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enclosure (1) is submitted.

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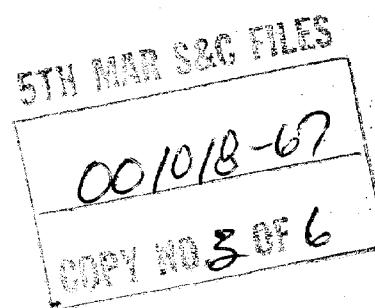
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

Commander1-31 August 1967
LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNERSUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

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

Company A

1-26 August 1967
CAPT B. K. BRODIE

Company B

27-31 August 1967
CAPT F. S. GIORDANI

Company C

1-31 August 1967
CAPT T. D. REESE

Company D

1-31 August 1967
CAPT E. C. JOHNSTON, JR.1 August 1967
CAPT P. N. JENNINGS2-31 August 1967
CAPT R. F. MORGANATTACHED UNITS

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

CAPT C. B. CURTIS

1st Platoon, Co B, 1stEngBn (1-31 August 1967)

2NDLT G. L. NEWKIRK

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

2NDLT C. B. KEPFORD

3rd Platoon, Co A, 1st TankBn (1-31 August 1967)

2NDLT M. MICHAEL

Det, Co B, 1st ATBn (1-31 August 1967)

SSGT M. HAMBY

2. Locations.

1-10 August 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (--) (Rein) Combat Base located at Hill 51 (BT 025343), Que Son, RVN.

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10-26 August 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation COCHISE.

26-31 August 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) Combat Base located at Hill 51 (BT 025343), Rue Son, RVN.

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	1-31 August 1967 MAJ E. C. CHEATHAM, JR.
S-1 Officer	1-31 August 1967 WO J. E. PERRY
S-2 Officer	1-31 August 1967 2NDLT V. J. VENANZI
S-3 Officer	1-31 August 1967 MAJ C. H. BLACK
S-4 Officer	1-26 August 1967 CAPT F. S. GIORDANI
	27-31 August 1967 CAPT E. A. GRIMM
S-5 Officer	1-31 August 1967 2NDLT J. D. JEWELL
Air Liaison Officer	1-31 August 1967 CAPT D. L. MONROE
Medical Officer	1-26 August 1967 LT K. P. DONNELLY (USNR)
Supply Officer	29-31 August 1967 LT J. E. PILON (USNR)
Communication Officer	1-31 August 1967 2NDLT R. L. CAREY
Motor Transport Officer	1-31 August 1967 1STLT J. CONNOR
	1-31 August 1967 2NDLT A. DESCHAMPS

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Legal Officer/Adjutant

1-22 August 1967
2NDLT G. L. LIDBACK, JR.

Chaplain

1-5 August 1967
LT V. R. CAPODANNO (USNR)4. Average Monthly Strength.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>Officers</u>	39	<u>Enlisted</u>	1039
		<u>Officers</u>	3
		<u>Enlisted</u>	58

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Personnel and Administration.

a. The Administrative Rear, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completed movement from the 11th Motor Transport Battalion Compound (DaNang, RVN) to Hill 51 Combat Base (Que Son, RVN) on 1 August 1967. The final consolidation of the forward and rear S-1 sections improved the administration of the Battalion.

b. Postal service for incoming and outgoing mail was improved when a daily courier service was established that brought mail directly from 1st Marine Division to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. A money order clerk was available at the Combat Base from 3-5 August 1967.

c. Mobile PK runs were conducted on 9 and 28 August by the 1st Marine Division Exchange. The bi-monthly runs were successful in providing exchange services for members of the Battalion.

d. On 28 August 1967 an awards ceremony was conducted at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. The Battalion Commander presented the following awards: 1 Silver Star Medal, 1 Navy Commendation Medal, 25 Purple Heart Medals and 2 Commanding General's Certificates of Commendation.

2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain.

a. Enemy. During August 1967, the enemy continued to operate in the vicinity of the Combat Base in an estimated strength of one regiment consisting of various identified and unidentified units. Information received from the Que Son District Chief, rated C-3 by the Battalion S-2, revealed the following information concerning enemy unit designations and locations: The 105th NVA Battalion operated generally to the north of the Battalion Combat Base; the 70th Independent NVA Battalion located in the vicinity (AT 9731), (AT 9831) and (AT 9832) was the remaining identified unit. Unidentified units according to local sources are company sized units at coordinates (BT 038317), (BT 049323) and battalion sized units located at (BT 0136), (BT 0137), (BT 0337), (BT 0238) and (BT 0736). Follow-up action was taken on intelligence reports received from Que Son District during August 1967.

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

c. Terrain. The Que Son area is a valley about nine miles long and four miles wide orientated in a general northeast to southwest direction. The area is divided by the Song Ly Ly River northeast to southwest. The river provides ~~com~~ which is the best avenue of approach into the mountains located to the west and southwest of the combat base. The mountains southwest of the

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Battalion's Combat Base can provide an excellent withdrawal route for the enemy.

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

3. Organization and Operations.

a. During the month of August the Battalion participated in Operation COCHISE from 11-26 August and continued to actively patrol the areas adjacent to the Combat Base at Hill 51, (BT 025345). Company, platoon and squad patrols were conducted daily to include tank/infantry and Comtos/infantry patrols.

b. The Battalion assumed the Bald Eagle commitment for the 5th Marines Regiment on 4 August and maintained this requirement until 10 August. On 27 August the Battalion again assumed the Bald Eagle commitment for the duration of the month. During the period 27-31 August, operational control of Company A was passed to the 7th Marine Regiment. On 29 August Company B (-)(Rein) was OPCON to the 5th Marine Regiment for one day in response to a Bald Eagle commitment.

c. Improvement of field fortifications for the Combat Base was continued throughout the month. Decking and drainage facilities were completed in approximately 90 percent of the fighting positions in preparation for the upcoming monsoon season.

d. During the month, red alert drills were conducted to test the preparedness of the Combat Base. All drills were considered to be successful.

4. Training.

a. Training was conducted on Battalion and company levels with continued emphasis on care and cleaning of the M-16 rifle, familiarization firing, weapons safety, patrolling, fire discipline, fire distribution, indoctrination of new personnel, map reading, small unit tactics and the E-8 Launcher (Tactical, CS).

b. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher Headquarters. During the month of August 1967, 10 Marines attended school in DaNang, RVN and Okinawa.

5. Logistics.

a. During the month of August 1967, the buildup of the Combat Base continued. On 3 August the communications bunker was completed and on 4 August

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construction began on company CCC bunkers and the artillery FDC bunker.

b. On 6 August 1967 the Battalion received additional material for the perimeter fighting positions and rebuilding was initiated. On 25 August all fighting positions were finished.

c. On 9 August the Battalion received 30 mechanical mules and 1 personnel carrier with two trailers which improved the transportation capability of the command.

d. On 28 August drainage work was started in the area of the landing zone and construction of a heliport structure was initiated to improve the overall landing zone operation.

e. During August the Battalion received technical inspections on supply, fiscal management and embarkation.

6. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

a. 991 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP Team during the month. To preclude the possibility of VC being treated by MEDCAP, Que Son District required a special ID card for any Vietnamese seeking medical care.

b. Clothing donated by American civilians was distributed to needy refugees in the Que Son District.

c. During the month of August various building improvements have been made in Que Son District as a result of recommendations made by the Battalion S-5 representative. District improvements included additions to education facilities in the Con Dong Refugee Hamlet, the remodeling of merchants shops in Son Lanh village and the improvement of facilities throughout the district.

7. Psychological Operations.

a. During the month Psychological Operations broadcasts were conducted to Vietnamese in the area using the themes "Don't Run From Marines" and "Little Boys Should be in School, not Fighting". Instructions were given for turning in weapons, mines and booby traps for rewards. An explanation of the Chieu Hoi program was given, and Vietnamese music was played. Leaflets have continued to be distributed by local patrols emphasizing the Chieu Hoi and reward programs.

8. Comptrollers Activities.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines requested and received an additional \$20,000.00 budget authorization. An additional request for \$39,000.00 was

submitted to replace stocks depleted by past operations and to prepare for future operations.

9. Communications.

a. On 4 August 1967 the switchboard was moved into the new communications bunker and all wire lines were recabled. On 5 August the message center was relocated.

b. The Battalion received a communications-electronics readiness inspection on 7 August and was rated satisfactory with discrepancies.

10. Significant Casualties Inflicted or Sustained; VC Captured.

a. Friendly Casualties (USMC)

KIA	7
DCW	0
WIAE	55
WIANE	13
FBC	67
LRD	2

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA Confirmed	51
KIA Probable	68
Detainees	61
Refugees	143

11. Significant Enemy Ordnance Captured During the Month of August 1967.

a. Weapons Captured

3 AK-47 Serial numbers 10083358, 1084959, 356506
 14 ChiCom K-44 Serial numbers 1076970, 13317959, 1308285, 3126919, 326339, 00183, 3086376, 1095529, 3103619, 1240098, 1189069, 3142308, 3126911, 1291598.
 2 Soviet 7.62mm Sniper Rifles M1891130 Serial numbers K-0489, TN-9243,
 2 ChiCom MGS Serial numbers 10085900, 1525573.
 1 US Pistol, caliber .45 Serial number 1553152.
 4 US Carbines caliber .30 Serial number 4650655, 6411774, 2836541, 6963083.

b. Ordnance Equipment Captured

1 70 rounds .30 caliber ammunition
 2 1 12 guage shotgun shells

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4 7.62mm Rounds
5 Friction grenades
1 Concussion grenade

12. Significant Munitions Captured/Found and Destroyed During the Month of August.

12 Magazines
1 Magazine, carbine
1 wooden case gun powder
1 bayonet with scabbard
1 Case, binoculars
1 Compass
1 ChiCom grenade (booby-trap)
1 Handmade bomb
1 Cigarette can mine
1 Fragmentation grenade with trip wire
1 Unknown type mine
4 M-26 grenades
1 155mm Howitzer shell/AT mine
1 CS grenade
10 Electric blasting caps
1 ChiCom blasting cap
1 Wooden case gunpowder

13. Significant Enemy Equipment Captured During the Month of August.

15 Cartridge belts
1 Knife
4 First aid kits
5 Ponchos
3 Canteens
6 Mugs
21 Packs
1 Holster
1 Hammock
1 Set cooking containers
2 Tools, entrenching
1 Mess kit
1 Packet, first aid
1 Cord, detonating
1 Pair glasses
3 Masks, gas, homemade cloth type
2 Funji stakes
1 Flashlight
1 Facility building 40 feet by 20 feet (barracks and messhall)

34 Gray bags
5 Bundles of guaze
66 Pair black trousers
21 Rice bags
4 Ponchos
22 Packs
3 Hammocks
7 Blue sweat shirts

14. Significant Enemy Caves, Tunnels, Buildings and Fortifications Destroyed During the Month of August 1967.

Caves Located

5

Caves Destroyed

2

15. Significant US Government Property Lost During the Month of August 1967 While Engaged in Combat with the Enemy.

3 US M-16 Rifles, Serial Numbers 549119, 712295, 542718.

Note: Results of Operation COCHISE are included in paragraphs 10-15 and have not been previously reported.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(1) 18 August 1967 Company C continued under OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 010545H From 010545H to 010615H Psy Ops teams conducted broadcast with theme "Don't Run From Marines".

(3) 010600H Company B continued search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).

(4) 010640H Company B at (AT 993310) received 15 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC at (AT 985310) and (AT 993331). 30 rounds small arms fire were returned and area was searched with negative results.

(5) 010750H Company B at (AT 998298) received 3 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC at (AT 992304). Returned 25-30 rounds small arms fire, called 4.2 inch mortar mission. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(6) 010900H MEDCAP conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet (BT 024345). 41 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(7) 011030H Company B at (AT 991295) observed 6 VC at (AT 986296) wearing black clothing, two carrying weapons. Company B fired 65 rounds small arms fire and called 4.2 inch mortar mission. During search of area a 25 year old Vietnamese female wearing black clothing was apprehended. Questioning revealed that female was a VC secretary and wife of VC. Detainee escaped during fire fight at 011130H at (AT 987299). Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(8) 011210H Company B at (AT 987294) received 60 rounds small arms fire from estimated 6 unobserved VC. Fire was received from the northwest at a range of 175 meters from (AT 985295) and (AT 985298). Company B returned 150 rounds small arms fire and 3 LAWS and searched area with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(9) 011310H Fire Team Patrol 5Y13 at (BT 023355) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male 30-35 years old without ID card. Detainee was wearing black clothing and had what appeared to be pack strap marks on shoulders and possible shrapnel scars on left arm and left side of chest. Detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2.

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(10) 011647H Company B relieved Company A and assumed responsibilities of Combat Base at Nui Lac Son. (BT 023288), terminating search and destroy operations directed by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).

(11) 011803H Company A commenced search and destroy operations to Objective Tango in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).

(12) 011945H Psy-Ops team conducted broadcast from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base using theme "Don't Run From Marines".

(13) 2 August 1967 Company A continued search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).

(14) 2 August 1967 Company C continued under OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(15) 020900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(16) 020920H Squad Patrol 5A3 at (BT 064303) received 50 rounds small arms fire from 10-15 unobserved VC. Fire was received from a distance of 225 meters to the northeast at (BT 065305). Patrol returned 80 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds, searched the area and found one M-16 magazine with 6 rounds.

(17) 021510H Platoon (-) Patrol 5Y13 at (BT 024332) was directed to a ChiCoM grenade by a Vietnamese boy. Grenade was destroyed in place by engineers. Marines rewarded Vietnamese boy with 100 piasters.

(18) 021600H Squad (Rein) patrol 5A5 at (BT 074312) observed 4 VC wearing black clothing, 1 carrying a weapon. As VC fled to the east, patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. Search of area disclosed 1 VC KIA approximately 25 years old. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(19) 022025H Company A received order to continue attack to Objective X-Ray (BT 037321) at 030145H and an order to continue attack to 1st Battalion 5th Marines Combat Base (BT 024343).

(20) 3 August 1967 Company C continued under OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(21) 030645H Company A departed Objective Tango and continued search and destroy operation towards Objective X-Ray (BT 037321). See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).

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(22) 030855H Platoon (Rein), Company A established patrol base at Objective X-Ray and continued extensive patrolling within a 1500 meter radius.

(23) 030900H MEDCAP conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 63 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(24) 030918H Company A continued attack to checkpoint Sidney at (BT 046347). See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(25) 030918H Company A reported checkpoint Sidney (BT 046347) and were ordered to continue attack toward 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(26) 031047H Company A (-) returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base terminating search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-67. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(27) 031050H Hamlet Chief brought a butterfly bomb to Company B's position at (BT 022286). Hamlet Chief stated a child was playing with it near (BT 023284). Engineers destroyed bomb.

(28) 031315H Company B commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-67. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(29) 031650H 2nd Platoon (Rein), Company A departed Objective A-Ray to establish patrol base at (BT 019324) and conduct night activities.

(30) 031700H Patrol 5D8 at (BT 004346) found one empty hand illumination case, 1 carbine magazine, wooden case of gun powder, 1 homemade bomb and a trench line running north to northwest 1500 meters long. Trench line was 3 feet deep, 2 feet wide and had numerous holes cut in the side. Bomb was destroyed in place.

(31) 032055H Company D destroyed 2 caves at (BT 009339). Both caves were approximately 15-20 meters in depth.

(32) 4 August 1967 Company D continued search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-67. See Tab (D) to Enclosure (1).

(33) 4 August 1967 Company C continued under OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(34) 040700H Platoon, Company D and Heavy Section Tanks, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to link up with Company D at (BT 018342).

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(35) 040840H Squad Patrol 5B18 at (BT 015357) received 2 rounds sniper fire from 2 VC at (BT 013356). VC were dressed in black clothing. Patrol returned 20 rounds small arms fire. VC broke contact and fled in a northwesterly direction. Area was searched with negative results.

(36) 040900H MEDCAP was held in Lang Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 62 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(37) 040912H Platoon, Company D and Heavy Section Tanks, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion linked up with Company D at (BT 018342) to deliver cratering charges to destroy caves.

(38) 041000H Five Scout Sniper Teams arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(39) 041000H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited Nui Lac Son at (BT 023266) from 041000H to 041030H.

(40) 041050H Company C returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base terminating OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(41) 041100H Company D at (BT 010340) discovered a cave 4 feet wide, 5 feet high and 75 meters long. Cave was destroyed by engineers.

(42) 041715H Aerial observer sighted 6 VC with weapons wearing black clothing at (BT 002282). 4.2 inch mortar mission was called with excellent target coverage. Observer reported 2 KIA confirmed and one secondary explosion. Squad Patrol, Company B was dispatched to search area and found heavy blood trails but were unable to locate bodies. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed, 2 VC KIA probable.

