

(2) Depart Company B's position after dark.

(3) Depart ambush site to return to Company B's CP 180600H
 May 1967.

(4) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(5) Report position of ambush when established.

(6) On call fire missions will be planned.

(7) Route of patrol as follows: From Company B's CP to checkpoints 8,9,10,11,12,13, to 1st Battalion CP. (See Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Carry light marching packs and 3 MCI's per man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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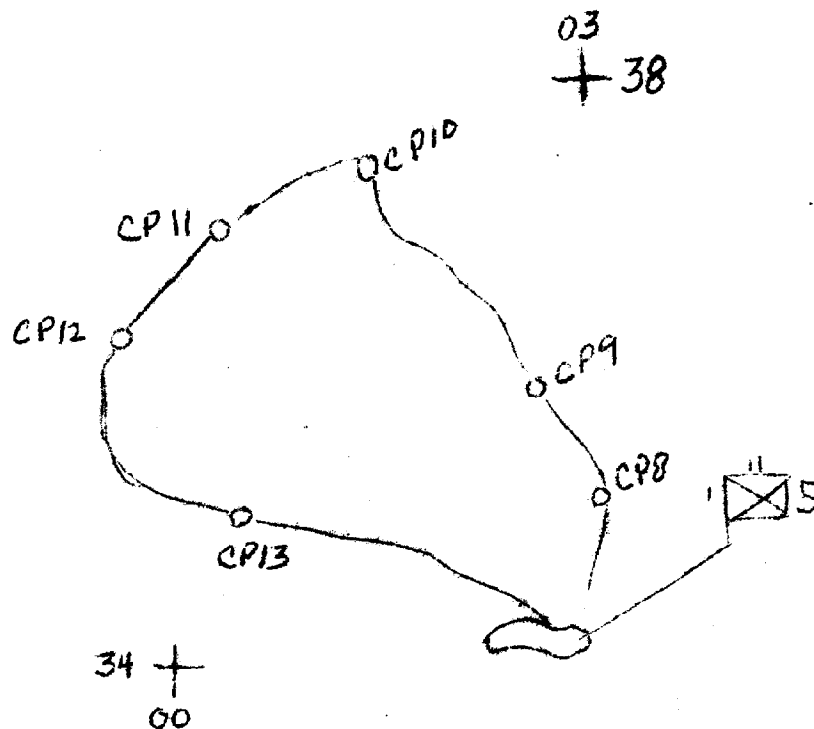
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company C.

(1) Conduct platoon (Rein) combat patrol at 190700H along axis of advance from Company C's location to checkpoints 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to kill or capture VC and weapons and to support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines operations by observation of area for suppression of snipers and other enemy activities.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Company C's patrol will have FO capability and will set up temporary OP's on checkpoints 8 and 10 to observe 1st Battalion, 5th Marines area and control supporting fires.

(2) Time of return by 191900H.

(3) Report arrival of patrol at each check point.

(4) Checkpoints located as follows:

CP 7 at (BT 034296).

CP 8 at (BT 031315).

CP 9 at (BT 024314).

CP 10 at (BT 004312).

CP 11 at (BT 007297).

CP 12 at (BT 024268).

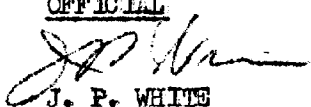
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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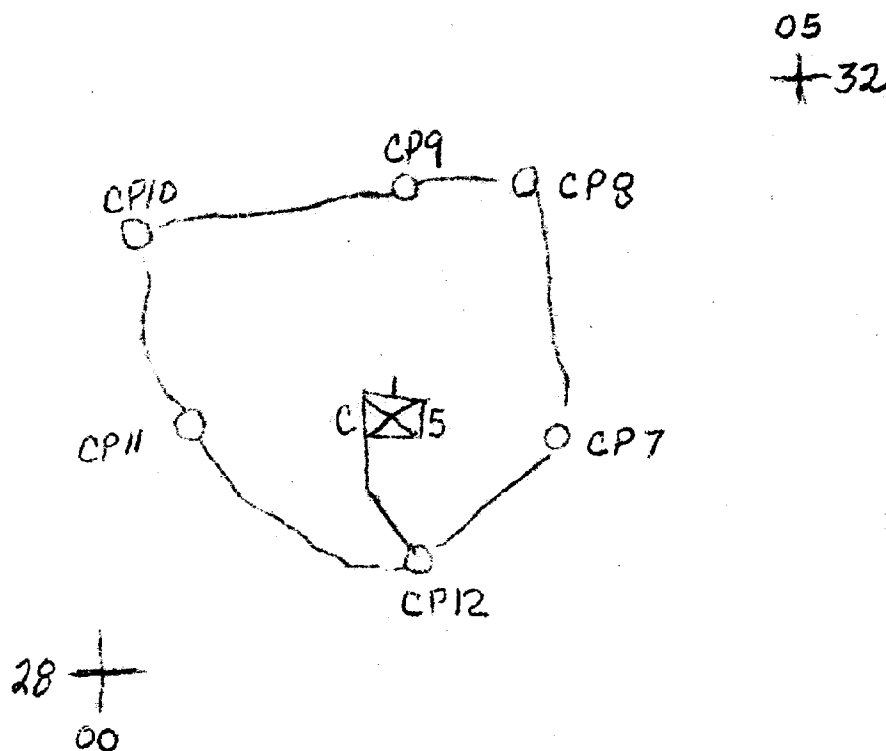
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation to kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

