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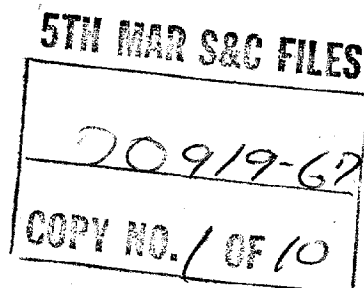
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein)

Commander

1-31 July 1967

LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER

13-20 July 1967

MAJ. J. P. WHITE (Acting)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1-4 July 1967

CAPT A. C. BLADES

5-31 July 1967

1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

Company A

1-31 July 1967

CAPT B. K. BRODIE

Company B

1-31 July 1967

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company C

1-31 July 1967

CAPT H. C. JOHNSTON, JR.

Company D

1-4 July 1967

1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

5-31 July 1967

CAPT F. JENNINGS, JR.

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (1-31 July 1967)

2ndLt N. F. CARLUCCI, JR.

1st Platoon, Co B, 1stEngrBn (1-31 July 1967)

2ndLt G. L. NEWKIRK

1st Platoon, Co B, 1stSPBn (1-31 July 1967)

2ndLt C. B. KEPFORD

2. Locations.

25 June 1967 to 1 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation CALHOUN.

1-31 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) Combat Base located at Hill 51, (BT 025343), Que Son, RVN

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1-9 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) located in Chu Lai (BT 533088); Chu Lai, RVN.

9-31 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) located within the 11th Motor Transport Compound; DaNang, RVN.

1-17 July 1967 Det; 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at LSA (BT 296235); Tam Ky, RVN.

17-31 July 1967 Det; 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at LSA Hill 63 (BT 134453); Thang Binh, RVN.

1-31 July 1967 Company A Combat Base located at Mui Lao Son (BT 023228); Que Son, RVN.

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer

1-20 July 1967

Maj. J. P. WHITE

21-31 July 1967

Maj. E. C. CHEATHAM, JR.

S-1 Officer

1-31 July 1967

WO J. E. PERRY

S-2 Officer

1-31 July 1967

2ndLt V. J. VENANZI

S-3 Officer

1-31 July 1967

Maj. C. H. BLACK

S-4 Officer

1-4 July 1967

Capt A. C. BLADES

5-31 July 1967

Capt F. S. GIORDANI

S-5 Officer

1-8 July 1967

Capt G. L. MCKAY

9-31 July 1967

1stLt J. D. JEWEL

Air Liaison Officer

1-31 July 1967

Capt D. L. MONROE

Medical Officer

1-31 July 1967

Lt K. P. DONNELLY (USNR)

Supply Officer

1-31 July 1967
Gysgt W. E. HENSLEY20-31 July 1967
2ndLt R. L. CAREY

Communication Officer

1-31 July 1967
Capt G. L. MCKAY

Motor Transport Officer

1-31 July 1967
2ndLt A. DESCHAMPS

Legal Officer/Adjutant

1-31 July 1967
2ndLt G. L. LIDBACK, JR.

Chaplain

1-3 July 1967
Lt C. J. MEECHAM, JR. (USNR)4-31 July 1967
Lt V. R. CAPODANNO (USNR)4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
40	1012	3	57

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel and Administrative.

a. The Administrative Rear (Chu Lai, RVN) moved to 11th Motor Transport Battalion Compound (DaNang, RVN) during 3-5 July 1967. Administrative functioning during July was complicated by fluctuating helicopter transportation, as well as from communication problems between the Battalion at Que Son and the Administrative Rear at DaNang.

b. The rotation caused further difficulties with incoming mail being delayed five days. The mail problem was satisfactorily resolved with the establishment of a Post Office by the 5th Marine Regiment handling 1st Battalion, 5th Marines mail. A daily mail run was established for incoming mail by helicopter from the 5th Marine Regiment to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Que Son, RVN).

c. Mobile postal and PX runs made from the 1st Marine Division were successful in providing postal service and providing health and comfort items to Battalion members.

d. On 25 July 1967, an Awards Ceremony was conducted at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. The Regimental Commander, 5th Marines presented the following awards: One Navy Commendation Medal, two Purple Heart Medals, and two Commanding General's Certificates of Commendation.

e. During the month the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited the Combat Base on three occasions. On four occasions the Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited the Combat Base.

f. The construction of a Battalion Memorial Chapel was accomplished from contributions made by members of the command. Local Vietnamese were hired for the construction job. On 30 July 1967, the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Commanding Officer, 5th Marines attended the New Chapel dedication. The Commanding General delivered a short address.

2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain.

a. During July 1967, the enemy continued to operate in the vicinity of the combat base. The enemy strength was estimated to be one regiment equivalent consisting of varied, identified and unidentified units. Information received from the Sub-Sector Que Son District Chief and rated C-3 by the Battalion S-2 revealed the following information concerning enemy unit designation and location. The 105th NVA Battalion operated generally to the north of the Battalion's Combat Base; and a training Battalion, the 70th NVA located in vicinity (AT 984367) were the two identified units in the AO. Unidentified units according to aforementioned source are company sized units at coordinates (BT 065404), (BT 080407), and Battalion sized units at (BT 083354), (BT 086353) and (BT 063268). Follow-up action was taken on intelligence reports received from Que Son District during July 1967.

b. The weather during July was humid with occasional rains. The average high temperature was 97 degrees and low was 81 degrees.

c. The Que Son area is a mountainous promontory about nine miles long and four miles in width and orientated in a general northeast to southwest direction. The area is cut by the KHE SUOI NOR RIVER northeast to southwest. The river provides a corridor which is the best avenue of approach into the center of the mountains. A finger of mountains southwest of the Battalion's combat base can provide an excellent withdrawal route for the enemy.

d. Bamboo and scrub are the prime vegetation feature. This factor restricts long and short observation and limits the availability of suitable helicopter landing zones.

3. Organization and Operations.

a. During July, the Battalion did not participate in any large scale operation, but continued to actively and aggressively control the area adjacent to the combat base at Hill 51 (BT 025345). Company size operations and daily platoon and squad patrols; including tank/infantry and on foot/infantry patrols were conducted.

b. On 6 July 1967, the Battalion was assigned the responsibility for providing BALDEAGLE (Alert Company) for the 5th Marine Regiment. The Battalion maintained this assignment for the duration of the month. During the period of 19-29 July 1967, operational control of Company B was passed to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On 25-26 July 1967, operational control of Company C was passed to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Company C while conducting search and destroy operations with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines accounted for the capture of one M-60 machine gun, 1 M-16 rifle and 6 VC KIA confirmed.

c. Improvement on the tactical wire and field fortifications were continued throughout the month. Secondary and supplementary positions were constructed. Fields of fire continued to be cleared and the Battalion defensive fire plans were refined.

d. During the month, five Red Alert drills were conducted testing the alertness of the Combat Base. On each occasion, the alternate COC was manned. During one drill, RCA was integrated to test the alertness and reaction of troops. All the drills were considered to be successful.

4. Training.

a. Training was conducted on both Battalion and company level with emphasis continuing on familiarization firing of individual weapons, instruction on the M-16, fire discipline, fire distribution, leadership and weapons safety, indoctrination of new personnel, proper use of M-17 gas mask, ambush techniques and small unit tactics.

b. On 10 July 1967, the Deputy Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division arrived at the Combat Base with an M-16 rifle instruction team. Available officers, SNCO's and NCO's of the Battalion were presented a period of instruction on the proper care and maintenance of the M-16 rifle.

c. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher Headquarters. During the month of July 1967, 13 Marines attended schools in DaNang, RVN and Okinawa.

5. Logistics.

a. During the month of July 1967, there were a significant increase in the buildup of the Combat Base. Due to normal supply of building materials and movement of the Battalion Rear to Hill 51, work was completed on the COC and BAS bunkers. Presently the engineers are constructing the communications bunker. Nine prefabricated heads were also constructed.

b. On 17 July 1967, water tanks and pipe were received for establishing a second water point for messhall resupply and resupply of Nui Lac Son. The water point was finished on 20 July 1967, and the helicopter resupply of water to Nui Lac Son was begun on 21 July 1967.

c. On 23 July 1967, General Purpose Tents were issued throughout the Battalion for living spaces. In conjunction with the receipt of building materials, the movement of the Battalion Rear was continued to Hill 51.

d. On 9 July 1967, the company offices, Battalion Supply and Motor Transport initially moved from DaNang to Hill 51. This movement was completed by 15 July 1967. About 80% of the Battalion's organic supply and equipment has been moved from DaNang to the Combat Base.

6. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

a. During July, 1010 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP team. One Vietnamese girl is being trained as a nurses aid. The MEDCAP program is being expanded to include dental extractions by the medical officer. 29 dental extractions were performed during July 1967.

b. The Commanding Officer and Staff members of the Battalion hosted a dinner at the Battalion messhall for the Que Son District officials on 2 July 1967.

c. A total of 15 Vietnamese civilians were employed in the construction of the Battalion Chapel. Beginning 26 July 1967, they assisted in erecting the Chapel frame. 27 July 1967, the roof was begun and it was completed the following day. The dedication for the Chapel was held 30 July 1967. The rapid construction of the Chapel which was achieved with local indigenous manpower, represents an increasing good will between local Vietnamese civilians of Lanh Thuong (5) and the Marines of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

d. A program previously designed to benefit both Vietnamese civilians and the Marines of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was continued during the month with the delivery of wet garbage for livestock feed to the Vietnamese in exchange for bamboo needed for construction requirements within the Combat Base.

e. On 23 July 1967, the Commanding Officer accompanied by 5 Staff members attended the wedding reception of the Assistant Village Chief of Que Son Village.

f. On 31 July 1967, the Commanding Officer presented a flag to the Que Son District Chief at a flag raising ceremony held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet. The flag is being flown from a flag pole presented to the villagers by the battalion.

7. Psychological Operations.

a. The Psychological Operations Team, attached to the Battalion, conducted loudspeaker broadcasts to Vietnamese in the area of the Combat Base, urging them to return to RVN controlled areas. Leaflets were distributed by local patrols emphasizing the Chieu Hoi and weapons/booby traps reward program.

b. During the month, local Vietnamese leaders have turned two Chieu Hois over to the Battalion. The Battalion has paid out 800 piasters to local Vietnamese civilians for pointing out booby traps.

8. Comptroller Activities.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines started FY 1968 activities with a budget authorization of \$70,000.00.

9. Communications.

a. During the first half of the month, the communication platoon, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received an AN/MRC-62 radio relay van and team from the 5th Marine Regiment and established telephone communications. Throughout the month communications equipment received first and second echelon maintenance. On 17 July 1967, teletype was installed and full scale operations began on 22 July 1967. Electrical wiring was provided for essential working spaces and wiring of the combat base. On 21 July 1967, communications equipment and wirelines were installed in the new COC bunker. A complete inventory of the Battalion's communications equipment was completed and the construction of the new communications bunker was started.

10. Significant Casualties Inflicted or Sustained; VC captured, Detainees Apprehended; Chieu Hoi's and Refugees Relocated during July 1967.

a. Friendly Casualties (USMC).

KIA	9
DOW	2
WIAE	34
WIANE	16
NBC	32

b. Enemy Casualties.

VC/NVA KIA Confirmed	85	(23 KIA's were reported by local Vietnamese leader)
VC/NVA KIA Probable	80	(8 KIA were reported by local Vietnamese leader)
VC/NVA WIA Confirmed	10	(Was reported by local Vietnamese leader)

c. Others.

VC Captured	13	(4 WIA)
Detainees Apprehended	53	(3 WIA)
Refugees Relocated	54	
Chieu Hoi's	2	
Friendly Vietnamese KIA	1	
Friendly Vietnamese WIA	7	

11. Significant Enemy Ordnance Captured during the Month of July 1967.a. Weapons Captured.

5 AK 47 Russian Assault Rifles, 7.62mm, Type 53
 6 US Carbines, caliber .30
 1 US Thompson Sub-Machine gun, Caliber .45
 5 Russian Carbines, 7.62mm; one was equipped with a rifle grenade launcher
 1 French rifle

b. Other Ordnance Equipment Captured.

14 weapon magazines (all types)

12. Significant Munitions Captured/Found and Destroyed during the month of July 1967.

3 ChiCom defensive hand grenades
 12 ChiCom fragmentation hand grenades
 1 Claymore mine
 7 M-26 fragmentation hand grenades (1 booby trapped)

- 4 Rifle grenades
- 1 M-79 round
- 2 Anti-personnel mines
- 1 POMZ - 2 anti-personnel mines (booby trapped)
- 2 LAAWS
- 2 Unknown type booby traps
- 3 60mm HE rounds (booby trapped)
- 232 rounds assorted type of small arms ammunition.

13. Significant Enemy Equipment Captured During the month of July 1967.

- 1 Entrenching tool
- 1 First aid packet
- 1 Surgical mask
- 16 Shirt/jacket (all types)
- 10 Cartridge/pistol belts
- 1 Leather pouch containing weapon cleaning equipment
- 11 Packs
- 17 Uniforms (all types)
- 2 Helmets
- 7 Gas masks
- 9 Ponchos
- 6 Canteens
- 8 Pair trousers (all types)
- 1 Grenade pouch
- 5 Hammocks
- 2 Flashlights
- 1 Canteen cover
- 3 Wallets
- 1 Pair rubber boots
- 21 Metal containers 18" high X 12" diameter
- 12 Bamboo beds
- 4 Steel spiked booby trapped devices
- 2 Pair gloves
- 5 Mosquito nets
- Assorted cooking utensils, assorted papers, notebooks, documents
- Assorted medical supplies
- 3300 Plasters
- 3 Rolls mono filament line

14. Significant Enemy Caves, Tunnels, Buildings and Fortifications destroyed during the month of July 1967.

- 26 Cave/Tunnel complexes
- 14 Huts (6 destroyed by air) (3 reported destroyed by local Vietnamese leaders)
- 6 Buildings 40 X 20 (VC training site)
- 1 Building 20 X 20 (VC training site)
- 3 Concrete houses (destroyed by air)

15. Significant US Government Property Lost during the month of July 1967 while engaged in combat with the enemy.

3 US M-16 Rifles, Serial Numbers 552652
544478
554288

1 M-60 Machine gun, Serial Number 5521

Note: Results of Operation CALHOUN is included in paragraphs 10-15 and has not been previously reported.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- (1) 1 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced the 1st Quarter FY 1968 with an authorized operating budget of \$ 70,000.
- (2) 1 July 1967 Company A continued to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with Modification to Frag Order 77-67. See Tab (A) to Enclosure (1).
- (3) 011200H Operation CALHOUN was terminated. See Tab (A) to Enclosure (1).
- (4) 011345H Platoon, Company C was helilifted to Hill 29 (Regimental Headquarters) to participate in a change of command ceremony.
- (5) 011530H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attended a Regimental Commander's change of command ceremony at Hill 29 (Regimental Headquarters). The Commanding Officer returned to the combat base at 1818H.
- (6) 011630H Company A terminated search and destroy operations and relieved Company D (-) at Nui Lac Son.
- (7) 01655H Company D (-)(Rein) commenced search and destroy operations to Objective 3. Objective 3 was established in vicinity (BT 009313).
- (8) 011801H Company D (-)(Rein) arrived at Objective 3 and established night defensive perimeter.
- (9) 020607H 2nd Platoon, Company D departed Combat Base with heavy section of Ontos, moving to link up with Company D (-)(Rein) located in vicinity of Objective 3. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).
- (10) 020725H 2nd Platoon, Company D located in vicinity (BT 014331) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in vicinity (BT 009330). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of 400-500 meters. Platoon returned 20-30 rounds small arms fire and observed about 10 VC dressed in black clothing breaking contact to the west. Platoon pursued the VC, but lost contact. The area was searched with negative results.

(11) 020820H Company D squad patrol located in vicinity (BT 007306) apprehended a Vietnamese male about 35 years of age, dressed in black clothing. Detainee had no ID card and was uncooperative when interrogated. Detainee was found to be an innocent civilian, and was released.

(12) 021045H 2nd Platoon, Company D with heavy section of Ontos linked up with Company D (-)(Rein) at Objective 3. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(13) 021530H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines hosted the District Chief from the Que Son District and other subordinate Vietnamese leaders to a dinner at the Battalion messhall.

(14) 021950H A Red Alert drill was conducted to test the alertness of units located at the Combat Base. Within 15 minutes, all units reported primary and supplementary fighting positions manned. Communications were established with all units via land line and radio. The alternate COC was manned. Red Alert drill secured at 022015H.

(15) 022030H A HB Team from the 244th Psychological Operations Company conducted a 1½ hour loudspeaker broadcast from the Combat Base perimeter directed to the Vietnamese populace located in vicinity grid square (BT 0234). Themes used during the broadcast: Chieu Hoi, Don't Run From Marines, Explanation of Curfew, Weapons Rewards, and Why Marines are Here.

(16) 3 July 1967 During period 3-5 July the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines administrative rear moved via ship from Chu Lai RVN to DaNang, RVN.

(17) 030547H Company D commenced movement to secure Objectives 8, 10 and 11. Objective 10 was established in vicinity (BT 090321). Objective 11 was established in vicinity (BT 083326). See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(18) 3 July 1967 Materials were received for the construction of 10 pre-fabricated heads.

(19) 030730H Company D secured Objective 8 and was directed to continue movement to Objective 10.

(20) 030800H H&S Company security patrol located in vicinity (BT 003336) was approached by a Vietnamese female about 45 years old, wearing black clothing. Woman had stepped on a steel spike device. Patrol treated the woman's injury. Vietnamese woman then pointed out the location of four other devices. Patrol extracted the devices and returned them to Battalion S-2 for further disposition. Woman was rewarded with 400 piasters. Devices consisted of a small wooden base containing 5-6 steel spikes approximately 4-6 meters long.

(21) 030923H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited the Combat Base at Nui Lac Son from 030930H to 031050H.

(22) 031000H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). 4 PFs provided security for the patrol. 26 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP. One Vietnamese male with a fractured arm was returned to the Combat Base and evacuated to Tam Ky, RVN.

(23) 031215H Platoon patrol 5A5 located in vicinity (BT 043285) found a cave 2 feet wide, 3 feet high and 16 feet long. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers. Search of the area disclosed 1 Vietnamese female about 43 years of age wearing black and blue clothing and possessing ID card. Initial interrogation revealed detainee to be wife of local VC cadre. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(24) 031520H The Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 031520H to 031645H.

(25) 031653H Company C (-)(Rein) departed Combat Base and commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 79-67. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(26) 031745H Company C arrived at Objective 16. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(27) 031923H Company C (-)(Rein) while located in vicinity (AT 997362) observed 20-30 VC in a paddy at base of hill approximately 600 meters to southwest in vicinity (AT 991357). VC were wearing black clothing and carrying packs and rifles. Company C fired 200-300 rounds small arms fire at VC and requested artillery fire. 15 105mm HE rounds were fired on the VC location with good target coverage. An estimated 3 VC were KIA probable. The area was searched with negative results. Enemy broke contact and fled to the southwest through heavy underbrush. Results: 3 VC KIA probable.

(28) 031940H Company D arrived at the Combat Base, terminating search and destroy operations.

(29) 040517H Company C commenced movement to Objective 17. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(30) 4 July 1967 Two water trailers were received at the Combat Base.

(31) 040615H The point of Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 978353) observed 2 VC moving in a westerly direction in vicinity (AT 977353). One VC was wearing black clothing; the other was wearing white clothing. One VC carried a weapon. Point fired 50 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds at the VC. VC broke contact and fled to the west. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

(32) 040625H Company C arrived at Objective 17, See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(33) 040735H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 972357) received 10 rounds small arms fire from estimated 3 unobserved VC. Fire was received from about 600 meters to the southwest in vicinity (AT 970351). Company C returned fire with 60-75 rounds small arms fire as the VC broke contact and fled southwest. The area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(34) 040835H Squad patrol 5A5 located in vicinity (BT 037280) found a tunnel 3 feet wide, 3 feet high and 20 feet long with 3 exits. Tunnel was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(35) 040930H MEDCAP patrol was conducted at Lanh Thong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). 4 PFs provided security for the patrol. 39 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(36) 041200H Company C platoon, while searching huts in vicinity (AT 994315) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 23, wearing black clothing. Detainee had 2 ChiCom grenades with pouch, 1 canteen, and 1 hammock in his possession. Detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(37) 041345H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 988359) received 3 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved VC sniper located approximately 600 meters to the northwest in vicinity (AT 986364). Company C returned fire with 50-75 rounds small arms fire and employed Scout Sniper to fire 3 rounds small arms fire at suspected enemy position. The area was searched and Company C found 1 VC KIA confirmed, wearing green clothing. VC KIA appeared to be about 20 years old and had no ID card.

(38) 041345H Squad patrol 5A5 located in vicinity (BT 034295), found one Vietnamese female, 20 years old, with a severely infected right hand. Woman was returned to Company A's Combat Base for medical treatment, and released.

(39) 041400H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (BT 005353) found 2 caves, one 3 feet high, 5 feet wide and 12 feet long; the other 3 feet high, 5 feet wide and 20 feet long. Caves were searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers employing 25 pounds of demolitions.

(40) 041440H Company C (-)(Rein) Squad while conducting search and destroy of the area in vicinity (AT 996345) found 3 khaki shirts, 2 pair khaki trousers, 1 set of utilities, 2 packs, 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 operable LAWS and miscellaneous papers. The ordnance items were destroyed and the remaining equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(41) 041515H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 994345) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from estimated 4 unobserved VC in vicinity (AT 990345) and (AT 990342). Company C returned fire with 150 rounds small arms fire and 8 60mm HE rounds. The area was searched with negative results.

(42) 041610H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 994340) found a well camouflaged building that appeared to be a VC training center. The

building was 20 feet wide, 20 feet long and contained benches and blackboards. 3 tunnels, 3 feet wide, 4 feet high; two 10 feet long and one 40 feet long led from the building. Tunnels and building were searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(43) 041625H 3rd Platoon Company C secured Objective 18. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(44) 041630H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 994339) found a camouflaged butterfly bomb. Bomb was destroyed in place by engineers.

(45) 041725H All units of Company C arrived at Objective 18. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(46) 041800H Company C (-)(Rein) located in vicinity (AT 994338) discovered cache containing 6 khaki uniforms, black clothing and assorted medicines. Medical supplies were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Other equipment was destroyed.

(47) 050551H Company A (-)(Rein) and Company C (-)(Rein) commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 80-67. See Tab (D) to Enclosure (1).

(48) 5 July 1967 Engineers commenced construction of the Battalion Aid Station Bunker.

(49) 050830H Rear element of Company C located in vicinity (AT 988314) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males dressed in black and white clothing. Their ages estimated at 18 and 30 as neither had ID cards. Detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(50) 050930H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanx Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). 4 PFs provided security for the patrol. 36 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(51) 051000H Company C located in vicinity (AT 988315) observed 10-15 VC at about 1500 meters in vicinity (AT 974324) moving in a northerly direction. The VC were wearing black clothing, packs and were carrying weapons. Company C requested and received artillery fire, which was fired with excellent target coverage. Company C observed 3 bodies blown into the air by direct hit. Results: 3 VC KIA confirmed. Area was not searched.

(52) 051100H A Vietnamese previously detained and released, returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base and requested assistance in evacuating his family from the area of Lac Trung (2), located in vicinity (AT 999339). A platoon from Company D and a team from the 244th Psy-Ops Company, U.S. Army escorted the Vietnamese back to Lac Trung (2). There they succeeded in convincing one of the man's relatives and three friends to be evacuated. The refugees received sporadic VC sniper fire while attempting to reach the patrol. 200-300 rounds small arms fire were returned at suspected VC

positions. The refugees were then escorted to the Que Son Refugee Center.

(53) 051200H On 1 July 1967, Company A located in vicinity (AT 995313) found a cave 5 feet wide, 5 feet high and 100 feet long leading into compartments 20 feet wide, 5 feet high, 20 feet long and 10 feet wide. Cave complex was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers employing 30 cratering charges and 8 shaped charges.

(54) 051425H Company A was directed to continue the attack to Objective 21. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(55) 051445H Company C located in vicinity (AT 994318) observed 6-12 VC who appeared to be dressed in khaki clothing, carrying packs and rifles, moving in an easterly direction, in vicinity (AT 998334) at a range of about 1500 meters. An artillery mission was called and 40 rounds 105mm HE were fired on VC location with excellent target coverage. Results: 5 VC KIA probable.

(56) 051445H Squad security patrol 5D4 located in vicinity (AT 983336) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of snipers from a northeasterly direction in vicinity (AT 979337). Squad returned 50 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(57) 051545H Company A secured Objective 21 and was directed to continue attack to Objective 25. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(58) 051715H Company C located in vicinity (AT 994309) received 150 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 10 VC located in vicinity (BT 003307), (AT 993306) and (AT 995294) at a distance of 300-1000 meters. Company C returned fire with 600 rounds small arms fire, 2 LAWS, 12 M-79 rounds and 10 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Areas were searched with negative results. Results: 3 USMC WIA.

(59) 051920H Company B platoon patrol returned to Combat Base with 4 refugees. Refugees were forwarded to Que Son Refugee Center.

(60) 052036H Company A was directed to return to the Combat Base at Nui Lac Son.

(61) 052135H Company A returned to the Combat Base at Nui Lac Son, terminating S&D operations.

(62) Company C was directed to establish night defensive perimeters in vicinity of (BT 013299) and to be prepared to continue the attack to CP Desoto at first light on 6 July 1967. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(63) 6 July 1967 Materials were received at the Combat Base for the construction of the COC and the communication bunkers.

(64) 6 July 1967 From 6-15 July 1967 portions of the Battalion's organic supply was moved via helicopter from DaNang, RVN to the Combat Base (Hill 51).

(65) 6 July 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received a AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay van and team from the 5th Marines. Telephone communications were established between the Combat Base and 5th Marines.

(66) 060550H Company C commenced movement to CP DeSoto. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(67) 060630H Company C arrived at CP DeSoto. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(68) 060745H Company C patrol located in vicinity (BT 037296) found one U.S. butterfly bomb. Engineers were in the process of setting a charge to destroy the bomb when it exploded. The explosion killed 2 Marines and wounded one. Following the explosion, the patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male, about 52 years old who was located approximately 50 meters from the explosion. The detainee, wearing white clothing and without ID card was identified by the local village chief as a VC. VCC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VCC.

(69) 060800H Company B (-) located in vicinity (BT 009342) found a tunnel complex which ran in a circular pattern to the south, east and north for approximately 150 meters to vicinity (BT 011343); then to the southwest for 300 meters. The width of the tunnel varied from 3-5 feet and the height varied from 5-8 feet. The tunnel was intersected at various points by trenches. The tunnel was constructed 3-4 feet below the earth's surface. Air vents were constructed throughout the tunnel complex. Huts were located throughout the area in vicinity of the tunnel trench complex, which indicated it could have been a VC training site. One hut, which appeared to be a classroom was equipped with benches, blackboard and desks. The classroom was destroyed. Plans were made to destroy the tunnel complex at a later date.

(70) 060830H Squad patrol 5B6 located in vicinity (AT 994353) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 6-7 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 989347). Fire was received from the southwest at a distance of approximately 800-1000 meters. The patrol returned no fire and sustained one casualty. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

(71) 060900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 14 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(72) 060920H Company C located in vicinity (BT 034295) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males. One detainee was 35 years old with an ID card, dressed in black clothing. The other detainee was 18 years of age without ID card, dressed in black clothing. Detainees were found in a house containing mine and butterfly bomb components. Detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(73) 060950H The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 0950H to 1106H. The Commanding General was briefed by the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and toured the Combat Base.

(74) 061050H Company C arrived at Objective 23. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(75) 061210H Company C commenced movement to Objective 27. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(76) 061220H Platoon patrol 5B2 located in vicinity (BT 012364) received 3-4 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 015365). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of 300 meters. Patrol returned fire with one LAAW and searched the area with negative results.

(77) 061435H Company C arrived at Objective 27. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(78) 061535H Company C commenced movement to Objective 29. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(79) 061635H Company C located in vicinity (BT 059284) received 20-25 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 065285). While advancing toward the enemy position, Company C received approximately 300 rounds sporadic sniper fire from vicinity (BT 070282). Initially, fire was received from a distance of 900-1000 meters. Company C returned fire with approximately 3500 rounds small arms fire, 30 M-79 rounds, 2 LAAWs and 10 60mm HE rounds. The area in vicinity of (BT 065285) was searched and Company C apprehended 6 Vietnamese males of military age. Detainees were 20-25 years of age and were wearing black clothing. 4 detainees possessed ID cards. Detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(80) 061820H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was assigned the BALDEAGLE responsibility (Alert Company) for the 5th Marines.

(81) 062100H Company C arrived at Objective 29 and established night defensive perimeter. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(82) 062130H Company C defensive perimeter located in vicinity (BT 084305) received 2 incoming fragmentation hand grenades and 2 rounds of small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC, located about 50-100 meters to the southwest of the perimeter. Company C returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire, 5 60mm illumination rounds and 10 white parachute flares. A search of the area disclosed one VC KIA confirmed. VC KIA was about 25 years of age and wore a grey uniform. Additional items found during the search were, 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen, 1 pack containing assorted clothing and documents. During the search one Vietnamese male was apprehended. Detainee had no ID card, wore black clothing and admitted he was a VC.

VCC, captured equipment and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.
Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VCC.

(83) 062230H The sector of the Combat Base perimeter located in vicinity (BT 024342) received 4-5 rounds small arms fire from 3-400 meters from the southwest in vicinity (BT 023337). A Red Alert condition was set within the Combat Base due to the incoming small arms fire. LPs and OPs reported no movement or contact. There was no further enemy activity.