(43) 041720H Platoon, Company D and Heavy Section Tanks, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion departed Company D's position at (BT 018342) to return to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(44) 041912H Company B destroyed cave previously discovered on July 1967. Cave extended in an easterly direction in excess of 1000 meters from (BT 009342) to (BT 0987342). Engineers used 92 cratering charges to destroy cave.

(45) 041930H Squad Patrol 5D29 (BT 015344) observed 2 VC males at (BT 017344) wearing black clothing, one with weapon. Patrol fired 50 rounds small arms fire. One VC was observed to fall. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable

(46) 042005H Company D established night defensive position at (BT 099336).

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(47) 5 August 1967 Company D continued search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-67. See Tab (c) to Enclosure (1).

(48) 050820H Scout Sniper Team attached to Squad Patrol 5A14 at (BT 007327) observed one VC with weapon, wearing white clothing at (BT 005327). Scout Sniper Team fired 1 round small arms fire and called 81mm mortar mission of 6 rounds HE and 2 rounds WP. Area was searched with negative results.

(49) 050830H Company D at (AT 996335) observed 4 VC, one wearing black clothing and one wearing a helmet at (AT 997333). Fired 40 rounds small arms fire and 8 M-79 rounds. VC fled in a southerly direction. Artillery mission was called and conducted with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(50) 050900H MEDCIV was held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 32 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(51) 051000H Company D at (BT 091334) found assorted medical supplies, one VC gas mask, one VC uniform, one hammock and one homemade gas mask and equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(52) 051100H Squad Patrol 5B2 at (BT 006307) spotted 6 VC at (BT 063305). Two were wearing green utilities, 4 were wearing black clothing. All 6 VC were carrying weapons. Patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds, observing 2 VC fall as if hit. Area was searched and 1 VC KIA confirmed and heavy blood trails were found. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed and 1 VC KIA probable.

(53) 051145H Squad Patrol 5B2 at (AT 993303) received 15 rounds automatic fire from 4 VC. Patrol returned 20 rounds small arms fire and called for 81mm mortar mission. Area was searched with negative results.

(54) 051200H Squad Patrol 5D8 located at (AT 994339) observed two VC at (AT 993338). One VC wore gray military utilities, one wore green utilities. Both had weapons and helmets. Patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire and 12 M-79 rounds as VC fled to the north. Patrol searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(55) 051215H Squad Patrol 5A14 located at (BT 007327) observed 6 VC dressed in black and gray clothing carrying weapons and a body into a house vicinity (AT 992325). Patrol called 81mm mortar mission. Area was not searched due to mission and distant from assigned patrol route.

(56) 051345H Company D continued attack in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-67. (See Tab (c) to Enclosure (1)).

(57) 051450H S-2 Scouts attached to Company D questioned villagers at (AT 996346). Villagers stated that 4 VC had passed through area carrying

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3 dead VC about one hour previous to the patrol's arrival.

(58) 051555H Company D at (AT 981348) received 100 rounds automatic and semiautomatic small arms fire from 20 VC wearing black clothing at (AT 984348). Patrol returned fire with 300 rounds small arms fire, 17 M-79 rounds and 17 60mm mortar HE rounds. Artillery and Air missions were requested. Search of area disclosed small arms cartridges, heavy blood trails and drag marks in trench line. Results: 8 VC KIA probable, 1 USMC WIA.

(59) 051610H 3rd Platoon, Company D and 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to link up with Company D and to continue search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-67. See Tab (7) to Enclosure (1).

(60) 051645H Squad Patrol 5A14 at (BT 007327) observed 8 VC wearing black berets, carrying weapons at (AT 992325). Air, Artillery and 81mm mortar missions were requested and received with 6 rounds 81mm HE and 15 rounds 105mm HE with excellent coverage of the target area. Area was searched with negative results.

(61) 051750H 3rd Platoon, Company D and 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion arrived at Objective Frag at (AT 993343).

(62) 060805H CH 53 Helicopter while enroute to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base reported accidentally dropping two pallets 105mm HE rounds at (BT 047354). 1st Platoon, Company C was alerted to move to the area where 105 rounds were dropped and recover or destroy ammunition. Que Son District Headquarters reported that a FF Platoon had located the 105mm rounds. Two personnel carriers and 1 rifle platoon from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines combat base were dispatched to recover 105mm rounds. Upon arriving at area where rounds were dropped, it was discovered rounds were too badly damaged to move. EOD team was requested. NO team destroyed 57 rounds. They returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(63) Platoon (Stein), Company D at (AT 994361) found one modified, 105mm, time fuse mine, mine, was placed upside down so that pressure applied would detonate mine. They destroyed mine in place.

(64) 061435H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 061435H to 061520H.

(65) 061500H A presentation of Awards Ceremony was conducted at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. 2 Marines were awarded the Navy Commandation Medal, 16 Marines and 1 Navy Corpsman were awarded the Purple Heart Medal and one Marine was awarded Meritorious Mast.

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(66) 061530H Company D at (BT 005361) observed two Vietnamese at (BT 011367) wearing black clothing. While patrol pursued VC 1 incoming grenade was received. Patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing. Detainee was forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(67) 061630H Platoon (Point), Company C at (AT 986354) observed 11 VC at (AT 985335) wearing black and white clothing and carrying one weapon. Platoon fired 225 rounds small arms fire, 1 LAAW and 1 M-79 round at VC. VC broke contact and fled in a northwesterly direction. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed.

(68) 061630H Company A departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base commencing search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 91-57. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(69) 061700H Company D at (BT 005351) received 30 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper at (BT 002351). Company D returned 2 rounds 90mm, 100 rounds small arms fire, 12 M-79 rounds and requested artillery fire mission receiving 8 rounds 105mm HE. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

(70) 061810H Company D returned to the Combat Base terminating search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-57. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(71) 061855H Company A at (AT 996347) observed 4 VC at (AT 996349) wearing black clothing; one carrying a weapon and pack. Company A fired 50 rounds small arms fire. One VC fell and was dragged away. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(72) 061900H Squad Ambush Patrol 5013 at (BT 002329) received 2 rounds small arms fire from 2 VC at (BT 002323) wearing black clothing. Patrol returned 80 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(73) 062045H Company A established night defensive perimeter at (AT 996346).

(74) 070710H Company A continued search of area in vicinity (AT 996346).

(75) 070900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345) 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(76) 070915H Company A using a Vietnamese Guide was led to tunnel complex area at (AT 995345). Tunnel complex had three entrances approximately 30 meters apart. One entrance was inside a house, one in a well, and one on the side of a bank with air vents 75 meters north of cave entrance. Cave was searched and the following items were found: 1 U.S. Carbine serial number 8936209, 1 magazine, 1 NVA pack, 1 local pack, 1 box of medicine consisting of atropine sulphate, hemo serum, streptomycin, assorted vitamins, suit case full of pictures and VC documents. Above items were

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were forwarded to 9th S-2 for further disposition. Tunnel complex was destroyed 8 August 1967.

(77) 071010H 5th Marines Executive Officer visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 071010H to 071120H.

(78) 071115H 2nd Platoon, Company A with one light section, 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to deliver cratering charges to Company A.

(79) 071145H Platoon Patrol 5B3 at (AT 992971) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC at (AT 995296) and (AT 988297). Patrol returned fire with 45-50 rounds small arms fire and 1 LAW. Requested and received 10 rounds 4.2 inch HE with excellent coverage of the target area. Area was searched and blood trails were found. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(80) 071211H 2nd Platoon, Company A and light section 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion joined Company A at (AT 995345).

(81) 071230H Platoon Patrol 5C14 at (BT 010350) received 6 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC at (BT 006353). Patrol conducted search of area with negative results.

(82) 071640H Scout Sniper Team attached to Company A at (AT 995345) observed 8 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons at (AT 989343). Scout Sniper Team fired one round small arms fire and observed 1 VC fall. Fired 8 rounds 60mm mortar on remaining VC that fled into heavy brush. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(83) 071920H Company A commenced movement to Objective Fortrot at (AT 995345). 4th Platoon, Company A remained at (AT 995345) to complete mission of destroying tunnel.

(84) 071945H Platoon Patrol 5C14 at (AT 996354) observed one VC wearing black clothing approximately 100 meters from patrol. When VC spotted patrol he fled in a westerly direction. Patrol ordered VC to halt in Vietnamese language. When VC failed to comply, patrol fired 3 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(85) 072015H 2nd Platoon secured Objective Fortrot at (AT 995343) and established night defensive perimeter.

(86) 080100H to 080815H Squad Ambush 5C24 at (BT 009359) received approximately 20 grenades and 50-100 rounds small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy. Attack was not reported to Battalion S-3 until 080600H.

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Company hourly reports to Battalion S-3 indicated all secure in C tractor and night patrol activities. No contact was reported during the night. Investigation conducted. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIA.

(87) 08145H Company A departed Objective Foxrot for Objective Uniform at (AT 992333).

(88) 080820H Platoon 5D5 at (BT 003327) apprehended a 20 year old Vietnamese male without ID card, with pack strap across on shoulders. Detainee informed patrol he knew where a VC ambush was. Detainee led patrol to area where VC ambush was believed to be. While en route, patrol spotted one VC wearing black clothing, cartridge belt, grenades and carrying M1 rifle. Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire killing VC. 6 more VC were spotted carrying weapons. 81 fire mission was called and 9 rounds 81mm HE rounds were fired with excellent target coverage. Area was searched and heavy blood trail were found. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable, detainee, 1 US .50 caliber M, Serial number 1311031 with 40 rounds, 1 US .45 caliber grease gun serial number 626701, one cartridge belt, 1 M-26 grenade, one ChiCom grenade, one poncho, 4 field bandages, one set black PJ's. Detainee, weapons and equipment were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(89) 080900H MEDCAP was conducted in Bach Thuong (5) Hamlet vicinity (BT 024345). 48 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(90) 080943H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 080943H to 081210H.

(91) 081040H Vietnamese male detainee apprehended 061530H was found through interrogation to be an innocent civilian. He was released to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-3 for transportation to Que Son.

(92) 081053H Company A secured Objective Uniform at (AT 992333).

(93) 081100H 1st Platoon, Company A and light section 3rd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(94) 081336H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base on an aerial reconnaissance.

(95) 081345H Company A departed Objective Uniform and continued attack to Objective X-Ray at (AT 998353).

(96) 081356H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from aerial reconnaissance.

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(97) 081410H Company A at (AT 994340) observed one Vietnamese male wearing black clothing and white pith helmet. Point squad challenged man to halt in Vietnamese. As man continued to run, point squad fired 5 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 VC WEA.

(98) 081530H Squad Security Patrol 5B3 at (AT 021302) apprehended Vietnamese male wearing black clothing. Vietnamese was approximately 20-30 years old, without ID card. He stated ID card was at his home. Patrol searched house and found 1 pair short kekki trousers, 1 khaki shirt, 1 green utility jacket. Upon initial interrogation by S-2 Scout, detainee admitted being a VC and also that he had fired at MONMAG helicopters. Detainee was forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2 for further disposition.

(99) 081530H Company L at (AT 994344) received 8-10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3 unobserved VC at (AT 989346). Company A returned fire with 25-30 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 round. The area was searched with negative results.

(100) 081600H Company A reached Objective X-Ray at (AT 996353).

(101) 081618H Company A was directed to continue attack to Objective Zulu at (AT 008364).

(102) 081736H Company A secured Objective Zulu vicinity (AT 008364) and established patrol base to conduct night activities.

(103) 090605H Company A departed Objective Zulu and was directed to continue attack to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(104) 090738H Company A reached 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base terminating search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 91-67. Refer to Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(105) 090834H Company G departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base, commencing search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 92-67. Refer to Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(106) 090900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet (AT 024345). 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(107) 090945H Company C secured Objective 1 at (AT 996336) and established patrol base.

(108) 091055H Squad Patrol 501 at (AT 943342) observed one male VC wearing black clothing, carrying weapon and wearing a cartridge belt at (AT 993343). Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire and observed VC fall.

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VC got up and fled in a northwesterly direction. The area was searched and a heavy blood trail and medical kit was found. Medical kit was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(109) 091135H Squad Patrol 562 at (AT 994331) observed one VC running from a hut at (AT 995332). Patrol fired 1 round small arms fire at fleeing VC. Area was searched and one 500 pound bomb was found. Bomb was destroyed in place by engineers.

(110) 091440H Company C departed Objective 1 and was directed to continue attack to Objective 2 located at (BT 007311). See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(111) 091500H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and S-3 Officer departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to attend conference at 5th Marines Command Post, Hill 63.

(112) 091545H Company C, Platoon Patrol at (AT 994331) received 60 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 6-10 unobserved VC at (AT 988331). Patrol returned 100 rounds small arms fire and 8 M-79 rounds. An artillery mission was requested and 24 rounds 105mm HE were fired with good target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(113) 091600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Executive Officer and S-2 Officer attended a reception at the residence of the village chief at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet (BT 024345).

(114) 091610H Company G, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base, becoming OPCON of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for participation in Operation COCHISE.

(115) 091640H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and S-3 Officer returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 5th Marines Command Post, Hill 63.

(116) 091835H Company C secured Objective 2 at (BT 007311) and established patrol base. Refer to Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(117) 092103H Red Alert drill was conducted at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(118) 092120H Red Alert drill was secured.

(119) 100602H Company C departed Objective 2 and continued search and destroy operation toward Nui Lac Son at (BT 023288). Refer to Tab (e) to Enclosure (1).

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(120) 100745H Company C arrived at Nui Lac Son (BT 023288), relieving Company B, assumed responsibilities for the defense of Nui Lac Son Combat Base and terminated search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 92-67. Refer to Tab (1) to Enclosure (1).

(121) 100845H Fire Team COF 5B1 at (BT 017288), while enroute to COP, found one 120mm round at (BT 017288). Engineers destroyed round in place.

(122) 100900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 48 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(123) 101015H Squad Patrol 5B2 at (BT 034259) received 50 rounds small arms fire from (BT 026257). 5 rounds 81mm mortar HE were fired on the enemy location with good target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(124) 101035H First elements of Headquarters, 5th Marines landed at Nui Lac Son (BT 023288) to establish a forward Command Post for Operation COCHISE.

(125) 101400H Squad Patrol 5A17, at (BT 006339) discovered cave at (BT 006339). Patrol searched cave and found 5 entrances and exits. Cave was approximately 3 feet high, 4 feet wide and 400 meters long.

(126) 102100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to commence search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 93-67, and Regimental Frag Order 2-67. Code name of operation (COCHISE).

(127) 110900H MED/DENT CAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet (BT 024345). 35 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAP and 5 civilians were treated at DENTCAP.

(128) 111000H Squad Patrol at (BT 008324) received 30 rounds automatic small arms fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 004325). Patrol returned fire with 40 rounds small arms fire, 6 M-79 rounds, and 7 81mm mortar rounds. While searching area, a Marine tripped a booby trapped M-26 fragmentation grenade. Medic was completed at 111015E. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(129) 120900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet (BT 024345). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(130) 121830H COP 5C1 at (BT 005288) observed 6 VC at (BT 989304) wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. 4 VC were carrying what appeared to be two crew served weapons, type unknown. Artillery mission was requested and 20 rounds 4.2 inch mortar were fired on the enemy location with

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good target coverage. Area was not searched due to distance.

(131) 130400H Artillery security platoon C-1 at (AT 029267) while in defensive positions heard movement in front of their lines. Area was illuminated with hand illumination grenade and saw one VC 75 meters in front of the lines. Fired one M-79 round and observed VC running in a southeasterly direction. Fired another M-79 round which hit civilian dwelling, resulting in one Vietnamese female KIA and one Vietnamese infant WIAB. S.I.R. Submitted.

(132) 131400H Scout Sniper with Platoon Patrol 5A13 at (BT 007327) observed 12 VC at (AT 992325) wearing black clothing. 5 were carrying weapons and all were running in a southwesterly direction. Requested air strike, fired 2 81mm mortar HE rounds for adjustment. Fixed wing aircraft fired 20mm carmons and dropped 4 napalm tanks. Area was not searched due to patrol's mission.

(133) 131410H Platoon Patrol 5A13 at (BT 008327) located 1 mine made of TNT. Mine was destroyed in place by engineers.

(134) 131430H Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base had a 155mm HE round explode prematurely approximately 50 meters from the muzzle. One GP tent, one 6 X 6 truck and one fork lift were damaged. Type fuze was PD, round lot number LOP-3-144. Fuze lot number was MA 8-2215-53. Ammo powder and fuzes were stored under canvas. Results: 1 USMC WIAB and 2 USMC WIAME.