(a) Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conduct two company search and destroy operation, sweeping area below the Que Son NFZ.

(b) Company A.

- (1) Conduct patrol activities in vicinity Hill 51 with emphasis on grid squares (BT 0133), and (BT 0134) and in vicinity (BT 023346).
- (2) Provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines located at Hill 51 (BT 027343).
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

(c) Company B.

- (1) At 0600 conduct search and destroy operation along axis of advance through Objectives C, D, E, and F.
- (2) On order conduct coordinates search and destroy operation with Company C in vicinity of Objective F and continue advance to Phase Line Red.
- (3) Continue attack on order.

(d) Company C.

- (1) At 0530 attack along axis of advance and seize Objective I.
- (2) Be prepared to support Company B in attack on Objective D.
- (3) Continue attack on order to vicinity (BT 989336).
- (4) On order continue attack to Phase Line Red.

(e) Company D.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) At 0530 relieve Company B on Hill 51 with Battalion Command Group and two platoons.
- (3) Provide security for D Battery, 11th Marines with one platoon at Que Son until relieved.
- (4) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking companies.
- (5) At 0530 establish road security patrol in vicinity (BT 025345). Report to S-3 when patrol is in position.

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(f) Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0530; D-Day 20 May 1967
- (2) Reveille:

- (a) Company A 0530 (Stand-To)
- (b) Company B 0430
- (c) Company D 0400

- (3) Plan on call fire support.
- (4) Flak jackets optional.
- (5) Verify current thrust points.
- (6) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (7) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (8) Phase Line Red along road from coordinates (AT 980355) to (BT 017348).
- (9) Boundary between Company B and Company C along trail from vicinity (AT993336) to (AT 995354).
- (10) Objective D located at coordinates (AT 997327).
- (11) Objective I located at coordinates (BT 003313) along natural terrain features to coordinates (AT 990315).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

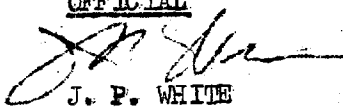
- a. Carry three (3) full canteens.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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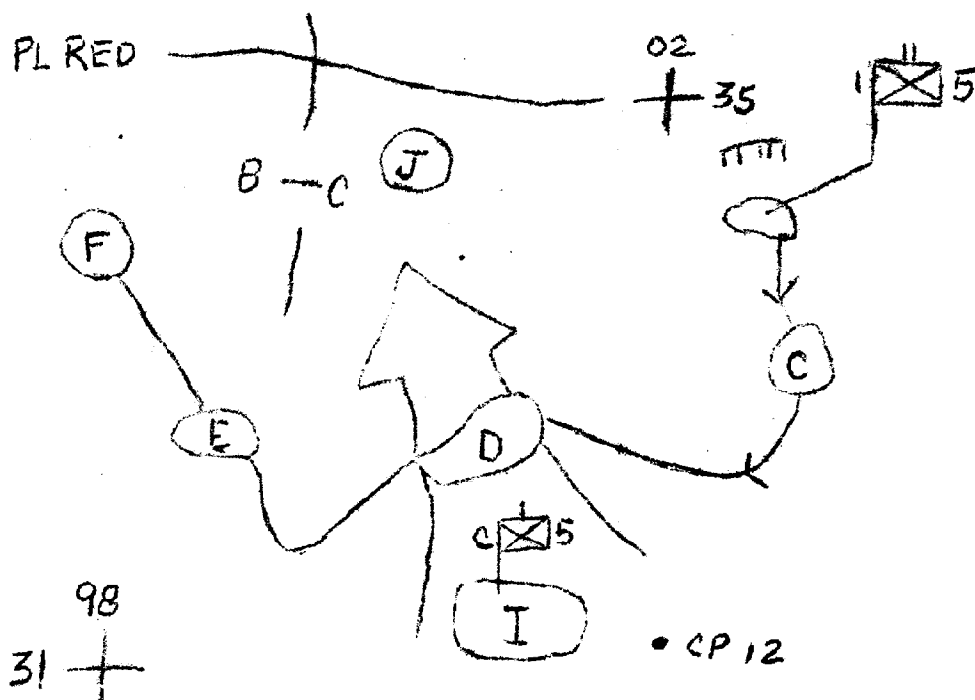