(84) 062315H Company A located at Nui Lac Son conducted a Red Alert drill. Drill was secured at 2345H.

(85) 7 July 1967 Company C was directed to remain in the vicinity of Objective 29 and conduct patrol activities. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(86) 070800H 1st Platoon, Company C, located in vicinity (BT 087301) came upon 2 VC dressed in black and blue clothing. As the patrol approached, the VC fled to northeast. The patrol fired 25 rounds small arms fire killing one VC. VC KIA was 25-30 years of age, without ID card. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(87) 070830H Platoon Patrol from Company C, located in vicinity (BT 096305), apprehended 1 Vietnamese male about 53 years of age wearing black and white clothing without an ID card. Detainee was questioned and admitted being a VC. The VC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(88) 070915H Fire team COP 5C1 located in vicinity (BT 087301), apprehended a 15 year old Vietnamese male without an ID card, wearing black and white clothing. When questioned, the detainee admitted being a VC. VCC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(89) 070930H MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(90) 071024H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited Company A Combat Base at Nui Lac Son from 071030 to 071220H.

(91) 071040H Company C departed Objective 29 moving to Objective 28. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(92) 071140H Company C located in vicinity (BT 080310) received 3 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 078312). Fire was received from the northwest at a distance of 300-400 meters. Company C returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire and swept the area.

The search disclosed one VC KIA confirmed. VC KIA was about 35 years of age, wore black clothing and had no ID card. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(93) 071212H Company C arrived at Objective 28 and was directed to establish a patrol base; conduct patrols 1000 meters from the patrol base and to be prepared to depart that position at 1500H.

(94) 071415H Platoon patrol 5B4 located in vicinity (BT 025334) apprehended a 30 year old Vietnamese male without ID card, wearing black clothing. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(95) 071430H Company C squad patrol located in vicinity (BT 077323) was approached by four Vietnamese civilians; 3 women seeking refuge in Que Son. Refugees were returned to the Combat Base. An S-5 representative forwarded the refugee to the Que Son District Refugee Center.

(96) 071527H Company C departed Objective 28, moving to Objective 30. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(97) 071640H Company C arrived at Objective 30 and was directed to return to the Combat Base.

(98) 071815H A 70 year old Vietnamese civilian returned items of U.S. military equipment he had found in the area to squad patrol 5A4, located in vicinity (BT 014301). Equipment included were 10 rounds 5.56mm ammo, one PRC 25 antenna and a pair of government issued eye glasses. The Vietnamese civilian was rewarded 200 piasters.

(99) 071830H Company C arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(100) 080112H Company D departed the Combat Base to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 81-67. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(101) 080140H Company D arrived at CP Ruth and continued to Objective F. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(102) 080629H Company D arrived at Objective F and was directed to continue movement to Objectives A and C. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(103) 080820H Platoon Patrol 5A4 located in vicinity (BT 020312) received 3-4 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity

(BT 020314). Fire was received from the north at a distance of 200 meters. Patrol returned 30-50 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. Patrol maneuvered against the enemy position and conducted a search of the area. The enemy broke contact and fled in an undetermined direction. During the search one Vietnamese civilian was found with a gun shot wound in the right hand. First aid was administered and the civilian was returned to Company A's combat base at Nui Lao Son for further treatment and questioning. The civilian was later released.

(104) 080900H A MEDCAP Patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 33 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(105) 080900H Platoon from Company D located in vicinity (BT 005374) found two burned bodies. The dead VC appeared to be about 25 years of age. A search of the area was conducted and the following items of equipment were found: 2 VC gas masks, 1 poncho, 1 khaki uniform, 1 bottle of pills. Equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(106) 081110H Company D arrived at Objective C and was directed to continue movement to Objective D. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(107) 081140H Squad Patrol from Company D located in vicinity (AT 993365) found a cave containing one khaki uniform, 3 grey uniforms, 1 helmet, 3 BA-30 batteries. Equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(108) 081230H Platoon, Company C on search and destroy mission in vicinity (BT 012343) reported cave (refer to significant event 060800H) to be complex of tunnels and caves with outlet leading to houses in vicinity (BT 016344). Search of tunnel and area disclosed various documents which were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. 60 percent of tunnel was destroyed by engineers employing 90 cratering charges.

(109) 081245H Company D located in vicinity (AT 997367) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 995366). Fire was received from a southwesterly direction at a range of 250-300 meters. Company D requested artillery fire and 14 105mm HE rounds were fired on the VC location with excellent target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(110) 081430H Company D arrived at Objective A and was directed to continue movement to Objective C. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(111) 081510H Company D arrived at Objective C and was directed to continue movement to Objective D. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

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(111) 081610H A local PF leader reported to Company A combat base located at Nui Lac Son that 2 platoons of NVA were located in vicinity (BT 009292). He requested air and artillery missions be conducted on NVA position. This report was verified by 3 different sources; a TAC/A reported observing 15-20 NVA wearing grey uniforms and carrying weapons located in the area; a recon insert reported observing 2 antennas and NVA movement in the area and a FAC team from Nui Lac Son observed two antennas in the area. Air strikes and artillery fire were conducted on the NVA location with good target coverage. At 081800H 4 wounded Vietnamese civilians, 3 women and a child, arrived at Company A's position and claimed to have been injured during the air strike. The civilians were administered first aid and were evacuated to the LSA located in Tam Ky, RVN. At 081800H a squad patrol was dispatched to vicinity (BT 008288) to provide security for the PF units that were searching the target area of the air strike and artillery fire. The PF unit deviated from its assigned route of advance approximately 500 meters and the movement was observed by a scout sniper who obtained permission to fire. The scout sniper fired one round small arms fire wounding a PF in the upper leg. PF was returned to Company A's position and evacuated to the LSA located at Tam Ky, RVN. PF unit leader was counseled on his deviating from the assigned route of advance and the dangers involved by not keeping other friendly units in the area informed. Battle assessment of the airstrike and artillery fire by PFs included the destruction of the house where the antennas were observed, 16 VC KIA confirmed and 8 VC KIA probable. Results: 4 civilians WIAE, 16 VC KIA confirmed, and 8 VC KIA probable.

(112) 081900H Platoon Patrol 5B8 located in vicinity (BT 004337) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male 20-22 years old without ID card, wearing white clothing. Detainee had what appeared to be pack strap marks on shoulders. Shortly thereafter, patrol observed 3 VC, two wearing black clothing carrying weapons, the other wearing green utilities without weapon. Patrol fired 20-25 rounds small arms fire as VC fled in a westerly direction. Search of area was conducted and disclosed heavy blood trails which were followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(113) 081944H Company D arrived at Objective C and established a night defensive perimeter. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(114) 082235H Company D was directed to commence movement from Objective C to Objective D at 090600H and upon arrival at Objective, to establish a patrol base, to conduct patrol activities in a 1000 meter radius of the patrol base, to effect a resupply and to be prepared to continue the attack on order. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(115) 29 July 1967 Company admin offices and Motor Transport vehicles commenced movement to Combat Base via helicopters from DaNang, RVN.

(116) 090610H Company D commenced movement from Objective C to Objective D.

See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(117) 090710H 2nd Platoon, Company B with tanks departed the Combat Base moving to CP Gold to exchange tanks. See Tab (G) to Enclosure (1).

(118) 090752H Company D arrived at Objective D. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(119) 090950H Member of squad patrol from Company D located in vicinity (BT 021376) triggered a booby trap which appeared to be an M-26 grenade. Patrol sustained 4 casualties; an emergency medical evacuation was effected, and casualties were extracted from the operating area. The booby trap had a trip wire attached and was set on surface of ground in high grass. When the booby trap detonated, Marines were well dispersed. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

(120) 091130H The FAC team of Company D located in vicinity (BT 021376) tripped what appeared to be an M-26 grenade booby trap moving to an established LZ to control a medical evacuation helicopter. Booby trap was set on the surface of the ground in high grass. Company D sustained 2 casualties. A medical evacuation was effected to extract the casualties from the operation area. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(121) 091445H Member of Company D located in vicinity (BT 022377) triggered a booby trap, which appeared to be an M-26 grenade. Booby trap was set on the surface of the ground in high grass. Company D sustained 2 casualties. Marines were well dispersed when the booby trap detonated. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(122) 091520H Member of Company D located in vicinity (BT 025374) fell into a punji pit embedding a bamboo stake in the Marine's leg. Marine was evacuated. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(123) 091530H The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Battalion visited the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 091530H to 091605H.

(124) 091630H 2nd Platoon Company B and tanks returned to the combat base terminating the exchange of tanks and combat patrol.

(125) 091640H Company D was directed to move to Objective H, establish night defensive perimeter and to be prepared to continue the attack on order to Objective B. Objective H was established at (BT 057374).

(126) 091746H Company D commenced movement to Objective H.

(127) 092035H Company D arrived at Objective H and established night defensive perimeter.

(129) 100550H Company D commenced movement from Objective H to Objective B in accordance with Modification to Frag Order 81-67. See Tab (F) and (H) to Enclosure (1).

(130) 100613H Platoon Patrol 5B1 and tanks departed combat base to linkup with Company D in accordance with Modification to Frag Order 81-67. See Tab (F) and (H) to Enclosure (1).

(131) 100613H Platoon Patrol 5B1 and tanks departed combat base to linkup with Company D in accordance with Modification to Frag Order 81-67. See Tab (F) and (h) to Enclosure (1).

(132) 100640H Company D located in vicinity (BT 067365) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC located vicinity (BT 065367). Fire was received from the west at a distance of 200 meters. Company D returned fire with 200 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. The area was searched with negative results.

(133) 10 July 1967 Engineers commenced construction of the CUC bunker.

(133) 100700H Platoon Patrol 5B1 and tanks linked up with Company D at Objective B and executed mission as assigned. See Tab (H) to Enclosure (1).

(134) 100830H Platoon patrol 5B1 and tanks departed Company D's position and returned to the combat base.

(135) 100900H The Deputy Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division arrived at the combat base with an M-16 instruction team. A period of instructions on the proper care and maintenance of the M-16 rifle was presented to available officers, SNCO's and NCO's of the Battalion. Chief of Staff and instruction team departed combat base at 101110H.

(136) 100900H Platoon Patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 972292) apprehended a Vietnamese male about 40 years of age without an ID card wearing white and black clothing. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(137) 100905H Platoon patrol 5B1 and tanks arrived at the combat base terminating S&D operations.

(138) 100930H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023346). FF's provided security for the patrol. 40 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(139) 100930 Company D located in vicinity (BT 086369) received 15-25 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 12 VC wearing grey and khaki clothing, helmets and packs, located in vicinity (BT 086367). Fire was received from the south at a distance of 200 meters. Company D returned fire with 375-400 rounds small arms fire; 10 M-79 rounds, and 25 60mm HE rounds. One VC fell after being shot when Company D initially opened fire. Company D assaulted the VC position and searched the area. During the search a female VC was found with her leg blown off.

A medical evacuation was called for the VC, but she died of wounds before being evacuated. One blood trail was found in the area and followed with negative results. The VC fled to the southeast through thick underbrush. The search was concluded with no further significant results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, and 1 VC KIA probable.

(140) 101030H Platoon patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 999299) observed 5 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons moving west in vicinity (AT 995292). Patrol fired 40-50 rounds small arms fire and 7 M-79 rounds at VC, and requested artillery fire. 13 rounds of 105mm HE were fired on the VC location with good target coverage. The VC fled to the west. Squad searched the area with negative results.

(141) 101100H Platoon patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 990305) observed 17 VC located in vicinity (AT 985304) (AT 985299) and (AT 984307) moving west and southwest. VC were wearing black clothing. Approximately 8 weapons were observed. Patrol received 40-50 rounds small arms fire from the VC located in vicinity (AT 985299). Patrol returned fire on all VC locations expending 700 rounds small arms fire and 26 M-79 rounds. Artillery fire was directed on the VC locations with good target coverage. The area was searched. A continued search of the area was conducted. 4 VC KIA confirmed were found; the bodies were badly mutilated from the artillery fire. Blood trails were found and followed with negative results. It was estimated that the VC sustained 4 VC KIA probable. Results: 4 VC KIA confirmed, 4 VC KIA probable.

(142) 101120H Squad patrol 5B6 located in vicinity (BT 008348) observed 4 VC moving west in vicinity (BT 008349) dressed in black, blue and khaki clothing, carrying weapon. Patrol initiated fire and expended 75 rounds small arms fire and 12 M-79 rounds killing the VC dressed in blue. The other VC fled to the west. The area was searched and patrol found 1 VC about 25 years of age, KIA confirmed; 1 Russian carbine with serial number B 7879 and 4 rounds 7.62mm ammunition. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(143) 101130H Company D was directed to continue attack to Objective B and Objective G. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(144) 101349H Company D arrived at Objective G and was directed to continue movement to Objective J.

(145) 101435H Company D located in vicinity (BT 104361) found a cave 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 10 feet long. The cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(146) 101610H Company D located in vicinity (BT 102343) observed two Vietnamese males walking in a northerly direction at a range of 350-400 meters in vicinity (BT 105345). Vietnamese ran when they observed the Marines. Company D fired 15 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round at the fleeing VC. Search of the area disclosed a blood trail which indicated 1 VC KIA probable. The search was concluded with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(147) 101630H Company C, the alert Company (BALDEAGLE) was ordered on a 15 minute standby by the 5th Marines. At 1800H, Company C was secured from 15 minute standby status and placed on the normal 1 hour standby.

(148) 101630H A young Vietnamese boy pointed out a booby trap to an H&S command security patrol located in vicinity (BT 024346). The booby trap consisted of an 81mm round, imprinted with Chinese writing, and the following numbers: J-N04-10; JMS-1-27-A53 81mm JN 13A131. Round was buried nose up with about 2" of the nose above the earth's surface. The round was removed by engineers and destroyed.

(149) 101920H Company D was directed to return to the Combat Base, along an axis of advance from Objective J to CP Ernie.

(150) 110130H Company D arrived at CP Ernie.

(151) 110330H Company D arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(152) 111430H Fire Team COP 505 located in vicinity (BT 017343) received 50 rounds small arms fire from 10-12 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 016343). Fire was received from the west at a distance of 75-100 meters. The COP returned fire with 25-30 rounds small arms fire. 2 VC carrying weapons and wearing black clothing attempted to flee from a trench line and were killed by the Scout Sniper Team. At 1445H Company C (-) was dispatched to assist the COP. Upon arrival in the vicinity of the COP, Company C (-) received 75 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 10 VC located in vicinity (BT 013346). Company C returned fire with 500-550 rounds small arms fire, 8 M-79 rounds, 2 LAWs and 5 60mm HE rounds. Company C commenced a sweep of the area and found 3 VC KIA confirmed; 2 7.62mm AK47 ChiCom Assault Rifles type 53, serial numbers 9480694 and 9468404, 1 equipped with a grenade adapter; 7.62mm Russian carbine serial number 47742, 4 rifle grenades with cannisters, 3 AK47 magazines, 5 rounds 7.62mm Russian ammunition, 2 ChiCom frag hand grenades, 1 ChiCom defensive hand grenade, 2 hammocks, 1 poncho, 1 small oil can, 1 entrenching tool, 1 set green utilities, 1 cartridge belt and one wallet containing an ID card. Company C continued to search and sweep the area and received 10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 5 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 007342). Company C returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire 5 60mm HE rounds and 4 LAWs. The area was searched and one tunnel 400 meters long and 4 feet wide and 6 feet high was found in vicinity (BT 010344). The VC broke contact and fled in a westerly direction. At 1815H Company C commenced movement to the Combat Base arriving at 1900H. Plans were made to destroy the tunnel complex. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 USMC WIA, 3 VC KIA confirmed.

(153) 112000H Company B departed the Combat Base to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 83-67. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

(154) 112320H Company B while conducting a night patrol in vicinity (BT 014334) received 10-20 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in vicinity (BT 010334). Fire was received from the west at a

(155) 120050H Company B arrived at Objective A and established night defensive perimeter in vicinity (BT 007318). See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

(156) 120730H 2nd Platoon Company B and tanks departed the Combat Base moving to destroy the tunnel complex found the previous day by Company C located in vicinity (BT 010344). See significant event 111430H. At 121330H tunnel complex was destroyed by engineers employing 200 pounds of C4 and 75 cratering charges. Following destruction of the tunnel complex, platoon and tanks were directed to return to the Combat Base.

(157) 120730H Company B located in vicinity (BT 005314) observed 2 Vietnamese; a female dressed in black clothing and a male dressed in grey clothing. When the Vietnamese observed the Marines, they fled into a tunnel. A search unit followed the Vietnamese into the tunnel and apprehended the female. The male fled through a smaller hole inside the tunnel. During the day a search was conducted in the tunnel complex. At 121920H the male was apprehended and questioned. He stated that he and the female were English teachers and were forced to work with the VC. The initial tunnel was 40 meters long, 3 feet wide and 4 feet high extending in a southwesterly direction. The tunnel proceeded 20 meters further leading to a room 20 feet wide, 35 feet long and 20 feet high with 3 adjoining chambers 15-20 feet high, 15 feet wide and 15 feet long with air vents extending 50 feet to the ground's surface. Initial tunnel forked to the southeast descending 15 feet into a chamber, 15 feet wide, 20 feet long and 8 feet high. A third tunnel led northeast into a chamber, 10 feet wide, 10 feet long and 6 feet high. During 12 and 13 July 1967, Company B continued to search the complex and set cratering charges. At 131515H engineers destroyed the tunnel complex utilizing 151 cratering charges. It was estimated that the complex was 90-95% destroyed. During the period the following items of equipment were found; 1 7.62mm Russian carbine with serial number 40322, 4 rounds 7.62mm Russian ammunition, notebook, assorted documents, 1 US canteen, 1 poncho, 1 M-16 magazine, 1 M-79 round 1 VC gas mask, 3 sets of green utilities, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 pair rubber shoes, 2 hammocks, 1 cartridge belt, assorted black and white clothing, 2 wallets, assorted medical supplies and cooking utensils. Detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. See tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

(158) 120930H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023246). PFs provided security for the patrol. 59 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(159) 121028H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed Combat Base for R&R. Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed duties as acting commander of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(160) 121445H Squad Patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 990269) observed 7-10 VC wearing black clothing carrying weapons in vicinities (AT 989272) and (AT 987274). Patrol fired 25-30 rounds small arms fire and requested artillery fire. 35 4.2 HE and 3 4.2 WP rounds were fired on the VC locations with good target coverage. Search of the area disclosed 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen, assorted documents and medical supplies. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(161) 121615H Patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 992773) found cave 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 2½ feet wide. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(162) 121830H Platoon patrol 5B1 located in vicinity (BT 001318) found 3 caves 8 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 feet high containing 12 bamboo beds, 21 metal containers 18 inches high and 12 inches in diameter. Each cave was joined by a tunnel complex. Beds, metal containers, and cave were destroyed.

(163) 121952H Red Alert drill was conducted at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. Drill was secured at 122005H.

(164) 122200H Red Alert drill was conducted at Company A's Combat Base at Nui Lac Son. Drill was secured at 122225H.

(165) 130930H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 46 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP. 30 bars of soap were distributed to the local villagers.

(166) 131525H Hoang Van Minh, age 16 turned himself in as a Chieu Hoi to Company A's position located at Nui Lac Son and volunteered the following information: He had been a VC for 2 years; had recently been wounded in the head and elbow by artillery fire in Quang Ngai during an attack on Bong Son Arvn outpost; after having been wounded the VC allowed him to return to his home located in Son Hoa village, Phu Col Hamlet vicinity (AT 990279). While at home, he took advantage of the opportunity to escape the VC, and turn himself into Company A's position. He also, stated that the VC established a mortar position at An Tay (4) located in vicinity (AT 889251) on 8 July 1967; That 2 105mm artillery pieces, 2 106RR rifles, 2 82mm mortars and a large cache of rice, weapons and documents was located in vicinity (AT 998286) and 4-6 VC were in the area daily after 1500H. Chieu Hoi was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(167) 131545H Fire Team COP 5B3 located in vicinity (BT 000315) observed 11 VC dressed in black and grey clothing carrying packs and rifles in vicinity (AT 981314) at a distance of 1900 meters. Artillery mission was requested. 8 rounds 105mm HE were fired on VC location. The area was not searched.

(168) 131620H Platoon Patrol 5B1 located in vicinity (AT 993317) observed 3 VC dressed in black clothing running in a westerly direction in vicinity (AT 992318). The VC were challenged without results. Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC. Area was searched with no further results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(169) 131650H Company B located in vicinity (AT 990315) received 80-90 rounds small arms fire from 20-25 unobserved VC located in vicinities (AT 987318) and (AT 989319). Company B returned 600 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and searched area with negative results.

(170) 131750H Company B commenced movement to Objective E. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

(171) 140617H Company B established blocking position in the vicinity of Objective D in accordance with Frag Order 83A-67. See Tab (J) to Enclosure (1).

(172) 140655H Company B located in vicinity (AT 976340) received 30-40 rounds small arms fire and approximately 10 rounds from a high powered rifle from an estimated 8 VC wearing black clothing in vicinities (AT 975345) and (AT 976345). Company B returned 200 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds and searched the area. One VC attempted to flee and was killed when he failed to respond to a challenge. Search of area was conducted without further significant results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(173) 140715H Platoon Patrol 5C2 with tanks located in the vicinity of (AT 999351) received 4 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper in a house located in vicinity (AT 994353). Tanks returned 3 rounds 90mm and platoon searched the area. As patrol approached the house, 1 VC fled and was killed with 3 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(174) 140910H Platoon patrol 5C3 with tanks located in vicinity of (AT 987354) received 30-40 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 20-25 VC wearing black clothing located in the vicinity of (AT 983347). Patrol returned approximately 200 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and 8 rounds 90mm. Search of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(175) 140915H Platoon Patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (BT 037263) observed 4 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons in vicinity of (BT 036262). Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire at VC. Area was searched and patrol found 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 M-26 fragmentation grenade, 7 rounds 7.62mm Russian ammunition and 2 shotgun shells.

(176) 140930H MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 32 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(177) 141030H Company B and platoon patrol 5C2 with tanks linked up at Objective D. See Tab (J) to Enclosure (1).

(178) 141055H Platoon Patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (BT 033255) observed 3 VC, 1 female and 2 males in the vicinity (BT 031253). VC fired 4 rounds small arms fire and fled to southwest. Patrol returned 20 rounds small arms fire killing the female, age 30. The area was searched without further significant results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(179) 141250H Company B, while searching huts in the vicinity (AT 979343) found a box 2 feet long, 1 foot wide and 4 inches high containing assorted medical supplies, which were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(180) 141300H Company B located in vicinity (AT 978342) was approached by 14 Vietnamese civilians requesting relocation to Que Son. Platoon Patrol 5C2 with tanks escorted the refugees to Que Son Refugee Center.

(181) 141430H Company B located in the vicinity of (AT 984343) found a cave 14 feet high, 4 feet wide and 10 feet long. Cave extended into a room 8 feet wide, 8 feet long and 5 feet high. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(182) 141435H One WP grenade exploded within the living area of Company D's section of the Combat Base perimeter wounding one Marine, a medical evacuation was called and completed at 141515H. An officer was appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the explosion. Results: 1 USMC NBCE.

(183) 141435H Platoon Patrol 5C2 and tanks departed Objective D moving to Combat Base.

(184) 141530H Company B located in the vicinity (AT 978343) found a cave 7 feet wide, 6 feet high and 20 feet long. Cave two tunnels branching east and west, which were 8 feet long and 3 feet wide. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(185) 141532H Company B was directed to continue attack to CP Buick then to Objective F. CP Buick established at (AT 985354) and Objective F established at (BT 000353).

(186) 141544H Company B commenced movement to CP Buick.

(187) 141550H Company A Squad Security Patrol 5A3 located in the vicinity of (AT 997287) found a cave 18 feet high, 36 feet wide and 50 feet long. Search of cave disclosed 2 M-26 grenades, 22 rounds 5.56mm ammunition, 2 blankets, assorted documents, 1 canteen, and cover, 1 pair khaki trousers, 2 ponchos, 4 sets black clothing. Cave was not destroyed at the time due to lack of necessary demolitions. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(188) 141624H Platoon Patrol 5C2 with tanks returned to Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(189) 141630H Squad Patrol 5A3 located in vicinity (AT 997285) apprehended a 20 year old Vietnamese male with ID card carrying a black bag containing assorted medical equipment. PEs with the patrol identified the male as a VC corpsman. VCC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(190) 141700H Company B arrived at Objective F.

(191) 141705H Squad Patrol 5A3 located in vicinity (BT 000286) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 4 unobserved snipers located in vicinity (AT 999279). Fire was received from a southerly direction at a range of 600-700 meters. The patrol returned 35-40 rounds small arms fire, 4 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(192) 141820H Company B commenced movement to Objective L. Objective L was established at (AT 993334). Upon arrival at Objective L, Company B was directed to conduct patrolling and to be prepared to return to the Combat Base at 2200H.

(193) 142040H Company B while in the vicinity of (AT 993348) observed 2 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons at a range of 200 meters to the west. Company B fired 80-85 rounds small arms fire. One VC fell, got up and continued running. Search of area disclosed heavy blood trail which indicated 1 VC KIA probable. The search was concluded with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA Probable.

(194) 142255H Company B arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(195) 150440H VCC apprehended at 141630H volunteered the following information to Company A located at Nui Lao Son: (1) A list of names of cadre personnel located in the vicinity of (AT 989281) (PHU - DOC Hamlet); (2) a list of names of guerrillas of Phu Loc Hamlet; (3) information concerning a tunnel containing rice, salt and clothing stores used by VC. Detainee said he could

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not point out the location on a map but would guide a patrol there. Plans were made to take VCC with a platoon search and destroy patrol 5A2.

(196) 150700H Platoon (Rein) Patrol 5B1 with tanks departed the Combat Base to conduct a tank/infantry combat road reconnaissance patrol in accordance with Frag Order 85-67. See Tab (L) to Enclosure (1).

(197) 150745H Platoon (-) Patrol 5A2 located in the vicinity (AT 998285) apprehended a 42 year old Vietnamese female with ID card wearing black and white clothing. VCC with patrol stated detainee is a VC runner. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(198) 150930H MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 59 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(199) 150955H Company A Platoon Patrol 5A2 located in the vicinity (AT 990284) observed 2 VC in the vicinity of (AT 991283) wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Patrol fired 10 to 15 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds killing one VC and hitting the other. The latter VC fell when hit, got up and fled to the northwest. During the search patrol found one 7.62mm Russian carbine serial number K2656. Rifle was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(200) 151010H Platoon (Rein) patrol 5B1 with tanks returned to the Combat Base terminating the tank/infantry road reconnaissance patrol.

(201) 151130H Company A Platoon Patrol 5A2 located in the vicinity of (AT 997281) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, 20-25 years old, wearing black clothing. Patrol also found a briefcase containing assorted documents in vicinity of area where detainee was apprehended. Detainees and captured items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(202) 151210H Company A platoon patrol 5A2 located in the vicinity of (AT 991282) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in the vicinity of (AT 988280). Patrol returned 10-15 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(203) 151925H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base received information from Que Son District Headquarters placing 100 NVA in the following vicinities (AT 985368), (AT 987374) and (AT 989379). Artillery fired 96 rounds 105mm HE on the 3 targets and observed a secondary explosion at (AT 987374). Tanks fired 7 90mm WP and 5 90mm HE rounds at (AT 987374) observing another secondary explosion. Artillery harassment and interdiction rounds were plotted and fired from 152200H to 160400H.

- (204) 151945H Company C commenced search and destroy operation in accordance with Frag Order 84-67. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).
- (205) 152028H Platoon, Company C arrived at CP Ann and established a night patrol base. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).
- (206) 152100H Platoon, Company C, arrived at CP Sue and established a night patrol base. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).
- (207) 152104H Company C platoon and Company Command Group arrived at CP Terry and established a night patrol base. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).
- (208) 160620H All units of Company C kink-up at CP Terry and commenced movement to Objective H to destroy caves located in vicinity (AT 996318). See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).
- (209) 160700H Company C arrived at Objective H. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).
- (210) 160850H Platoon patrol 5A9 located in vicinity of (AT 991282) received 5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 996284). Fire was received from the northeast from an estimated distance of 500 meters. Patrol returned fire with 15-20 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. The area was searched with negative results.
- (211) 160930H Platoon patrol 5D2 while searching huts in vicinity (BT 024323) found one VC gas mask and apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, who attempted to run from the patrol. Detainees were 25-30 years of age, wore white clothing and had what appeared to have pack strap marks on their back and shoulder. One Vietnamese had an ID card. Detainees and gas mask were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.
- (212) 161000H Platoon patrol 5A9 located in vicinity (AT 994281) found a cave 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 45 feet long. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers at a later date.
- (213) 161230H Platoon Patrol 5A9 located in vicinity (AT 985275) received 5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 983273). Patrol returned fire with 80 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. While firing on VC in vicinity (AT 973273) patrol observed 6 VC fleeing in a westerly direction in vicinity (AT 983270). The VC were wearing black and white clothing and were carrying 4 rifles. 22 4.2 HE rounds were fired on the fleeing VC. Patrol searched the area of both VC positions with negative results.

(214) 161300H Company C was directed to commence movement to Objective K. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(215) 161355H Company C located in vicinity (AT 996337) and (AT 996332) received 3 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 004336) and 10 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 994332). Company C returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire and searched the areas with negative results.