(135) 131500H Aerial observer 2 controlled 2/4 fixed wing flights at (AT 992325) and at (AT 990320) in support of Company A. Target coverage was fair. Nature of target was 8-12 VC running in low terrain. RDA was 1 structure damaged, one structure destroyed.

(136) 131930H CCP 5C1 at (BT 011288) observed 15 VC at (AT 995313) wearing black clothing, carrying weapons and packs. Artillery mission was requested and 12 rounds 4.2 inch mortar HE rounds were fired with good target coverage. Area was not searched due to ridgeline and lack of adequate fords.

(137) 131935H CCP 5C1 at (BT 023288) observed 13 VC wearing black clothing carrying weapons and packs at (AT 995295). VC were moving in a northeasterly direction. 14 rounds 81mm mortar HE were fired, with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(138) 140900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 37 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(139) 141045H Company C at (BT 023298) received a visit by 2 Vietnamese civilians and village chief to inform Company C of mines at (AT 004288). Mines were of an unknown type and number. The mines were destroyed in place by engineers. A reward was offered to the Vietnamese civilians but declined when offered. The village chief made the statement that "Marines help my people so we help the Marines".

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(140) 141135H Platoon (-)(Rein) 3A13 at (BT 016342) observed 3 VC at (BT 016342) dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons. Patrol fired 25 rounds small arms fire. One VC fell, got up and ran in a northeasterly direction. Patrol searched the area and found: 1 VC KIA, 1 ChiCom Carbine, serial number 3126919, 1 M-26 fragmentation grenade, 1 illumination grenade, 1 M16E1 magazine with 20 rounds, and assorted medical supplies. Captured items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(141) 141925H COP 5C1 at (BT 005268) observed 5 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons at (AT 998280) moving in a westerly direction. 4.2 inch mortars fired 2 rounds HE at enemy location with good target coverage. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.

(142) 142000H COP 5C1 at (BT 005268) observed 3 VC at (AT 992255) carrying weapons moving in a northwesterly direction. 4.2 inch mortars fired 10 rounds HE with good target coverage. Unable to determine results because of darkness.

(143) 142030H Company C at (BT 023268) received 5 rounds .50 caliber sniper fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 012305). 2 rounds 106 RR and 3 rounds 4.2 inch mortar HE were fired on the target with good target coverage. Unable to determine results due to darkness.

(144) 150900H MEDCAP was held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(145) 151245H Squad Patrol 5C5 at (BT 042313) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males wearing black and white clothing without ID cards. A tunnel 25 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 feet high connecting two dwellings was discovered in the same area. Detainees were turned over to Battalion S-4 for further disposition. Tunnel was to be destroyed at a later date.

(146) 160900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 37 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(147) 160945H Company C at (BT 022269) observed 6 VC at (AT 999316) dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons. 4.2 inch mortars fired 14 rounds HE, 106 RR fired 5 rounds with good target coverage. Area was not searched.

(148) 161425H Delta Battery OP at (BT 017323) observed 6 VC at (BT 008328) with weapons, one observing 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base through binoculars. Requested and received an artillery mission with 20 rounds 105mm HE with good target coverage. Results: 3 VC KIA probable.

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(149) 161930H Company C COP at (BT 023268) observed 13 VC at (BT 988297) carrying weapons and packs. 4.2 inch mortars fired 6 rounds HE, 106 RR fired 2 rounds. Upon completion of fire mission 9 more VC were observed at the same coordinates. 4.2 inch mortars fired 8 rounds HE and 106 RR fired 4 rounds with excellent target coverage. Results: 4 VC KIA probable.

(150) 162300H Company C COP at (BT 004206) observed 5 VC at (BT 003285) wearing black clothing, carrying weapons and cartridge belts moving in a northeasterly direction. COP received one incoming fragmentation grenade. COP returned fire with 15 rounds small arms fire and 10 rounds M-79. One VC fell and was picked up by four other VC who fled in a northwesterly direction. The area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(151) 170900H MEDCAP was held at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 46 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(152) 180900H MEDCAP was conducted at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 42 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(153) 180940H One member of Platoon (-)(Rein) Patrol 5A12 at (BT 007328) tripped an M-26 grenade booby trap wounding four Marines. Medevac was requested. While enroute to secure LZ, Platoon received 15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3 VC at (BT 009327). Platoon returned fire with 120 rounds small arms fire and continued to move to secure LZ. Medevac was completed at 181140H. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIKE.

(154) 181000H A Huey gunship, while attempting to effect a medevac for patrol was caught in a cross wind and crashed at (BT 000326). A special patrol from Company A was dispatched from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to provide security for the downed helicopter. Company A units continued to provide security until Huey was lifted at 181740H. Tail section was destroyed by engineers with 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ blocks of C4. Upon completion of lift of the downed Huey at 181815H, Company A units returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(155) 181130H As units from Company A were setting up security for downed Huey, a Marine tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade wounding 2 Marines. Medevac was completed at 181240H. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(156) 181200H Squad Patrol 5C1A at (BT 003267) observed 4 VC at (BT 001265) running in a westerly direction. Patrol ordered VC to halt but the Command was disregarded. Patrol fired 35 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

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(157) 181300H Klondike 47 controlled one flight of A4 swiss 062 at (BT 000323). Target was VC sniper positions in village. Target coverage was excellant. Ordnance used was 12DIA's, 9D's, BDA, four structures destroyed. Strike was in support of a priority medevac for Company A units, who were protecting a downed Helicopter at (BT 008326).

(158) 181600H Squad Patrol 5C1 at (BT 023256) received 20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 10 VC at (BT 017254) wearing black clothing. Patrol returned fire with 175 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(159) 191600H 1st Marine Division Chief of Staff and G-4 visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 181600H to 191635H.

(160) 190900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 21 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(161) 191415H A member of Patrol 5C3 at (BT 017289) triggered a M-26 booby trapped grenade. Patrol searched the area and found 2 M-26 grenades booby trapped. Booby traps were destroyed in place by engineers. Results: 3 USMC WIAD, 1 USMC WIAME.

(162) 200935H Squad Patrol 5A10 at (BT 008356) observed 1 VC at (BT 007359) wearing black clothing and carrying a weapon. Patrol fired 15 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. Area was searched with negative results.

(163) 201045H Squad Patrol 5A10 at (BT 008356) observed 1 VC at (BT 008355) wearing black clothing. Patrol fired 1 M-79 round at VC. 2 Marines were slightly wounded from M-79 shrapnel. VC fled in a northerly direction. Results: 2 USMC WIAME.

(164) 201220H Squad Patrol 5A10 at (BT 012359) received 3 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unreinforced VC at (BT 017461). Patrol returned fire with 10 rounds small arms fire and continued on assigned mission.

(165) 210900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(166) 211400H Company C Recon Patrol at (BT 004262) received 150 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated reinforced enemy squad at (BT 007261). An artillery mission was called and 7 rounds 4.2 inch mortar and 8 rounds 155mm HE were fired with good target coverage. Patrol commenced a search of the area and observed 4 VC fleeing to the west. Patrol fired 200 rounds small arms fire and 20 M-79 rounds at the fleeing VC. A search of the area was conducted without further significant results.

(167) 210530H A Red Alert drill was conducted at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base with excellent results. Drill secured at 212125H.

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(168) 211300H to 211700H psy-Ops broadcasts from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to Qui Son during this period included the following: (a) Instructions on how to locate booby traps and what to do with them if they are found. (b) Vietnamese music concerning the good times before the VC came.

(169) 220900H MEDCAP conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet vicinity coordinates (AT 024345). 40 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(170) 231245H Squad Patrol 5A13 at (AT 025345) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 51, wearing black and white clothing with ID card. Search of area disclosed 5400 piasters, 3 battle dressings, 1 empty medicine bottle, assorted syringes, 1 Boyer camera and what appeared to be homemade bullets. Detainees were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(171) 230715H Company 3 at (AT 996345) found the following equipment in a house: 1 .30 caliber ammunition box containing 5 dozen packets of penicillin G potassium, complete lot 500,000 units, 4 containers of distilled water, 5 cc in each, and one container bedamine.

(172) 230815H Company 1 at (AT 997343) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female, age 50, wearing black and blue clothing with ID card. Search of area disclosed 1 khaki shirt, 1 NVA garrison cap and assorted documents. Detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(173) 231015H Company 4 at (AT 996345) found a tunnel complex approximately 120 meters long with 2 air vents. Three khaki uniforms and assorted documents were found in the cave. Cave was marked for destruction at a later date. Captured items were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(174) 231120H Company A at (AT 994345) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from 6 VC dressed in black clothing with green helmets, 1 with black beret. All had weapons. Returned 20-30 rounds small arms fire, 2 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(175) 231215H Company A at (AT 987346) observed 8-10 VC at (AT 784342) with weapons wearing black and blue clothing. Company A received 50-75 rounds automatic fire. Enemy broke contact and fled to the south. Company A returned 160 rounds small arms fire. Results: 2 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA probable.

(176) 231315H Company A at (AT 987346) received 5 round sniper fire from unobserved VC with high powered rifle with scope. Returned 15 rounds small arms fire and called for and received 8 105mm HE rounds. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 5 VC KIA probable.

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(177) 231445H Company L at (AT 907516) observed 1 VC. Fired 5 rounds small arms fire and observed VC fall. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(178) 231545H Company A at (AT 909544) received 4 round small arms fire from unobserved sniper. Returned 5 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(179) 240015H The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter at (AT 028343) received 1 round small arms fire from unobserved VC at (AT 034344). Observed area with starlight scope with negative results. Results: 0 USMC WIA.

(180) 240906H MEDCAP conducted for Dau Thuong (5) Hamlet at (AT 025345) 32 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(181) 241500H to 241930H Psy-ops broadcast from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to Que Son during this period included: harassment tape and instructions on how to locate bucky traps.

(182) 242350H Squad Patrol 5014 at (AT 010267) observed 6 VC with weapons at (AT 019286). Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire, 6 rounds M79, called for and received 6 rounds 4.2 inch HE and 3 rounds 81mm mortar illumination with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(183) 250705H Company A at (AT 904353) received 17 rounds automatic weapons fire from 6 VC with weapons, wearing camouflaged helmets at (AT 904350). Returned 10 rounds small arms fire and 1 round 90mm from tank. Area was searched with negative results.

(184) 250710H Tank Infantry Platoon 5432 at (AT 994356) received automatic weapons fire from 6 VC. Fired 1 round 90mm, searched the area and found one house destroyed.

(185) 250745H Tank Infantry Patrol 5433 at (AT 984352) observed 6 VC with weapons at (AT 904352). Tank fired 3 rounds 105mm HE, 1200 rounds .30 caliber, 500 rounds .50 caliber, and continued on assigned mission.

(186) 250847H Tank Infantry Patrol 5433 at (AT 977352) observed 2 VC with weapons, one with a pack at (AT 974335). Tank fired 1 round 90mm WP. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed.

(187) 250930H Platoon Patrol 503 at (AT 995294) observed 2 VC at (AT 996298). Patrol fired 120 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC and observing other VC fall. Patrol then received small arms fire from 6 VC wearing black clothing with weapons at (AT 996298). Called for and received

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10 4.2 inch HE rounds with excellent target coverage. Observed 2 VC fleeing to the southwest. Platoon then received 200 rounds automatic and semi automatic small arms fire from 10-12 unobserved VC at (AT 998296) and (AT 990296). Patrol called for and received 40 rounds 4.2 inch and 81mm mortar fire. Patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and 3 LAWs. While waiting for medevac, received 20 rounds small arms fire from 4 unobserved VC at (AT 995298) and (AT 998298). Observed 2 VC 100 meters to the southwest. Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. Search of area disclosed 1 VC KIA confirmed and heavy blood trail. Blood trail was followed with negative results. Medevac was completed and patrol continued on assigned mission. Results: 1 USMC WIA, 2 VC KIA confirmed, 2 VC KIA probable.

(188) 151020H Company A at (AT 975354) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 52, with ID card, 5 Vietnamese females, ages 27 and 25 and ID cards, age 22 without ID card. Detainees were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(189) 251400H Company L at (AT 979354) received 4 rounds small arms fire from 1 unobserved VC at (AT 970343). Returned 1 round 90mm and 20 rounds .50 caliber, 10 rounds 105mm HE.

(190) 251600H Platoon Patrol 503 at (AT 978364) received 100 rounds small arms fire from estimated 8 unobserved VC at (AT 964298). Patrol returned 50 rounds small arms fire, 1 LAW, and called for and received 10 rounds 4.2 inch HE. While moving to search the area, observed 1 VC wearing black and white clothing at (AT 977307). Patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire and 5 M-79 rounds. Area was searched with patrol finding 1 VC KIA confirmed without weapon. Patrol continued on mission and received 50 rounds small arms fire. Returned 100 rounds small arms fire and called for and received 15 rounds 4.2 inch HE rounds with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(191) 251745H Tank Infantry Patrol 5A51 at (AT 990354) detonated mine in road. Results 5 USMC WIA, 4 USMC WIE.

(192) 252100H Tank retriever at (AT 990354) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from (AT 014356). Returned 100 rounds .50 caliber, 100 rounds .50 caliber, 150 rounds small arms fire and 3 90mm HE rounds and proceed on mission. Retriever unable to bring in tank at that time due to terrain obstacles.

(193) 261640H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the Combat Base from Operation COCHISE.

(194) 261700H All units of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to Combat Base from Operation COCHISE.

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(195) 261615H Platoon Patrol 5A1 with tanks at (FM 011349) received 9 rounds small arms fire from 5 VC wearing black clothing carrying weapons at (BT 013357). Returned 70 rounds small arms fire and 3 60mm mortar HE rounds. VC fled to northwest. Area was not searched, due to patrol's mission.

(196) 270412H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base received 16-20 105 rounds 500-1000 meters from perimeter near friendly COI at (FM 022333). Fire was received from friendly artillery. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(197) 270930H From 270930H to 271230H Psy-Op broadcasts were conducted from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to Que Son. Broadcasts included Vietnamese music and harassment tape.

(198) 271020H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 271020H to 271245H.

(199) 271120H Squad patrol 5A14 at (BT 019359) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 25-30, wearing black clothing without ID card. Detainee was forwarded to Battalion 6-2.

(200) 271425H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited 5th Marines Command Post from 271425H to 271700H.

(201) 272015H Company D COI at (BT 033356) received 20 rounds small arms fire from (BT 034336). COI returned 20 rounds small arms fire and 3 60mm HE rounds. COI was repositioned. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(202) 280900H A Mobile IX arrived at the Combat Base and departed at 281400H.

(203) 280900H MEDCAT was conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 36 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(204) 280930H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited Combat Base at Nui Lao Son from 280930H to 281104H.

(205) 290950H Company A was helilifted from Combat Base to become COCOM of 7th Marines.

(206) 281015H Commanding General, 1st Marine Division and Task Force X-Ray visited Combat Base from 281015H to 281028H.

(207) 281015H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 023324) found a foreign-made mine. Mine was destroyed in place by engineers.

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(208) 261415H Company B Patrol 5C12 at (AT 995347) received 2 rounds small arms fire from (AT 995347). Patrol returned 10 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds, searched the area with negative results.

(209) 261600H An awards ceremony was conducted for 24 members of the Battalion, 1 Navy Commendation Medal, 29 Purple Hearts, and 2 Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Certificates of Commendation were awarded.

(210) 282115H H&S Company C2 at (BT 027343) observed 30 rounds small arms tracer fire at (BT 000324). As there were no friendly units in that location, 4 rounds 81mm HE were fired. No search was made.

(211) 290115H Company B (-)(Rein) with 1 platoon, Company D was helilifted for Bald Eagle mission under OPCON of 5th Marines.

(212) 290900H MEDCAP was conducted in Lanh Thuyeng (5) Hamlet at (BT 023745). 32 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(213) 291005H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines visited 5th Marines Command Post from 291003H to 291419H.

(214) 291420H Company D Squad Patrol at (BT 014325) received 100 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 25-30 VC at (BT 012325). Fire was received from the front and flanks. Squad deployed and returned 70 rounds small arms fire and 24 M-79 rounds. 5 VC were seen to fall. Squad requested and received 30 81mm HE rounds, 30 105mm rounds, and 6 100mm rounds in support. Company D (-) was dispatched and linked up with squad. A thorough search of the area was made in heavy rainfall which eradicated most trails. Poor visibility further curtailed the effectiveness of the search. Results: 1 USMC, 1 USMC WIAF, 22 VC KIA confirmed, 3 VC KIA probable.

(215) 291425H Red Alert was sounded to back up mission for Company D (-) refer to significant event 291420H. The Battalion, was set in condition Red and at 291508H and was secured at 291542H.

(216) 291730H Company B (-)(Rein) with platoon, Company D returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines terminating its OPCON under 5th Marines.