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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour continue S&D operations along axis of advance from Objective J vicinity (AT 995347) to Objective K vicinity (AT 982353); be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company C.

(1) Provide security for downed helicopter.

(2) On order continue attack to Objective Q vicinity (AT 016301) and then to Hill 51. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve, on one hour standby.

(2) Continue to improve present battle positions.

(3) On order be prepared to assume missions of either attacking companies.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour: 0600; D-Day 21 May 1967.

(2) Reveille:

(a) Company B 0500.

(b) Company C 0500.

(c) Company D 0530.

(3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Standby company have 5 meals and 3 canteens per individual.

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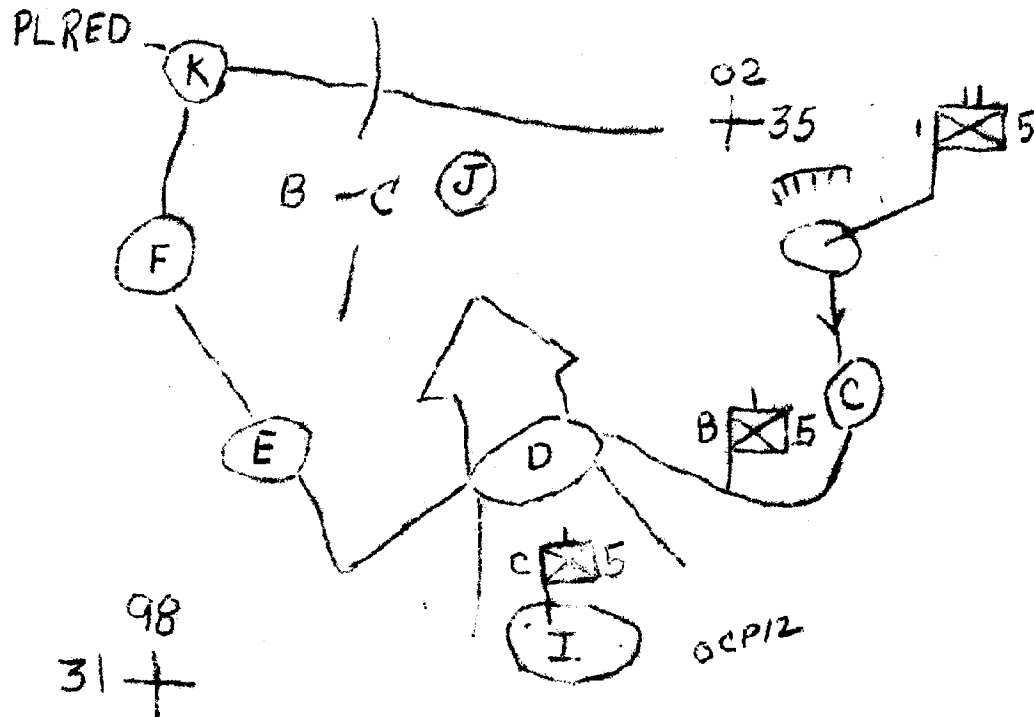
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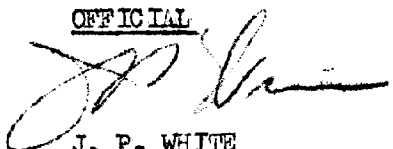
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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Company B.
 - (1) Conduct attack to check point 13 and continue attack along north side of Phase Line Red to Objective K.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
 - b. Company C.
 - (1) Conduct attack to Objective K vicinity (AT 982359), securing portion of objective south of Phase Line Red.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
 - c. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Checkpoint 13 located at (AT 993350).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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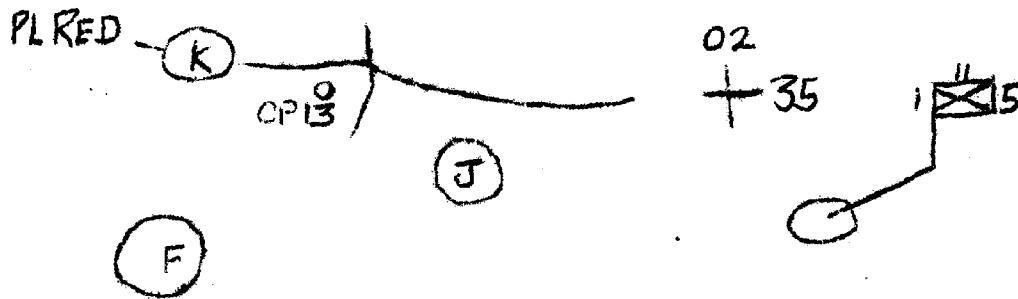
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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Company B.
 - (1) At H-Hour continue S&D operations along south side Phase Line Red from present position to Objective K to Checkpoint 14 to Objective S.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue the attack on order.
 - (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
 - b. Company C.
 - (1) At H-Hour continue S&D operations along north side Phase Line Red from present position to Objective K to Check Point 15 to Objective R.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
 - (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
 - c. Company A.
 - (1) Conduct activities designated in vicinity of combat base.
 - (2) Continue to improve present defensive positions.
 - d. Company D.
 - (1) Battalion Reserve (Stand by company)
 - (2) Conduct activities designated in vicinity combat base.
 - (3) On order be prepared to assume mission of either attacking company.
 - (4) Continue to improve present defensive positions.
 - e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) H-Hour 0530; D-Day 22 May 1967
 - (2) Locations:

Objective	R	at (BT 000360)
Objective	Q	at (BT 007353)

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Objective	S	at	(AT 993370)
Objective	T	at	(BT 016365)
Checkpoint	14	at	(AT 983360)
Checkpoint	15	at	(AT 990360)
Checkpoint	16	at	(BT 016317)

- (3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (4) Phase Line Red included in Company C's zone of action.

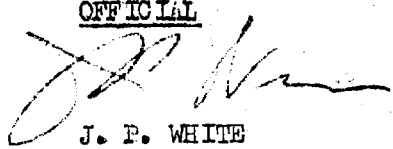
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Standby company have 5 meals and 3 full canteens per man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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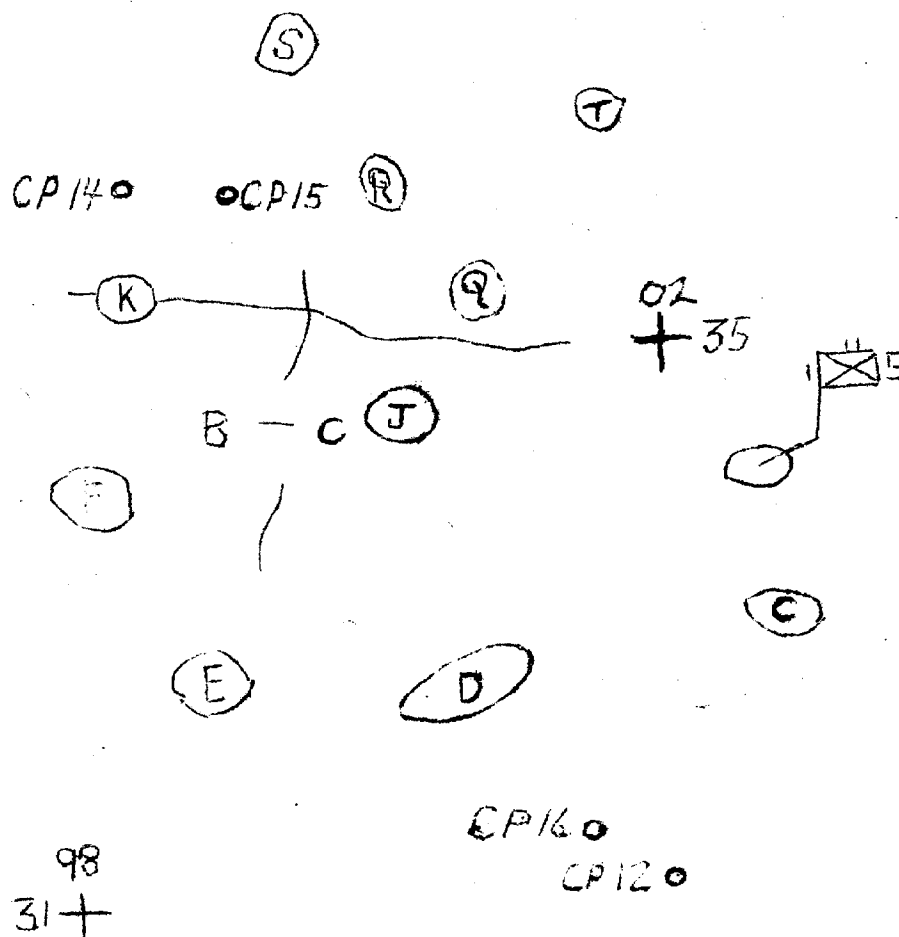
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221800H May 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Company B and Company C

Period 230001H to 232400H will be observed as Buddha's Birthday, accordingly the following is directed.