(216) 161420H The point of Company C located in vicinity (AT 996337) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from 3 observed VC located in vicinity (AT 996342). VC were dressed in green uniforms. The point returned fire with 100 rounds small arms fire and observed 5 VC dressed in green uniforms, attempting to flee to the southwest. 5 60mm HE rounds and 2 M-79 rounds were fired at the fleeing VC. 2 VC were observed being hit, one by a direct hit with a mortar round and the other by small arms fire. The area was searched and heavy blood trails were found, indicating 7 VC KIA probables.

(217) 161549H Company A arrived at Objective K and was directed to continue the attack to Objective N. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(218) 161624H Company C commenced movement from Objective K to Objective N. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(219) 161645H Company C arrived at Objective N and was directed to continue the attack to Objective P. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(220) 161750H Company C arrived at Objective P and was directed to continue the attack to Objective N. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(221) 162050H Company C arrived at Objective N and established a night defensive perimeter. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(222) 162100H Direct communication was established between the 1st Battalion 5th Marines FSCC at 5th Marines FSCC utilizing radio relay.

(223) 170731H Company C commenced movement to Objective K. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(224) 170827H Company C arrived at Objective K and conducted patrols. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(225) 170900H MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023346). PFA provided security for the patrol. 75 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(226) 170930H Company C located in vicinity (AT 986359) received 8 rounds small arms fire from 4 VC wearing black clothing located in vicinity (AT 982360). Company C returned fire with 75 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

(227) 171020H Company C commenced movement to Objective H. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(228) 171030H Company C located in vicinity (AT 998325) observed a Vietnamese male wearing black clothing in vicinity (AT 997324). When challenged the Vietnamese broke contact and fled to the north. Company C fired 12 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round, pursued and apprehended the Vietnamese. The detainee, age 25, was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(229) 171100H Company C located in vicinity (AT 998388) observed 2 VC in vicinity of (BT 003339) fleeing in a northeasterly direction. One VC was wearing green utilities, pack, cartridge belt and was carrying a rifle. The other VC wore black clothing and pack and had no weapon. Company C fired 40 rounds small arms fire killing the VC in black clothing. One pack containing assorted clothing was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(230) 171105H Company C located in vicinity (AT 994339) received 10 rounds small arms fire from 2 VC wearing black clothing located in vicinity (AT 994338). Company C returned fire with 25 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. VC broke contact to the southeast. The area was searched with negative results.

(231) 171130H Squad security patrol 5D1 located in vicinity (BT 016327) received 50-60 rounds small arms fire from 3-5 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 014327). Patrol returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. VC broke contact and fled to the west. The area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(232) 171201H Company C arrived at Objective H, established an LZ and waited the arrival of helicopters delivering cratering charges so Company C could destroy cave/tunnel complex. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(233) 171350H Squad Security Patrol 5A3 located in vicinity (AT 996287) observed 8 VC moving in a northerly direction in vicinity (AT 997289). VC

were wearing black and white clothing and 4 VC were carrying weapons. Patrol fired 45-50 rounds small arms fire as VC broke contact to the northwest into heavy undergrowth. The area was searched with negative results.

(234) 171546H A DENTCAP patrol was conducted in Lan Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 3 Vietnamese civilians were treated at DENTCAP.

(235) 172015H Squad Ambush Patrol 5A5 while enroute to ambush sight apprehended a 35-year old Vietnamese male, wearing black clothing in vicinity (BT 033336). Detainee had no ID card and had attempted to hide from patrol. Detainee was interrogated by a 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(236) 18 July 1967 Local Vietnamese civilians began clearing an area for the construction of the Battalion chapel.

(237) 180610H Company C commenced movement from Objective H to CP Sue. See Tab (K) to Enclosure (1).

(238) 180635H Company C arrived at CP Sue, detached the 3rd Platoon, Company B and continued movement to Objective Q. 3rd Platoon, Company B commenced movement to the Combat Base. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(239) 180720H Company C arrived at Objective Q and commenced search of the Objective area. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(240) 180850H Company C conducted a search of Objective Q with negative results and commenced movement to Objective R. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(241) 180945H 3rd Platoon, Company B arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operation.

(242) 181000H Company C arrived at Objective R and commenced a search of the Objective area. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(243) 181150H Company C conducted a search of Objective R with negative results and commenced movement to Objective S. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(244) 181245H Company C arrived at Objective S and was directed to conduct patrol activities in the objective area. See Tab (M) to Enclosure (1).

(245) 181515H Squad Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 013356) apprehended a Vietnamese woman on the recommendations of PF's with the patrol. PF

identified the women as a VC. VCC was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th IFT and was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(246) 181530H Company C was directed to return to Combat Base.

(247) 181801H Company C arrived at Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(248) 182000H A Red Alert drill was conducted at the Combat Base. Within 10 minutes the alternate CQC was manned and all units had reported that all positions were properly manned. Drill secured at 182010H.

(249) 182100H An intelligence report was received from Que Son stating that 120 VC were located in vicinity (BT 011264). 81's fired on the VC location. Results of the firing was unknown. The area was not searched.

(250) 190800H OPCON of Company B was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. At 190919H, Company B commenced helilift from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. The lift was completed at 191155H.

(251) 190900H MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 023346). PFs provided security for the patrol. 45 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(252) 19 July 1967 The Battalion received 2 water tanks, 300 and 600 gallon capacity, which will be used by H-53 helicopters to resupply water to Nui Lac Son.

(253) 191045H Squad Patrol 544 located in vicinity (BT 004355) received 20-25 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 4 VC, located in vicinity (BT 004358). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire, 4 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(254) 191015H Squad Patrol 5A4 located in vicinity (AT 991294) apprehended a 45 year old Vietnamese male wearing blue and black clothing without an ID card. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by a 9th ITT and was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(255) 191840H Platoon Patrol 5A4 located in vicinity (AT 997299) was moving to vicinity (AT 993293) to assess damages inflicted by airstrikes and artillery fires called by a recon insert, and received 20 rounds small arms fire from 3-4 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 993293) and (AT 995297). Patrol returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire, 2 M-79 rounds, requested artillery and received 81mm mortar fire which was fired on the VC locations with excellent target coverage. VC broke contact in an unknown direction. Patrol searched the area and found 5 huts totally destroyed and 3 concrete houses partially damaged.

(256) 191910H Squad Patrol 5A4 located in vicinity (BT 003292) apprehended a Vietnamese male about 30-35 years old, wearing black clothing, without an ID card. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by a 9th ITT team and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(257) 191930H An intelligence report from the Que Son District Headquarters placed two company size units of NVA/VC in the vicinity (BT 017362). 25 rounds of 105mm WP and 24 rounds of 105mm HS were fired on the enemy location. An MO reported good target coverage and one secondary explosion. The area was not searched.

(258) 201015H Squad Patrol 5D2 located in the vicinity of (AT 997353) received 6 rounds small arms fire from 3 VC wearing black clothing located in vicinity (AT 995355). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. A search of the area was conducted; 2 flashlights and 4 khaki shirts were found.

(259) 201050H A bomb damage assessment report from Que Son District Headquarters stated that on the night of 18 July 1967, through the morning of 19 July 1967, the VC sustained 4 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA and 2 houses burned, as a result of artillery fired in the vicinity of (BT 011364). From the night of 19 July through the morning of 20 July, VC sustained 3 VC KIA, 8 VC WIA and 4 houses destroyed in the same location.

(260) 201125H A member of Fire Team OOP 506 located in vicinity of (BT 033338) while cleaning his weapon, accidentally discharged the weapon killing a 11 year old Vietnamese boy in the immediate vicinity. Vietnamese boy was returned to the Combat Base and turned over to local villagers for proper burial. An investigating officer was appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

(261) 201400H Squad Patrol 5A3 located in vicinity (AT 995295) observed 5 VC wearing black clothing located in vicinity (AT 997297). Patrol fired 60 rounds small arms fire as VC fled to the west. Area was searched with negative results.

(262) 201500H Platoon Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 009340) found a tunnel 4 feet high, 4 1/2 feet wide and 500 meters long. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(263) 201615H Company D Squad Patrol located in vicinity (BT 008336) observed 2 Vietnamese males dressed in black clothing running in a southerly direction. Squad took Vietnamese under fire and apprehended one Vietnamese male with green utilities in his pack. Squad continued movement to vicinity of (BT 008332) where Marines were taken under heavy automatic weapons fire and grenades from an estimated 25 NVA in khaki clothing at a distance of 50 meters. Squad returned fire and in deploying to envelope the enemy, became separated. As squad continued to return fire, the 1st Platoon, Company C, the remaining squads of Platoon Patrol 5D2 and tanks were deployed to assist the squad. Enemy broke contact to the southwest as platoons approached. A search of the area at this time disclosed 2 VC KIA confirmed, heavy blood trails and drag marks indicating 2 VC KIA probable. 1 bandolier, 4 AK47 magazines, 1 leather pouch containing oil and cleaning gear, and 2 concussion grenades were found. Units moved to the north to establish an LZ to evacuate casualties when automatic weapons fire was received from (AT 996335). Fire was returned and 1 VC KIA confirmed was found and a 35 year old Vietnamese male wearing black clothing was apprehended. A medical evacuation was completed at 201840H and the area was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIAE, 3 VC KIA confirmed, 2 VC KIA probable and 2 detainees.

(264) 201715H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the Combat Base from R&R.

(265) 210835H Patrol 5C14 located in vicinity (BT 024337) found 1 POMZ -2 anti-personnel mine with trip wire attached. Mine was destroyed in place by engineers.

(266) 210845H Platoon patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (BT 007327) found an anti-personnel mine (M244) set with a pressure type device. Mine was buried with the firing device about 1 inch above the earth surface. The mine was destroyed by engineers.

(267) 210900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(268) 210921H Squad Patrol, 5D2 apprehended a 30 year old Vietnamese male wearing black clothing and without an ID card, in vicinity (BT 026329). Detainee appeared to have pack strap marks on back and shoulders. Detainee was interrogated by 9th ITF and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(269) 211030H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited the Combat Base from 211030H to 211140H.

(270) 211057H Platoon Patrol 5D7 located in vicinity (BT 002329) received information from local villagers that a VC ambush was located in vicinity (AT 998329). Patrol later received 5 rounds small arms fire from this area. Patrol requested and received 5 81mm HE rounds which were fired with excellent target coverage. Patrol searched the area with negative results.

(271) 211830H Squad Security Patrol 5A4 located in vicinity (BT 031309) came upon 3 VC with weapons, 2 wearing grey clothing and 1 wearing black clothing. Patrol fired 55 rounds small arms fire and threw 2 M-26 grenades killing 2 VC and apprehended the third. Captured equipment included 2 US carbines, serial numbers 622547 and 1653990, one Thompson sub-machine gun, serial number 684686, 6 M-26 fragmentation grenades and 3 cartridge belts and 20 rounds .45 caliber ammunition. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed, and 1 VCC.

(272) 212400H 1st Platoon, Company A commenced search and destroy operation in accordance with Company A's Frag Order of 21 July 1967. See Tab (N) to enclosure (1).

(273) 220655H Platoon patrol 5A1 located in vicinity (BT 002313) observed 3 Vietnamese without weapons, wearing grey clothing, running in a northerly direction in vicinity (BT 003314). Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds at fleeing VC. A Fire Team pursued the Vietnamese but could not regain contact. Vietnamese fled into heavy under brush in a southwesterly direction. Area was searched with negative results.

(274) 220745H Patrol 5C15 located in vicinity (BT 031337) found 1 81mm mortar round 150 meters beyond perimeter of Combat Base. Engineers relocated the round to a suitable position where it was destroyed.

(275) 220900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PF's provided security for the patrol. 25 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(276) 220914H 1st Platoon, Company A arrived at Objective A. See Tab (N) to Enclosure (1).

(277) 220930H Squad patrol 5D19 located in vicinity (BT 003333) received 5 rounds small arms fire at a distance of 500 meters to the southwest in vicinity (AT 998332). Patrol returned 30 rounds small arms fire, searched area and found Vietnamese female who had a gun shot wound in the cheek. Female was returned to the Combat Base, was treated by the Battalion surgeon, and later evacuated to DaNang, RVN.

* (278) 22 July 1967 Teletype communications were established at the Combat Base.

(279) 221000H 1st Platoon, Company A OP located in vicinity (BT 000315) observed 4 VC in vicinity (AT 993322), with weapons, wearing black clothing. 4 81mm HE rounds were fired on the enemy position with good target coverage. VC broke contact and fled into treeline to the west. Area was searched with negative results.

(280) 221855H 1st Platoon, Company A OP located in vicinity (BT 000315) observed 3 VC in vicinity (AT 987306) wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. 4 81mm HE rounds were fired on VC position. VC fled to the northwest. Area was searched with negative results.

(281) 221920H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter security observed 3 VC males located in vicinity (BT 024337). When sighted, Vietnamese fled in an easterly direction. Special patrol 5C6 searched area and found 1 81mm HE mortar round which was destroyed in place by engineers, on 23 July 1967.

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(282) 230608H 1st Platoon, Company A commenced movement from Objective A to the Combat Base in accordance with Frag Order 87-67. See Tab (P) to Enclosure (1).

(283) 230723H Company D (-)(Rein) commenced search and destroy operation in accordance with Frag Order 86-67. See Tab (O) to Enclosure (1).

(284) 230730H 1st Platoon, Company A located in vicinity (BT 003321) observed 4 VC wearing black clothing, carrying weapons, moving in a easterly direction in vicinity (BT 002323). Platoon fired approximately 300 rounds small arms fire, and 8 M-79 rounds, killing one VC. VC returned fire with 3 rounds small arms fire and fled to the northwest. Area was searched and platoon found 1 VC KIA confirmed about 23 years of age, 1 surgical mask, numerous papers and one US utility jacket. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(285) 230955H 1st Platoon, Company A arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operation.

(286) 23 July 1967 The Battalion CUC was moved in to the new CUC bunker.

(287) 231030H Company D located in vicinity (AT 996327) received approximately 30 rounds small arms fire, from 7 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 994326), (AT 999329) and (BT 996329). The VC were wearing black clothing and were well dispersed. Company D returned fire with approximately 30 rounds small arms fire, 4 M-79 rounds and requested artillery and received 10 rounds 105mm HE, which was fired on the VC locations with good target coverage. Members of Company C observed one VC fall when Company D initially opened fire, positions were searched and a blood trail and drag marks was found indicating one VC KIA probable. A continued search of the area was conducted without further results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(288) 23 July 1967 Battalion Supply began issuing GP tents, which were erected and utilized as living areas for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines personnel.

(289) 231115H Company D located in vicinity (AT 989333) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved snipers located in vicinity (AT 987335). Company D swept and searched the area with negative results. Result: 1 USMC WIAE.

(290) 231130H Platoon Patrol 542 located in vicinity (AT 994306) received 5 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3-4 unobserved snipers located in vicinity (AT 992302). Patrol returned fire with 25-30 rounds small arms fire, 1 M-79 round, and requested mortar fire. 6 4.2 inch HE rounds were fired on the suspected sniper position with good target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(291) 231405H Company D located in vicinity (AT 985334) received an estimated 500 rounds semi-automatic small arms fire and 3 rifle grenades from an estimated 15 VC located in vicinity (AT 985340). A few VC were observed wearing camouflage utilities. Company D returned fire with approximately 700 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds, 5 60mm rounds and requested an air strike and artillery fire. Artillery was fired on the VC position with good target coverage. During the fire fight, Company D sustained 2 casualties. At 231500H a HU-1B (gunship) and fixed wing aircraft conducted an airstrike in vicinity of (AT 981341) in support of a medical evacuation.

The VC fled in a southwesterly direction. After the medical evacuation was completed, Company D searched the target areas and found 3 huts which were destroyed by air; a blood trail and drag marks which indicated 1 VC KIA probable. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA probable.

(292) 231500H Company D was directed to continue the attack to vicinity (LT 977-342); establish a patrol base and conduct patrolling.

(293) 231630H Company D located in vicinity (LT 988342) received 8 rounds small arms fire from a VC dressed in black clothing. Fire resulted in one friendly casualty. Company D returned fire with 10 rounds small arms fire killing one VC about 20 years ago. A search of the area disclosed 1 AK 47 Russian rifle with serial number 8173045, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 first aid pouch, 4 AK 47 magazines and 40 rounds 7.62mm Russian ammunition. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(294) 231710H Squad patrol 547 found numerous papers and documents in a hut located in vicinity (BT 032335). Paper and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(295) 231730H Commanding Officer departed the Combat Base with 5 members of the Battalion Staff to attend a wedding reception of the Assistant Village Chief of Que Son District. At 1900H Commanding Officer and Staff members returned to the Combat Base.

(296) 231820H Company D located in vicinity (LT 983347) received 8-10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 7-10 VC located in vicinity (LT 978352). Several VC were observed wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Company D returned fire with 10-15 rounds small arms fire and observed 2 VC fall. The area was searched the following morning with negative results. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.

(297) 231930H Company D arrived in vicinity Objective G and established night defensive perimeter in vicinity (LT 997343). See Tab (0) to Enclosure (1).

(298) 232130H A Red Alert drill was conducted at the Combat Base. Drill was secured at 2145H.

(299) 240310H COP 5D2 located in vicinity (LT 987344) was attacked and overrun as Company D located in vicinity (LT 983334) simultaneously received small arms, 60mm mortar and M-79 fire and grenades followed by an attack of a reinforced VC Company with three reinforced platoons attacking from the east, west and south. The attack was well coordinated with 60mm mortar fire. Company D returned fire, inflicting severe casualties. Artillery and 81mm counter mortar fire was conducted and the attack was repulsed. The perimeter heard sounds of bodies being dragged away prior to a search of the area. The positions were consolidated and a search was conducted disclosing 2 VC KIA confirmed, drag marks and heavy blood trails indicating 20 VC KIA probable, 2 Russian AK 47 rifles, serial numbers 9471550 and 10085935. Results: 5 USMC KIA, 14 USMC WIAE, 7 USMC WIAE, 2 VC KIA confirmed, 20 VC KIA probable, 2 Russian AK 47 rifles captured; 3 M-16 rifles, serial numbers 544478, 552642 and 554288 and 1 M-60 machine gun, serial number 5521 lost.

(300) 240815H The Commanding Officer, 5th Marines and Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed the Combat Base to visit Company D's position which was located in vicinity (LT 983334).

(301) 240900H A MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 024345). PF's provided security for the patrol. 36 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(302) 240930H Company D was directed to continue attack on order to Objective M. Objective M was established in vicinity (LT 987357).

(303) 241010H Company D commenced movement to Objective M.

(304) 240945H Company D located in vicinity (LT 984347) observed 10-15 VC wearing green uniforms and carrying rifles 1300 meters to the southwest in vicinity (LT 978335). Artillery fired 43 105mm HE rounds and 4 105mm WP rounds on the VC position. The fire was observed by an artillery FO at Company D's position. FO observed what appeared to be 2 VC bodies blown in the air. The area was not searched. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.

(305) 241035H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the Combat Base.

(306) 241315H Squad Patrol 5416 located in vicinity (BT 045321) apprehended a Vietnamese male, age 30, wearing black and white clothing. Detainee was uncooperative when questioned and tried to escape from the patrol. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(307) 241320H Company D arrived at Objective M and conducted patrol activities to the north, west, south to a radius of 1000 meters.

(308) 241345H Squad Patrol 5D2A located in vicinity (LT 985367) found a trench line 3 feet deep, 2 feet wide and 40 meters long leading to an L-shaped cave 15 meters long, 5 meters wide and 5 meters high. A second cave, 12 feet long, 5 feet wide and 5 feet high was found 30 meters from the first cave. Small quantities of rice and cooking oil, 5 bottles of penicillin and assorted documents were found. Plans were made to destroy trench and caves at a later date. Penicillin and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S02.

(309) 241415H Squad Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (LT 975355) received 5 rounds small arms fire from 2 unobserved VC located 200 meters to the north in vicinity (LT 975357). Patrol returned fire with 25 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(310) 241420H Squad Patrol 543 located in vicinity (BT 049284) observed a Vietnamese female who fled to nearby house when she observed patrol. One Vietnamese male then ran out of the house and was ordered to halt. When man failed to stop, patrol fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing the VC. VC wore green and white clothing, was 28 years old and had no ID card. 2 Vietnamese females, ages 36 and 16, wearing green, black and white clothing were apprehended, questioned and released. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(311) 241515H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed the Combat Base for 5th Marines.

(312) 241715H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the Combat Base.

(313) 241730H Company D was directed to move to Objective P when all patrol activities had returned to the Company Patrol Base. Objective P was established in vicinity (BT 008357).

(314) 241810H Company D located in vicinity (LT 993359) received 4-6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper at a range of 700 meters to the north-west in vicinity (LT 987364). Company D returned fire with 4 rounds 60mm H& fire and artillery fired 5 rounds 105mm WP on the sniper locations. Sniper fire ceased and Company D continued on its mission. Area was not searched.

(315) 241854H Company D arrived at Objective P and established a night patrol base.

(316) 242042H A Red Alert/ABC alert was conducted within the Combat Base with excellent results. CS gas was employed in various sectors by designated personnel. All units reacted quickly to simulated chemical attack and reported being established in Red Alert condition in 12 minutes. Drill was secured at 242128H.

(317) 242210H Company D was directed to return to the Combat Base.

(318) 242325H Company D arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(319) 250800H OPCON of Company C was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(320) 250830H Village Chief of Binh Lam Village brought one Chieu Hoi with medical kit to Company A's position at Mui Lac Son. Chieu Hoi stated that he was a VC corpsman. Chieu Hoi and medical kit were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(321) 250900H MED/DENTCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 024345). PF's provided security for the patrol. 41 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MED/DENTCAP.

(322) 25 July 1967 Five S-5 projects were approved by the Commanding Officer and will be implemented as soon as supplies become available. The projects approved were: (1) Audio-visual instructions on basic hygiene to be presented to the refugees of Dan-Tri Refugee Camp. (2) Houses of Dan-Tri Refugee Camp and Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet to be sprayed with DDT. (3) New wells will be constructed at the Dan-Tri Refugee Camp. (4) A flag pole is to be erected and a flag raising ceremony to be conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet. (5) School kits to be provided to local students.

(323) 251600H A presentation of awards ceremony was conducted at the combat base for members of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The Commanding Officer, 5th Marines was the reviewing officer. He presented one Navy Commendation Medal, two Purple Heart Medals and two Commanding General's Certificates of Commendation to members of the Command.

(324) 260840H Squad Patrol 5A13 while crossing rice paddy in vicinity (BT 015325) received 8 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 011326). Patrol returned fire with 70 rounds small arms fire, 1 M-79 round and searched the area with negative results.

(325) 260900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 35 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(326) 261000H Squad patrol 5D16 while conducting search of the area in vicinity (BT 018349) found 1 AK 47 magazine and assorted medicines and bandages. Equipment was forwarded to Battalion S-2 for further disposition.

(327) 261150H Squad patrol 5D16 located in vicinity (BT 097352) found a M-26 grenade, booby trapped with a trip wire. Grenade and trip wire were well camouflaged and set close to the ground. Patrol destroyed the booby trap by lashing a bucket to a rope and dragging a bucket over the trip wire.

(328) 261245H Squad patrol 5A16 located in vicinity (BT 005342) apprehended a Vietnamese female age 20, dressed in black clothing. PF with the patrol identified the detainee as a VC. VCC was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(329) 261300H Squad patrol 5A14 located in vicinity (BT 012324) received 40 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 6 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 011326). Patrol returned fire with an estimated 125 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. 2 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons were observed fleeing in a westerly direction. Patrol searched the area and found a blood trail and drag mark which indicated one VC KIA probable. A Vietnamese male age 40, wearing black clothing was apprehended. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA probable, and 1 Detainee.

(330) 261700H A Vietnamese civilian was awarded 400 piasters for pointing out a claymore mine located in vicinity (BT 031335) to squad patrol 5D1.

(331) 261730H OPCON of Company C was passed from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Company C returned to the Combat Base.

(332) 26 July 1967 A flag pole was erected in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet with the aid of the Battalion S-5.

(333) 262110H Squad ambush patrol 5A35 located in vicinity (BT 070330) observed 2 VC with weapons located in an open area in vicinity (BT 019329). Patrol initiated action by firing 20 rounds small arms fire at the VC. The VC returned fire with 5 rounds small arms fire and broke contact moving east. 81mm mortar illumination was provided while patrol searched

the area. Area was searched with negative results. Patrol was recalled to the Combat Base and relocated to a new ambush site. Results: 1 USMC NBCE.

(334) 27 July 1967 The Battalion increased Psychological Operations measures. Patrols moving in the area began distribution of Psychological Operations leaflets to Vietnamese civilians.

(335) 27 July 1967 A new industry, the production of bamboo mugs, was initiated in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet. Project was established as a civil affairs activity. Price controls were established.

(336) 270900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet. PFs provided security for the patrol. 44 Vietnamese were treated.

(337) 271155H Squad Patrol 542, while searching the area in vicinity (BT 005267), found 8 freshly dug fighting holes approximately 4 feet deep, 2 feet wide and 6 feet long. The Squad conducted a thorough search of the area and found a small cave. A Vietnamese male, age 50, was found hiding in the cave. The detainee wore black clothing and had no ID card. Inside the cave, the patrol found a pick and shovel. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base and interrogated by 9th ITT. It was revealed from the interrogation that the detainee was a member of the VC cadre. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(338) 271240H Squad patrol 542, while searching area in vicinity (AT 997336), apprehended a 30 year old Vietnamese male without ID card hiding in a small cave. Detainee was wearing green clothing and was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT, and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(339) 271500H Squad Patrol 5D14 apprehended a 30 year old Vietnamese male without ID card in vicinity (BT 016300). Detainee was wearing green and black clothing. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(340) 271615H Squad Patrol 543 found a booby trap, type unknown by trail located in vicinity (BT 043275). The firing device was about 1½ inches above the earth's surface and was the only visible portion of the booby trap. Booby trap was destroyed in place by engineers.

(341) 271630H Two Vietnamese males arrived at Company A's combat base carrying a Vietnamese male who claimed he had been wounded on 26 July 1967 by artillery. Questioning of the Vietnamese indicated that the wounded male had been previously treated by a VC corpsman. The wounded detainee was evacuated to Danang, RVN. The other detainees were forwarded to the Combat Base at Hill 51 and interrogated by 9th ITT. Interrogation revealed that

one detainee was an innocent civilian and was released. The other detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(342) 280430H 1st Platoon, Company A departed Combat Base located at Hill 51 and conducted search and destroy operations to Company A's position located at Nui Lac Son (BT 023288).

(343) 280630H 1st Platoon, Company A arrived at Nui Lac Son and terminated search and destroy operations.

(344) 280815H Squad Patrol 5C14 located in vicinity (BT 009328) observed 2 Vietnamese, 1 male and 1 female, running from the patrol at a distance of 50 meters. The patrol challenged the fleeing Vietnamese who failed to respond. 15 rounds small arms fire were fired by the patrol wounding the male in the right leg, shoulder and forearm; the female in the right leg. Detainees were returned to the Combat Base and were provided medical aid. Detainees were questioned by 9th ITT and evacuated to Danang, RVN for further medical treatment and disposition.

(345) 280830H Memorial Services were conducted in the new Chapel for Company D Marines who were killed in action on 24 July 1967.

(346) 280900H A MEDCAP Patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet located in vicinity (BT 023345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(347) 280935H Squad Patrol 5C14 located in vicinity (BT 006343) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 003344). Patrol returned fire with 125 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. A detailed search of the area was conducted with negative results.

(348) 281125H Platoon Patrol 5C14 located in vicinity (BT 005325) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 999315). Patrol returned fire with 25 rounds small arms fire and observed 12 VC dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons moving northwest in vicinity (AT 995322). Artillery and air strikes were called on VC location with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(349) 281515H Platoon Patrol 543 apprehended 2 Vietnamese females in vicinity (BT 031284). The detainees were about 30 and 50 years of age, wore black clothing and had no ID cards. Detainees were returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT; the 30 year old detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2 and the 50 year old detainee was released.

(350) 281530H Platoon Patrol 5C14 apprehended a 30 year old Vietnamese female, wearing black clothing, who was hiding in a cave in vicinity (AT 997325). The patrol ordered the detainee out of the cave and she would not come out. The patrol removed the detainee from the cave, and returned her to the Combat Base. The detainee was interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(315) 290825H Squad Patrol 542 located in vicinity (BT 007262) observed 5 VC moving in a westerly direction in vicinity (BT 005261). VC were wearing black clothing and 3 carried weapons. Patrol fired approximately 30 rounds small arms fire as the VC fled to the west. The VC returned fire with 10-15 rounds small arms fire. A search of the area was conducted and patrol found 3 VC KIA confirmed. A blood trail was found heading in a westerly direction which indicated 1 VC KIA probable. Search was conducted without further significant results. Result: 3 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable.

(352) 290900H A MEDCAP patrol was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 023345). PFs provided security for the patrol. 35 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP.

(353) 290920H Lead elements of Company B arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines LZ. 291130H the last elements of Company B arrived at the Combat Base. OICOM of Company B was passed from 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(354) 290935H Squad Patrol 542 located in vicinity (BT 004264) found one blood stained cartridge belt, 3 rolls of monofilament line and a instructional pamphlet on how to set safe fuzes on illumination canisters. Equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(355) 291025H Squad Patrol 542 apprehended a Vietnamese male detainee in vicinity (BT 001275), age 40, had no ID card and was wearing black clothing. PF's with the patrol identified the detainee as a VC. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(356) 291210H Squad Patrol 542 located in vicinity (BT 006275) received approximately 25 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 15-20 VC located in vicinity (BT 005268). The VC wore black clothing and carried weapons. Patrol returned fire with approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and requested mortar fire. 81's fired 4 rounds WP and 10 rounds HE on the VC location with good target coverage. Patrol was joined with a unit from Company A's position. The area was searched with negative results.