(217) 300900H MEDCAP was held at Lanh Thuyeng (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 20 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(218) 300950H Platoon (Rein) Patrol 5C11 at (AT 997326) received 5-6 small arms fire from 1-2 unobserved VC at (AT 997327). Patrol returned 5-10 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds. Area was searched with negative result.

(219) Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, S-3 Officer, ALC, and artillery C2 conducted an aerial reconnaissance of the area surrounding the Combat Base.

(220) 301530H Squad Patrol 5C11 at (AT 996285) observed 10-12 VC at

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(AT 991265) and (AT 991266) wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Squad took VC tracks and called in 4.2cm mortar mission. Three rounds small arms fire were received from enemy position. Returned small arms fire and searched area finding 2 heavy shoot trails. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.

(221) 301630Z OCT 69 at (AT 024169) with starlight scope observed 7 VC moving in a southwesterly direction at (AT 024169). Fired 5 rounds 81mm HE with good target coverage. Area was not searched.

(222) 040800H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed Con Thien Base for 5th Marines Command Post.

(223) 310900H MEDCAP was conducted at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (AT 024045). 25 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(224) 040900H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to combat base accompanied by the C-3, 3rd MAW.

(225) 311400H Squad patrol 352 at (AT 001326) observed a Vietnamese male carrying a rice sack at (AT 001325). Team 1 ordered man to halt. After second warning was not heeded, patrol fired 30 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds killing the VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(226) 0412 3rd MAW departed 1st Battalion with Hooper Mortar teams

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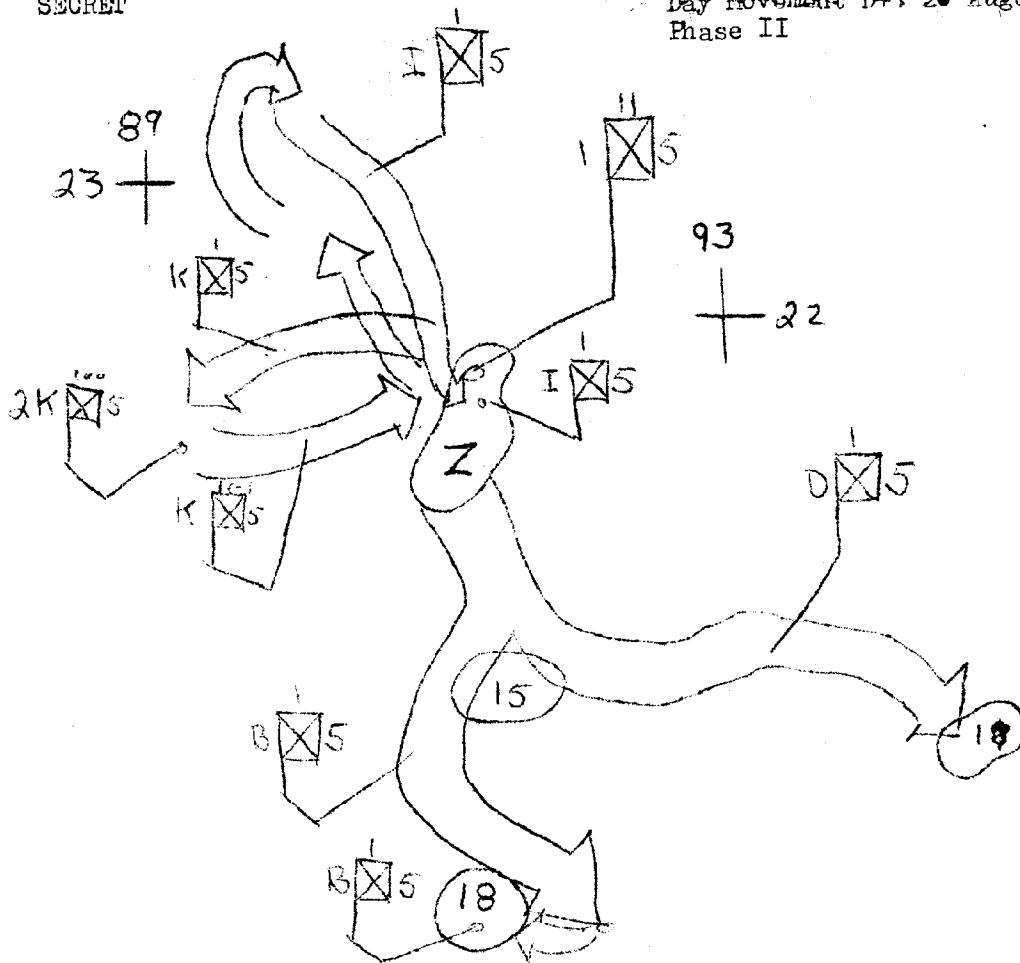
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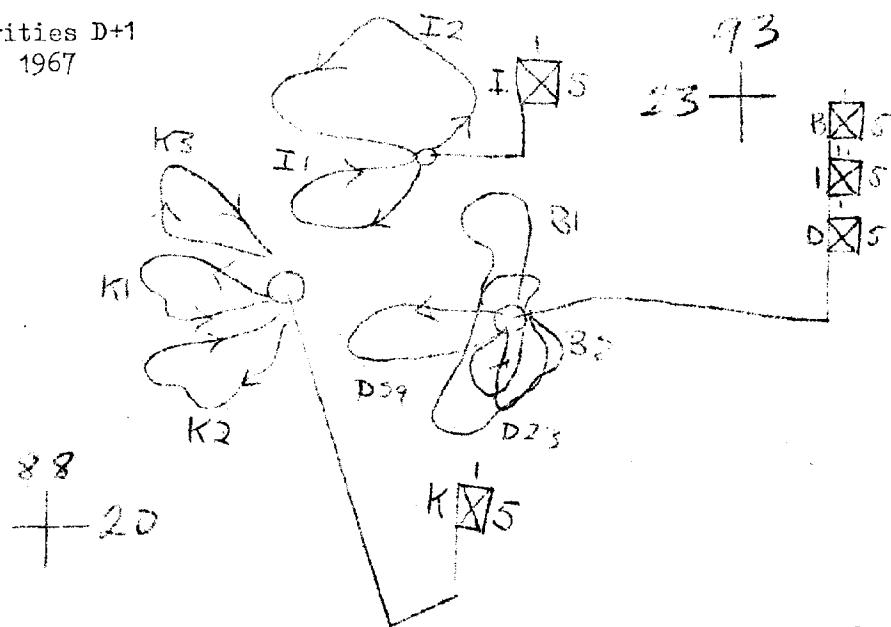
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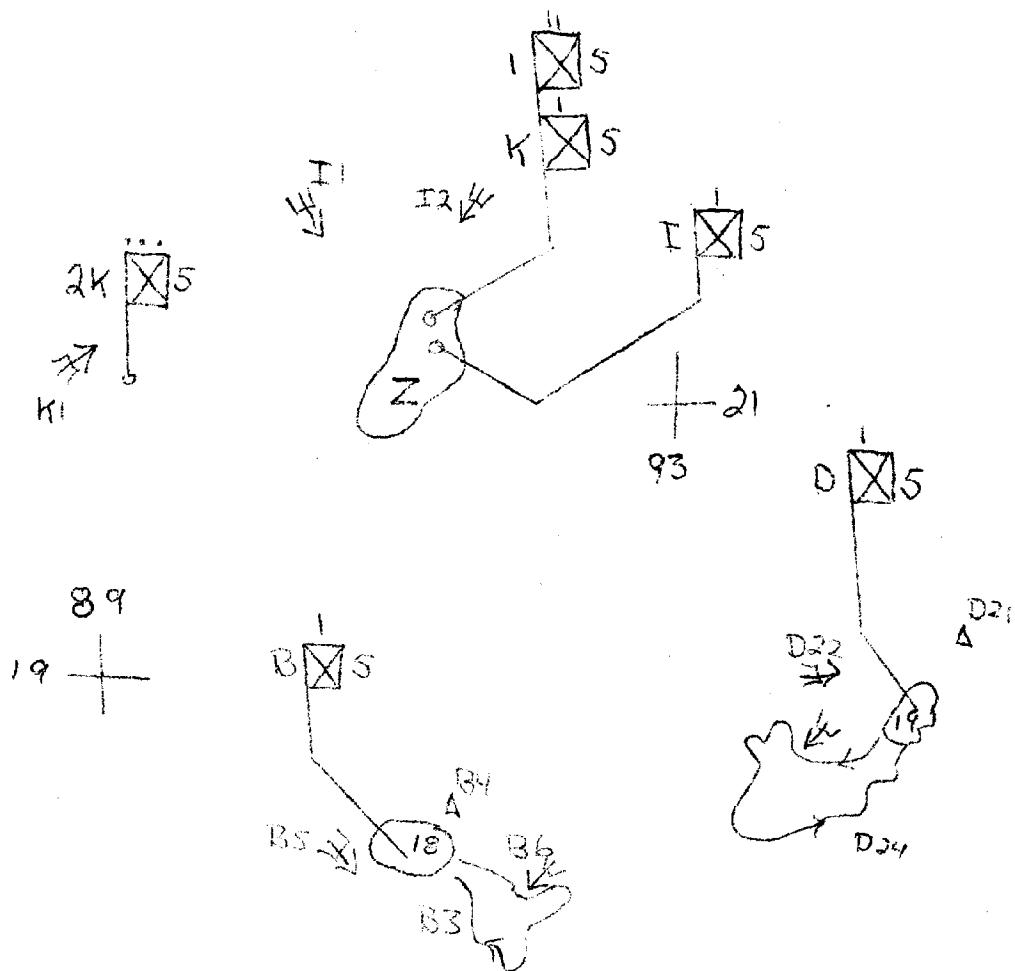


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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour 0700, continue search and destroy operations to Objective 20, vicinity (AT 932181), be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company E.

(1) Continue deliberate search and destroy from present position with emphasis on area between (AT 920183) to (AT 908195).

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company K.

(1) At H-Hour + 1 continue search and destroy to (AT 915205), establish patrol base and conduct deliberate patrolling out to 1000 meters in all directions, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

e. Company I.

(1) Battalion Regimental reserve.

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

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(3) At 0730H relieve Company K in present positions and provide CP security.

(4) Conduct local patrolling as directed.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700, D-Day 21 August 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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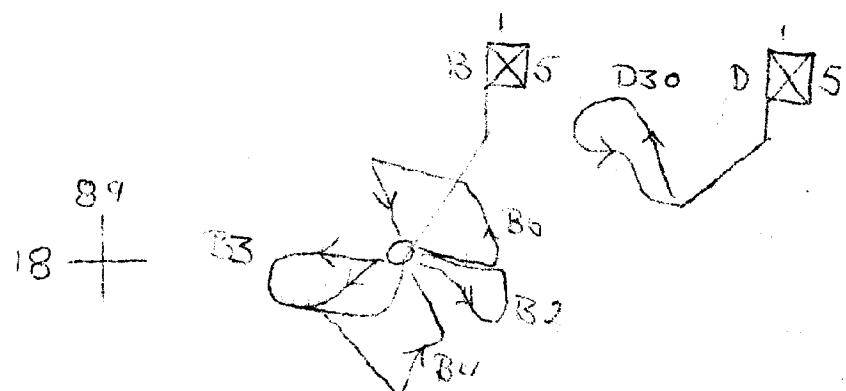
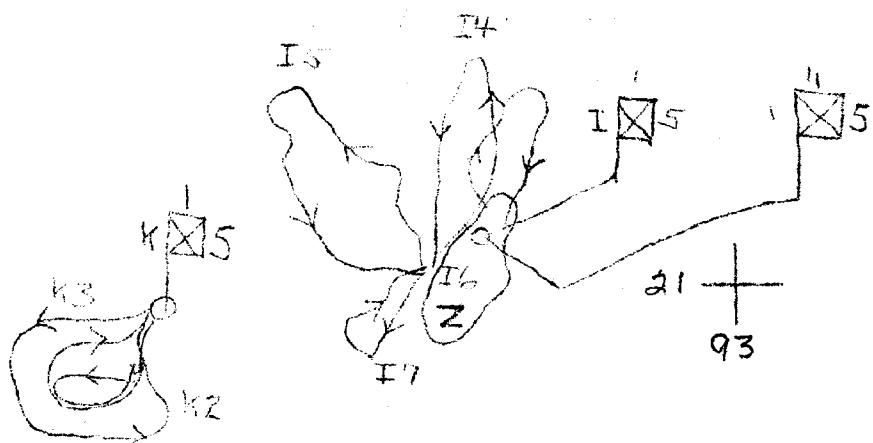
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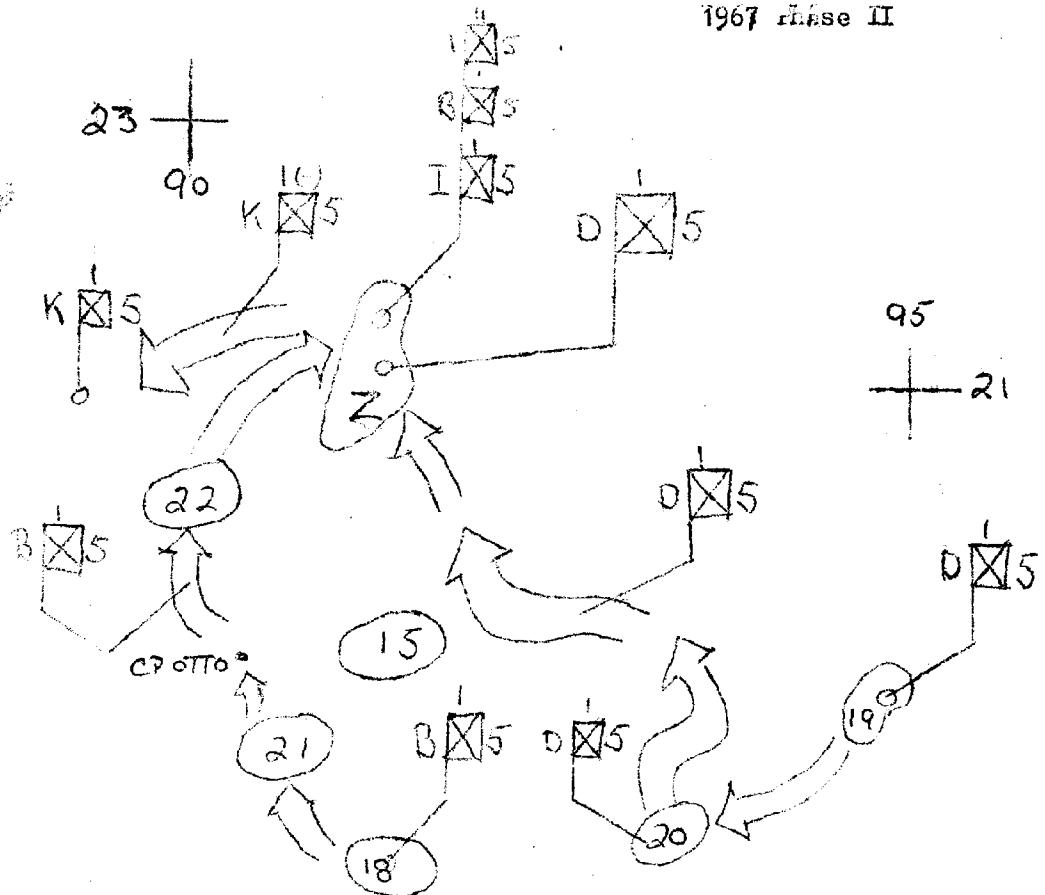
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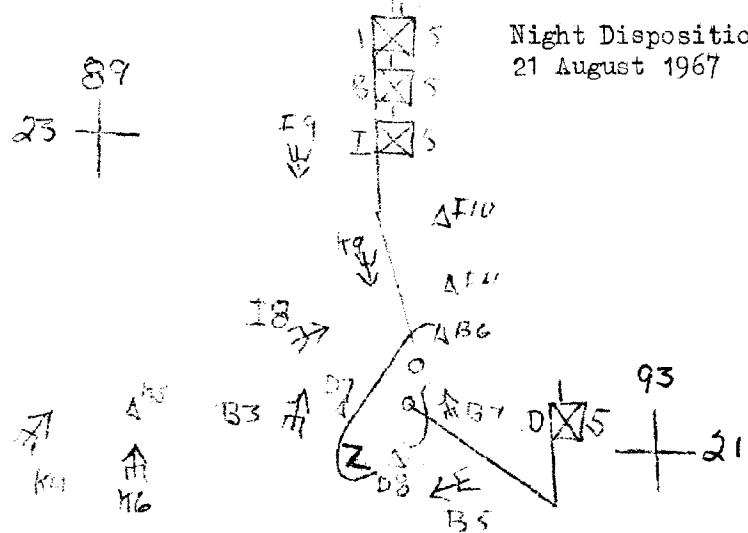
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines establishes patrol bases vicinity Objective 23, Objective 24, and Objective 25 to continue search and destroy operations within ZOA.

b. Company K, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) At H-Hour continue search and destroy to CP David, then to Objective 23, establish patrol base and conduct patrolling north of stream from (AT 883233); be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Search for river crossings; arms, equipment and food caches.