1. Company B. Remain in present position during birthday period. Assume full alert posture. Be prepared to respond to VC/NVA initiative endangering your safety as directed. Continue all security precautions except no H&I fires during period. Defensive measures to include illumination, defensive ambushes, reconnaissance patrolling, and air cover.
2. Company C. In addition to guidelines directed for Company B, commence movement to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base at 230530H by most direct route. Insure adequate all around security. Initiate no offensive action against enemy, but if enemy initiates offensive action against you, take necessary steps to clobber them.
3. Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Has full authority to act as necessary to provide additional support to protect you from any enemy offensive actions.
4. Reports. Report fully and immediately VC and NVA hostile acts.

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 QUE SON RVN
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Frag Order 43-67

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) At 240001H, conduct search and destroy operations from combat base along Phase Line Red to Objective K then to Objective Z to provide blocking force for Company B.

- (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour resume S&D operations along axis of advance from Objective T to Check Point 17 to Objective U to Objective X.

- (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (4) While at combat base conduct activities to be designated.

c. Company D.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) Be prepared to assume mission of Company A or B on order.
- (3) Continue to improve present positions.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0430H; D-Day 24 May 1967
- (2) Locations:

Check Point 17 - BT 006381
 Check Point 18 - AT 987373
 Objective U - BT 000377
 Objective X - AT 986363
 Objective Y - AT 980357
 Objective Z - AT 993352

- (3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Reserve company maintain 5 meals and 3 full canteens with each man.

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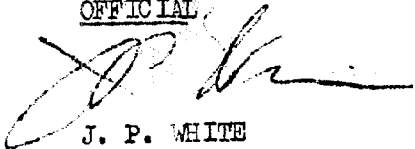
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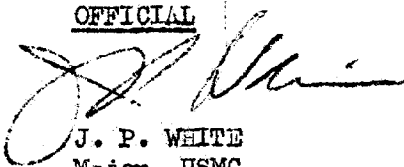
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) On order continue attack from Objective Z to Objective C to PL Black.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company B.

(1) On order continue attack from Objective X to Objective A to Objective B to PL Black.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Be prepared to assume mission of Company A or B on order.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Locations:

(a) Phase Line Black. From (BT 047337) southwest along stream to (AT 980323).

(b) Phase Line White. From (BT 047337) along road, south to (BT 007300).

(c) Objective A located vicinity (BT 981351).

(d) Objective B located vicinity (BT 978337).

(e) Objective C located vicinity (BT 987344).

(f) Objective D located vicinity (BT 007326).

(g) Objective E located vicinity (BT 007314).