(357) 291310H Squad Patrol 542 located in vicinity (BT 001270) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 6-8 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 999-770). Patrol returned 25 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results. The VC fled in an undetermined direction.

(358) 291320H Squad Patrol 5GL4 located in vicinity (BT 008347) observed 4 VC in vicinity (BT 005347), dressed in khaki uniforms and carrying weapons and packs. Patrol fired approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds at the VC. Patrol pursued the VC as they fled to the west. The area was searched; one blood trail was found and followed indicating 1 VC KIA probable. The search was conducted without further significant results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(359) 291435H The OP located at the Combat Base Hill 51 in vicinity (AT 965360) observed 4 VC carrying packs and rifles. The VC wore grey and black uniforms. Artillery fired 5 105mm HE rounds on the VC location with good target coverage. OP observed 2 VC KIA confirmed. VC fled in a westerly direction. The area was not searched.

(360) 292155H Movement was heard in vicinity of the Combat Base perimeter located in vicinity (BT 029343). Illumination was provided and one Vietnamese male was observed in the area. One M-26 grenade was thrown at the Vietnamese. A squad searched the area with negative results.

(361) 300840H Platoon Patrol 5D14 located in vicinity (AT 996359) received 5-6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 994357). Patrol returned fire with 10 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(362) 300935H Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Commanding Officer, 5th Marines arrived at the combat base and attended a dedication ceremony for the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Memorial Chapel. The Commanding General delivered a short address.

(363) 301015H The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Commanding Officer, 5th Marines were briefed by the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and toured the combat base.

(364) 301055H Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Commanding Officer, 5th Marines and Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed the combat base for Nui Lao Son.

(365) 301110H The point of Platoon Patrol 5C1 located in vicinity (AT 998255) observed approximately 25 NVA with an estimated 15-17 weapons in vicinity (AT 995323). The NVA wore a mixture of black clothing and grey uniforms, packs and cartridge belts. Patrol fired approximately 350 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds at the NVA. Artillery fire was requested and 12 rounds 105mm HE rounds were fired on the NVA position with good target coverage. The NVA fled in all directions. At 1150H two platoons and a Command Group from Company B were dispatched to assist in conducting a search of the area. At 1245H Company B (-) joined Patrol 5C1. A detailed search of the area was conducted with the following results: 9 VC KIA confirmed and blood trails indicating 7 VC KIA probable were found. The following equipment and weapons were captured: 2 US carbines with serial numbers 650068 and 39411, one Russian carbine with serial number J2347, one French rifle MAS-36 with serial number FG69606, 2 M-26 grenades, 2 cartridge belts, one pack containing assorted clothing, papers and books, 80 rounds of assorted ammunition. Captured equipment was forwarded to the 5th Marines S-2.

(366) 301140H Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Commanding Officer, 5th Marines departed Company A's Combat Base at Nui Lac Son.

(367) 301205H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the Combat Base at Hill 51.

(368) 301415H Company B located in vicinity (AT 980322) observed 6 VC with weapons running across a rice paddy in vicinity (AT 986320). Two VC were wearing khaki uniforms and four were wearing black clothing. Company B fired 50 rounds small arms fire and pursued the VC. One VC female was killed. When the VC fell, another picked up the weapon. VC fled in a southwest direction. The search of the area was conducted with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(369) 301719H Company B arrived at the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations.

(370) 301815H Squad Patrol 544 apprehended an 18 year old Vietnamese male without ID card hiding in a cave in vicinity (BT 007303). Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(371) 301850H Squad Patrol 5D3 found 3 60mm HE rounds in vicinity (BT 014354). Two rounds were buried nose up with about 1 inch of the fuze above the ground. The rounds were marked and plans were made to destroy the rounds at a later date.

(372) 302200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received warning order from the 5th Marine to be prepared to detach one company to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at 311000H. Company C was assigned the mission.

(373) 310640H 2nd Platoon, Company D (5D2) with a section of tanks from Company A, 1st Tank Battalion departed the combat base to linkup with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines in accordance with Frag Order 89-67. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(374) 310750H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 arrived at CP Hit. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(375) 310800H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 arrived at CP Foul. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(376) 310810H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 arrived at CP Single. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(377) 310830H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 075370) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 007372). Patrol returned fire with 60 rounds small arms fire, 6 M-79 rounds, 3 90mm HE rounds and 50 rounds .50 caliber fire. A squad searched the area with negative results.

(378) 310840H Squad Patrol 5D15 apprehended a Vietnamese male with no ID card in vicinity (BT 038311). Detainee about 45 years of age, and was wearing black and white clothing. Detainee was returned to the combat base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(379) 310930H A flag raising ceremony was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, located in vicinity (BT 023346). The Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 5th Marines presented a flag to the Que Son District Chief, who in turn presented the flag to the Village Chief of Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet. The Village Chief hoisted the flag on a flag pole which had been donated by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(380) 310945H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 arrived at CP Homerun and awaited the arrival of the Tank/Infantry Patrol from the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(381) 311055H First element of Company C boarded helicopters for move to vicinity of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines area. At 1210H all Company C units had departed the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(382) 311230H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 080388) received 10 rounds small arms fire and one HE rifle grenade from an estimated 2-3 unobserved VC located in vicinity (BT 075388). Patrol sustained one casualty. Tanks returned 12 90mm HE rounds. A squad searched the area with negative result. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(383) 311255H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 linked up with patrol from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, accomplished assigned mission and commenced movement to the Combat Base. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(384) 311300H OFCON of Company C was passed from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(385) 311330H Squad Patrol 543 apprehended a Vietnamese male in vicinity (AT 993287). Detainee had an ID card, was 37 years of age and was dressed in black and white clothing. Detainee acted very nervous while being questioned. Patrol searched the detainee's house and found one Khaki shirt, 1 pair of green utility type trousers and assorted bandages. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(386) 311355H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 arrived CP Foul. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(387) 311340H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 065360) received 3 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 068-365). Patrol returned fire with 10 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(388) 311400H Squad Patrol 5D17 apprehended 2 Vietnamese females in vicinity (BT 023326). One detainee was 31 years of age, had an ID card and was wearing brown and black clothing. The other detainee was approximately 35 years of age, had no ID card and was wearing white and black clothing. The 31 year old detainee informed the IF's with the patrol that her brother had recently departed for Hill 270 (AT 999316) with a weapon. Detainees were returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(389) 311410H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 located in vicinity (BT 060359) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (BT 065353). Patrol returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire, 40 rounds 50 caliber fire and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(390) 311500H Squad Patrol 5D17 apprehended a Vietnamese male in vicinity (BT 017324). The detainee was muscular, appeared to be 25-30 years of age and had an ID card. Detainee was returned to the Combat Base, interrogated by 9th ITT and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(391) 311610H Tank/Infantry Patrol 5D2 returned to the combat base terminating assigned mission. See Tab (R) to Enclosure (1).

(392) 311700H Company B departed the Combat Base moving to Objective R to establish a patrol base in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (Q) to Enclosure (1).

(393) 311750H Squad Patrol 544 located in vicinity (BT 044288) received 100-125 rounds small arms fire from an estimated unobserved 15-20 VC located in vicinity (BT 046285). One casualty was sustained by the patrol. Patrol returned fire with 75 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and moved into position to assault the VC location. A patrol from Company A's position was moved to vicinity (BT 028287) to support Patrol 544. Patrol 544 conducted a search of the VC positions and found 1 VC KIA confirmed, dressed in black clothing; one bloody shirt and heavy blood trail which indicated 1 VC KIA probable. The VC appeared to have fled in a southerly direction. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, and 1 VC KIA probable.

(394) 311810H Company B located in vicinity (BT 003339) observed a Vietnamese male running in vicinity (BT 002339). The point of Company B challenged the Vietnamese without response. Point fired 2 rounds small arms fire wounding the Vietnamese male. The Vietnamese was apprehended. Detainee had no ID card, was 35-40 years of age and was wearing black clothing. Detainee was not seriously wounded and was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(395) 311919H Company B arrived at Objective R and established a night patrol base. See Tab (Q) to Enclosure (1).

(396) 312400H Company B continued to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (Q) to Enclosure (1). Company C continued under OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab A After Action Report; Operation GAMMA
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✓(6) Modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75-67
✓(7) Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+2
✓(8) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 76-67
✓(9) Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+3
✓(10) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 77-67
✓(11) Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+4
✓(12) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 78-67
✓(13) Modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 77-67

1. Name.

Operation "CALHOUN" (Search and Destroy).

2. Dates.

From 250001H June 1967 to 011200H July 1967.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "CALHOUN" in the central northwestern part of QUE SON District; QUANG NAM Province, RVN, within an area blocked by coordinates (AT 980410), (AT 980340), (BT 020410), and (BT 020340).

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

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

LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)

MAJ J. P. WHITE

B&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT G. L. MCKAY (Acting)

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Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT M. C. JOHNSTON, JR

Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT B. M. GREENE

5. Task Organization

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Co C, 1stBn, 5thMar

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Det, H&S Company (-)(Rein)

CAPT G. L. MCKAY (Actin

Det, 81 Plat

Det, 106RR Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, FAC Tm

Det, Med Plat

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

ARVN Ln Off

Plat, Co D

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Det, HqCo, H&S Bn, (1stMarDiv Photographer)

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Sniper Tm)

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

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

FAC Tm

Company B (-)(Rein)

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company B (-)

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, HqCo, H&S Bn, (1stMarDiv Photographer)

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Sniper Tm)

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

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Kit Carson Tm
 S-2 Scout
 FAC Tm

6. Supporting Forces.

a. Air

(1) During Operation "CALHOUN", air support was provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing. On D+3 a TAC/A directed two air strikes. The first strike was conducted in vicinity (AT 985375) against a target consisting of 7 VC observed by Company B. One flight of A4 aircraft were directed on the target, in support of Company B. Subsequent to the strike, the area was searched with negative results. The second air strike was conducted in vicinity coordinates (AT 978361) as an area preparation controlled by the Air Liaison Officer. A TAC/A directed one flight of A4's on the target.

(2) TAC/A and AO were utilized throughout the operation by all participating units.

(3) FAC teams were assigned with each participating unit. The Air Liaison Officer moved with the Command Group.

b. Artillery

(1) Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation CALHOUN. On call fires were planned to secure the left flanks of the Battalion, to fire preparation fires on objective areas and on terrain along the Battalion's route of advance.

(2) Company A used artillery on D-Day in vicinity (BT 001409) to recon by fire. The results of the mission were two fold - it enabled the company to mark its route of advance and disclosed some VC activity in the area.

(3) The Battalion Command Group was supported by Battery D on D+1 when two rounds of illumination were fired in vicinity (AT 004389) after two incoming grenades and some small arms fire were taken by the command group. On D+2 four (4) rounds of 105mm HE were fired in vicinity (AT 013377) a route of advance into the CP area. Battery D supported Company B on D+3 by firing in vicinity (AT 985374), when snipers were observed in the area. Coverage of the target area was excellent and further activity in the area was unobserved.

(4) H&I fires were fired nightly in the operating area, on harbor sites, avenues of infiltration, mortar sites and other likely places of VC activity. Artillery fire provided during the operation was quick, responsive and effective.

(5) An Artillery FO team was assigned with each participating unit. The Artillery Liaison Officer moved with the Command Group.

c. Engineers

(1) Engineer support was provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion with engineer teams assigned with each company and the Command Group. During the operation, engineers were effectively employed to destroy numerous caves and tunnels.

7. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of Enemy Strength, Location, and Disposition in the Objective Area.

(1) Forces anticipated in the immediate area.

UNIT	TYPE	LOCATION	STRENGTH	TACTICAL DISPOSITION
3rd NVA Regt	NVA	BT 0826	660	Well trained and disciplined
K-50 Company	LF	Base Area 116	70	Unknown
Q-13 Company	LF	Base Area 116	80	Unknown

(2) Intelligence was initially provided to this unit by the 5th Marine Regiment and 1st Marine Division PERINPRRP 12-67 (Base Area 116) (Update).

b. Enemy Strength and Situation Actually Determined During the Operation

(1) Little opposition was encountered during the operation and those met seemed to have been taken by surprise indicating there was an apparent communications deficiency among the enemy.

c. VC/NVA Units Identified.

(1) Local Guerrillas

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 infrastructure, consisting of Youth, Farmers and Women's Associations.

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

e. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features.

(a) HON NUI TAU (AT 970389), elevation 3,129 feet.

(b) NUI MAT RANG (AT 983432), elevation 2,771 feet.

(2) Relief and Drainage.

(a) The area is a mountainous promontory approximately nine miles long and four miles wide. It is oriented generally northeast and southwest. The area is prominently cut northeast to southwest, by the KHE SUOI NOI River. This river provides a corridor which is the best avenue of approach into the center of the mountains. Extending southwest of the base area is a finger of mountains which would provide the enemy an excellent route of withdrawal.

(3) Vegetation.

Predominately evergreen forest and scrub. This placed a restriction on long and short observation and limited the availability of suitable helicopter landing zones.

(4) Obstacles.

A few rivers and streams traversed the objective area, but did not present any major problems to foot movement. Tank movement in this area is severely restricted.

(5) Avenues of Approach.

(a) Trails in the operational area were good to excellent for foot troops.

f. Cross Country Movement.

(1) No unusual problems were encountered for infantry.

g. Weather.

(1) Throughout the operation, the weather was warm and humid with late afternoon showers, and, for the most part, unrestricted visibility.

8. MISSION.

a. Commencing on D-Day conduct S&D operations into vicinity of Division Objective 2 to discover and capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment therein.

9. CONCEPT OF OPERATION.

a. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) commences movement to LOD, at H-Hour, continues attack to Objectives A and B and conducts reconnaissance in force along routes of advance Spring and Summer and conducts combat patrol in the lowlands contingent to the hill mass comprising Base Area 116.

10. EXECUTION

a. D-1. 24 June 1967

(1) 241530H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines and the Regimental S-2 and S-3 officers arrived at the combat base to discuss Operation CALHOUN.

(2) 5th Marines Frag Order 45-67 was received. See reference (b).

(3) 241730H A warning order was issued by the Commanding Officer concerning participation in Operation CALHOUN.

(4) 241735H NBC reporters, Mr. R. PETERSON, Mr. D. SILVA, Mr. PAT TELL and Marine escort from 3rd MAF Combat Information Bureau arrived at the Combat Base to provide news media coverage of Operation CALHOUN.

(5) 242400H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. See enclosure (1).

b. D-Day. 25 June 1967 (See enclosure (2).)

(1) 250200H Company A departed Combat Base to participate in Operation CALHOUN.

(2) 250310H Company A arrived at CP HENRY.

(3) 250330H Command Group and Company B departed Combat Base to participate in Operation CALHOUN.

(4) 250440H Command Group and Company B arrived at CP HENRY.

(5) 250720H Company A located in vicinity (BT 016387) received one round sniper fire from approximately 200 meters to the northeast. Enemy was wearing black and khaki clothing. Company A returned 3 rounds small arms fire killing the sniper. The area was searched and Company A found 1 US carbine, serial number 5756143, 1 carbine magazine, 1 notebook, and 10 rounds 30 caliber ammunition. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 250800H Company A arrived at Objective A, established patrol base and conducted patrol activities.

(7) 250815H Company A located in vicinity (BT 008397) received one round sniper fire from an unobserved enemy in heavy undergrowth approximately 125 meters to the north. Company A returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results. VC broke contact and fled to the north. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(8) 250835H Company B arrived at Objective B, established patrol base and conducted patrol activities.

(9) 251030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Hear). Squad patrol 504 located in vicinity (BT 011335) spotted one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing carrying a bandolier in vicinity (BT 009334). Patrol went to village to investigate. While searching area, patrol received 40-50 rounds small arms fire from one automatic and 2 semi-automatic weapons. 200 rounds small arms fire was returned and area searched with negative results. A platoon from Company C was dispatched to the area and found a tunnel at vicinity (BT 012-334) which was 100 meters long, 3 to 4 feet wide and 5 feet high. Tunnel was destroyed and platoon returned to combat base.

(10) 251030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Hear). A local Popular Forces member came to Company D's position located in vicinity (BT 023288) with information concerning 1 VC squad that fired upon them (4 PF's) in vicinity (BT 998288). Number of rounds fired and type clothing worn by VC unknown. 1 civilian was wounded. 81's fired 7 HE rounds and 3 WP rounds unobserved fire on the VC location.

(11) 251300H Combat Outpost 5A1B located in vicinity (BT 008041) observed one Vietnamese male approaching from the west in vicinity (BT 007-402) wearing black clothing. Marines shouted in Vietnamese and in English for the Vietnamese to halt. When Vietnamese started to run, outpost fired 6 rounds small arms fire killing the VC. VC was about 25 years old and appeared to have pack strap marks on shoulders. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(12) 251540H Company A squad patrol located in vicinity (BT 006395) found building with unknown type booby trap on door. Squad attached rope to door. When rope was pulled, booby trap exploded and building was destroyed. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(13) 251600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Hear). Detachment Company A, 1st Tank Battalion (4 tanks) and Detachment, Company B; 1st AT Battalion (3 ontos) arrived at the combat base, escorted by platoon from I Company 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(14) 251640H Company B squad patrol located in vicinity (BT 987392) found what appeared to be a training center consisting of 6 buildings, three were 40 feet by 20 feet. One building had fireplace which appeared to be a cooking area. The other two buildings had black boards and appeared to be classrooms or CP buildings. There were bed facilities in the large buildings.

The area was near water and was clean and well kept. Area was thoroughly searched with no additional significant results. Company B destroyed buildings.

(15) 252155H Modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (3).

(16) 252210H Listening Post 5D21 located in vicinity (BT 001389) heard movement approximately 40 meters east of position. One M-26 grenade was thrown in the direction of suspected enemy movement. Area was searched at first light with negative results.

c. D+1. 26 June 1967 (See enclosure (4).)

(1) 260814H Company B located in vicinity (BT 001394) found 1 cave 4 feet wide, 15 feet long and 15 feet high. Cave was destroyed by engineers.

(2) 261200H Company B platoon located in vicinity (AT 988374) observed 2 VC males with weapons and one female without a weapon dressed in black clothing moving west in heavy brush in vicinity (AT 987374). Patrol fired 30-50 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds at the VC. VC fled westward into the brush. The patrol pursued the VC, but was not able to regain contact. The area was searched with negative results.

(3) 261300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75A-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (5).

(4) 261450H Company A squad patrol 5A5 located in vicinity (BT 008-397) found 3 NVA packs with markings on one pack: "C, B-2-A-4"; 1 transport pack, 7 khaki shirts, 4 khaki trousers, 5 mosquito nets for bunks, 1 pair leather gloves, 1 pair cloth gloves, 2 homemade gas masks, 2 springs approximately 7 inches long, 1 wrench, 1 dark blue shirt and 4 grey plastic ponchos. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 261603H Company A commenced movement to new patrol base located in vicinity (BT 002403).

(6) 261608H Company B commenced movement to new patrol base located in vicinity (AT 989399).

(7) 261655H Company B arrived in vicinity of (AT 989399), the proposed new patrol base and was directed to continue movement up the side of mountain to find an area to establish an LZ. Company B continued movement to vicinity (AT 985405).

(8) 261815H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Chief S-2 Scout conducted an English class for 25 Vietnamese civilians being detained until the command post departed the area.

(9) 26105H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein). Company D platoon patrol located in vicinity (AT 987307) received 7 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 984304). Fire was received from the south at a distance of 400 meters. Patrol returned approximately 50 rounds small arms fire and moved through the area. The area was searched with negative results.

(10) 262005H Modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (6).

(11) 262245H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group's night defensive position located in vicinity (BT 002388) heard 4 rounds small arms fire at vicinity (BT 000391). At 262250H, defensive position received one incoming grenade at vicinity (BT 003387). Enemy apparently tried to locate Command Group's positions. Two rounds 81mm illumination were fired and a flare ship was requested. Enemy fire ceased, no friendly fire was returned and no casualties were sustained.

d. D+2. 27 June 1967 (See enclosure (7).)

(1) 270700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear). Company C (-) commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 75A-67. See enclosure (5).

(2) 270745H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear). Company C arrived at CP 1.

(3) 270900H Squad patrol 5A5 located in vicinity (BT 001402) sighted 4 VC with weapons, wearing black clothing in vicinity (BT 002398). Patrol maneuvered to suppress the enemy, firing approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and 8 M-79 rounds. A 60mm mortar fire mission was requested and 2 rounds 60mm WP were fired on VC locations. Area was thoroughly searched with negative results.

(4) 270935H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein). Local PF reported to Company D located at (BT 023288) that a platoon of VC located in vicinity (BT 006276) fired upon PF patrol in vicinity (BT 001282). PF patrol requested 81mm fire support from Company D's position. Company D fired 3 rounds 81mm WP and 2 rounds 81mm HE unobserved fire on enemy position.

(5) 271045H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein). Company C conducted search of Objective B with negative results.

(6) 271145H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein). Company C conducted a search of Objective C with negative results.

(7) 271228H Company A was directed to commence movement at 271600H to establish a patrol base in vicinity of Objective G. Company B was directed to commence movement at 271600H to link up with the Command Group, establish a patrol base and conduct patrols as directed. The linkup between the Command Group and Company B was controlled by the Command Group.

(8) 271245H Company C, while on search and destroy operation located in vicinity (BT 015329) found cave 5 feet high, by 5 feet wide by 7 feet long. Cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(9) 271515H Company A commenced movement to establish patrol base in vicinity of Objective G.

(10) 271600H Company B commenced movement to link up with Command Group located in vicinity (BT 013393).

(11) 271705H Command Group commenced movement to vicinity (BT 013393) to establish patrol base.

(12) 271800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear). Company C arrived at Objective E, searched area and was directed to commence movement to combat base.

(13) 271805H H&S Company squad patrol located a tunnel 150 feet long, 4 feet high and 3 feet wide in vicinity (BT 012341). Tunnel was searched with negative results.

(14) 271830H A member of Battalion S-2 section apprehended one Vietnamese female with a baby in a cave at vicinity (BT 013391). Woman was wearing black clothing. Interrogation revealed that her husband is a member of VC Main Forces and belongs to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Company. Detainee and child were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(15) 271920H Company B located in vicinity (BT 002381) observed 3 VC running from house, one dressed in black and khaki clothing, the other 2 dressed in green utilities. One VC had a cartridge belt and grenades. Point fired 20 rounds small arms fire hitting 2 VC. One VC fell when hit, got up and fled with his comrades into dense vegetation. The area was searched and a blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Further searching yielded 1 VC KIA confirmed. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(16) 271930H Company C arrived at combat base terminating S&D operations.

(17) 271945H Company B located in vicinity (BT 000399) found a cave 5 feet wide and 5 feet long. The cave was searched with negative results and destroyed by engineers.

(18) 272000H Company B linked up with Command Group.

(19) 272320H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 76-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (8).

e. D+3. 28 June 1967 (See enclosure (9).)

(1) 280615H Company B squad ambush 5B2 located in vicinity (BT 0033-89) observed one Vietnamese male, dressed in black clothing moving along a trail. Squad fired 10-15 rounds small arms fire at Vietnamese male, wounding him in the leg. Detainee was about 50 years of age and possessed two ID cards. Wounded detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(2) 280630H Company A commenced movement to Objective K. 1st Platoon. Company B commenced movement to Objective L.

(3) 280800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear). 23 Refugees were evacuated by helicopter from the operating area to the combat base. Refugees consisted of 8 children, 14 women and 1 male. Refugees were forwarded to the Refugee Camp established in the QUE SON District area.

(4) 280950H Tunnel located in vicinity (BT 012341) was destroyed with 30 cratering charges. Squad security patrol 5M1 located in vicinity (BT 002332) received 6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in a hut at vicinity (BT 003331). Fire was received from the south-east at a distance of approximately 150 meters. Patrol returned fire with 50-75 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. Patrol searched the hut and found a blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(5) 281015H Command Group commenced movement to vicinity (BT 001373).

(6) 281035H Company B located in vicinity (BT 000368) observed 6 VC running from a house dressed in black clothing and grey helmets. 3 VC were carrying packs. No weapons were observed. The point of Company B fired 40 rounds small arms fire at fleeing VC, killing 3 and capturing one. The area was searched for other VC with negative results. The following equipment was captured: 2 packs, 1 grey helmet, and one canteen. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 3 VC KIA confirmed and 1 VCC.

(7) 281125H Company B located in vicinity (AT 993369) observed 7 VC running up the side of a mountain in vicinity (AT 986375). VC were dressed in green and black clothing. 4 60mm HE rounds and 4 60mm WP rounds were fired with excellent target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(8) 281405H Company A established patrol base at Objective K.

(9) 281500H Company B patrol 5B2 in vicinity (AT 988367) observed 1 VC dressed in black clothing and carrying a weapon, running from a house approximately 60 meters from the patrol. Patrol fired 40 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds at the fleeing VC. VC fled into thick vegetation moving in a southerly direction. Patrol searched the area with negative results.

(10) 281530H The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines directed all unit commanders to instruct their personnel on rules of the Geneva Convention with special emphasis on treatment of prisoners.

(11) 281530H Company B patrol reported finding a trenchline approximately 300 meters long; 3-4 feet deep and 2 feet wide running from (BT 005-371) to (BT 002369). The area in vicinity of the trenchline contained helicopter punji stakes 6 feet high, 3-4 feet apart.

(12) 281610H Company B patrol in vicinity (AT 984368) received 5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 985364). Fire was received from the south at a distance of approximately 400 meters. Company B returned fire with 20 rounds small arms fire at suspected VC location, and moved to search the area. Area was searched with negative results.

(13) 281735H Company A located in vicinity (AT 986380) observed 3 VC dressed in black clothing at a range of approximately 200 meters to the north. Company A fired 10 rounds small arms fire at the VC and physically pursued. One VC was wounded and captured. The other VC fled in a westerly direction. The area was searched and the following items were found; assorted medical supplies, 5 hypodermic needles, 6 bottles of penicillin. VCC (WIA) and captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(14) 281845H Squad patrol 5A2 located in vicinity (AT 987381) found 4 huts that appeared to be a hospital complex. Patrol threw one grenade, fired approximately 30-40 rounds small arms fire at the huts and swept through the area. Patrol found 2 VC KIA confirmed and apprehended one Vietnamese female with shrapnel wound in the leg and one male, age 24 with a wounded leg. Patrol also found one US carbine serial number 912624, medical supplies, assorted clothing and cooking supplies. Hospital complex was destroyed. VCC and captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(15) 281950H Squad patrol 5B4 located in vicinity (AT 993364) observed 3 VC walking up trail in vicinity (AT 987366). VC observed patrol and fled west along trail, then in heavy brush to the east. VC were wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Patrol fired 15-20 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round at fleeing VC. Patrol searched the area and found one NVA helmet. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 282050H 5th Marines Frag Order 46-67 was received. See reference (c).

(17) 282400H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 77-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (10).

f. D+4. 29 June 1967. (See enclosure (11).)

(1) 290130H Company A OOP 5A1 located in vicinity (AT 988385) received one incoming fragmentation hand grenade which wounded 2 Marines. Grenade was thrown from a westerly direction. The patrol leader threw one hand grenade in direction of suspected VC location, waited about one hour and repositioned the OOP about 100 meters to the southeast. At first light

on 30 June 1967, the area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIA's.

(2) 290630H Tanks and Platoon from Company C departed the combat base moving along Phase Line Nancy to linkup with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(3) 290630H Marine at the main gate of the Combat Base received a report from 2 Vietnamese boys, ages 10 and 12 that there was a booby trap located in vicinity (BT 024346). Engineers were dispatched to investigate the report and found one 60mm mortar round buried nose up with about one inch of the mortar round above the surface. The round was destroyed in place by engineers.

(4) 290905H Company A located in vicinity (AT 998378) apprehended one Vietnamese male about 30 years of age, dressed in black and white clothing. Detainee was searched and found without ID card. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 290920H The point of Company A located in vicinity (AT 986382) observed one Vietnamese male moving to the east at a distance of about 50 meters. Vietnamese male was ordered to halt in Vietnamese and English. The male did not respond to the challenge. The Vietnamese started to run and the point fired one round killing the VC. Body of the dead VC was searched with negative results. Result: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(6) 291115H Squad patrol 542 located in vicinity (AT 976380) apprehended one Vietnamese male about 20 years of age dressed in blue clothing and without ID card, hiding in dense vegetation. The detainee and immediate area was searched, and one grey uniform was found. Detainee and uniform were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 291130H Company B located in vicinity (AT 981359) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, ages 13 and 32. 13 year old detainee was dressed in blue and white clothing, the 39 year old detainee was dressed in black and white clothing and possessed an ID card. During questioning, the 39 year old detainee admitted having participated in VC activities in the area. Detainees were forwarded to the 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 291215H Chatsworth units positioned to cover advance of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units, fired 40 rounds 90mm, 100 M-60 rounds preparation fires. Observed 3 enemy run from house vicinity (AT 985365) and two fell when taken under fire. Search of the area revealed heavy blood trails. Results: 2 VC KIA probable, and 11 caves destroyed.