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

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) At H-Hour continue search and destroy to Objective 24, establish patrol base and conduct patrolling as directed (see operation overlay); be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Search for river crossings; arms, equipment and food caches.

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

d. Company B.

(1) On order continue search and destroy to Objective 25, establish patrol base and conduct patrolling as directed (see operation overlay); be prepared to continue attack on order.

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(2) Search for river crossings, arms, equipment and food caches.

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

e. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence move to Objective 25.

(3) Provide rear security for Battalion Command Group.

f. Company D.

(1) General Support.

(2) Provide rear security for Battalion Command Group.

(3) On order continue search and destroy to Objective 25, conduct patrolling as directed.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700, D-Day 22 August 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

(4) Ensure that troops change socks daily.

(5) Locations:

CP David (898230)

Obj 23 (891235)

Obj 24 (890224)

Obj 25 (907226)

g. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

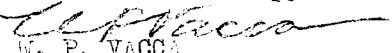
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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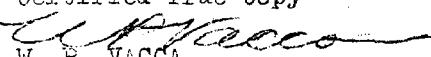
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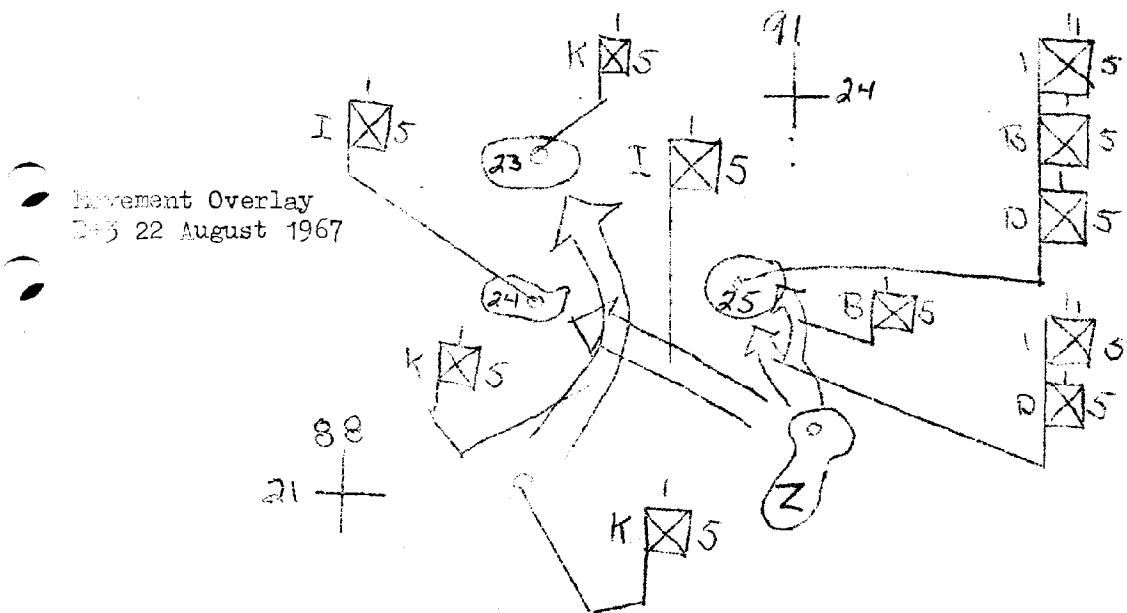
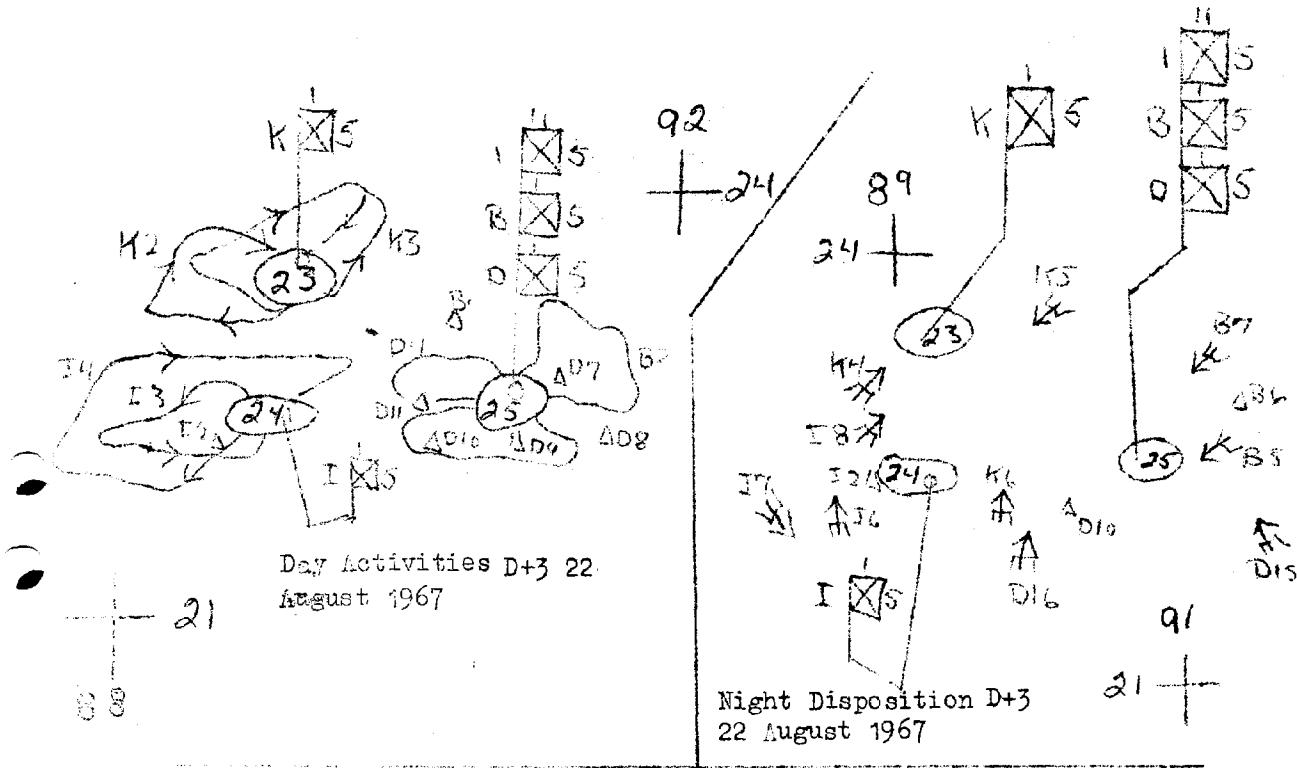
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts river crossing vicinity (AT 917219) and continues search and destroy to establish patrol base vicinity I-1 Dove and conducts deliberate search of Objective 28 and 29.

b. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour establish positions vicinity CP Robert and secure river crossing.

(2) On order cross river and continue search and destroy as directed.

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

c. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour commence river crossing vicinity CP Robert; secure Objective 31.

(2) On order continue search and destroy as directed.

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

d. Company I, 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.

(1) On order at about H-Hour + 2 commence river crossing vicinity CP Robert continue search and destroy as directed; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

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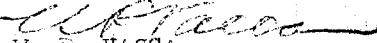
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Safety lines will be used during river crossing phase.

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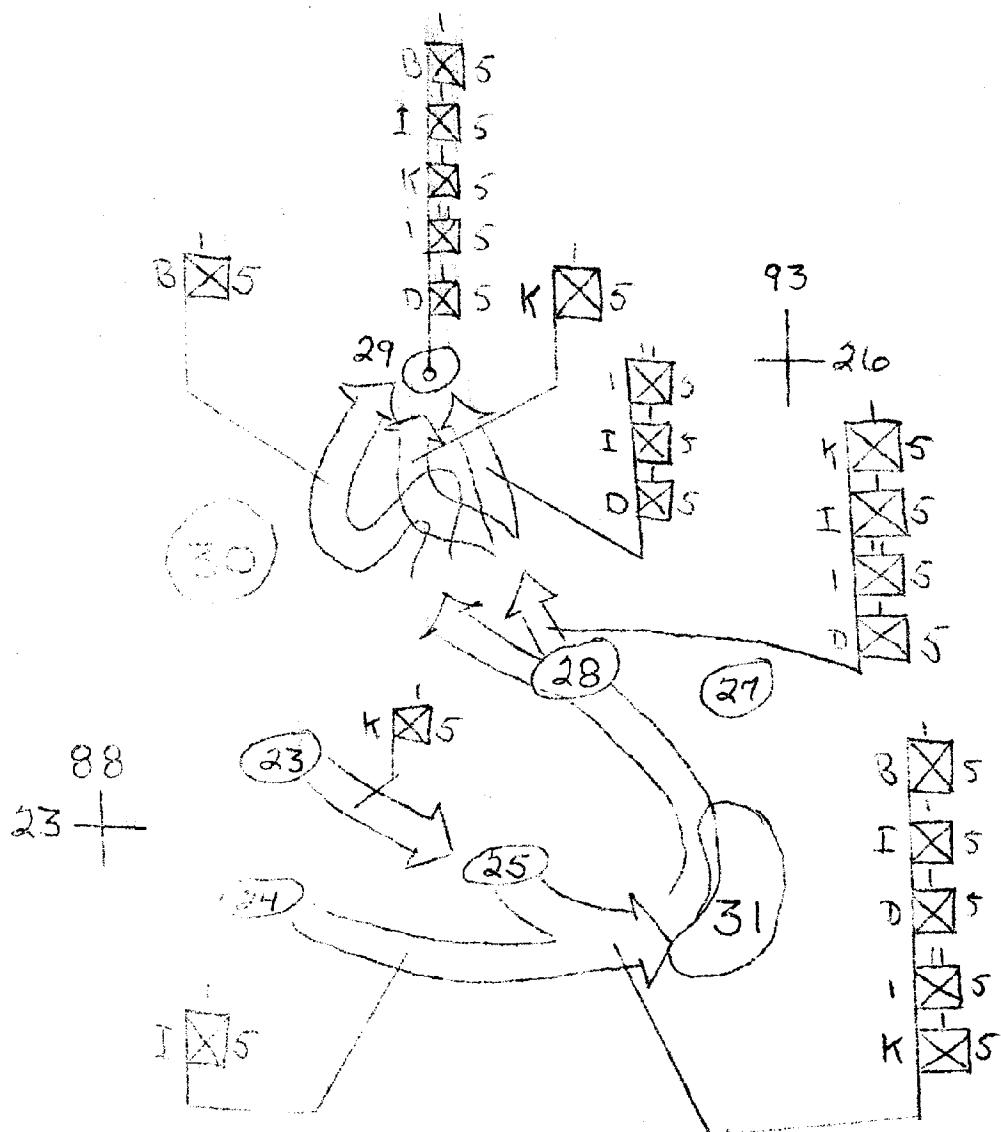
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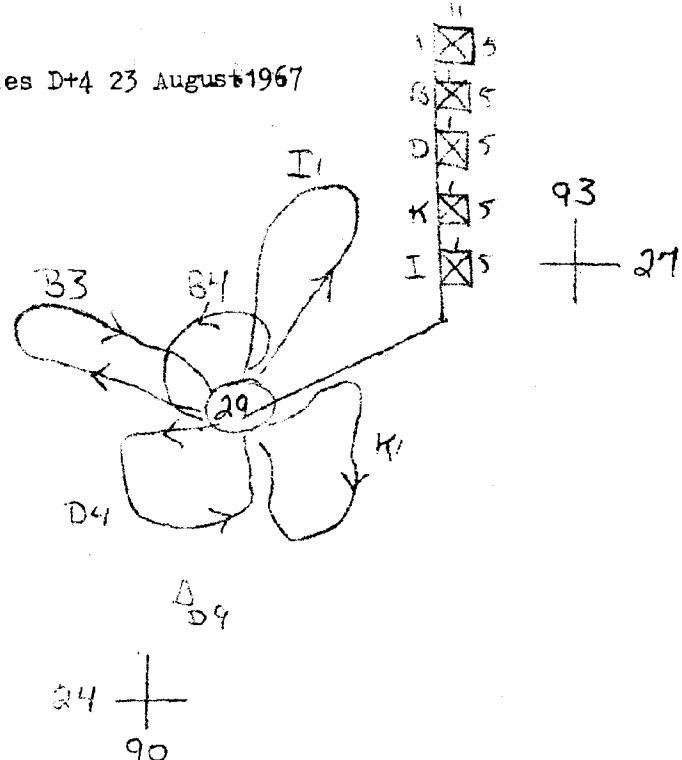
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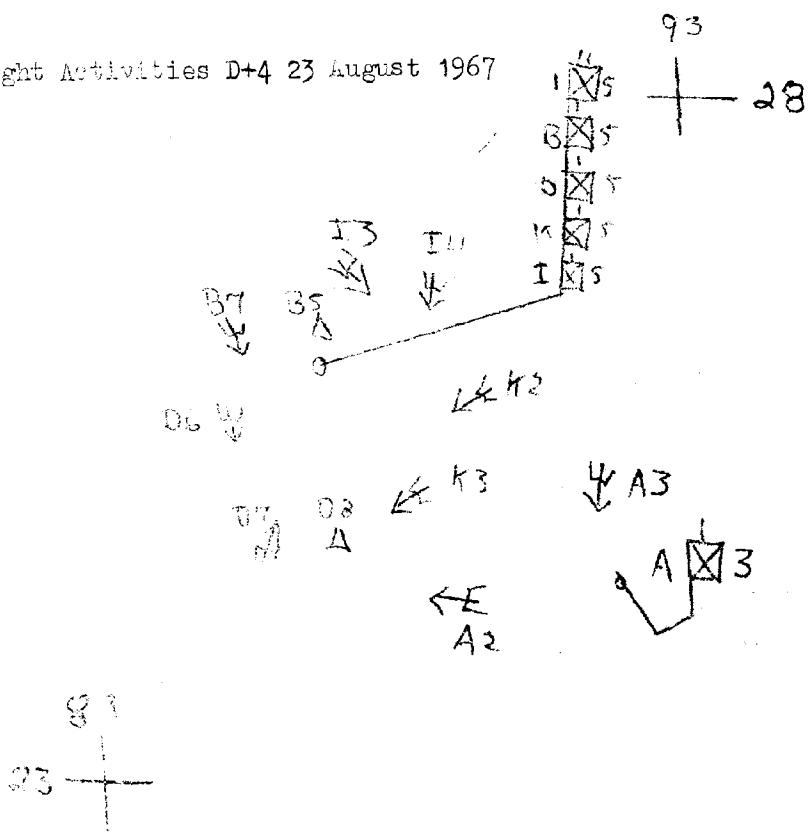
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture the enemy and his weapons, to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues search and destroy to vicinity Landing Zone Dove (AT 917243), establishes patrol base and conducts patrolling and night activities.

b. Company B.

(1) Continue to provide security for Foxtrot Co, 2ndBn, 11thMar patrolling and night activities as directed.

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

c. Company D.

(1) On order, continue search and destroy to LZ Dove, be prepared to provide security for Arnica Foxtrot and conduct patrolling/night activities as directed.

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

d. Det. HQ Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order continue movement to LZ Dove.

(3) Provide flank security for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group.

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e. Company I, 3rdBn, 5th Mar.

(1) Battalion/Regimental Reserve.

(2) On order continue search and destroy to vicinity LZ Dove at vicinity (AT 917243), be prepared to establish patrol base as directed.