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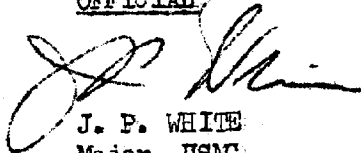
a. Battalion Reserve will have 5 meals and 3 full canteens per man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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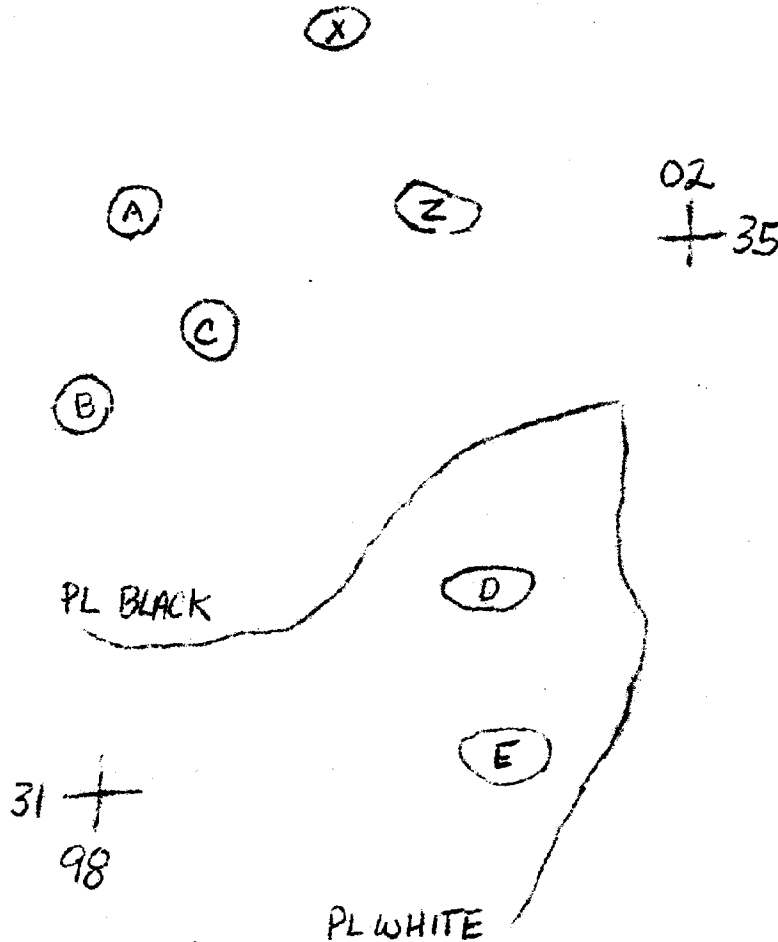
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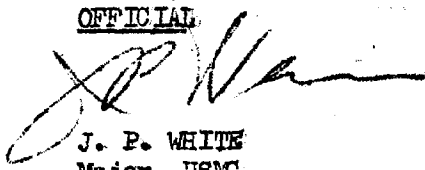
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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Company A.
 - (1) Continue attack through Objective Y, to Objective A to Objective B to PL Black.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
 - b. Company B.
 - (1) On order follow in trace of Company A to PL Red, then to the east to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines combat base.
 - c. Company D (-).
 - (1) On order attack to Objective K, then to Objective C to PL Black. Be prepared to continue attack on order.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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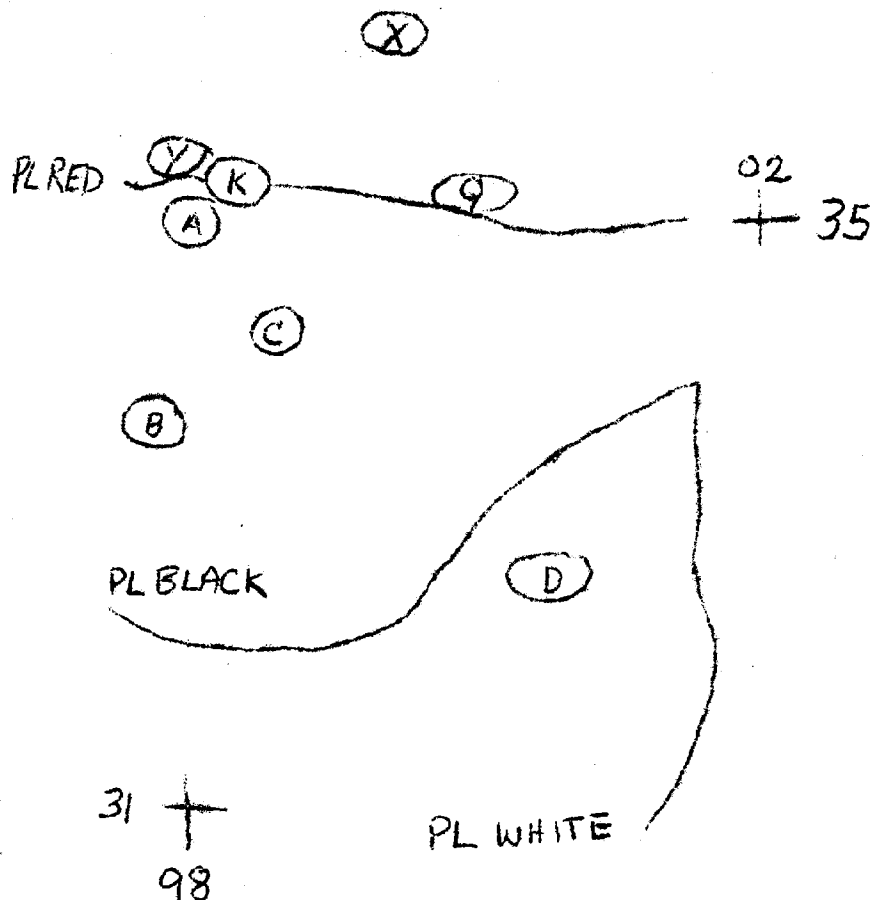
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour continue coordinated attack to Objective G in assigned route of advance south of PL Black. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour continue coordinated attack to Objective F in assigned route of advance north of PL Black.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company C (-).