(9) 291235H Company A located in vicinity (AT 976356) found a cave 5 feet wide, 5 feet high and 6 feet long. Cave was searched and the following items were found: 1 gas mask, 20 rounds M-16 ammunition, 1 pair blue trousers and one khaki shirt. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Cave was destroyed by engineers.

(10) 291300H Patrol from H&S Company located in vicinity (AT 996366) located 9 60mm mortar rounds and 1 M-16 anti-personnel mine buried on a trail 60mm mortar rounds were buried in the ground nose up, with about 1 inch of the round above the surface. Engineers destroyed 60mm mortar rounds and M-16 mine in place.

(11) 291300H 2nd Platoon, Company D arrived at the combat base.

(12) 291400H 5th Marines directed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to conduct search and destroy operations to the Combat Base.

(13) 291340H Frag Order 78-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (12).

(14) 291500H Company B located in vicinity (AT 974345) received 6 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 978-346). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of approximately 200 meters. Company B returned 35-40 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(15) 291530H Tanks and Platoon Company C reached Objective V.

(16) 291559H Command Group arrived at the Combat Base.

(17) 291636H Company B arrived at the Combat Base.

(18) 291905H Company A linked up with tanks and Platoon from Company C

(19) 292400H Modification to Frag Order 77-67 was promulgated, directing Company A to continue search and destroy operations toward NUI LAC SON and relieve Company D at NUI LAC SON. See enclosure (13).

g. D+5. 30 June 1967

(1) 30 June 1967 Company A; 1st Platoon, Company C and Tanks were directed to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with Frag Order 77-67. See enclosure (13).

(2) 300615H Company A commenced movement to Objective 1. See enclosure (13).

(3) 300655H Company A while in vicinity (AT 975335) received 75-80 rounds small arms fire from 6-8 unobserved VC located in vicinity (AT 978336). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of approximately 200 meters. A squad searched the area with negative results.

(4) 300955H Company A arrived at Objective 4. See enclosure (13).

(5) 301030H 26 Refugees consisting of 8 females, 12 children and 6 males requested that Company A evacuate them from the area, located in vicinity (AT 970315). The Refugees were forwarded to the Combat Base on 1 June 1967.

(6) 301100H 1st Platoon, Company C and Tank were directed to move to Objective 2 to support Company A.

(7) 301200H Squad patrol 5A3 located in vicinity (AT 968322) apprehended 10 Vietnamese; 4 males about 30-50 years of age in black and white clothes; one female about 30 years of age dressed in black clothing and 5 children with ages ranging from 3-16 years of age. The area was searched and patrol found assorted medical supplies. Medical supplies and detainees were forwarded to Battalion S-2 on 1 June 1967.

(8) 301200H Squad patrol 5C1 located in vicinity (AT 987328) observed one VC moving southwest in vicinity (AT 989326). VC was wearing grey clothing and carrying a pack. Patrol challenged the VC and he started running in a southwest direction. Patrol fired 70-75 rounds small arms fire at the fleeing VC, seriously wounding him. A medical evacuation was effected for the wounded VC. The area was searched where VC was initially observed and patrol found 25 battle dressings, 2 bottles of penicillin and hypodermic needles. Medical supplies were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC (WLA).

(9) 301430H Company A located in vicinity (AT 970320) received 50-75 rounds small arms fire from 15-20 VC, wearing green type utilities, located in vicinity (AT 958321). Company A returned fire with 150-200 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and 20 60mm HE rounds. An air strike was requested and completed at 1705H, Company A sustained two casualties. A medical evacuation was effected to extract the USMC casualties from the operational area. Following the air strike, elements were dispatched to search the area. Blood trails were found indicating 6 VC KIA probable. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 6 VC KIA probable.

(10) 301715H Company A was directed to continue attack to Objective 5.

(11) 301845H Company A located in vicinity (AT 982314) received 20 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 987-316). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of approximately 300 meters. Company A returned fire with 40-50 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and 3 60mm HE rounds. The area was searched with negative result. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(12) 301942H 19 refugees located in vicinity (AT 985325) requested that Company A evacuate them from the area.

(13) 301942H Company A established night defensive perimeter in vicinity (AT 986356).

h. D+6. 1 July 1967

(1) 010600H 1st Platoon Company C, and tanks departed for the Combat Base with 19 refugees. See 301900H.

(2) 010700H Company A located in vicinity (AT 983322) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 978-313). Fire was received from the southeast at a distance of 500 meters. Company A returned fire with 30-40 rounds small arms fire and 8 M-79 rounds. The area was searched with negative results.

(3) 010810H Company A arrived at Objective 5.

(4) 010830H Company A located in vicinity (AT 992309) received 25-30 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper located in vicinity (AT 995-313). Fire was received from the northeast at a distance of 400-500 meters. Company A returned fire with approximately 325 rounds small arms fire and 10 M-79 rounds. A squad searched the area with negative results. After the squad passed through the area, the sniper resumed firing, wounding 2 Marines. The area was taken under fire with 60mm and 4.2 inch mortar fire. Company A secured an LZ and requested an emergency medical evacuation. The medical evacuation helicopter received 5-10 rounds small arms fire while attempting to land. After the medical evacuation was completed, the area was searched with negative results. 2 USMC WIA.

(5) 010915H 1st Platoon, Company C and tanks returned to the Combat Base with 45 refugees. Refugees were questioned and turned over to the QUE SON District Refugee Center.

(6) 011045H During the questioning of the refugees, one Vietnamese male was pointed out as being a VC. During the interrogation, the VC readily admitted to being an economist of the VC cadre and stated he no longer wanted to work for the VC. He admitted this was the first opportunity he had to get away from the VC. In his possession, he had a small box containing papers with Chinese writing, assorted medicines, 2 changes of clothing, and 3300 piasters. Medicines, papers and piasters were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 011200H Company A continued to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with enclosure (13).

(8) 011200H Operation CALHOUN terminated.

11. Results

a. Friendly

KIA	1
DOW	0
WIAE	4
WIAVE	4

b. Enemy

VC KIA confirmed	11
VC KIA probable	11
VC captured	6 (4 WIA)
Detainees Apprehended	12

c. Refugees

42 Refugees relocated to QUE SON District Refugee Center

d. Ordinance Captured

2 US 30 caliber M1 carbines serial numbers 912624, 5756143
 1 15 round 30 caliber carbine magazine

e. Munitions Captured/Destroyed

10 Rounds 30 caliber carbine ammunition (US)
 20 Rounds M-16 ammunition (US)
 1 M-16 Anti-personnel mine (booby trapped)
 10 60mm HE rounds (buried in ground as a booby trap)
 1 unknown type booby trap
 3 ChiCom fragmentation grenades

f. Equipment Captured

5 packs
 8 Khaki shirts
 4 Khaki trousers
 5 Mosquito nets for bunk.
 1 Pair cloth gloves
 1 Pair leather gloves
 3 gas masks
 1 Wrench
 1 Dark blue sweat shirt
 4 Grey ponchos
 1 Grey helmet, MVA
 1 Canteen
 3300 Plasters
 1 Gery uniform
 1 Blue trouser
 Assorted medical supplies (consisting of hypodermic needles, 8
 bottles penicillin, 25 battle dressings,
 and assorted medicines).

g. Cave/Tunnels and Buildings Destroyed

2 tunnels 1-100 feet long X 5 feet high and 4 feet wide
 1-150 feet long 4 feet high X 3 feet wide
 4 Caves 1-5 feet long X 4 feet high X 4 feet wide
 1-7 feet long X 4 feet high X 5 feet wide
 1-5 feet long X 5 feet high X 5 feet wide
 1-6 feet long X 5 feet high X 5 feet wide
 4 huts (used as medical complex)
 6 buildings 40 feet X 20 feet (VC training site)

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply

(1) Resupply was effected by helicopters controlled by Helicopter Support Teams provided by the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1stSP Battalion. HST's were attached to each participating company and the Command Group.

(2) Initially 6 MCI's were carried by each individual. This proved adequate for a three day period. A basic allowance of ammunition and 3 canteens were carried by each individual. Ammunition resupply requests were processed through routine missions. Water presented no problem due to the numerous streams located in the operating area. In addition to individual weapons, machine guns and both 60mm and 81mm mortars were carried on the operation.

b. Maintenance

(1) Cleaning equipment for crew served and individual weapons was carried by all units. Weapons were cleaned and inspected on a daily basis. No maintenance problems were encountered during the operation with weapons or equipment utilized by the battalion.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Casualties were initially treated by 3 corpsmen attached to each letter company and 2 corpsmen and Battalion Surgeon moving with the Command Group.

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopter and were transported to a Collecting and Clearing Company located at the LSA at TAM AY, RVN. At the Collecting and Clearing Company, casualties were processed and further transferred to field hospitals located in the CHU LAM and DI NANG area.

d. Transportation

(1) The only transportation utilized during the operation was helicopters. Helicopters were utilized to effect routine resupply missions and medical evacuations. On D+4, 23 refugees were transported by helicopter to the battalion combat base. One minor problem was experienced with the helicopters. The mountainous terrain of the operating area offered few landing zones for the helicopters.

e. Communications

(1) Operating units were in close proximity to each other. As a result, no significant problems were encountered with communications.

P. Medical Evacuation

(1) Each corpsman carried sufficient medical supplies to provide adequate treatment of the wounded, until a medical evacuation could be effected.

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopters. The arrival of helicopters was timely on all evacuations.

(3) The battalion had no heat casualties, although the temperature reached highs of around 100 degrees. Omission of upper torso body armor and command attention to the consumption of salt tablets were factors in preventing heat casualties.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

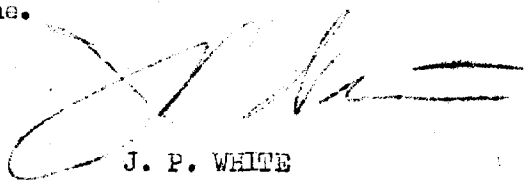
No special equipment and techniques were utilized by this Battalion during Operation CALHOUN.

14. Commanders Analysis

a. Operations in mountainous terrain with jungle canopy require renewed attention to the principals of land navigation and compass reading. The problems were further complicated by the variations in terrain height and the corresponding effect on vertical distance traveled.

B. This operation presented no serious problems of resupply or availability of water because deployments and resupply were planned to take advantage of available landing zones and water points.

15. Recommendations. None.



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24000H June 1967

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Task Organization

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

LTCOL P.L. HILGARTNER

Det, H&S Company

CAPT MCKAY (Acting)

Det; 81 Plt

Det; 106 RR Plt

Det; Comm Plt

Det; FAC Tm

Det; Med Plt

ARVN Ln Off

Det; Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Det; Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Det; Co B, 1st SPBn

Plt, Co D

Company A

CAPT BRODIE

Det; Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Det; Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Det; Co B, 1st SPBn

Det; Hq Co; H&S Bn, 1st Mar Div (Photographer)

Det; Hq Co, 5th Mar (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Co.

Det; 81mm Mortar Plt

Det; Comm Plt

Det; Med Plt

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

FAC Tm

Company B

CAPT REESE

Company B (-)

Det; Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Det; Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Det; Co B, 1st SPBn

Det; Hq Co, 5th Mar (Scout Sniper Tm)

Det, H&S Co.

Det; 81mm Mortar Plt

Det; Comm Plt

Det; Med Plt

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

FAC Tm

1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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Battalion Frag Order 75-67

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1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces: no change.
- b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Recon Bn (-), direct support 5th Marines.

2. MISSION.

- a. Commencing on D-Day conduct S&D operations into vicinity of Division Objective 2 to discover and capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment therein.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept: At H-Hour 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attacks from LOD ~~near the established Command Post~~ in vicinity of foothills offering entrance into Base area 116, conducts reconnaissance in force along routes of advance Spring and Summer, and conducts combat patrols in the lowlands contiguous to hillmass comprising Base Area 116 to accomplish assigned mission.

b. Company A.

- (1) On order at H-Hour - 4 hours commence movement along PL Nancy to CP Henry then along LOD to Objective Foxtrot.
- (2) At H-Hour, on order, attack along route of advance Summer to Objective Alpha, establish patrol base and conduct reconnaissance in force, as directed, to discover and capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment.
- (3) Recommend future patrol bases to the Headquarters.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company B.

- (1) On order, at H-Hour - 3 hours commence movement in trace of company A along PL Nancy to C.P. Henry and then along LOD to Objective Echo.
- (2) At H-Hour, on order, attack to establish patrol base at Objective Bravo on PL Spring and conduct reconnaissance in force, as directed, to discover and capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment.
- (3) Recommend future patrol bases to the Headquarters.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

~~near the established Command Post~~ Company C.

- (1) General Support.

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- (2) On order at H-Hour - 2½ hours commencing movement in trace of Company B along H. Nancy to C.P. Henry and then along LOD to Objective E.
- (3) Provide C.P. security with Delta -2 and Battalion security group.

e. Reserve.

- (1) Delta 2, Battalion Reserve.
 - (a) Be prepared to reinforce, on order, either of attacking companies.
 - (b) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0600, D-Day 25 June 1967.
- (2) Reports:
 - (a) Position report hourly at 10 minutes before the hour.
 - (b) Spot reports as events occur.
 - (c) Report use of RCA to this Headquarters and Reconnaissance inserts located in area.
- (3) Destroy captured supplies/or equipment only on approval of this Headquarters.
- (4) Boundary for companies along route of advance is the military crest on either side of the respective draws.
- (5) 1st Force Reconnaissance Co (-) inserts.
 - (a) Call sign-Dutch Oven
Frequency; 40.1
Located vicinity AT 980410
 - (b) Call sign-Killer Kane
Frequency; 39.6
Located vicinity BT 010433
- (6) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (7) Employment of Kit Carson Scouts with/and/or near point is encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- (a) Flak jackets will not be worn.
- (b) Two salt tablets will be taken by all hands with each canteen of water consumed.
- (c) Gas Masks will be carried.
- (d) Resupply requests to Battalion HST by 1700H on day before.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) Air panels will be displayed on backs of packs with orange side out. At least one air panel per squad will be carried.

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(b) Thrust points:

- (1) Wrist watch AT 9940
- (2) Insect BT 0040
- (3) Disease BT 0041
- (4) President BT 0242

(c) Ensure capability to translate radio frequency to M Designations.

(d) Common Frequency 42.0 - Blue Belt

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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay
ANNEX B: Fire Support Plan

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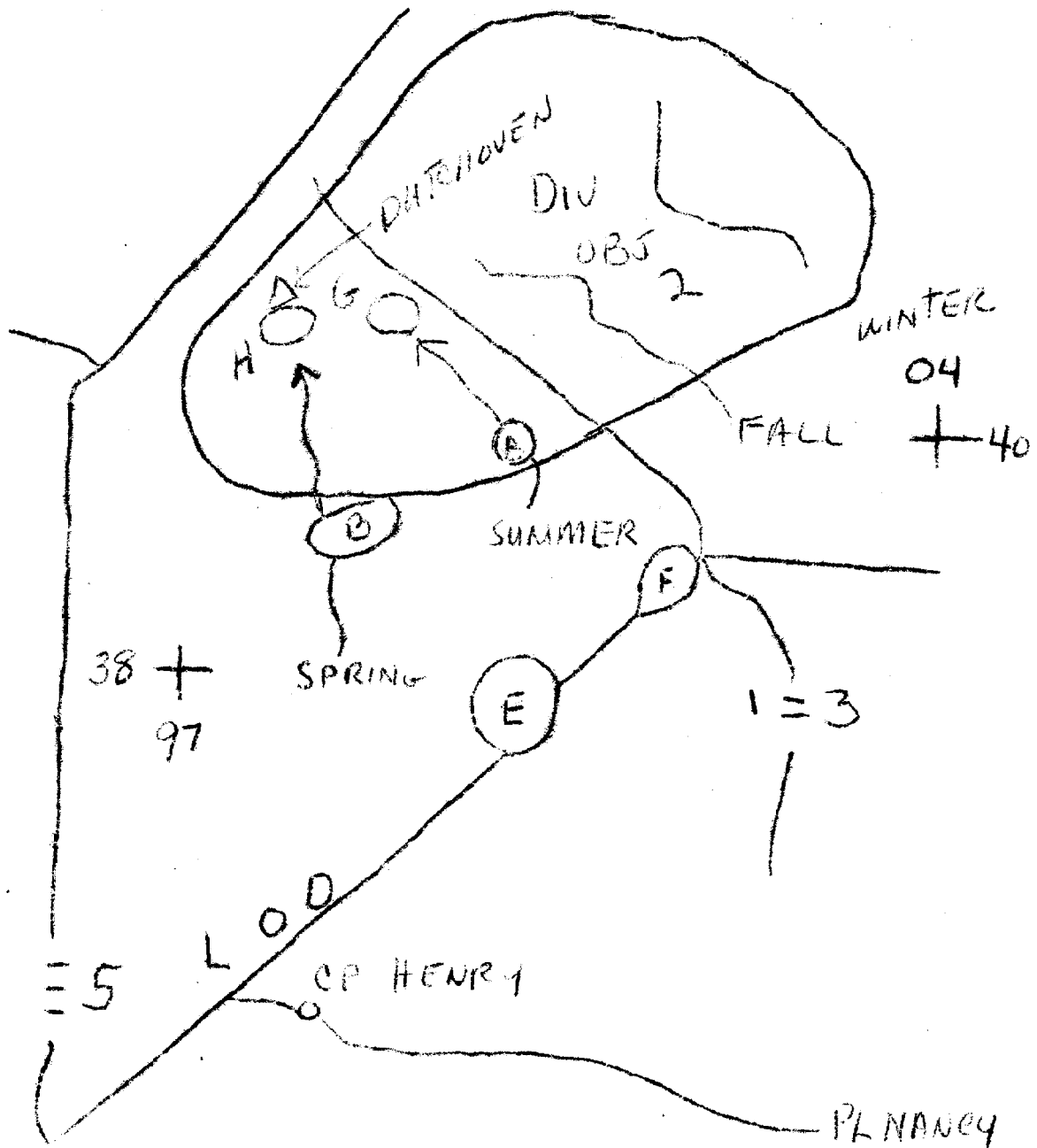
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Annex B (Fire Support Plan) to Frag Order 75-67

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1. Artillery.

a. Initial on call fires are located as follows: See (Fire Support Overlay).

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE FIRE</u>
SD001	AT 986369	HE only
SD002	AT 981389	HE only
SD003	AT 990387	HE only
SD004	AT 994389	HE only
SD005	BT 002385	HE only
SD006+2	BT 013366	HE & ILL
SD007+2	AT 981354	HE & ILL
SD008	AT 994395	PREP Fire
SD009	BT 005399	PREP Fire
SD010	AT 980360	PREP Fire
SD011+2	BT 009354	HE & ILL
SD012+2	BT 009345	HE & ILL
SD013	BT 008374	HE only
SD014	BT 004379	HE only
SD015	BT 011380	HE only

b. Additional artillery fire will be provided as required.

c. All requests for artillery will come through the Company FO Teams.

2. Air.

a. TAC/A and AO's will be divided as requested for aerial reconnaissance of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines operational area as defined in Frag Order 75-67.

b. Fix wing support will be available as required by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

c. Air will be under control of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines ALO.

d. Decision on use of air support remains with the CO, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

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d. All requests for air must come through the Company FAC Team.

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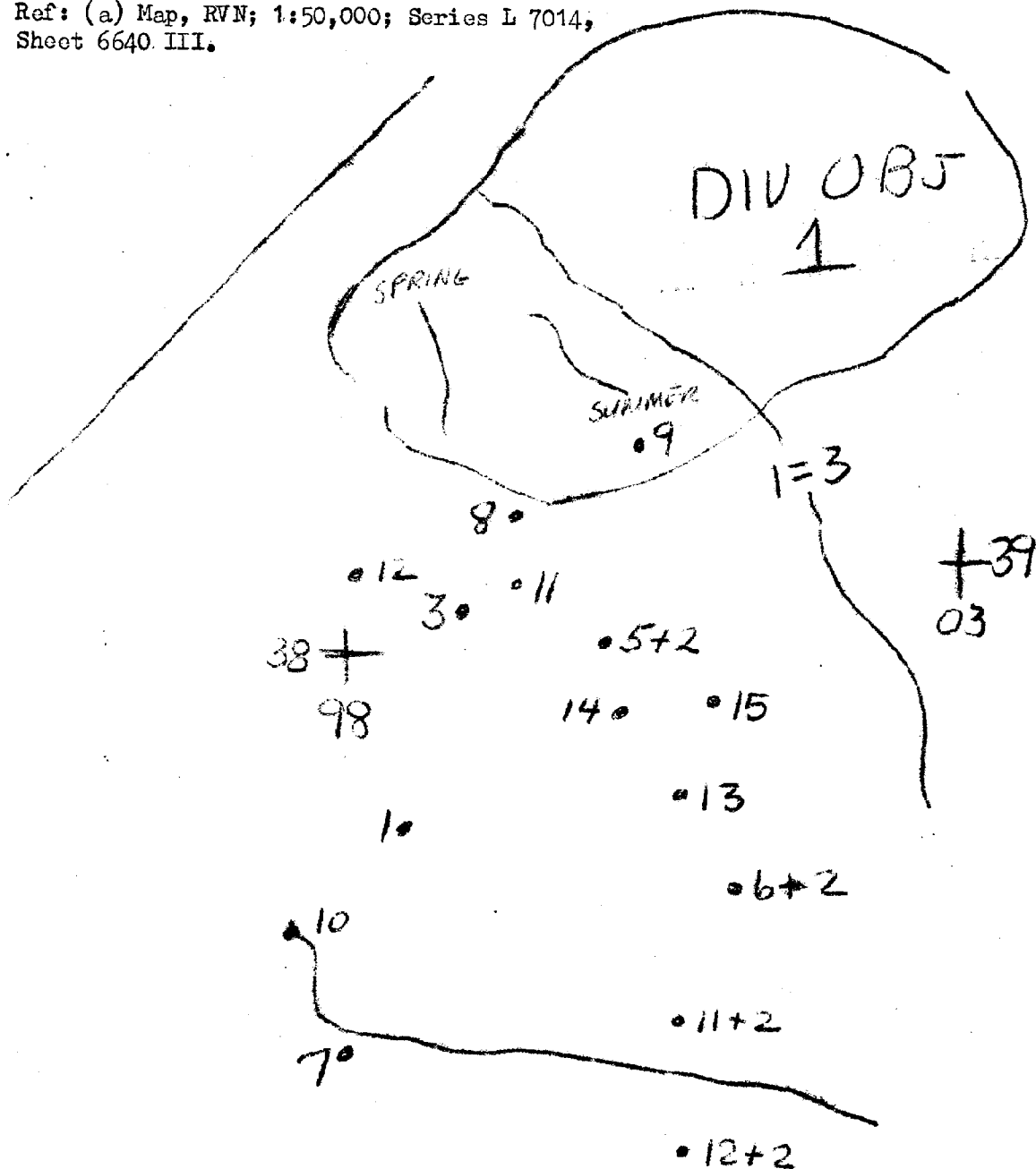
1st Battalion, 5th Marines

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Tab 1 (Fire Support Overlay) to Annex B (Fire Support Plan) to Frag Order 75-67.

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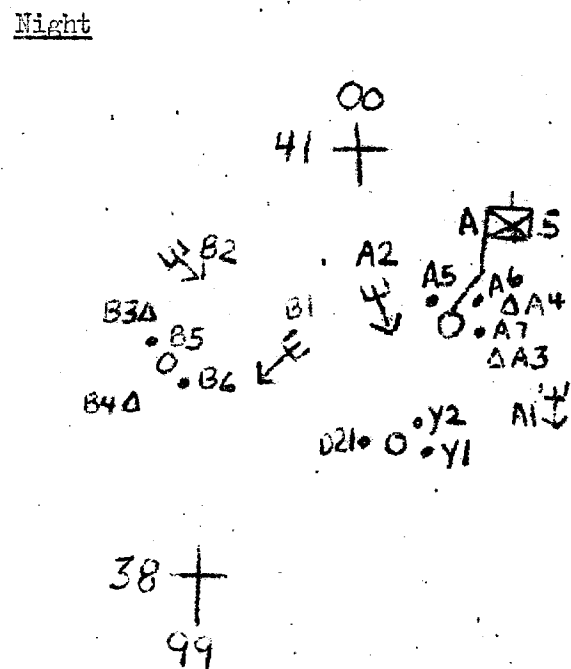
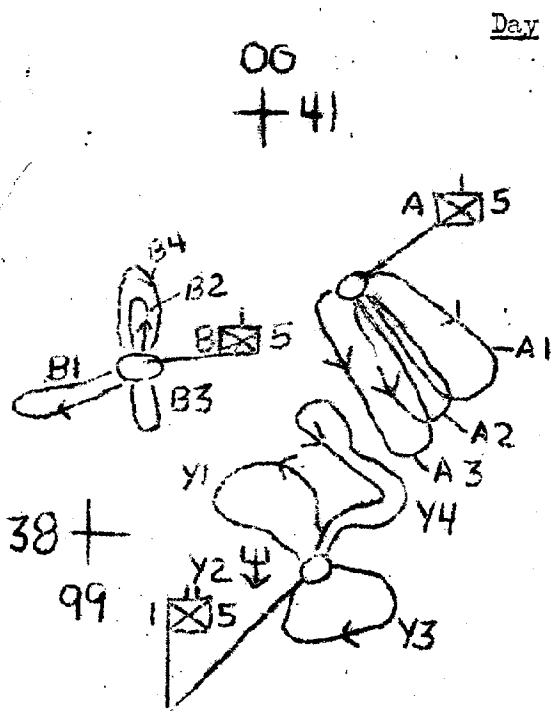
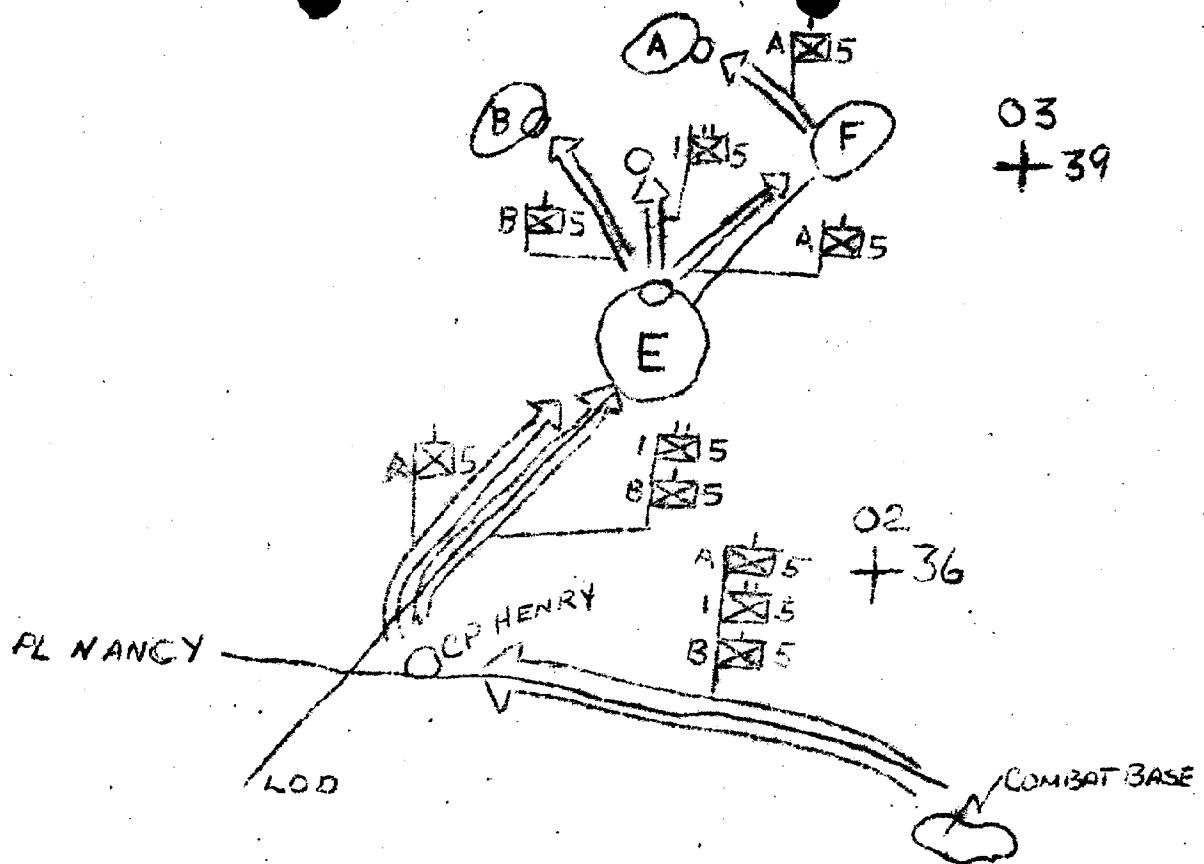
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Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D-Day

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
QUANG TRUNG, RVN
25 June 1967

Modification to Frag Order 75-67

Ref: (a) Map, RVN; 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheet 6640 III

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts S&D operations to kill or capture VC, weapons, locate caves, tunnels, harbor sites and destroy fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) Continue patrolling from present patrol base. The following areas will be thoroughly searched:

- (a) (AT 999395).
- (b) (BT 060403).
- (c) (BT 06405).
- (d) (AT 996404).

(2) Be prepared to displace patrol base on order.

b. Company B.

(1) Continue patrolling from present position. The following areas will be thoroughly searched:

- (a) (AT 993394).
- (b) (AT 983398).
- (c) From Patrol Base to (AT 999383).
- (d) From Patrol Base to (AT 992374).
- (e) From (AT 990380) to (AT 984387).