(3) Provide rear and flank security for Det, H&S Company as directed.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

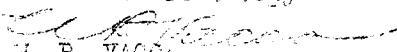
(1) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(2) Order for march, Company D, Det H&S Company, Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

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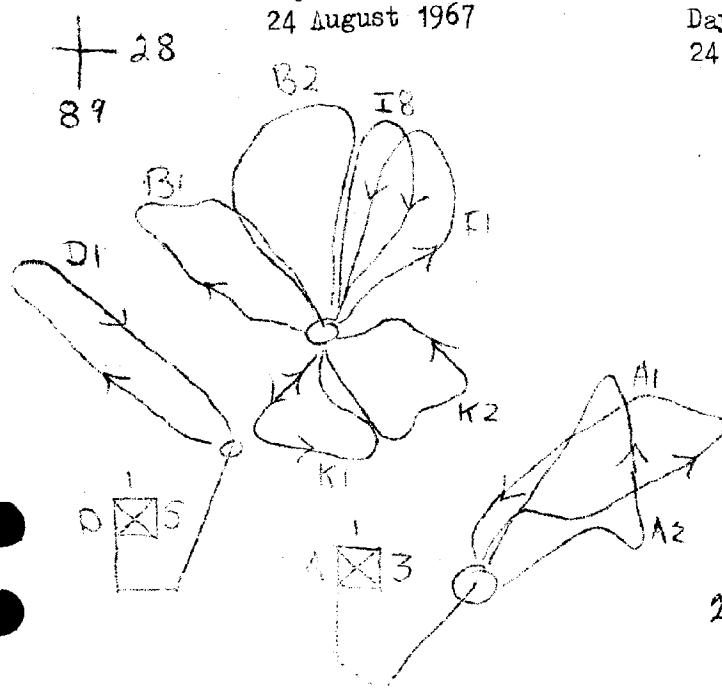
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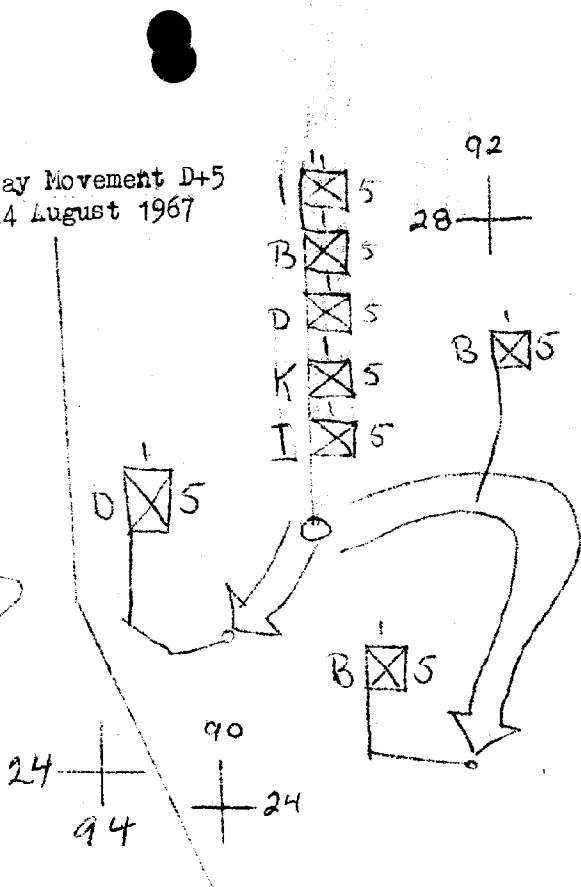
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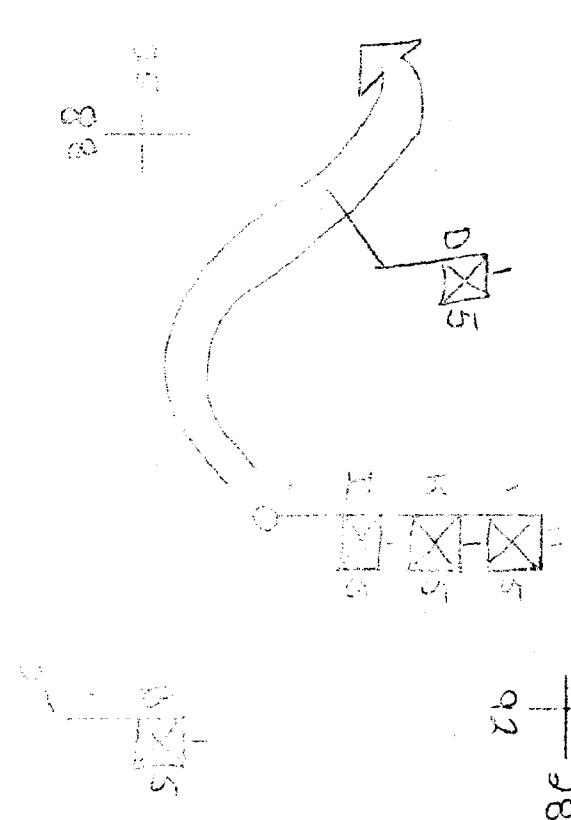
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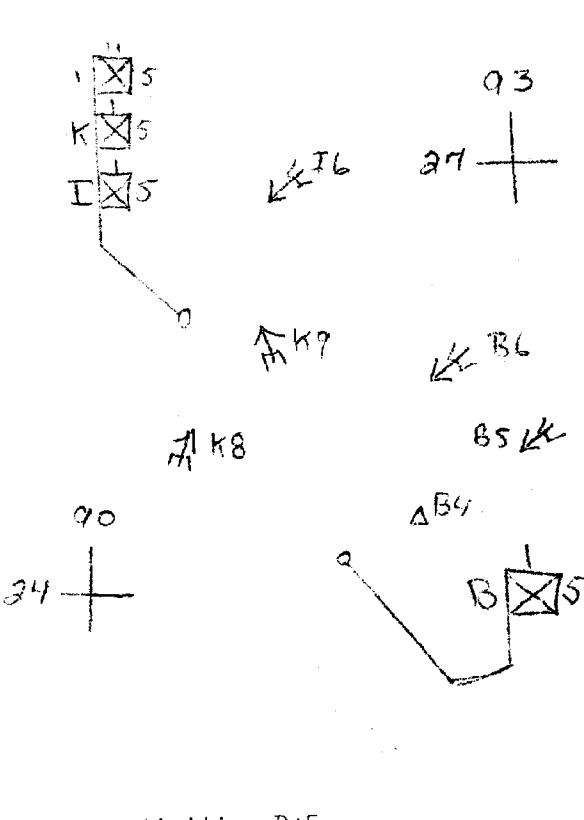
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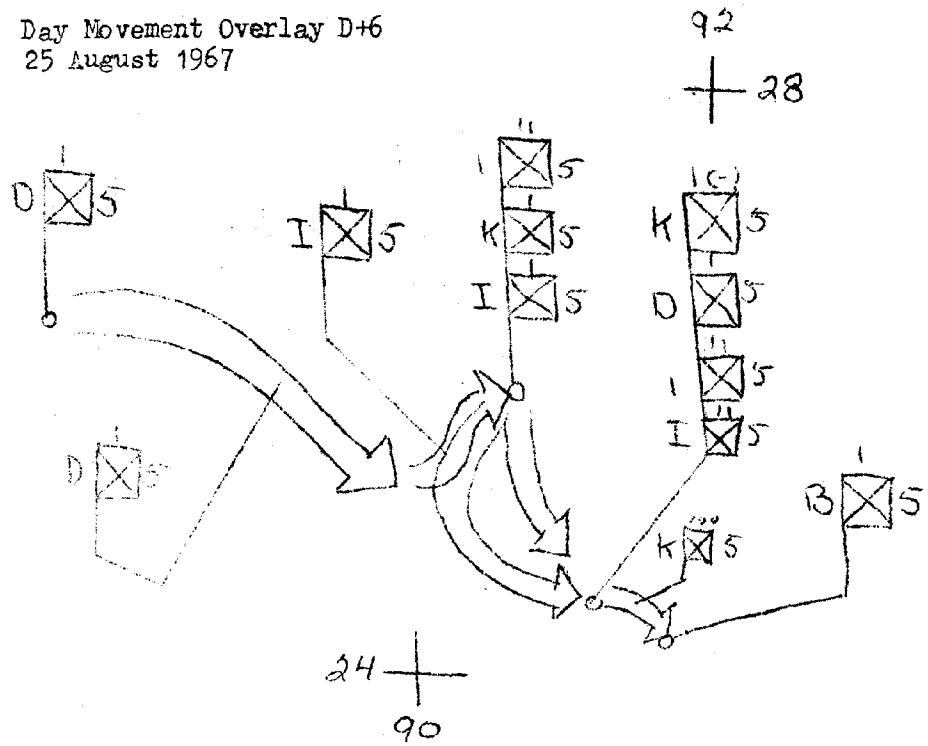
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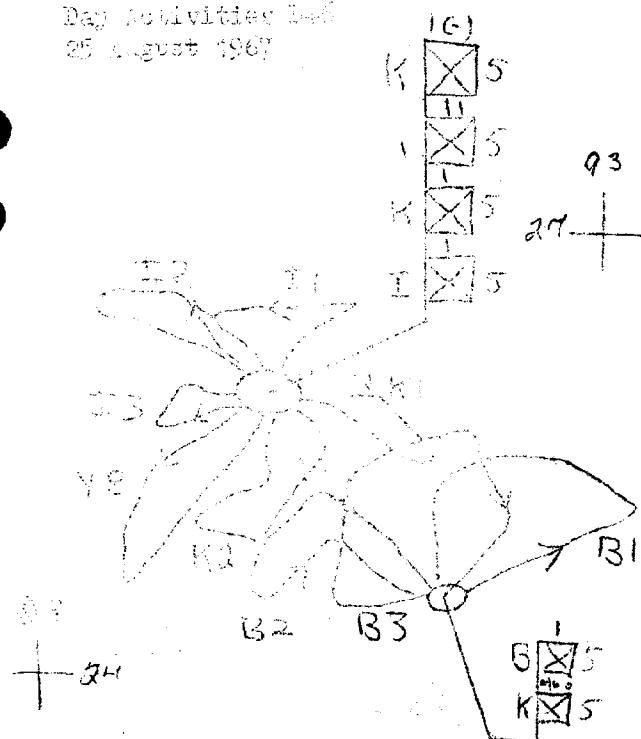
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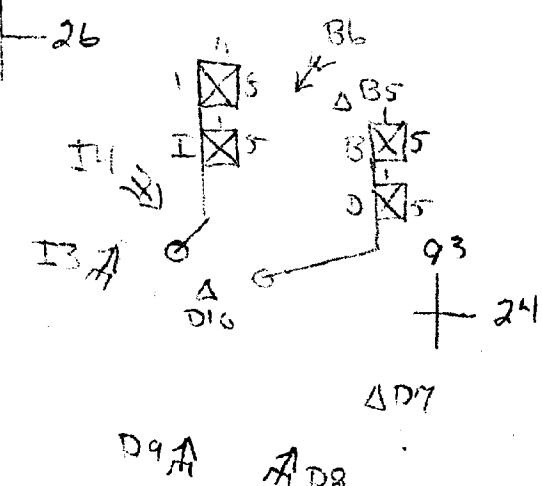
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy to facilitate extraction of friendly forces from LZ Dove, on order, conducts extraction from LZ Dove.

b. Extraction.

(1) Conduct patrolling within assigned sector.

(2) On order commence movement to staging area for helicopter extraction.

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

4. Companies.

a. Company A.

b. Company B.

c. Company C.

(1) On order commence movement to LZ Dove and complete extraction.

(2) Company will be divided in groups as directed by CO, H&S Company.

d. Company D.

(1) Conduct patrolling within assigned sector, on order commence movement to staging area for helicopter extraction.

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

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e. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

- (1) Conduct patrolling within assigned sector.
- (2) On order commence movement to LZ Dove and assume responsibility for security of LZ.
- (3) On extraction of Cottage OPCON to Dislodge to complete uncovered extraction from LZ Dove.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Order for extraction of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units: Company B, and Company, Company D.

(2) Order of extraction of units:

- Alpha Co, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
- Beta Co, ARVN Division
- Charlie Co, ARVN Rangers
- Delta Co, ARVN Regiment
- Ex Foxtrot Co, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- Ex 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
- India Co, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

4. ORGANIZATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMINT AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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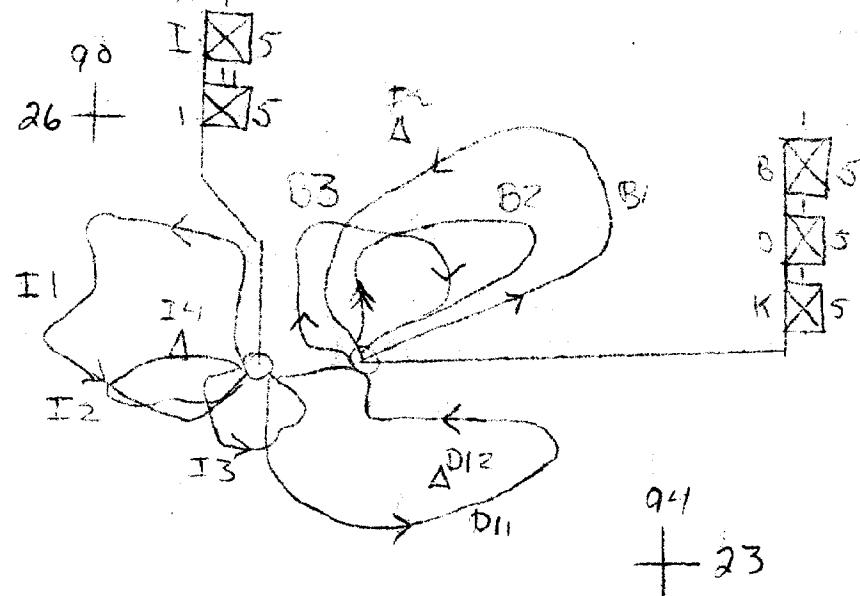
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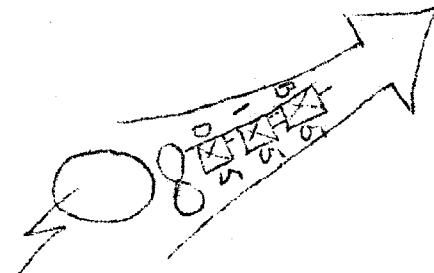
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Task Organization

Company B (-)(Rein)

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company B (-)

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co R, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqts Co, 5th Marines (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 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, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 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, Mesa Section.

1. SITUATION. No change.

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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.

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 operation 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 RCM authorized and encouraged.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Que Son, RVN
 29 July 1967

Annex B: Fire Support Plan to Frag Order 88-67

Artillery: D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines is in direct support of all the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units. An OP 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 FCs 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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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.
- (4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.
 - (a) 5.56mm 240 rounds per man
 - 7.62mm 1,000 rounds per gun
 - 40mm 12 rounds per M-79
 - 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 LAW rounds per squad.
- (8) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (9) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.
- (10) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (11) 4 fragmentation grenades per squad.
- (12) 4 RGA 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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2 August 1967

Frag Order 90-67

Ref: (a) Maps, RVN; 1:50,000; Series L 7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. On order 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation to Objective Y, on order continues attack to Objective Zulu and Uniform.b. Company D.

(1) On order at H-Hour conduct search and destroy operation to Objective y, establish patrol base, locate and destroy caves vicinity (BT 009342) and conduct patrolling as directed. On order be prepared to continue attack to Objective Z or Objective U to establish night position.

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

c. H&S Company.

(1) General support.

d. Company A, 1st Tank Battalion.

(1) On order transport cratering charges to Company D position.

e. Reserve.

(1) Company A.

(2) One hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to assume mission or relieve attacking company on order.

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f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1300H (For planning purposes); D-Day 3 August 1967
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (3) Use of RCM authorized and encouraged.
- (4) Security for movement of tanks to Company D's position, as directed.

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.
- (4) 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 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 LA/W 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 RCM 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.

Annex A: Operation Overlay
 B: Fire Support Annex

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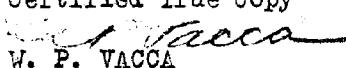
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 Que Son, RVN
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Annex B: Fire Support Plan to Frag Order 90-67

Ref: (a) Maps; 1:50,000; Series L 7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Artillery: Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines is in direct support of all 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units. An FO team is assigned to Company D.

On call fires have been plotted to support the initial phase of the operation; additional on call fires will be called in by the FO's from the field.

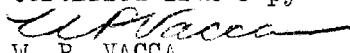
Air: A FAC team is assigned to Company A and Company B. Fixed wing aircraft will be on call during the operation.

Tanks: Tanks can provide covering fire on the flanks of Company D while they are on the move to Objective Y and Z.

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Appendix 1: Fire Support overlay to Annex B (Fire Support Plan) to Frag Order 90-67

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Frag Order 91-67

Ref: (a) Maps, RVN; 1:50,000; Series L 7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Intelligence reports a 2 tier cave vicinity Xuah Que (1) (AT 988343). This cave accomadates up to 60 VC cadre and contains a VC medical storage center.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Company (-) search and destroy operation to locate cave in vicinity (AT 988343); to kill or capture the VC cadre and material, and destroy the cave; be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company A.

(1) On order conduct search and destroy operation to Objective F vicinity (AT 988343) with Vietnamese guide locate cave, capture enemy and material and destroy cave; establish night positions submit night activities to this station; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Reserve.(1) Company C.

(2) On one hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to assume mission of or relieve attacking unit on order.