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Be prepared to assume mission of Company A or Company D on order.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0430H; D-Day 25 May 1967

(2) Battalion Reserve on 1 hour standby.

(3) Locations:

Objective F located vicinity (AT 996342).

Objective G located vicinity (BT 001337).

Phase Line Red vicinity (BT 009345) along stream to south to (BT 000330).

4. ADMINISTRATIONS AND LOGISTICS.

(1) Battalion Reserve will have 5 meals and 3 full canteens per man.

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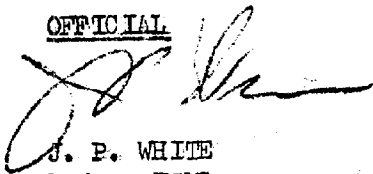
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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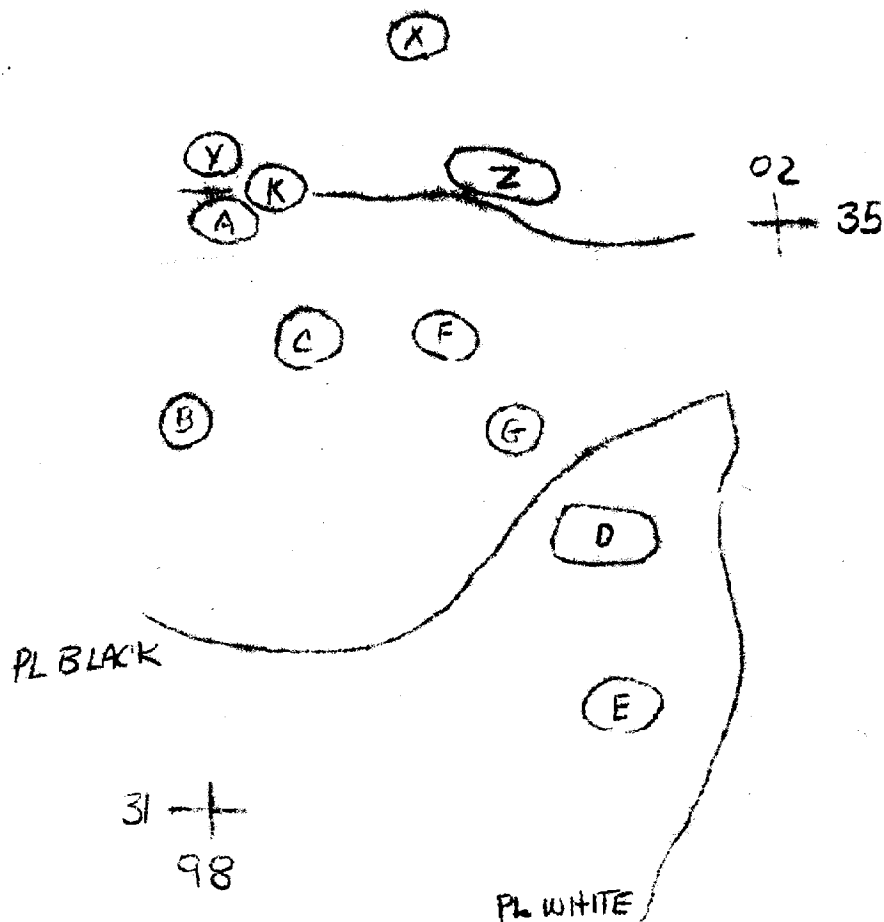
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines deploys to establish blocking positions east of valley in vicinity coordinates (BT 067396) to vicinity coordinates (BT 055384).

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Conduct combat patrols between Hill 51 combat base and east west grid line 31.

b. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour -6 on D-Day move along route of advance to establish blocking position of Objective B.

(2) At H-Hour be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour -5 $\frac{1}{2}$ on D-Day move in trace of Company C to establish blocking position at Objective A.

(2) At H-Hour be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. Company B.

(1) At 0530H on D-Day conduct platoon (Rein) combat patrol between Hill 51 combat base and east west grid line 31.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

e. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

f. Platoon Company B.

(1) Battalion Reserve, provide Command Group security.

(2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600H; D-Day 26 May 1967

(2) Position reports hourly at 10 minutes before the hour.

(3) Unclassified Code Name - Operation "UNION II".

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Task Organization

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) LTCOL HILGARTNER

H&S Company (-)(Rein) CAPT MCKAY

H&S Company (-)

Det, Med Plt

Kit Carson Tm

ARVN Ln Off

Det, 81mm Mortar Flt

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Company A (-)(Rein) CAPT BABICH

Company A (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqs Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Co.