(2) Be prepared to displace patrol base on order.

(3) Conduct fire team patrol to Battalion CP at 0600H.

c. Det. H&S Company.

(1) Continue patrolling from present patrol base, the following locations will be thoroughly searched:

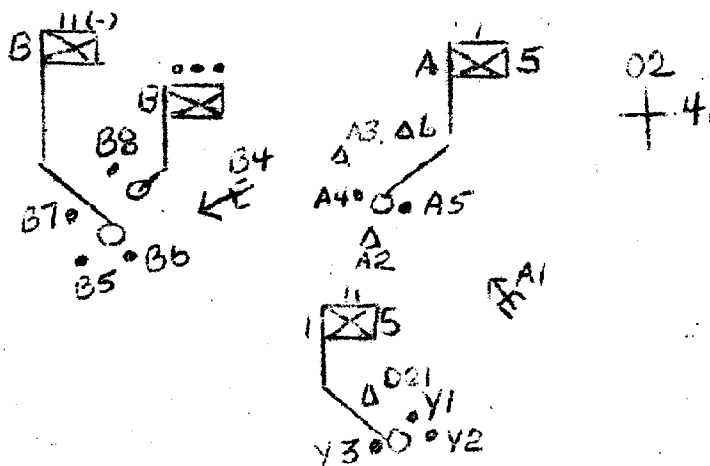
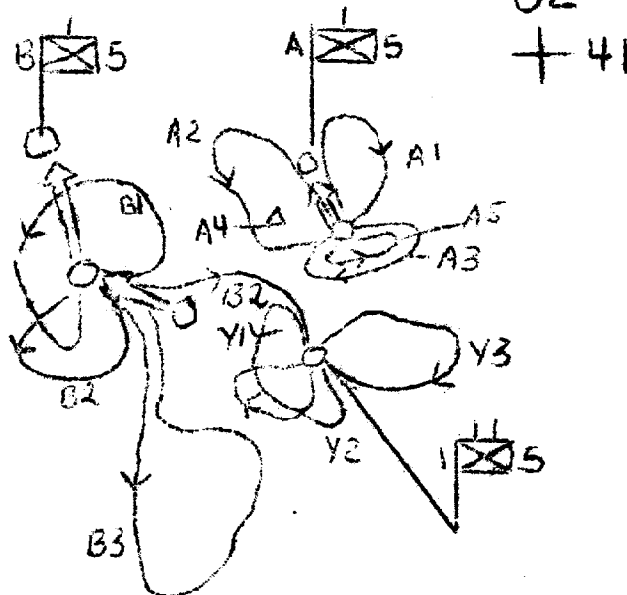
- (a) (AT 998389).
- (b) (BT 014399).

d. Coordinating Instructions. No change.

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Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+1

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUELON, RVN
 261300H June 1967

Frag Order 754-67

Ref: (a) Map, RVN; 1:50,000; Series L 7014, Sheet 6640 III

Task Organization.Company C (-)(Rein)

CAPT JOHNSTON

Company C (-)

Det, H&S Co.

S1 FO Tm

FAC Tm

Det, Med Plt

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Plt (-), Co A, 1stTKBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. To conduct search and destroy operations to kill or capture VC and capture or destroy enemy weapons and equipment.
3. EXECUTION.

A. Company C (-)(Rein)

- (1) Conduct S&D operations from present positions. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

B. Company M, 3rdBn, 5thMar (-)(Rein).

- (1) Continue defense of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base in assigned sector.
- (2) Conduct patrol activity as directed.
- (3) Maintain one hour alert status.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

C. H&S Company (-)(Rein)

- (1) Continue defense of Combat Base in assigned sector.
- (2) Conduct patrol activity as directed.

D. Platoon, Company C

- (1) Continue defense of Combat Base in assigned sector.

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E. Plt (-), Company A, 1st Tank Bn.

(1) Direct support, Company C.

F. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700

(2) D-Day 27 June 1967

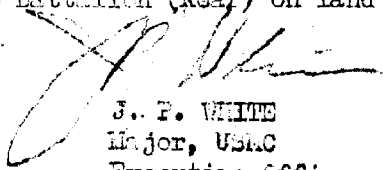
(3) Report reaching checkpoints and assigned objectives.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) Company C reports to Company C (Rear) at Combat Base on company tactical net.

(b) Company C (Rear) reports to Battalion (Rear) on land line.


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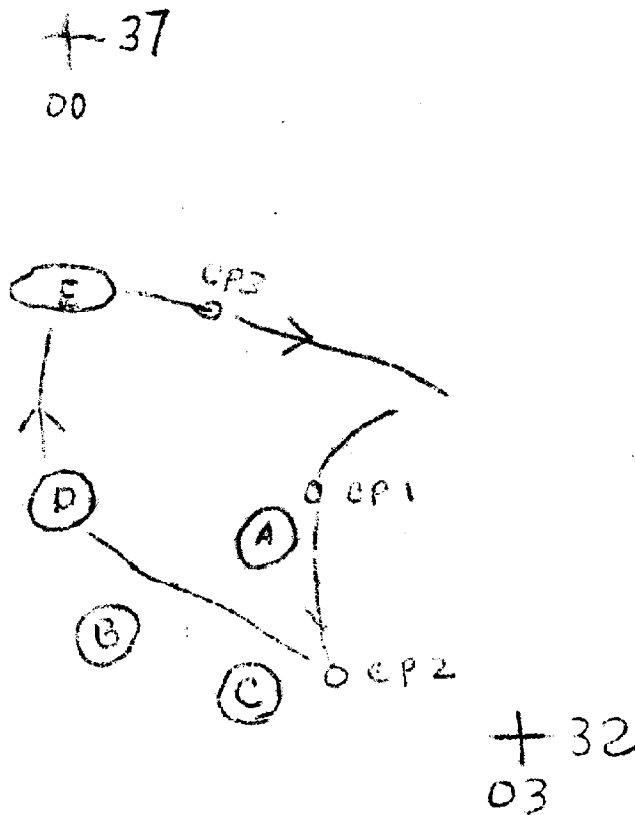
ANNEX: A Operation Overlay

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUE SON, RVN
 261300H June 1967

A Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 75A-67

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Modification to Frag Order 75-67

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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. Conduct search and destroy operations, capture and destroy VC, weapons caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) From Patrol base conduct patrolling to thoroughly search area along military crest vicinity (AT 998403) northwest to (AT 995405) to Objective G to (BT 000408) to southeast to (BT 004405) to patrol base.

b. Company B.

(1) From patrol base conduct patrolling to thoroughly search area along military crest vicinity Objective A to (AT 995406) to (AT 993407) to (AT 999401) to (AT 985400) to (AT 982401) to patrol base.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Submit patrol routes to accomplish search of assigned areas and a ditional recommended routes to provide all around coverage of area surrounding patrol base along military crest. Company B submit recommended patrol route to include coverage of crest of Hill 381.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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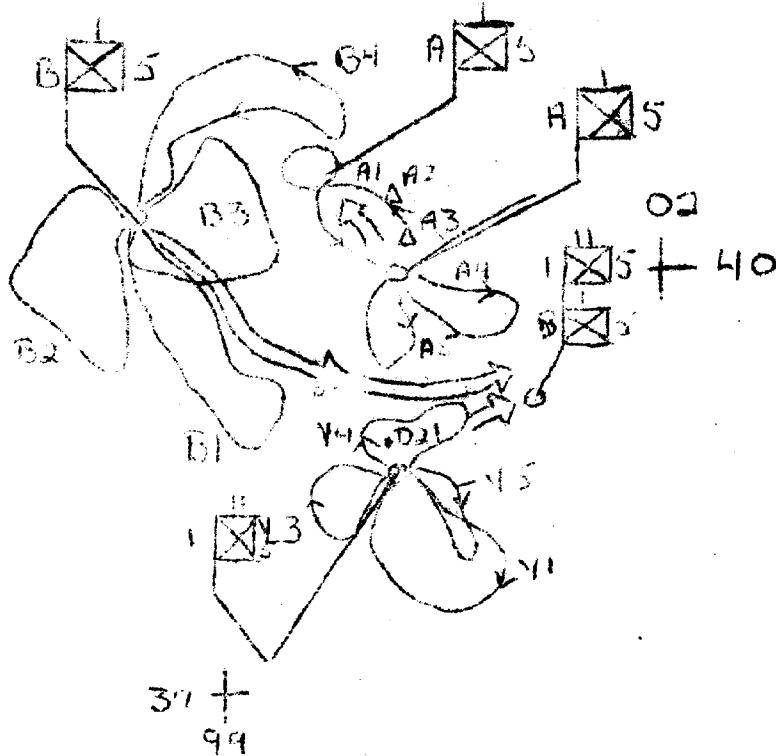
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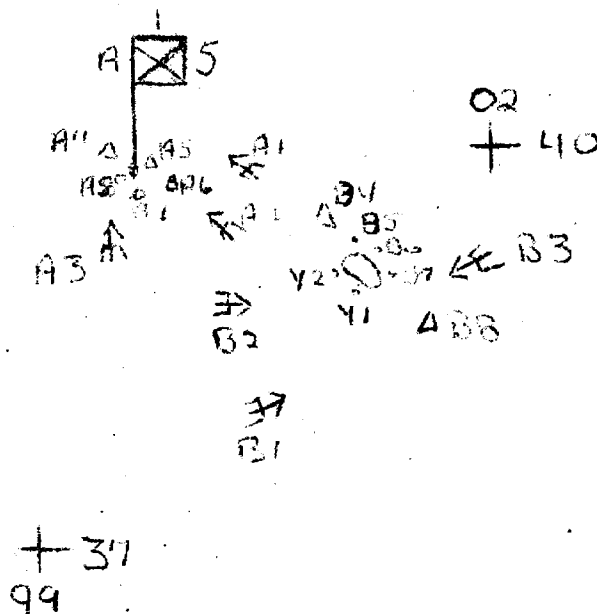
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Movement and Night Disposition Overlay D+2

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 QUE SON, RVN
 27 June 1967

Frag Order 76-67

Ref: (a) Map, RVN; 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheet 6640 III

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 attack along route of advance to Objective K, be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Route of advance from Company A patrol base to (AT 981394) to Phase Line Linda at CP Lory, then along Phase Line Linda to CP Sue to Objective K.

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

b. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour conduct platoon patrol to secure Objective L, continue attack on order to search Objective M and set up blocking position.

(2) On order Company B (-) continues attack to search Objective N be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order, commence movement as directed in trace of Company B.

d. Battalion Reserve.

(1) 2nd Platoon, Company D.

(2) Command group security.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0630; D-Day 28 June 1967

(2) Locations:

Objective K (AT 985379).

Objective I (BT 000377).

(a) ~~ENROUTE~~ Objective J (AT 983368).

Phase Line Linda from (AT 982385) to northwest along stream to (BT 004383).

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Objective L (IT 028384):

Objective M (IT 008383):

Objective P (AT 987374):

Objective N (IT 004374):

(3) Boundary line between Company A and B is a line connecting points from (AT 996377) and (AT 975356). Company A zone of action is northwest of boundary. Company B zone of action is southeast of boundary.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay

ANNEX B: Fire Support Plan

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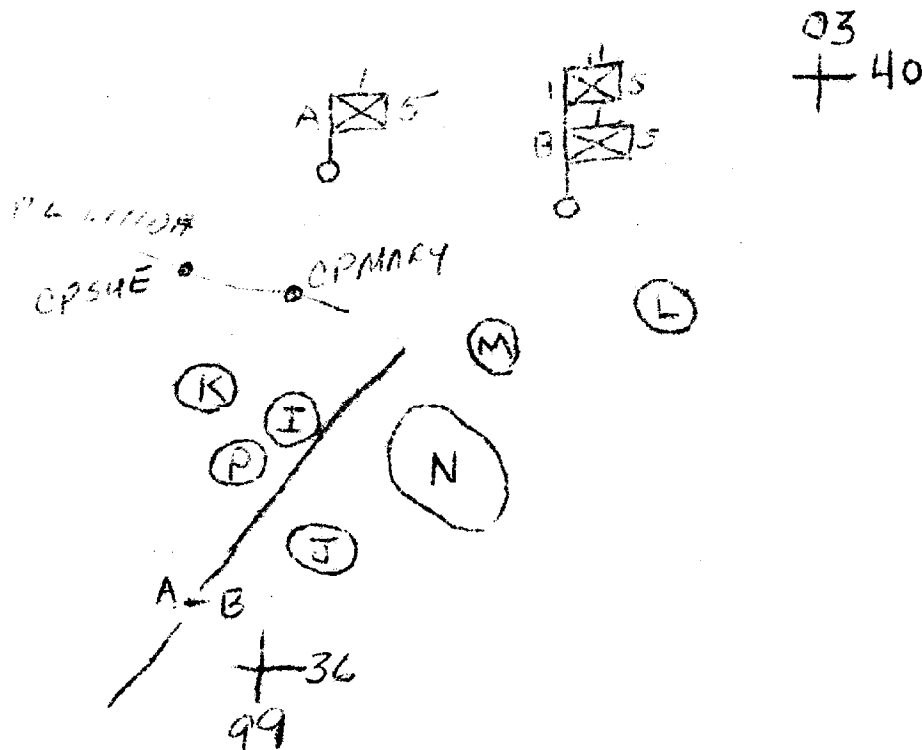
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Annex B (Fire Support Plan) to Frag Order 76-67

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1. Artillery.

a. Initial on call fires are located as follows: See (Fire Support Overlay).

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE FIRE</u>
SD001	BT 017384	HE only
SD002	BT 010381	HE only
SD003	BT 001372	HE only
SD004	AT 994367	HE only
SD005	AT 992377	HE only
SD006	AT 983379	HE only
(G) SD007	AT 988374	HE only
SD008	AT 991386	HE only
SD009	AT 985388	HE only

b. Additional artillery fire will be provided as required.

c. All requests for artillery will come through the Company FO Team.

2. Air.

a. TAC/4 and ALO's will be divided as requested for aerial reconnaissance of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines operational area as defined in Frag Order 75-67.

b. Fix wing support will be available as required by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

c. Air will be under control of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines ALO.

d. Decision on use of air support remains with the CO, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

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- d. All requests for air must come through the Company FAC Team.

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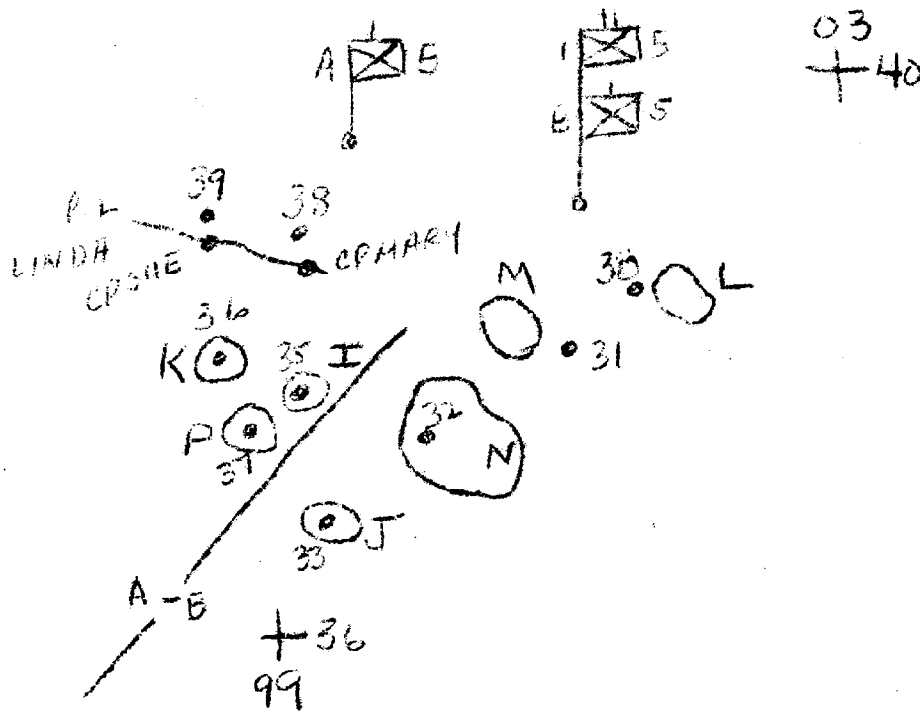
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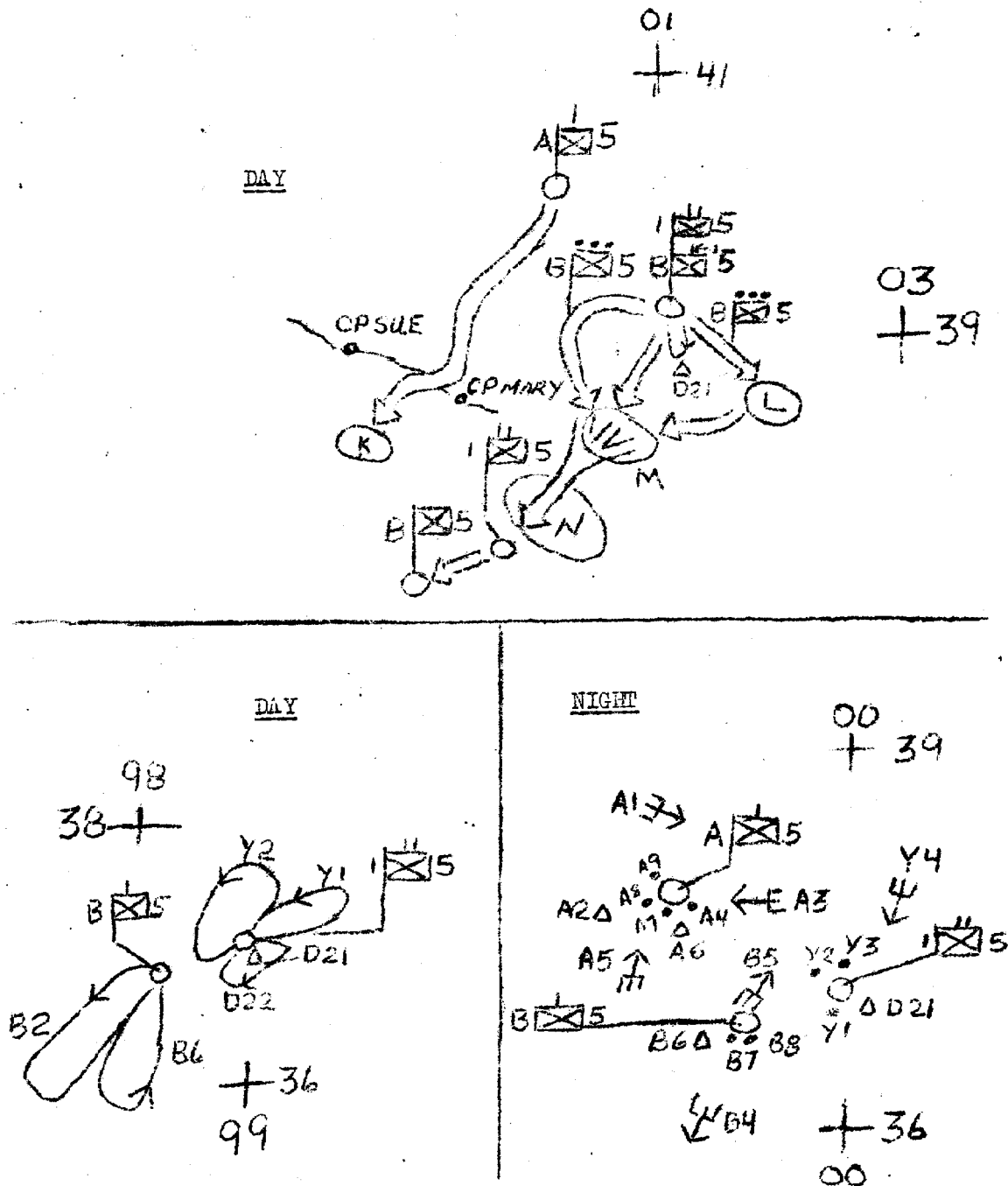
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1. SITUATION.

- A. Enemy, no change.
- B. Friendly, light Section Chastwort. ALFA in direct support 1/5.

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

3. EXECUTION.

A. Company A.

- (1) At H-Hour continue attack to Objective U.
- (2) Establish patrol base and patrol to Objective T.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

B. Company B.

- (1) Conduct patrols from present positions to Objective V and Objective S.
- (2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

C. Company C.

- (1) At H-Hour-30 detach 1 platoon (Rein) with Artillery FO and Engineers to escort Sec. 3rd Plt; Co. A, 1st Tank Battalion along Phase Line Nancy to CP Henry, then to CP John.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

D. H&S Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) On order commence movement to CP John.

E. 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

- (1) At H-Hour-30 commence movement with Company C platoon along Phase Line Nancy to CP Henry. Then to CP John, be prepared to support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units by fire.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

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f. Battalion Reserve.

- (1) 2nd Platoon, Company D.
- (2) Battalion security group.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0600H.
- (2) D-Day 29 June 1967.
- (3) Locations:

- (a) Objective U (AT 974375)
- (b) CP John (AT 989358)
- (c) FCL From (AT 990367) to (AT 976376)
- (d) Objective S (AT 998362)
- (e) Objective V (AT 977354)
- (f) Objective T (AT 983368)

- (4) All units report arrival at checkpoints, phase lines and objective

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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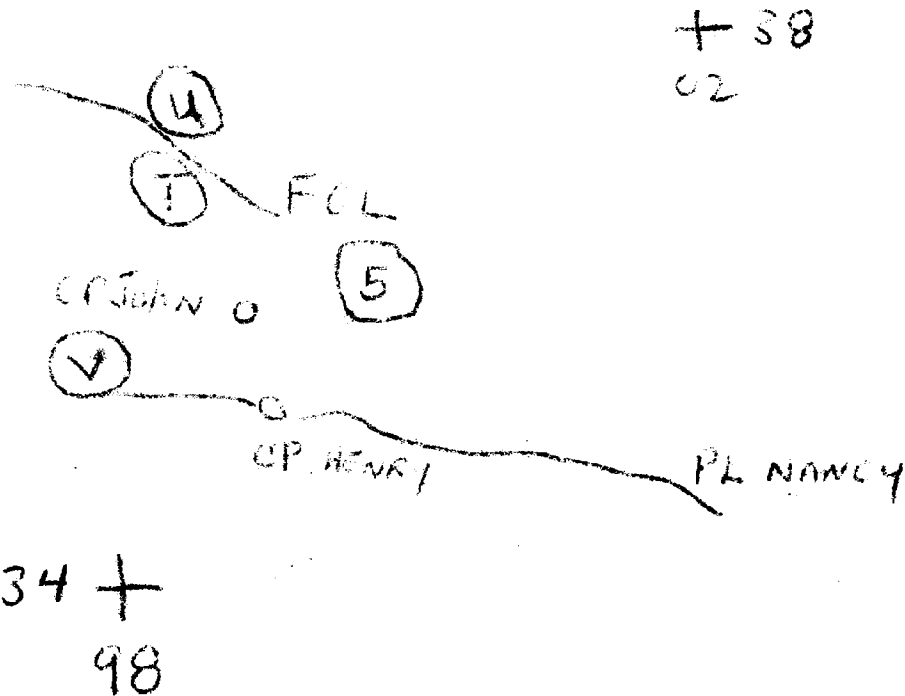
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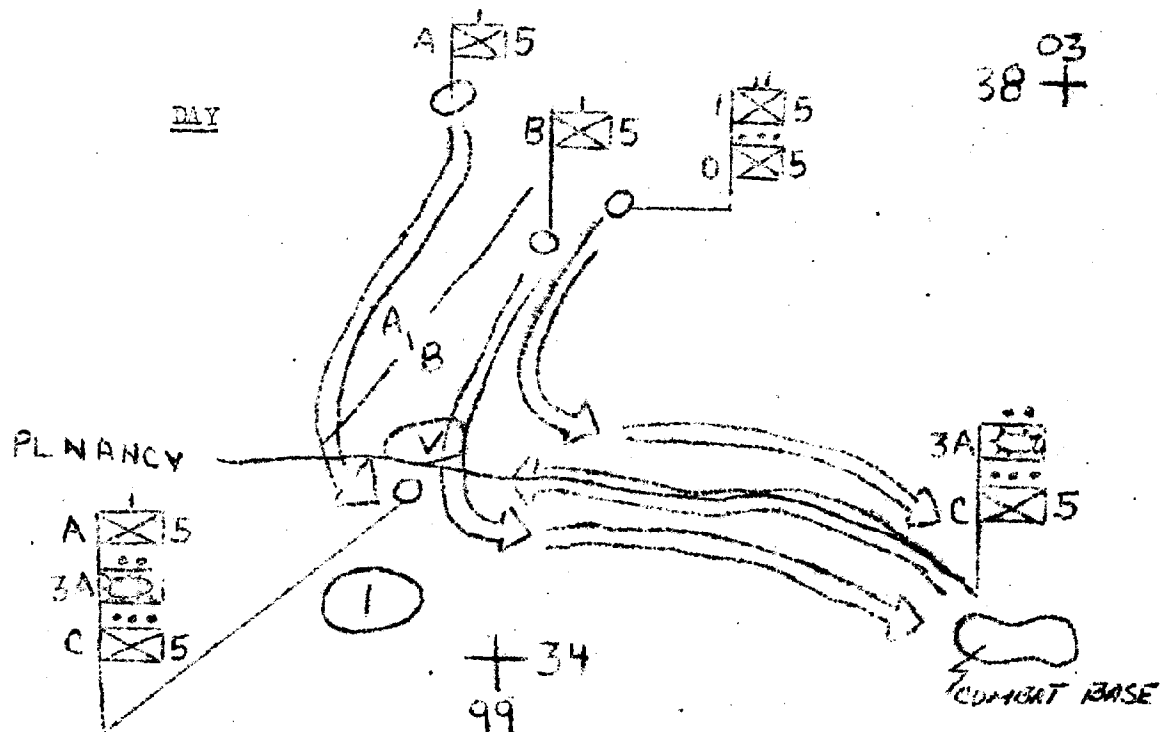
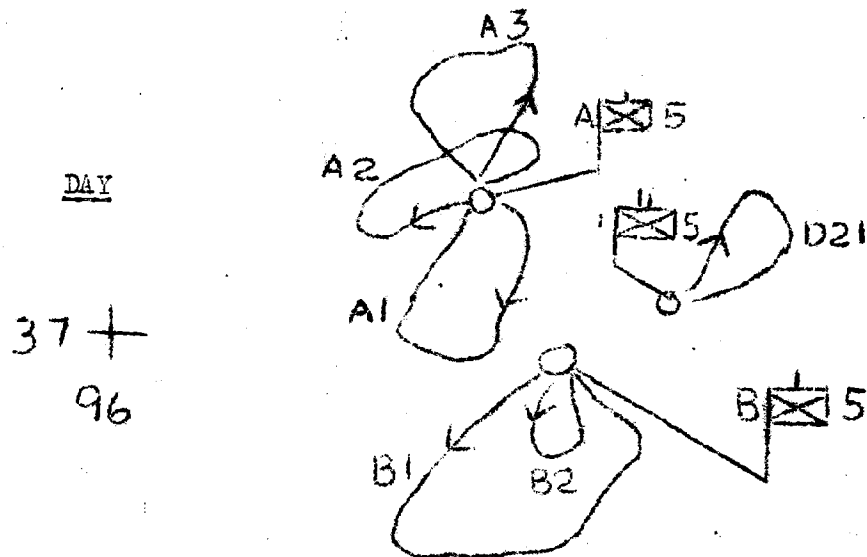
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations to kill or capture VC, weapons, locate cave, tunnel, harbor sites and destroy fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.~~UNKNOWN~~

- (1) Light section of tanks D/S Company A.
- (2) On order at H-Hour commence search and destroy operation to Objective U. continue attack to Objective I, keeping within zone to Phase Line Nancy; continue attack on order along axis of advance to combat base at Nui Lac Son.

(3) On arrival combat base Nui Lac Son relieve Company D and assume mission and responsibility for security of combat base at Nui Lac Son. Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company B.

- (1) On order continue attack to Combat Base at Hill 51.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Det. H&S Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.
- (3) On order continue attack to Combat Base Hill 51.

d. Company D.

(1) On order, when relieved by Company A, commence movement along axis of advance to Combat Base Hill 51.

(2) Control Linkup with Company A and provide guides to meet Company A and escort them into combat base at Nui Lac Son.

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

~~UNKNOWN~~e. Platoon Company C with Light Section Tanks.

- (1) Direct Support Company A.
- (2) On order, when directed, continue attack to Combat Base Hill

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f. Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Battalion security group.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1400
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- (2) Locations

- (a) Objective 1 (AT 983346)
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- (b) Objective 2 (AT 988325)
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- (c) Objective 3 (AT 010314)
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- (d) Phase Line Judy from (BT 020343) south along road to

(BT 000283)

- (e) CP Jane (BT 034294)
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- (f) CP Irene (BT 034316)
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- (g) CP Alice (BT 033334)
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- (h) Company A axis of advance: Objective I to Objective 2

to Objective 3 to Phase Line Judy, southwest along Phase Line Judy into Combat Base at Nui Lac Son.

(i) Company D axis of advance: CP Jane to CP Irene to CP Alice into Combatbase Hill 51.

(3) Boundary between Quang Da special zone and 1st Battalion, 5th Marines is the 96 North-South Grid Line.

4. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

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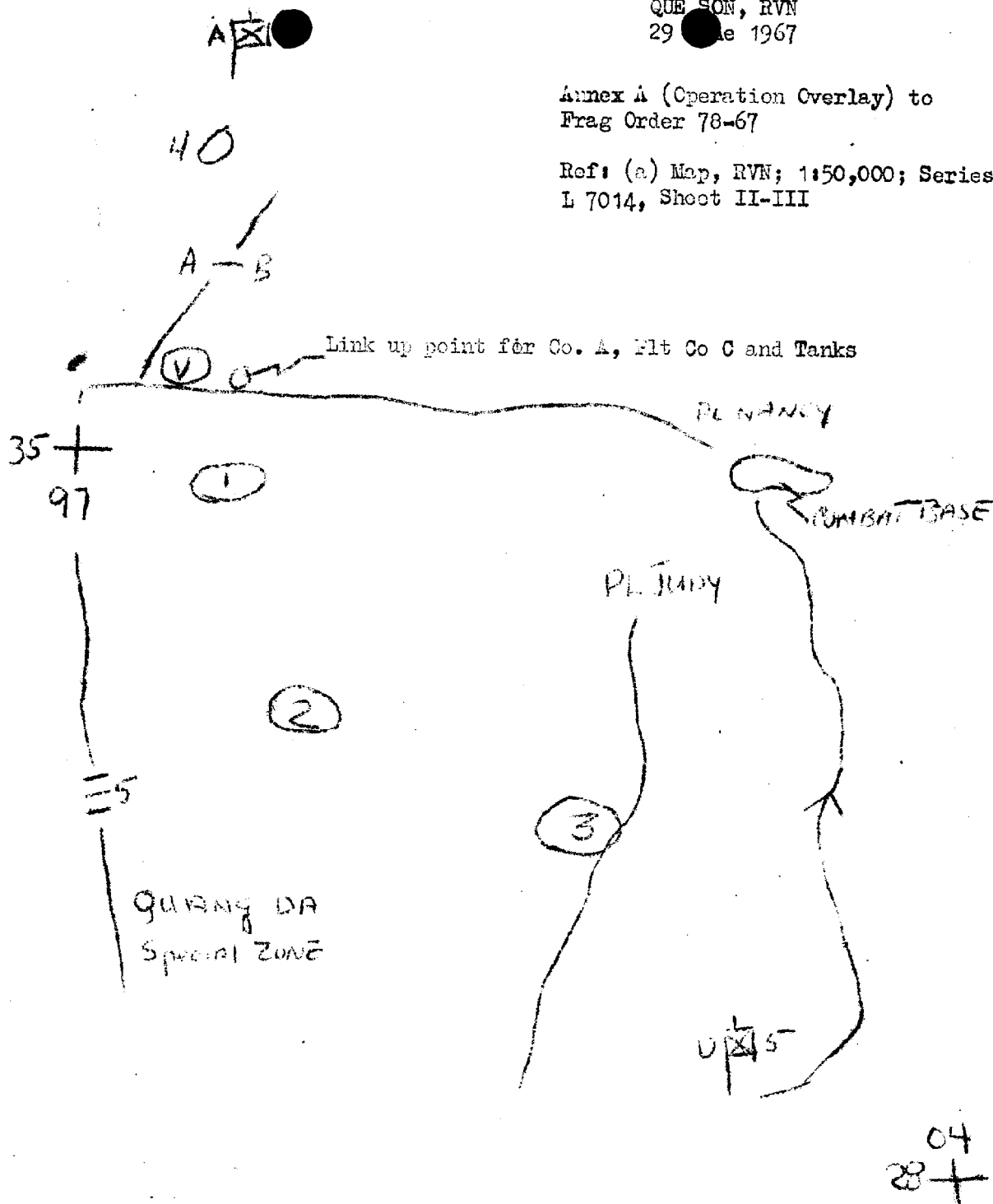
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. It is reported that a hospital is in vicinity of (AT 970325).

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

3. EXECUTIONa. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour, continue attack to search Objective 1, continue attack to Objective 4. Be prepared to continue attack to Objective 2, Objective 5, Objective 6 enroute to relief of Company D.

(a) Make recommendations to Commanding Officer when tanks can not effectively support attack of Company A because of trafficability of area.

(2) At Objective 4, conduct patrolling to find and destroy enemy hospital.

(a) 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

(b) (1) Direct support of Company A.

(2) On order Commanding Officer be prepared to return to Combat Base at Hill 51, by separate route.

(c) Relieve Company C; be prepared to support attacking company on order.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600H.

(2) Area bounded on north by 32 east west grid line and on east by 98 north south grid line is restricted. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units will not enter without permission from Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine

(3) Location:

(a) Objective 4 (AT 990325).

(b) Objective 5 (AT 987315).

(c) Objective 6 (AT 996300).

(4) Rules of engagement will be enforced.

(5) Coordinate fire support plan with Battalion FSC.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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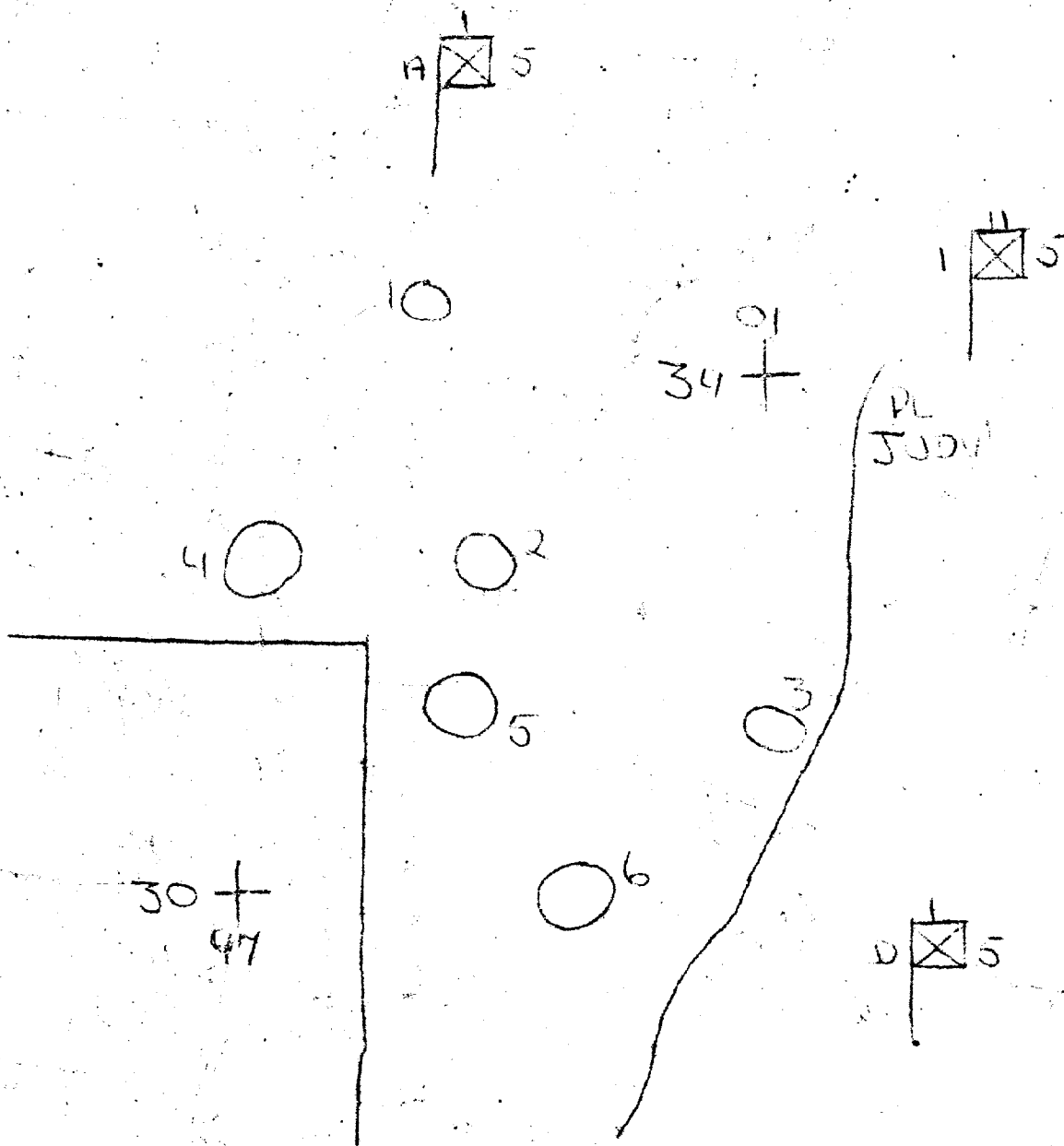
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour conduct search and destroy operation on Hill 270. Limit of advance Objective 5. Continue to Objective 7 and 8, on order.

(2) Assume OPXON of 2nd Platoon, Company D with heavy section of Ontos in direct support on order.

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

b. 2nd Platoon, Company D. Heavy section Ontos in direct support.

(1) At H-Hour commence movement to linkup with Company D.

(2) On order change operational control to Company D.

c. Reserve.

(1) Company C.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600H, 2 July 1967.

(2). Locations:

Objective 3 (BT 009313)
 Objective 5 (AT 986315)
 Objective 7 (BT 036316)
 Objective 8 (BT 058312)
 Objective 9 (BT 007327)

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- (a) Platoon, Company D and Ontos carry 6 MCI per man.
- (b) Flak jackets optional.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) Two men of each squad will carry orange air panels.
- (b) Each squad will carry 4 yellow smoke grenades.

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Time Zone H

Task Organization

Company C (-) (Rein)
Company C (-)
Plat, Co B (Rein)
Det, Co B, 1st EngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)
Det, Co A 1stTKBn
Det H&S Company
Det, 81 Mortar Plat
Det, Med Plat
S-2 Scout
Kit Carson Tm
FAC Tm

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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company (-)(Rein) search and destroy operation to Objective 16; establish patrol base in vicinity of Objective 16; conducts combat/recon patrols to fix and destroy the enemy, locate tank trails, water points, caves and fortifications; on order establishes night platoon bases in vicinity of Objective 16, CP Buick, CP Ford; continues attack on order.

b. Company C (-)(Rein).

(1) On order at H-hour conduct search and destroy operation to Objective 16, establish patrol base and conduct combat and recon patrolling.

(2) On order establish night platoon bases in vicinity Objective 16, CP Ford and CP Buick. Submit recommended night activities by 031800H.

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(3) Continue attack on order.

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

c. H&S Company. General support.d. Reserve.

(1) Company B.

(2) On one hour alert.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 1530 for planning purposes.

(2) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

(3) Coordinate fire support plan with FSOC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Flak jackets optional.

b. Carry 5 MCI per man.

c. Each squad will carry a minimum of 2 air panels and 6 yellow smoke grenades.

d. Engineers carry 20 pounds of demolitions per man.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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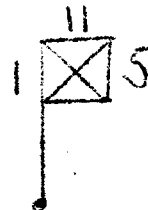
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Time Zone H

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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Search and Destroy operations to kill or capture VC and weapons and to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Search and Destroy Operations to destroy cave in vicinity (AT 994314) and accomplish other missions as directed. Company A advances along axis of advance to destroy caves; Company C establishes blocking positions (See Operation Overlay) to fix and destroy enemy flushed by Company A.

b. Company A (-)(Rein).

(1) At H-Hour conduct Search and Destroy Operations to destroy cave in vicinity (AT 994314) and accomplish other missions as directed. Continue attack on order.

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

c. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour + 1 establish blocking position vicinity from (AT 992308) to (AT 990312); from (AT 988313) to (AT 988317) and from (AT 991315) to (AT 995319) to fix and destroy enemy flushed by Company A. Continue attack on order.

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

d. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

e. Reserve.

(1) Company B on one hour alert.

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f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-Hour 0551; D-Day, 5 July 1967.
- (2) FCL from (AT 988314) along crest of hill to (BT 002317).
- (3) Company C coordinate fires of converging units.
- (4) Platoon Commander Det, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion to Nui Lac Son Combat Base on D-1.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Company A.

- (1) Carry 2 MCI in pockets.
- (2) Carry 30 cratering charges, 8 shape charges and 1000 feet of demolitions.
- (3) 3 canteens per man.
- (4) Carry gas masks.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Carry at least 2 air panels per squad, and carry at least 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.

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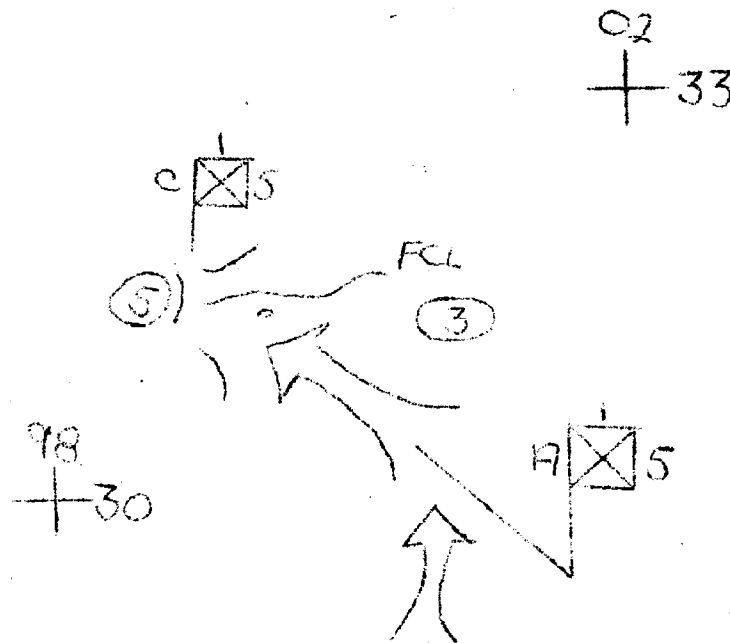
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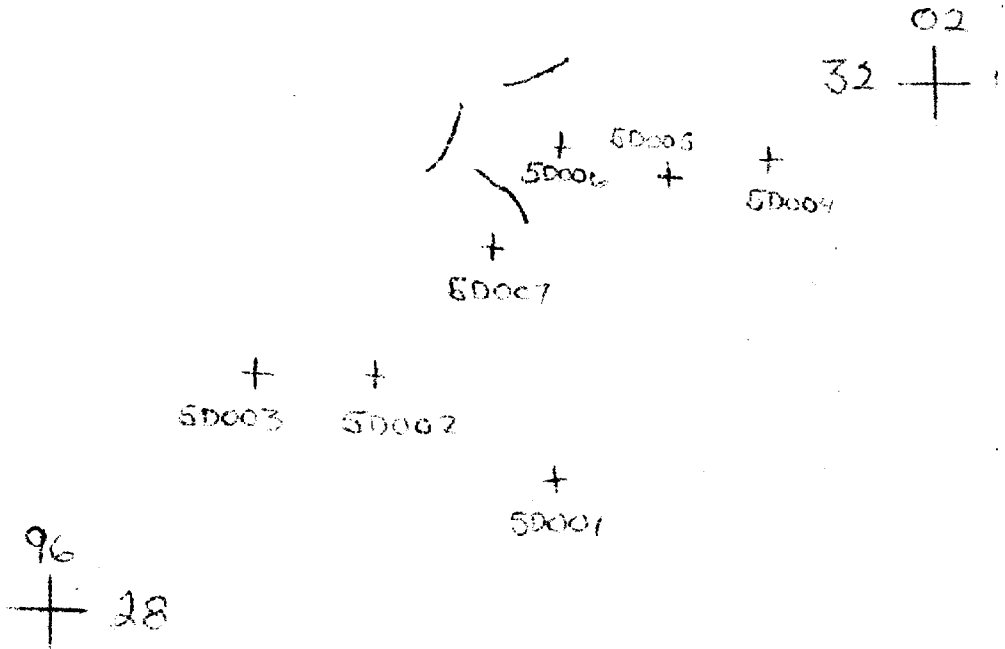
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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION.

a. Company A.

(1) On order continue attack to Objective 21, be prepared to continue attack to Objective 25 on order.

b. Company C.

(1) On order continue attack along axis of advance from present position through CP Desoto, to Objective 23, be prepared to continue attack on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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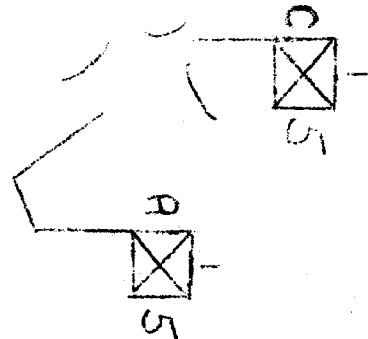
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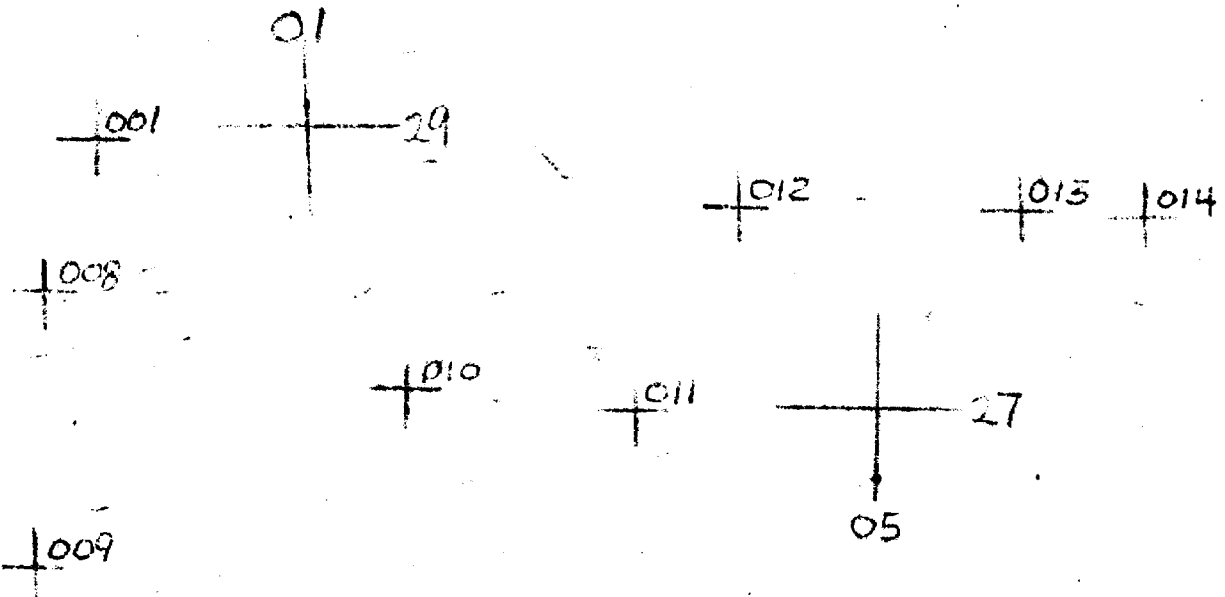
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

Company D (-)(Rein)

Company D (-)

Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Det, Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Det, Co B, 1st SPBn

Det, Hq Co, 5th Mar (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Det, 81 Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

Kit Carson Scout

S-2 Scout

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Intelligence reports indicate that the 41st Company of the 105th Battalion is presently located vicinity coordinates (AT 998368).

b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons, to destroy caves, tunnels, fortifications and harbor sites.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation to Objective F and then continue attack along axis of advance on order.

b. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day conduct search and destroy operation to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy reported to be in vicinity of Objective F, establish patrol base and conduct patrolling in assigned area, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. H&S Company. General Support.

d. Reserve.

(1) Company B.

(2) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking company on order.

(3) On one hour alert.

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e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-Hour 0530H, D-Day 8 July (for planning purposes).
- (2) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (3) Report arrival of all objectives, phase lines and check points.
- (4) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Basic Load

- (1) 6 MCI per man.
- (2) 3 canteens per man.
- (3) Basic allowance of ammunition per man:
 - (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds
 - (b) 7.62mm linked 1,000 rounds per gun
 - (c) 40mm 12 rounds per M-79
 - (d) 3.5 WP 3 rounds per gun
 - (e) H 60mm 25 HE rounds
 - 5 illumination rounds per gun
- (4) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (5) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
- (6) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (7) 6 LAAW rounds per squad.
- (8) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (9) 1 demolition kit per engineer.
- (10) 4 fragmentation grenades per squad.
- (11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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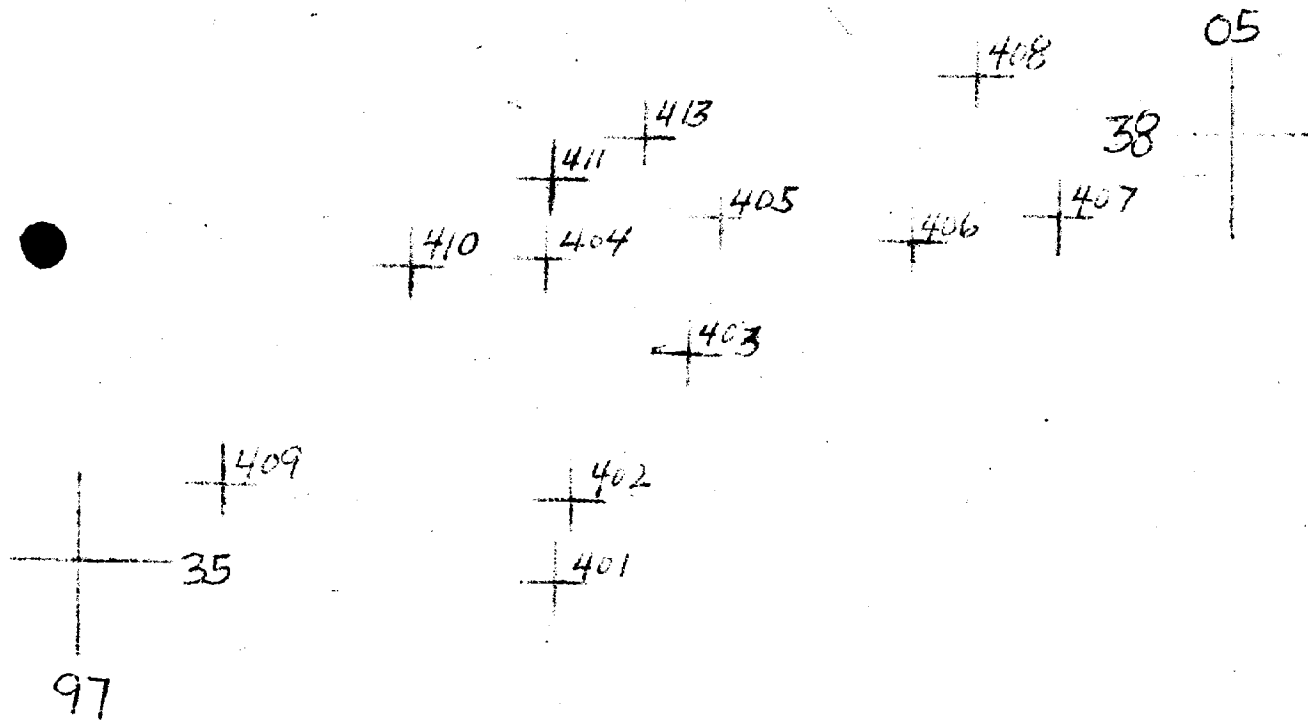
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. No change.
3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Company B conducts Platoon (Rein) Combat Patrol to provide security for Heavy Section, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base at Hill 51 to CP Gold; return to Combat Base at Hill 51 with like units from Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

b. Company B.

Attachments

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

(1) Conduct Platoon (Rein) Combat Patrol to CP Gold (BT 131370), provide security for Heavy Section, 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

(2) On exchange of Company A, 1st Tank Battalion units continue patrol to return to Combat Base at Hill 51.

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

c. Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Company C.
- (2) On one hour alert.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0630; D-Day, 9 July 1967.

(2) Coordinate fire support with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines FSOC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Basic Load.

- (1) 6 MCI per man.
- (2) 3 canteens per man.
- (3) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.

(a) 5.56mm	240 rounds per man.
(b) 7.62mm	1,000 rounds per man.
(c) 40mm	12 rounds
- (4) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (5) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
- (6) 6 LAAW rounds per squad.
- (7) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (8) 4 frag grenades per squad.
- (9) 4 RCA grenades per squad.
- (10) 1 demolition kit per engineer.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Company B platoon enter Battalion TAG Net at 080630H.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Intelligence reports indicate that an unidentified NVA Company is located in the vicinity of Objective B.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION

a. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack to Objective B; effect linkup with Company B element; receive resupply. Be prepared to return injured personnel to Hill 51 with Company B element. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company B Platoon.

Attachments

Heavy section Company A, 1st Tank Battalion
 FO, 81 Mortar Platoon

(1) At H-Hour + 30 minutes conduct platoon (-) Combat Patrol to Objective B; effect linkup with Company D; resupply Company D. On order return to Combat Base with Company D's medical evacuees.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0545; D-Day, 10 July 1967.
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (3) Company D, control linkup.
- (4) FO with Company D's platoon coordinate fire support with Company D.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets. --

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Company B element enter Battalion TAC Net at H-Hour.

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

Company B (-)(Rein)

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Company B (-)

Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Det, Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Det, Co B, 1st SPBn

Det, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

Kit Carson Scout Team

S-2 Scout

Platoon Co C, 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Heavy Section, Co A, 1st TKBn, (on D+1)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. There is a cave and tunnel complex located vicinity coordinates (AT 980340), enemy sniper activity has been constantly received from the hill mass vicinity (BT 000315).

b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons and to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION

a. On D-Day at H-Hour one company (-)(Rein) conducts attack on Objective A, conducts patrolling activities to clear Objective A of enemy and to destroy caves and tunnels. On order continue attack to Objective D with remainder of company and Heavy Section of Tanks in direct support, find and destroy caves and tunnels located in vicinity (AT 980340) be prepared to continue attack on order. (See Operation Overlay).

b. Company B (-)(Rein).

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day conduct attack on Objective A, conduct patrolling to clear Objective A; be prepared to continue attack on order. (See Operation Overlay).

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

c. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

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- (1) Company D.
- (2) On one hour alert.
- (3) Be prepared to reinforce or assume mission of attacking company on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1930H; D-Day, 12 July 1967.
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**a. Basic Load.**

- (1) 6 MCI per man.
- (2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.
- (3) 1 protective mask per man.
- (4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.
 - (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds
 - (b) 7.62mm 1,000 rounds per gun
 - (c) 40mm 12 rounds per M-79
 - (d) 3.5 3 HE rounds per tube
 - (e) 60mm 25 HE rounds per tube
- (5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (6) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
- (7) 6 LAW rounds per squad.
- (8) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (9) 1 demolition kit per engineer.
- (10) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (11) 4 frag grenades per squad.
- (12) 4 RCA grenades per squad.
- (13) Each tank carry 14 boxes of rations and 6 cratering charges.

b. Resupply for Company B on odd number days; requests into Battalion HST by 1700 day previous.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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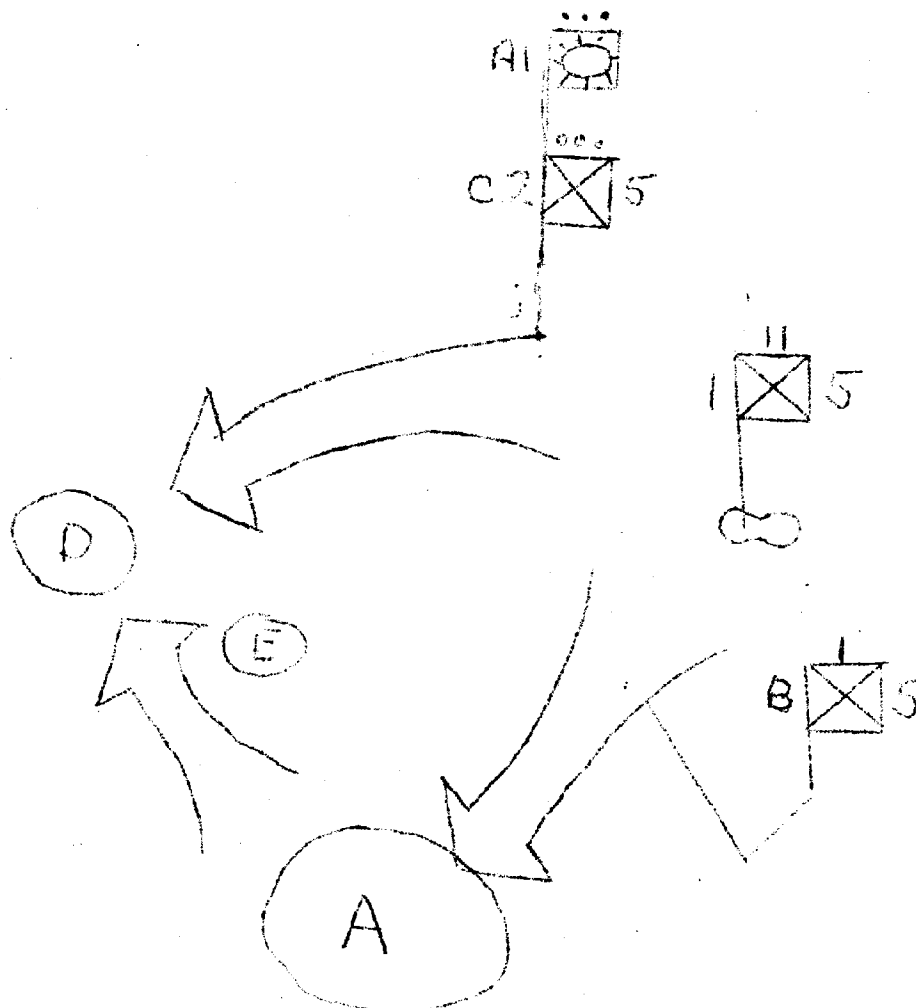
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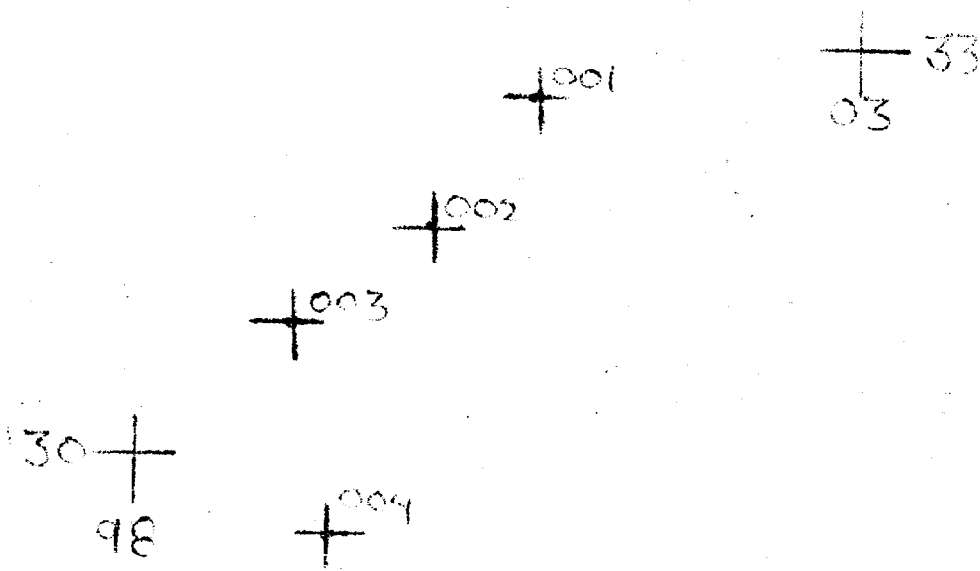
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Company Search and Destroy Operation to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons and to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. One Company (Rein) establishes blocking positions vicinity of Objective D to channelize enemy forces. One platoon (Rein), with heavy section of tanks in direct support attacks astride axis of advance to drive enemy into blocking positions and linkup with blocking company. Upon linkup, forces conduct search and destroy operations in objective area with company (Rein) utilizing the tanks while platoon continues attack to combat base.

b. At H-Hour, Company B continues attack to vicinity Objective D; establishes blocking positions vicinity (AT 980341) to (AT 977340), links up with Company C Two; conducts thorough search of Objective D to destroy caves and tunnels; be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company C Two.