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~~SECRET~~d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour (1600) (For planning purposes) D-Day 6 August 1967.
- (2) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.
- (3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

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 per man
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- (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.

Annex A: Operation Overlay

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Frag Order 92-67

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Task Organization.

Company C (→)(Rein)

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Company C (←)

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

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Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar

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

Det, 81mm Mortar Plt

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FAC

S-2 Scout

Remain at Nui Lac Son.

Det, H&S Co

81mm Mortar Section

106 RR Section

Det, Comm Plt

S-5 Representative

Recon Unit

1. SITUATION. No change.2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations to kill or capture VC and equipment; destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.3. EXECUTION.a. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour conduct search and destroy along axis of advance to Objective 1; establish patrol base and patrol out to 1500 meters; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

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Encl: (1) Enemy contact, Operation COCHISE
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 (3) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 93-67
 (4) Movement Overlay D-1 (Phase I)
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 (12) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 96-67
 (13) Movement Overlay D+4 (Phase I)
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- ✓(18) Day Activities and Night disposition Overlay D+7 (Phase I)
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- ✓(38) Day Activities and Day Movement Overlay D+1 (Phase III)

1. Code Name.

Operation COCHISE (Search and Destroy)

2. Date of Operation.

From 110900H August 1967 to 261700H August 1967.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation COCHISE in the Kiep Duc- Tam Ky- Than Binh District in the Northern part of Quang Nam Province, RVN.4. Control or Command Headquarters.

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

LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)

MAJ E. C. CHATHAM, JR.

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

1STLT MCINTURFF

Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT B. BRODIE

Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT H. JOHNSTON

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Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

CAPT R. MORGAN

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (10Aug - 18Aug) CAPT R. COPELAND

Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (18Aug - 26Aug) CAPT F. M. BURKE

Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (18Aug - 26Aug) CAPT W. R. JENNY

5. Task Organization.

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

LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)

MAJ E. C. CHAMBERS

H&S Co (-) 1stBn, 5thMar

Co A, 1stBn, 5thMar

Co C, 1stBn, 5thMar

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

2nd Plat, Co A, 1st Tank Bn.

Det, Co B, 1st ATBn

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

2DLT M. MICHEL

S/SGT M. HAMBY

1STLT D. L. MCINTYRE

Det, 81 Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Kit Carson Tm

Det, 106 RR Plat

Det, Flame Section

*Mtn Ln Off

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1st EngrBn

Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

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Company B (-)(Rein)

C.A.P.T. T. D. REESE

Company B (-)

Det, Co B, 1stMngrBn
 Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 ARVN Interpreter
 Kit Carson Tm

Company D (-)(Rein)

C.A.P.T. R. MORGAN

Company D (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
 Det, Co B, 1stMngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 FAC, Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm
 ARVN Interpreter

Company G (-)(Rein), 2ndBn, 1st Marines

C.A.P.T. R. COPELAND

Company G (-), 2ndBn, 1stMar
 Det, Hqts Co, 1st Marines
 Det, Btry B, 1stBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Co, 1stBn, 5thMar (Kit Carson Tm)
 Det, H&S Co, 2ndBn, 1st Marines
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 FAC Tm
 Det, Med Plat
 S-2 Scout

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Company I (-)(Rein) 3rdBn, 5thMar

CPT E. M. BURKE

Company I (-)
 Det, 1stSPBn
 Det, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry F, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat (EAC Tm)
 Det, S-2 Section

Company K (-)(Rein) 3rdBn, 5thMar

CPT W. R. LENNY

Company K (-)
 Det, 1stSPBn
 Det, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry F, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat (EAC Tm)
 Det, S-2 Section

6. Supporting Forces.

A. Air.

(1) Fixed Wing. During Operation COCHISE, fixed wing air support was provided by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

a. D + 5 flight of F-4 aircraft controlled by an airborne tactical air controller was directed to target coordinates (BT 158264) in support of company B. Search of area was conducted with negative results.

b. On D+5 flight of 4-4 aircraft were directed on target coordinates (BT 155245). Search of area was conducted with negative results.

c. Air was requested on an immediate basis and arrived on station after about 35 minutes.

B. Artillery.

1. Artillery support for Operation COCHISE was provided by Batteries D, F, and W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. Extensive use of prep fires was made on Phase I and Phase II. On call fires were utilized with excellent results as the artillery reaction to fire request was timely and accurate in most cases.

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2. On D + 5, Phase II, Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided continuous two gun illumination for Company D in support of a Night/pre dawn attack on a reported VC Battalion CP for a period of 20 minutes.

3. H&I fires were used on over 300 different targets as part of the counter mortar plan. H&I's were also used daily to help suppress sniper fire in helicopter landing zones and to deny the VC freedom of movement.

4. FO Teams were assigned to all participating companies. The Artillery Liaison Officer moved with the Battalion Command Group.

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 Regiment	NVA	BT 075239	1600	Unknown
2nd Div Hqts.	NVA	AT 995231	Unknown	Unknown
21st Regiment	NVA	AT 128198	Unknown	Unknown

2. Intelligence was initially provided to this unit by the 5th Marines Regiment and 1st Marine Division PREINTREP 13-67.

B. Enemy Strength and Situation Actually Determined During The Operation.

1d Undetermined due to lack of substantial enemy contact.

2. Enemy contacts (See enclosures 1 and 2).

C. VC/NVA Units Identified.

1. No units were identified.

D. Significant Intelligence Gained.

1. The Vietnamese populace in the operational area appeared to be friendly and courteous but reluctant to give any information. It was discovered that the lack of any male populace is attributed to the fact that the Viet Cong by means of force or threats order all males to leave the area when U.S. Forces conduct Operations.

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E. Terrain.

1. Critical Terrain Features.

- a. Nui Hoac (BT 0734) elevation 352
- b. Nui Dat Ngu'a (BT 1526) elevation 251
- c. Song Franh
- d. Song Thu Ben
- e. Song Chang

2. Relief and Drainage.

- a. The most prominent geographical features were the two large valleys originating from the vicinity of Hiep Duc (AT 9024). One was oriented northeast/southwest and connected with the Que Son Valley; the other followed the path of the Song Chang eastward.

3. Obstacles.

There were three large rivers in the area of operation; the Song Chang, Song Tran, and Song Thu Bon, all flowing to the northwest. In addition to the three large rivers many small streams flow through the area. However, these shallow streams did not present major problems to troop movement.

4. Avenues of Approach.

- a. Trails in the operational area were good to excellent for troop movement.

5. Cross Country Movement.

- a. No unusual problems were encountered.

F. Weather.

Throughout the operation, the weather was warm and humid with late afternoon showers and one day of heavy rainfall. For the major portion of the operation visibility was unrestricted.

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G. Refugees

A total of one hundred-forty five (145) civilians were evacuated during the operation. With the large number of refugees from the Hiep Duc area a Psyops could prove extremely effective.

8. MISSION.

a. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces, equipment and facilities. Prepare to reinforce ARVN Ranger Heliborne landing; prepare to revert to Task Force X-Ray reserve.

9. Concept of Operation.

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines deploy to assembly area; on order moves to attack positions Alfa and Bravo (See enclosure 1). At H-Hour on order conducts search and destroy operation to Objective (1); (see enclosure 1) with two companies in the attack and one in reserve.

10. Execution.

A. D-2 9 August 1967.

(1) 091455H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion and S-3 Officer departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to attend conference at 5th Marine Command Post on Forthcoming operation code name "COCHISE".

(2) 091455H 5th Marines Operation Order 2-67 "Operation Cochise" was received. See Reference (b).

B. D-1 10 August 1967.

(1) 101730H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 93-67 was promulgated to all subordinate units. See Reference (3).

(2) 102045H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) commenced movement to assembly area. See Enclosure (4).

(3) 102230H Company B arrived at attack position "A". See Enclosure (4).

C. D-Day 11 August 1967.

(1) 110540H Command Group, Company D and Company G reached assembly area. See Enclosure (5).

(2) 110600H Company D reached attack position B, Command Group and Company G commenced movement to Objective C. See Enclosure (5).

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(3) 110804H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group, Company G departed assembly area to continue movement to Objective 1.

(4) 110820H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located in vicinity (BT 012276) received the following intelligence report from the Tho Ho (3) Village chief: 1 Platoon of VC were located in vicinity (BT 038269) and one VC Platoon in vicinity (BT 013256). Battalion S-2 rated this information as C-3.

(5) 110900H H-Hour 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were directed to continue attack to Objective 1. See Enclosure (5).

(6) 110915H Company B located in vicinity (BT 027250) received 50-100 rounds small arms fire from 10-15 VC dressed in black clothing in vicinity (BT 031249) and (BT 035247). Company B returned 60-70 rounds 5.56 2 M-79 rounds, 3 60mm mortar H.E. and 8 81mm mortar rounds. One VC was observed to fall as a result of mortar fire. The area was searched; Five heavy blood trails were found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA, 6 VC KIA probable.

(7) 111135H Company D located in vicinity (BT 048270) received 8-10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in vicinity (BT 055255). An artillery mission was called with good target coverage of target area. The area was not searched due to mission of unit.

(8) 111230H Company G located in vicinity (BT 023260). Two men tripped booby trap of unknown type. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(9) 111235H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located in vicinity (BT 044247). Observed 5 VC dressed in black clothing carrying packs and rifles. Fired 45-50 rounds small arms fire at VC. Observed one VC fall. The remaining VC fled in a southeasterly direction. The area was searched, heavy blood trails were found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(10) 111250H Company B located in vicinity (BT 044247) found 1 cave which contained the following items: 2 NVA packs, 2 complete sets of uniforms, 1 pair of green utility trousers, components for the construction of booby traps, 1 flashlight, 1 pair khaki shorts, 1 pair black shorts, 1 white undershirt, papers, documents and 1 blasting cap. Blasting cap destroyed, other captured equipment, papers and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 111515H Company B located vicinity (BT 049251) observed 3 VC running through heavy brush vicinity (BT 046252). The VC were dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons. Company B fired 75-80 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds killing one VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

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(12) 111520H Company D located vicinity (BT 046265) received 40-50 rounds small arms fire from 4-6 VC dressed in black clothing located in vicinity (BT 046264). Company D returned 180 to 200 rounds small arms fire and 9 M-79 rounds. The area was searched, one heavy blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(13) 111640H Company D located in vicinity (BT 047264) received 70-80 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located in vicinity (BT 050263). Company D returned 240-260 rounds small arms fire, 1 3.5 WP, 12 LAWS. Observed one VC fall when hit. The area was searched, one heavy blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA probable.

(14) 111920H Company B reached Objective 1, established night defensive perimeter and conducted patrol activities. See Enclosure (5).

(15) 111920H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines command group, Company D and Company G established defensive perimeter in vicinity (BT 038257) and conducted patrol activities. See Enclosure (5).

C. D+1 12 August 1967.

(1) 120110H 5th Marines Frag Order 1-67 to Operation Order 2-67 was received. See Reference (c).

(2) 120310H Modification to Frag Order 93-67, 12 August 1967 was promulgated. See Enclosure (6).

(3) 120650H Company G located vicinity (BT 057257) found one M18A1 mine, Engineers destroyed the mine in place.

(4) 120700H Company G swept in a westerly direction for 1000 meters and turned east and continued attack towards Objective 1. See Enclosure (7).

(5) 120700H Company B departed patrol base to search Objective 1 and continue attack on order within zone. See Enclosure (7).

(6) 120900H Company G located vicinity (BT 055265) found one dead VC, approximately 25 years of age. The corpse had fragmentation wounds about upper torso caused by artillery or mortar rounds and appeared to have been dead for about 24 hours. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(7) 120925H Company G located vicinity (BT 059264) found 1 man trap in the middle of a trail with the following dimensions; 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 4 ft. with 3 foot stakes. The man trap was uncovered and marked.

(8) 121145H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located vicinity (BT 061261).

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helicopter (H-34) with the Commanding Officer, 5th Marines aboard crashed. Company D provided security for the downed helicopter.

(9) 121158H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines command group and Company G commenced movement to Objective (3). Company D remained in position to provide security for a downed helicopter at (BT 061261). See Enclosure (7).

(10) 121230H Company B located vicinity (BT 072258) found 4 bear traps, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 NVA helmet, a diagram of Nui Lac Son, and what appeared to be a diary in a small notebook. The bear traps and grenades were destroyed, and the remaining material was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 121335H Command Group and Company B reached Objective (3). Company D remained at (BT 061126) to provide security for downed helicopter.

(12) 121420H Company D located vicinity (BT 062263). Explosion occurred from an unknown type mine/booby trap injuring 1 Navy Corpsman. The area was searched for possible clues to the identity of the mine/booby trap with negative results. Results: 1 USN WIAE.

(13) 121435H Company G moved to vicinity (BT 078239) and established a company combat base. See Enclosure (7).

(14) 121615H Company G located vicinity (BT 075243) observed one VC running in a southerly direction. Marines ordered the VC to halt 3 times in Vietnamese. When the VC failed to halt fired 7 rounds 5.56mm killing the VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(15) 122020H Company B squad ambush located vicinity (BT 079259) observed 3-4 VC moving into killing zone, Marines fired 25-50 rounds small arms fire killing one VC wearing a pack with no weapon. Search party retrieved the pack and ambush was repositioned overlooking the VC corpse. While in new ambush site patrol heard heavy movement in brush, observed one VC and fired 20-30 rounds small arms fire, threw one M-26 grenade and observed the VC fall and crawl into dense vegetation. Ambush was recalled and a new ambush patrol was dispatched. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable, and the following captured equipment; 1 pack containing 1 parachute flare, 1 pair green utility trousers, 1 hammock and 2 pair of shorts. Captured equipment was destroyed.

D. D+2 13 August 1967.

(1) 130345H Received Regimental Frag Order 2-67. See Reference (d).

(2) 130425H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 94-67 was promulgated. See enclosure (6).

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(3) 130900H Company B located vicinity (BT 067242) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male 25 years of age, dressed in blue clothing. Detainee was questioned by Battalion S-2 and admitted being a VC hamlet chief, informer and sniper. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 130930H Company D located vicinity (BT 077246) found a cave which contained hot food, black clothing and assorted papers. The food and clothing were destroyed and the assorted papers were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 131340H Company D linked up with Company B at CP Gray.

(6) 131400H Command Group, Company B and Company D reached Objective 4. See Enclosure (9).

(7) 131935H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines scout snipers located vicinity (BT 056234) observed 3 VC dressed in black clothing, 2 with weapons. Range 900 meters, vicinity (BT 062243). Sniper fired 3 rounds small arms fire and observed one VC fall when hit. The area was not searched due to distance and mission. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(8) 132220H Company B located vicinity (BT 054321) received one incoming concussion grenade from an unobserved VC. LP's and COP's were repositioned.

(9) 132235H Company D squad ambush 5D7 located vicinity (BT 063234) encountered 5 VC while moving into ambush site. Patrol fired 40-50 rounds small arms fire and observed 2 VC fall when hit. The area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 VC KIA probable.

E. D + 3 14 August 1967.

(1) 141115H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 95-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (10).

(2) 141455H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located vicinity (BT 067247) apprehended 5 Vietnamese males ages 23, 25, 29, 37, 39, hiding in a cave without ID cards. The 5 detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(3) 141511H Company D located in vicinity (BT 066226). One Marine detonated a bouncing betty mine results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(4) 141635H H&S Company located vicinity (BT 063244) apprehended one male detainee age 60, dressed in black clothing hiding in a hut. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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(5) 141645H Received Regimental Frag Order 4-67. See Reference (f).

(6) 141930H Company G located (BT 058234) observed 4-5 VC dressed in black clothing firing on a medevac helicopter at (BT060245). Marines fired 50 rounds small arms fire killing 2 VC. The area was searched, 2 VC KIA confirmed and 1 M26 grenade were found. Results; 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 M 26 grenade captured.

(7) 142300H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 5-67. See Reference (e).

F. D + 4 15 August 1967

(1) 150100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 96-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (12).

(2) 150030H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 5-67. See Reference (g).

(3) 150715H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group, Company B and Company G departed night patrol base vicinity (BT 066236). See Enclosure (13).

(4) 150820H Company G located vicinity (BT 082234). One Marine detonated a box mine injuring 2 other men. The area was searched and a bouncing betty mine was found 10 meters from the first mine and destroyed by engineers. Results; 3 USMC WIAE.

(5) 150840H Company D located vicinity (BT 068236) observed one VC dressed in gray clothing carrying a weapon vicinity (BT 068233). Company D fired 15 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds at the VC. VC fled to the northeast. The area was searched with negative results.

(6) 150930H Company G located vicinity (BT 091235) observed 3 VC dressed in black clothing with weapons, vicinity (BT 092235). Company G fired 15 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(7) 150950H 3rd Platoon, Company D linked up with Company D vicinity (BT 077236). See Enclosure (12).