81 FO Tm

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

S-2 Scout

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

Company C (-)(Rein) CAPT CASWELL

Company C (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqs Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

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- (4) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (5) Gas masks will be carried by all personnel.
- (6) Flak jackets optional.
- (7) Order of march Company C and Company A, Command Group and Battalion Reserve.

(8) Portion of Operation Union in Que Son No Fire Zone responsibility of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(9) Spot reports of significant events, particularly when crossing tactical control measures, securing objectives and contact with enemy forces.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- (1) Initiate resupply on D-1. 3 meals per individual.
- (2) Routine resupply will be scheduled for 1200. Submit requests prior to 1800 a day previous.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

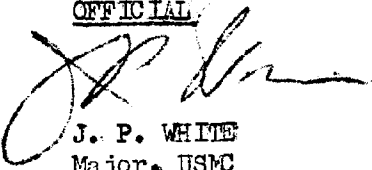
- (1) The following thrust points effective at H-Hour:

Day	BT 0731
Month	BT 1132
Animal	BT 0934
Coin	BT 0636

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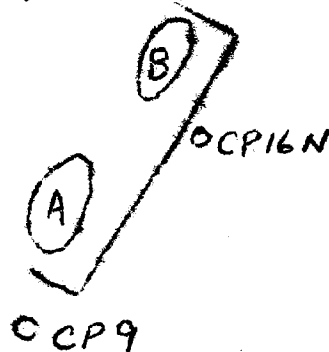
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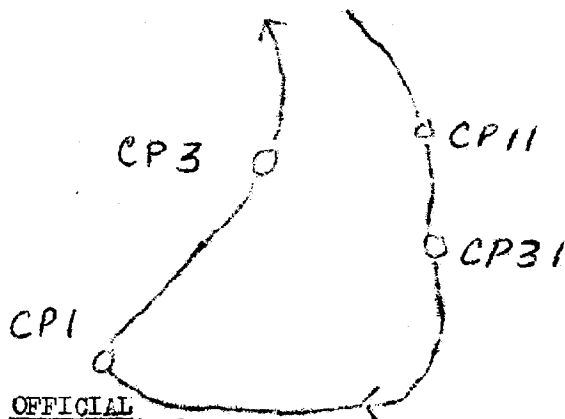
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1. SITUATION.. No change.
2. MISSION. Conduct one company size S&D operation to kill or capture VC and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation.
 - (1) One company attacks to secure Objectives A and B, set up a patrol base at Objective B and patrol in vicinity.
 - b. Company B.
 - (1) At H-Hour commence S&D operations to Objective A, continue attack on order to Objective B.
 - (2) Establish patrol base at Objective B.
 - (3) Conduct patrols and night activities within a range of 1500 meters of Company B's patrol base.
 - (4) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
 - c. H&S Company.
 - (1) General Support.
 - d. Company F, 2ndBn, 5thMar.
 - (1) Battalion reserve.
 - (2) Be prepared to assume mission of Company B on order.
 - e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) H-Hour 1100; D-Day 29 May 1967
 - (2) Location. See Operation Overlay
 - (3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
 - (4) Reports:
 - (a) Spot reports as they occur.
 - (b) Night activities to S-3 on establishing combat base.

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- (c) Report departure from combat base.
- (d) Report arrival at check points.
- (e) Annex A (Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

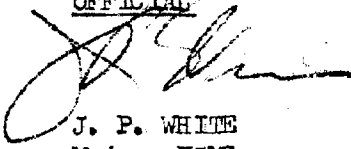
a. Flak jackets optional.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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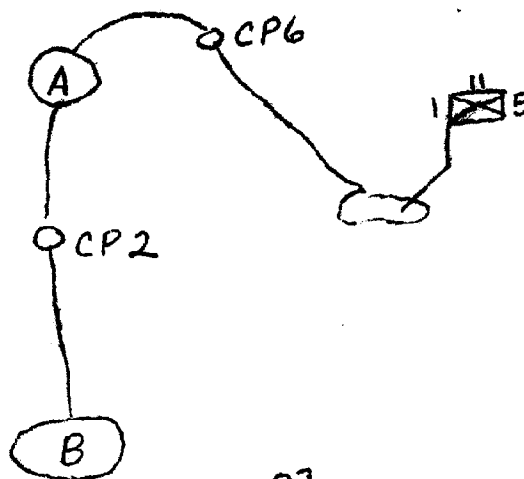
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