(1) Attachment: Heavy Section Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

(2) At H-Hour plus one hour attack along trail to vicinity (AT 990363) along axis of advance to Objective D; linkup with Company B; on order, continue attack to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base along axis of advance.

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

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0500H; D-Day 14 July 1967

(2) Company controls linkup.

(3) On linkup, Heavy Section Company A, 1st Tank Battalion direct support of Company B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Company A, 1st Tank Battalion will carry:

(1) 23 cases MCI's.

(2) 25 cratering charges.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Company C Two enter Battalion Tactical Net and Company D tactical net at H-hour plus one hour.

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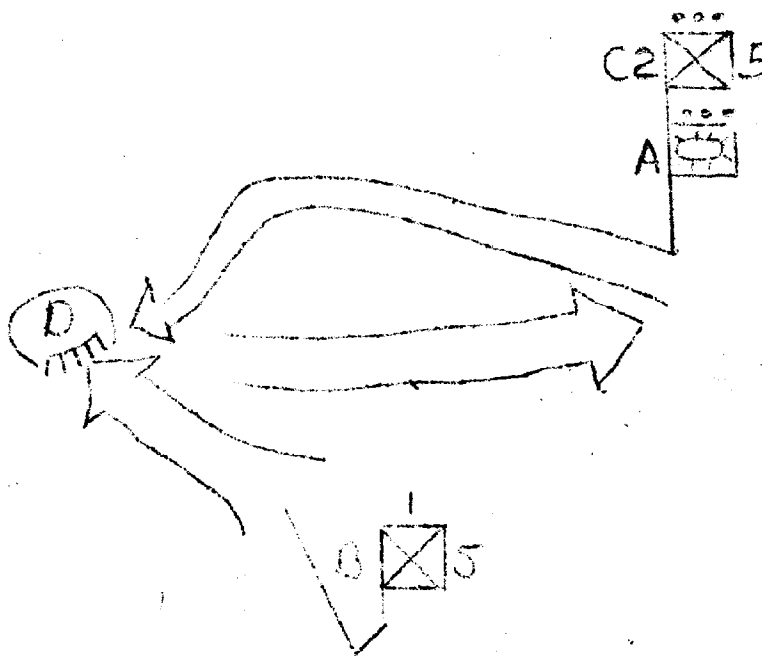
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Task Organization

Company C (-)(Rein)
 Company C
 Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
 Det, Brty D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar
 Det, Co B, 1st SPBn
 Det, Hq Co, 5th Mar (Scout Sniper)
 Det, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, 81 Mortar Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Kit Carson Tm
 FAC Tm
 ARVN Interpreter
 Plat, Co B, 1st Bn, 5th Mar

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1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Company Search and Destroy Operation to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons and to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.
3. EXECUTION
 - a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour Company C (-)(Rein) moves to establish patrol bases at CP Ann, CP Terry and CP Sue, at H-Hour + 9 hours continue attack to secure Objective H, and destroy caves vicinity coordinates (AT 996318). Continue attack on order.
 - b. Company C (-)(Rein).
 - (1) At H-Hour attack to establish platoon patrol bases vicinity CP Ann, CP Terry and CP Sue, conduct night activities as directed. Continue attack on order.
 - (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
 - c. H&S Company.
 - (1) General support.
 - d. Reserve.
 - (1) Company B.
 - (2) On one hour alert.
 - (3) Be prepared to reinforce or assume attacking company's mission.
 - e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) H-Hour 1945, D-Day, 15 July 1967.
 - (2) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
 - (3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
 - (4) Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.
 - (5) Coordinate with Company B to get location of caves in Objective H.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Basic Load.

- (1) 6 MCI per man.
 - (2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.
 - (3) 1 protective mask per man.
 - (4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.
 - (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds
 - (b) 7.62mm 1,000 rounds per gun
 - (c) 40mm 12 rounds per M-79
 - (d) 3.5 WP 3 rounds per gun
 - (e) 60mm 25 HE rounds per tube
 - (5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
 - (6) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
 - (7) 6 LAAW rounds per squad.
 - (8) 3 WP grenades per squad.
 - (9) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.
 - (10) 4 frag grenades per squad.
 - (11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.
 - (12) 2 Claymore mines per squad.
- b. Cratering charges to be helilifted into vicinity of Objective H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.
- b. Report positions every hour at 10 minutes before the hour.

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ANNEXES: A (Operation Overlay)
B (Fire Support Plan)

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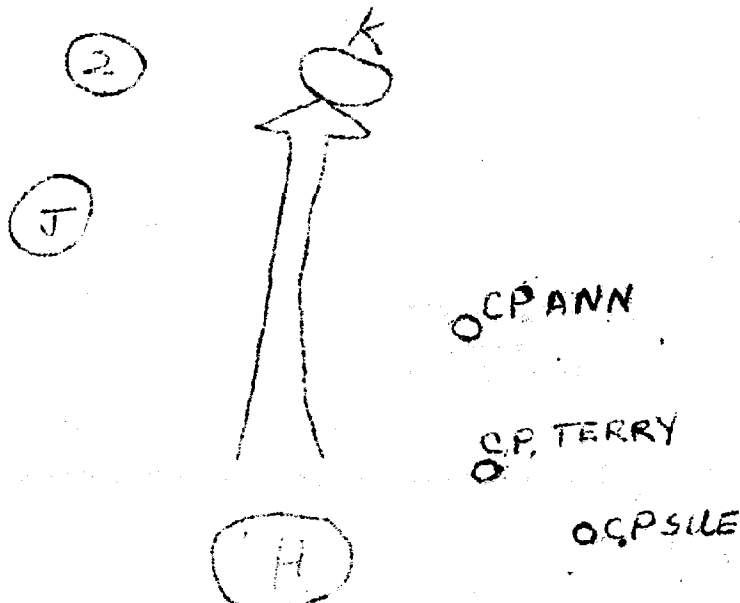
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Annex B: (Fire Support Plan) to Frag Order 84-67

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1. Artillery. Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines is in direct support of all 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units. An FO team has been assigned to Company C. On call fires have been plotted to support the movement of Company C. These fires may also be shifted to provide blocking fires on the flanks of Hill 270 if a large force is encountered.

On call fires are plotted at the following points:

SD 300 Z	BT 016316
SD 301 Z	BT 010324
SD 302 Z	BT 008334
SD 303	AT 987324
SD 304	AT 998337

2. Tanks. The tanks on Hill 51 are in favorable positions to provide fire support on the forward slopes of Hill 270.

3. A FAC Team has been assigned to Company C.
Fixed wing aircraft will be on call to provide close air support if needed.

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C. On call fires have been plotted to support the movement of Company C.

These fires may also be shifted to provide blocking fires on the flanks of

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On call fires are plotted at the following points:

SD 300 Z	BT 016316
SD 301 Z	BT 010324
SD 302 Z	BT 008334
SD 303	AT 987324
SD 304	AT 998337

3. Tanks. The tanks on Hill 51 are in favorable positions to provide fire support on the forward slopes of Hill 270.

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4. A FAC team has been assigned to Company C.

Fixed wing aircraft will be on call to provide close air support if needed.

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Task Organization

1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 3rd Platoon (-)(Rein), Company B
 Platoon, Company B
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 FAC Tm
 Heavy Section, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. Conduct Tank Infantry Combat/Road Reconnaissance Patrol from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base at Hill 51 to CP 6 to obtain information on the stream and road in vicinity CP 6 with emphasis on possible site for construction of a by pass on bridge.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour Platoon (Rein) conducts a Tank Infantry Combat/Road Reconnaissance Patrol to CP 6 and returns to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base on order.

b. 3rd Platoon (Rein) Company B.

(1) At H-Hour conduct Tank Infantry Combat/Road Reconnaissance Patrol to CP 6; return to Combat Base on order.

(2) Be prepared to reinforce platoon patrol on order.

c. Reserve.

(1) Company D.

(2) On one hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce platoon patrol on order.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700; D-Day 15 July 1967.

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- (2) Be alert for mines and trip mines.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.**a. Basic Load.**

- (1) 2 MCI per man.
- (2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.
- (3) 1 protective mask per man.
 - (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds
 - (b) 7.62mm 1,000 rounds per gun
 - (c) 40mm 12 rounds per man
- (4) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (5) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
- (6) 6 LAAW rounds per squad.
- (7) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (8) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.
- (9) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (10) 4 frag grenades per squad.
- (11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. 3rd Platoon (Rein), Company B, enter Battalion TAC Net at 150630H.

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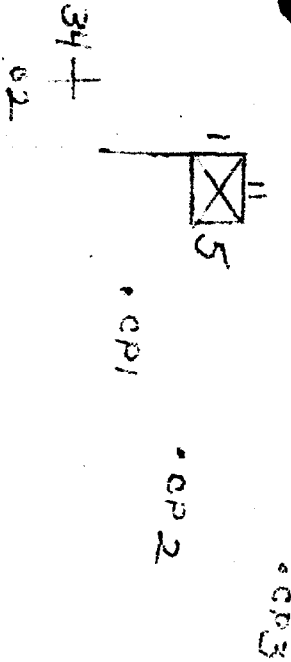
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: At H-Hour 172045H Company C (-)(Rein) continue attack to CP Sue, one platoon to continue patrol to combat base along axis of advance, Company (-)(Rein) continue attack to Objective Quebec, be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company C (-)(Rein).

(3) At H-hour continue attack to CP Sue, detach 3rd Platoon, Company B, continue attack to Objective Quebec, be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. 3rd Platoon, Company B.

(1) At CP Sue chop to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, conduct combat patrol to combat base along axis of advance (CP 4 to CP 5) to (CP 6 to CP 7)

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-hour 0515

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. 3rd Platoon, Company B enter Battalion TAC Net when detached from Company C.

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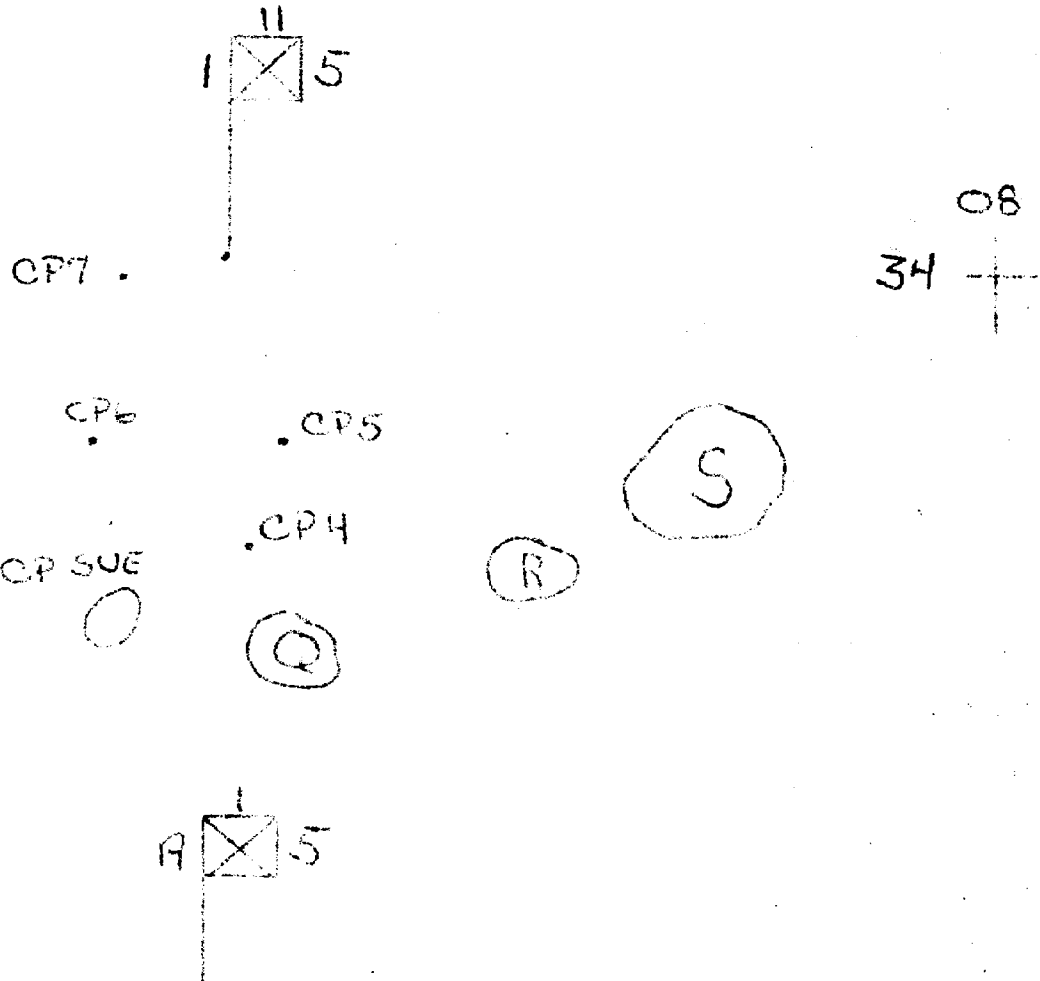
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. Conduct Platoon (Rein) Search and Destroy Operation to kill or capture VC and weapons, and to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications. Establish an OP and a COP on Objective Alpha.

3. EXECUTION

a. On order at H-Hour, attack on route of advance to seize Objective Alpha.

b. Establish an OP and COP with primary observation to the west, southwest and south.

c. Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(a) H-Hour (2400H)

(b) Locations.

(1) Objective A (BT 000315).

(2) Check Point Mae (BT 024306).

(3) Line of Deployment from (BT 013311) north along road to (BT 014315).

(c) Route of Advance from Combat Base to Check Point Mae to Line of Deployment.

(d) Supplies and equipment in accordance with company SOP.

(e) Attachments:

(1) Engineers

(2) FAC Tm

(3) 81 FO Tm

(4) Machine Gun Squad

(5) 3.5" rocket Tm

(6) Be prepared to revert to Battalion reserve on order.

(f) Report arrival to Check Point Mae and Line of Deployment. Be prepared to enter Battalion TAC Net on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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 QUIN, RVN
 22 July 1967

Frag Order 86-67

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

Company D (-)(Rein)

CAPT F. JENNINGS, JR.

Company D (-)

Det, Co B, 1stBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, HqCo, 5thMar

Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

ARVN Interpreter

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation along axis of advance to Objective Delta; establishes patrol base and conducts patrolling within objective area; be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day, on order commence attack to Objective Delta; establish patrol base and conduct patrolling within Objective Delta; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

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c. H&S Company. General support.

d. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company C.

(2) On one hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking company on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700H; D-Day 23 July 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged, particularly in caves and tunnels.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic Load:

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.
- b. Report position every hour at 10 minutes Before the hour.

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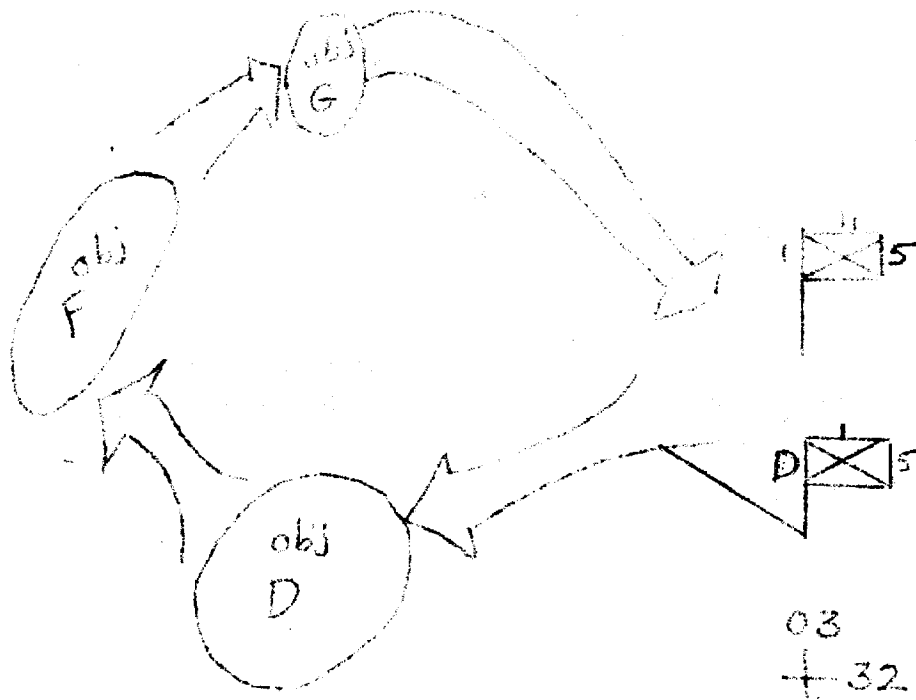
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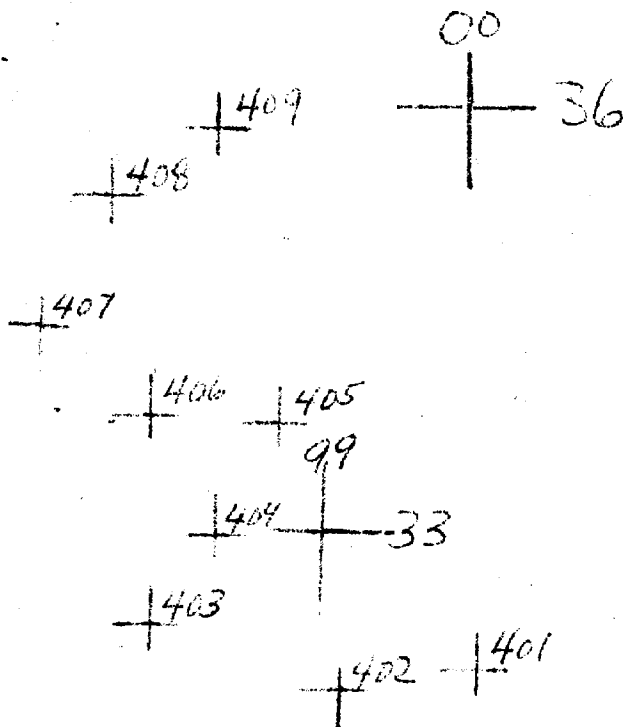
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To conduct search and destroy operations to kill or capture the enemy and to capture his weapons and equipment.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts platoon search and destroy operations along axis of advance toward combat base.

b. 3rd Platoon, Company A.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day commence attack along axis of advance from present position to Combat Base.

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

c. H&S Company. General Support.

d. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company C.

(2) On one hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking platoon on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600H; D-Day 23 July 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Operational Control of 3rd Platoon, Company A passes to First Battalion, Fifth Marines at 0500 D-Day, 23 July 1967.

b. Report arrival at checkpoints Chicago and New York and when approaching friendly positions.

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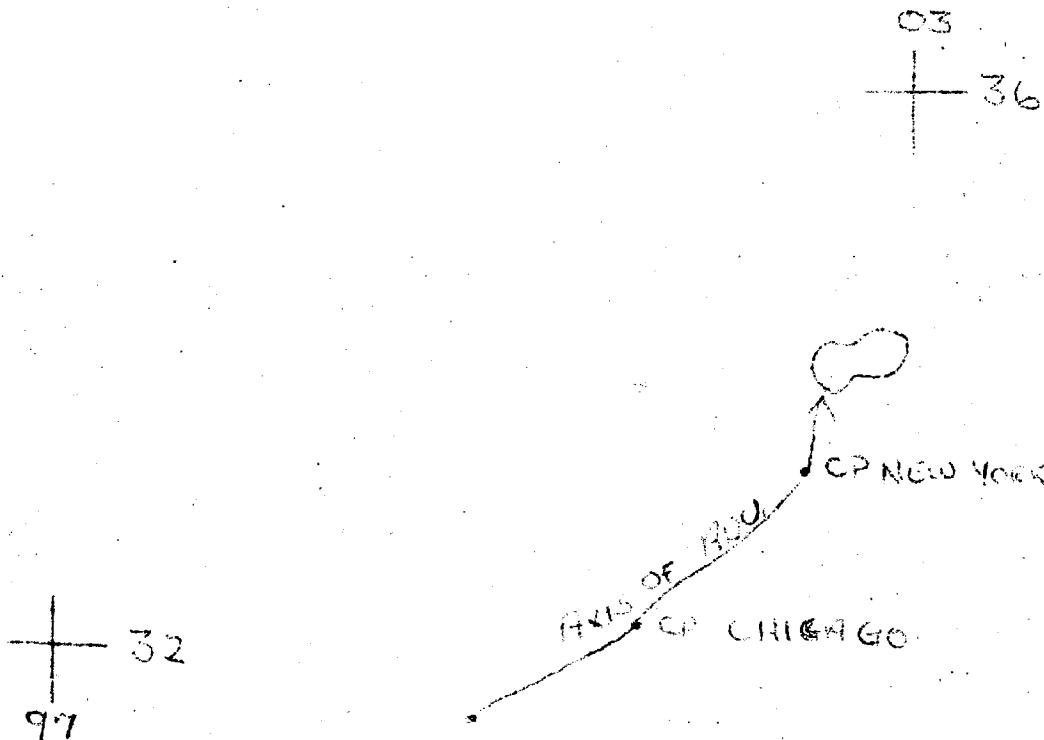
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 29 July 1967

Frag Order 88-67

Ref: (a) Maps: RVN, 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

Company B (-)(Rein)

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company B
 Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
 Det, Co B, 1st SPBn
 Det, Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar
 Det, Hqts Co, 5th Marines (Scout Sniper)
 Det, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, 81 Mortars
 FAC
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, 106 Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Kit Carson Tm
 S-2 Scout

Company A (-)(Rein)

CAPT B. K. BRODIE

Company A
 Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
 Det, Co B, 1st SPBn
 Det, Btry D, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar
 Det, H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, 81 Mortars
 FAC
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, 106 Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Kit Carson Tm
 S-2 Scout

Following H&S Detachment presently at Nui Lac Son detached to Company B on relief of Company A by Company B, remain at Nui Lac Son; Det, Mess Section.

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation to kill or capture enemy and weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications relieve unit at Nui Lac Son with like unit.

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3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Company (-)(Rein) Search and Destroy operation to Objective Romeo, continues attack on order to relieve company at Nui Lac Son. Upon relief, company at Nui Lac Son, conducts Search and Destroy operation to Objective Sierra; prepares to continue attack on order.

b. Company B.

(1) On order at H-Hour commence attack to Objective Romeo, establish patrol base, patrol as directed, be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) On order relieve Company A at Nui Lac Son and assume responsibility for combat base at that position.

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

c. Company A.

(1) On order, when relieved by Company B, conduct Search and Destroy operations to Objective Sierra, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. H&S Company. General support.e. Reserve.

(1) Company C.

(2) Be prepared to assume mission of or relieve attacking companies on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 1400 (for planning purposes) D-Day 31 July 1967.

(2) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic Load.

(1) 6 MCI per man.

(2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.

(3) 1 protective mask per man.

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4. Basic allowance of ammunition.
- (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds per man
 - (b) 7.62mm 1,000 rounds per gun
 - (c) 40mm 12 rounds per M-79
 - (d) 60mm 25 HE rounds per tube
5 WP rounds per tube
- (5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (6) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.
- (7) 4 LAAW rounds per squad.
- (8) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.
- (9) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (10) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (11) 4 fragmentation grenades per squad.
- (12) 4 RCA grenades per squad.
- (13) 3 green star clusters per squad.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.
- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.
 - b. Report position every hour at 10 minutes before the hour.

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Annex A: Operation Overlay
B: Fire Support Annex

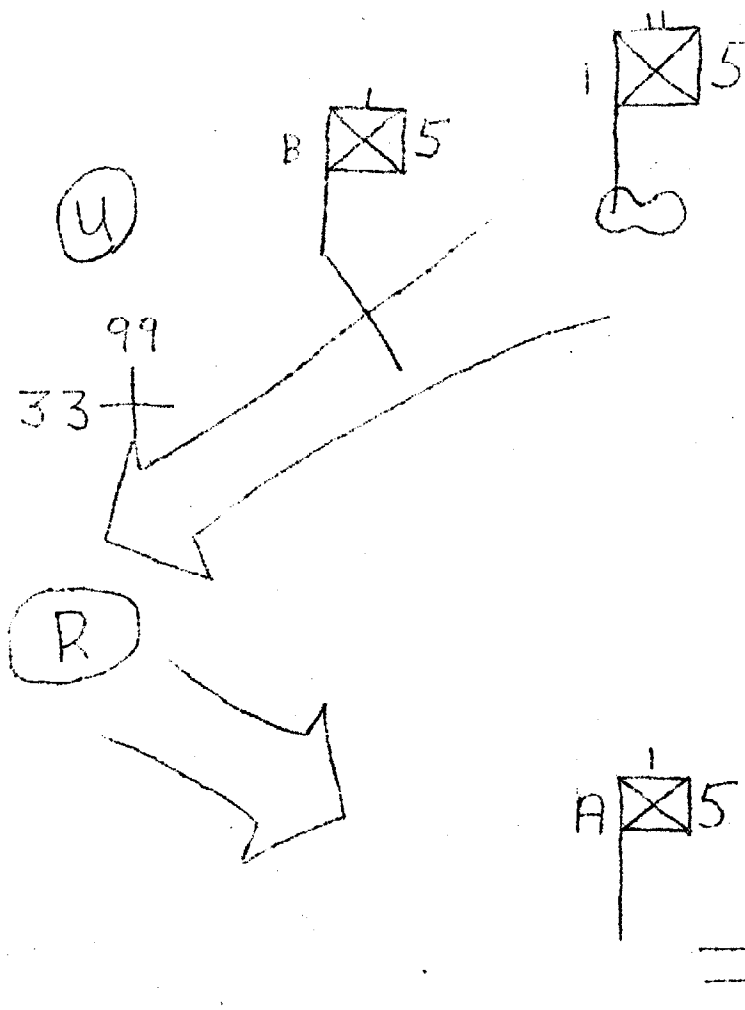
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Annex A: (Operation Overlay) to Frag Order 48-67

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Annex B: Fire Support Plan to Frag Order 80-67

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Artillery: D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines is in direct support of all 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units. An FO team is assigned to Company A and Company B.

On call fires have been plotted to support the initial phase of the relief operation; additional on call fires will be called in by the FOs from the field.

Air: A FAC team is assigned to Company A and Company B. Fixed wing aircraft will be on call during the operation.

Tanks: Tanks can provide covering fire on the flanks of Company B while they are on the move to Objective Romeo.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations to capture and kill enemy and equipment. Destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

A. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units conduct Tank/Infantry patrol to link-up with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines unit and escort tank retriever to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

B. Platoon (Rein), Company D.

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (Artillery FO)

Det, H&S Co, (FAC)

Det, Engineer Plat, 1stEngBn

(1) At H-Hour conduct Tank/Infantry patrol with heavy section of tank platoon to link-up with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines unit at C.P. Home Run.

(2) Escort Tank retriever to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

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

C. Reserve.

(1) Company B.

(2) Be prepared to assume mission of or relieve attacking unit on order.

D. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0629H, D-Day 31 July 1967

(2) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines unit will control link-up with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines unit.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

(1) Basic Load.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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