(8) 151125H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group located at (BT 093235) received 2-5 rounds sniper fire from an estimated one VC. Marines returned 75-100 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and searched the area finding one heavy blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

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(9) 151140H Company B reached Objective 4. See Enclosure (13).

(10) 151140H Company G located vicinity (BT 106334). One Marine detonated an unknown type booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(11) 151200H Command Group and Company G reached Objective 4. See Enclosure (13).

(12) 151400H Company B located at (BT 133237) received 1 round sniper fire from an unobserved VC vicinity (BT 132232). Company B returned 40-50 rounds small arms fire, searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(13) 151430H Company D reached Objective 4. See Enclosure (13).

(14) 151450H Company D located (BT 111230) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC located at (BT 111232). Company D returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire, searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(15) 151530H Company D reached Objective 5. See Enclosure (13).

(16) 151550H Command Group and Company G and Company D reached night position vicinity (BT 157228). See Enclosure (13).

(17) 151810H Company B located at (BT 165236) observed 15-20 VC running across clearing in a northerly direction at (BT 158242). Company B fired 100 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds, 2 LAWs at the fleeing VC. The area was searched and 3 detainees were apprehended. The detainees were dressed in black clothing and were 25, 30 and 50 years of age. The detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(18) 151840H Company B platoon patrol at (BT 180243) observed 1 VC dressed in black clothing running in a northerly direction. Marines ordered the VC to halt 3 times in Vietnamese. When the VC failed to halt, Marines fired 10 rounds small arms fire killing the VC. Results: 1 VC ZIA confirmed.

(19) 151900H Company B platoon patrol located at (BT 105238) observed 5 VC resting in an open field at (BT 174240). An 81mm mortar mission was called in on the VC. When the mortar rounds landed the VC fled to the north. The area was searched with negative results.

(20) 152012H Received Regimental Frag Order 6-67. See Reference (h).

(21) 152230H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 97-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (15).

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(1) 160900H Company B located at (BT 159249) surprised an estimated platoon of VC dressed in black clothing at (BT 157255). Company B fired 10 rounds 60mm mortar, 1,600 rounds small arms fire, 5 LAWS, 12 M-79 rounds and called on 81mm mortar mission on the enemy. As Company B closed with the VC Companies D and G assumed blocking positions (see Enclosure 14) and air and artillery missions were directed on the enemy and likely escape routes. The contact lasted until 1520 when a thorough search of the area was completed. Results: 4 USMC WIAE, 12 VC KIA confirmed, 14 VC KIA probable, 1 detainee (WIA) and the following captured equipment: 3 AK 47 assault rifles, 1 9mm grease gun, 1 pistol caliber .45, 8 M-26 grenades, 5 friction type grenades, 1 concussion grenade, 10 blasting caps, 12 magazines, 1 knife, 1 bayonet with scabord, 4 first aid kits, 5 ponchos, 1 canteen, 1 pair of binoculars, 1 compass, 1 map, all equipment except blasting cap were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(2) 160445H Company D commenced movement to Objective 9. See Enclosure (16).

(3) 160445H Company B commenced movement to Objective 8. See Enclosure (16).

(4) 160605H Company D in attack position. See Enclosure (16)

(5) 160613H Company B and Company D commenced attack on Objective 8 and 9. See Enclosure (16).

(6) 160700H Command group and Company G commenced movement in trace of Company D. See Enclosure (16).

(7) 160850H Company D reached Objective 9. See Enclosure (16).

(8) 161010H Company D established blocking position in vicinity (BT 171263). See Enclosure (16).

(9) 161030H Company G established blocking position in vicinity of Objective 8. See Enclosure (16).

(10) 161240H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 7-67. See Reference (16).

(11) 161630H All units reached Objective 10 and established night defensive positions and conducted patrol activities. See Enclosure (16).

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(12) 161240H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Regimental Frag Order 7-67. See Reference (h).

(13) 160245H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 97-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (15).

(14) 161905H Company G located vicinity (BT 170264) observed 2 VC dressed in black clothing, with weapons, moving west on trail vicinity (BT 169259). Marines fired 20 rounds small arms fire, 1 M-79 round killing 1 VC. The area was searched. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

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(1) 170145H Received Regimental Frag Order 8-67. See Enclosure (j).

(2) 170700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted patrol activities north, south and west of the combat base, located at (BT 185264).

(3) 170830H Company B located at (BT 185264), 2 refugees, 1 female age 29 and her son age 6 requested evacuation. The refugees were evacuated at 170920H.

(4) 171010H Company B squad patrol 532 located vicinity (BT 172274) received 5 rounds small arms fire from 5 VC dressed in black clothing at (BT 171276). Patrol returned 29 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC. The remaining VC fled to the northeast. The area was searched and one blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable. The following equipment was captured: 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 cartridge belt, 1 wallet containing a documents and 1 pack. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 171900H Company B located vicinity (BT 177277) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male dressed in black clothing without ID card. Patrol resumed mission with detainee. Detainee attempted to escape by kicking a guard in the crotch and started running. Guard fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing the VCC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

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(1) 180050H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 9-67. See Reference (k).

(2) 180705H Company G, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines and chopped OPCON 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(3) 180735H Companies I and K 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

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(4) 180930H Company B located vicinity (BT 180283) apprehended 3 detainees, 2 dressed in black clothing the other dressed in green utilities. The 3 detainees were approximately 25 years of age and did not have ID cards. The detainees were questioned by Battalion S-2. The detainee dressed in green utilities claimed that he was a member of the 744th PF unit and was captive of the other 2 detainees. The 3 detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 181145H Company B located vicinity (BT 170279) found 4 bouncing betty mines (M-18A1) buried in trail, the mines were destroyed in place by engineers.

(6) 181200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Operation Order 3-67. See Reference (1).

(7) 181410H Company D located vicinity (BT 178257) apprehended one male detainee age 40 dressed in black clothing who attempted to flee from Marines. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 181430H Company I COP located vicinity (BT 185207) observed approximately 15 VC dressed in black clothing, coolie hats and carrying weapons in a tree line vicinity (BT 190250). An artillery mission was called and received with good target coverage. Results: 3 VC KIA probable.

(9) 181700H Company B platoon patrol 5B3 located vicinity (BT 183287) observed 5 VC dressed in black clothing at coordinates (BT 177285). Patrol fired 15 rounds small arms fire at the fleeing VC. The area was searched and 1 VC KIA confirmed and assorted papers and documents were found. Papers and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(10) 181800H Company B located at (BT 171277) apprehended 1 Vietnamese boy 12 years of age dressed in black clothing who ran from Marines and hid in a cave, Marine threw a smoke grenade into the cave; entered cave and brought the boy out. The detainee was questioned by Battalion S-2 and he admitted that he was a VC guide and a member of the childrens youth force. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(11) 182330H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 988-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (19).

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(1) 190845H First elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed LZ on Phase II Operation COCHISE. See Enclosure (19).

(2) 190900H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed LZ on Phase II of Operation COCHISE. See Enclosure (19).

(3) 190920H Lead elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines landed at LZ Hawk without opposition. See Enclosure (19).

(4) 191050H H&S Company located vicinity (BT 875216) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male dressed in black clothing hiding in a cave. The detainee was questioned by Battalion S-2 and admitted that he was a VC Warrant Officer and a Platoon Commander of the 3rd Company 604 Battalion. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 191112H All units completed helilift to LZ Hawk. See Enclosure (21).

(6) 191120H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines directed companies to commence the attack to Objective Zulu. See Enclosure (21).

(7) 191330H Company B and Command Group reached Objective 16. See Enclosure (19).

(8) 191340H Company I located vicinity (BT 881222) discovered a weapons cache consisting of 13 K-44's, 15 packs, 3 sniper scopes, 6 cartridge belts, assorted small arms ammo, assorted military and civilian clothing, detonation cord, medical supplies, assorted documents and 1 male VC WIA who died of shrapnel wounds. The area was thoroughly searched and 5 detainees were apprehended. The detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 191400H Company B located vicinity (BT 896217) found 2 grey NVA uniforms, which were forwarded to Battalion S-2 and destroyed.

(10) 191430H Company D located vicinity (BT 888211) observed 4-5 VC dressed in black clothing running in a southerly direction vicinity (BT 889208). Company D fired 10 pounds small arms fire killing one VC. The area was searched one VC was flushed and killed; one 40 year old detainee was apprehended and questioned by Battalion S-2. Detainee claimed that 3 VC were killed in the incident. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 VC KIA probable, 1 Detainee.

(11) 191435H Company D reached Objective 13. See Enclosure (21).

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(12) 191455H Company K reached Objective 16. See Enclosure (21).

(13) 191530H Company I reached Objective 14. See Enclosure (21).

(14) 191535H Company B located at (BT 907217) observed 2 VC dressed in black clothing and carrying weapons. Company B fired 90 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC and capturing one U.S. caliber carbine, serial number 3328994 and other assorted items. Captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC KIA probable.

(15) 191605H Company K reached Objective 16. See Enclosure (21).

(16) 191630H Company B reached Objective Z. See Enclosure (21).

(17) 191710H Company B located vicinity (BT 909216) observed 8-10 VC dressed in black clothing with helmets, carrying weapons vicinity (BT 911215). Company B fired 30-50 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC. The area was searched and 2 heavy blood trails were found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 2 VC KIA probable.

(18) 191800H Three refugees, husband, wife and child, ages 24, 23, and 7 months requested evacuation.

(19) 191820H Company K linked up with Command Group and Company B and established night defensive perimeter. See Enclosure (21).

(20) 191830H Company B located at (BT 184276) apprehended 3 males age 27, 35, and 45. Detainees had no ID card and were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(21) 191845H Company D reached night position located vicinity (BT 910209), establish defensive perimeter and conducted night patrolling. See Enclosure (21).

(22) 191850H Company I linked up with Company K, Command Group and Company B, established night defensive perimeter, and conducted night activities. See Enclosure (21).

(23) 191855H Company B located vicinity (AT 903218) and (AT 899216) apprehended 4 detainees, 3 males and 1 female ages 60, 58, and 15. A GVN civilian refugee official working with Company B identified the 4 detainees as VC. The detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(24) 191910H Company B-COP located in vicinity (AT 914220) received 1 round sniper fire from one VC dressed in black clothing at coordinates (AT 919221). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire at the VC. The area was not searched due to boundary. Results 1 USMC WIAE.

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(1) 200045H 1st Battalion 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 1-67. (Phase II) Operation Cochise.

(2) 200135H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 99-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (20).

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(1) 200700H Company I commenced movement to patrol base vicinity (AT 908226). See Enclosure (24).

(2) 200715H Company K commenced movement to patrol base vicinity (AT 898218). See Enclosure (24).

(3) 200800H Company B located vicinity (AT 912216) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female dressed in blue and black clothing, age 15. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 200900H Company I established patrol base at (AT 908226) and conducted patrol activities. See Enclosure (24).

(5) 200935H Company K established patrol base at vicinity (AT 898218). See Enclosure (24).

(6) 200910H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 100-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (23).

(7) 201005H Company D located vicinity (AT 916205) received 10-12 rounds sniper fire from an undetermined number of VC at (AT 917203). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. The area was searched and the following items were found: 1 VC pack, 2 green uniforms, 1 pair of glasses, assorted medical supplies, books and papers, 2 VC gas masks, 1 12 gauge shot gun shell, 2 .30 caliber shells, 4 7.62 rounds, 1 VC poncho. Items were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(8) 201030H Company D located vicinity (AT 897218) found 1 NVA pack, 3 food packages, 1 khaki shirt, 1 gas mask, 1 cartridge belt with canteen and cover, 2 pair trousers, 1 green military shirt, and 2 punji stake boards. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 201115H One Vietnamese male age 30 and his 3 year old son requested evacuation to a government controlled area. The refugee stated that an NVA Battalion and VC main force units had been operating in the area until they were informed of the operation.

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(10) 201120H Company D platoon patrol 5D20 located vicinity (AT 908196) observed 1 Vietnamese male dressed in black clothing, age 23 fleeing from patrol. Marines ordered the Vietnamese to halt 3 times in Vietnamese; when the Vietnamese failed to respond to the challenge the Marines fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing the VC. The area was searched and assorted medical supplies were found and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(11) 201140H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located vicinity (AT 911214) called Battery W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines to register on grid (AT 920213). First round was 900 meters short striking grid (AT 911214). The mission ended. The incident resulted in 1 USMC WIA.

(12) 201215H Company K detached 2nd Platoon to set up patrol base at (AT 692212) and continue movement to Objective Z. See Enclosure (24).

(13) 201245H Company K located vicinity (AT 886220) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males dressed in black clothing ages, 50 and 56 as they attempted to flee from a hut. The hut was searched and the following items were found: 1 pack containing 1 hammock, black clothing, 1 poncho, cooking container, 15 rounds 7.62 ammunition, 4 pairs green utility trousers, 3 pair khaki trousers and 2 entrenching tools. The detainees and captured equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(14) 201330H Company D located vicinity (AT 914210) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males ages 37 and 45 dressed in black clothing with pack strap marks on their shoulders. The detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(15) 201445H Company B commenced movement to Objective 15 vicinity (AT 915145). See Enclosure (24).

(16) 201513H Company I located vicinity (AT 898239) observed 1 VC with pack running from patrol. Patrol fired 5 rounds small arms fire wounding VC. The VC died while being administered medical treatment. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(17) 201530H Company D located vicinity (AT 912203) found 1 dead VC male dressed in gray clothing age 25. The VC had been dead approximately 24 hours and had died of gunshot wounds. A bundle of clothing consisting of 2 sets of black PJ's and gray shirt were found, the clothing was destroyed. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(18) 201430H Company K returned to Objective Z relieved Company B of Regimental Reserve. See Enclosure (24).

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(19) 201545H Company D located vicinity (AT 913198) apprehended 2 detainees, 1 female age 21 dressed in black and yellow clothing and 1 male age 25 dressed in green and black clothing. The detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(20) 201550H Company I located vicinity (AT 897234) received 5-6 rounds sniper fire from 2 VC dressed in black clothing. Patrol returned 70-100 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC carrying a pack. The area was searched and 1 male age 18 dressed in black clothing was apprehended while hiding in a cave. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 Detainee.

(21) 201620H Company B reached Objective 15 located at (AT 914195) and continued movement to establish patrol base at (AT 912178). See Enclosure (24).

(22) 201715H Company D located vicinity (AT 929197) observed 6 VC with rifles debarking from a small boat vicinity (AT 930200). Company D fired 135 to 140 rounds small arms fire and observed 1 VC fall when hit. The area was not searched due to boundary. Results VC KIA probable.

(23) 201730H Company D located in vicinity (AT 929199) observed one camouflaged VC with pack crawling along paddy dike. Scout Sniper fired 2 rounds killing the VC. Results: 1 VC KIA.

(24) 201745H H&S Company located in vicinity (AT 912217) and apprehended one Vietnamese male, age 30 dressed in black clothing. The detainee was in the vicinity where a helicopter was receiving small arms fire. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(25) 201815H Company I returned to Objective Z and established night defensive perimeter vicinity (AT 913215). See Enclosure (24).

(26) 201830H Company B Platoon patrol 5B3 located vicinity (AT 920177) observed 12 VC with camouflage clothing and helmets and carrying weapons. Patrol fired approximately 20 rounds small arms fire at fleeing VC. The VC fled to the southeast. The area was searched and 2 VC KIA confirmed and the following items were found: 1 M-1 carbine; serial number 4658655, 1 grease gun; serial number 1525573, 3 greasegun magazines, 2 cartridge belts, 2 packs, 2 canteens, 1 mess kit, 1 first aid kit, 70 rounds 30 caliber and 2 blood trails which were followed with negative results. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 VC KIA Confirmed, 2 VC KIA probable.

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(27) 201840H Company K located vicinity (AT 892214) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from 5 VC dressed in black clothing at coordinates (AT 895216). Company K returned 150 rounds small arms fire, 2 M-79 rounds and searched the area finding 1 VC KIA confirmed. Marines observed 1 VC being dragged through brush. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed and 1 VC KIA probable.

(28) 201850H Company B located vicinity (AT 920177) found 1 VC messhall and barracks. The messhall was 10 yards wide and 30 yards long with long tables on one side and cooking area on the other. The barracks was 20 yards long and had 4 racks. The messhall and barracks were destroyed.

(29) 201910H Company B located vicinity (AT 888178) found 1 cave which contained the following items; 5 hammocks, 34 gray bags, 5 bundles of gauze, 66 pair black trousers 21 rice bags, 4 ponchos, 2 pair of sandals, 2 packs. Captured equipment was destroyed.

(30) 201910H Company D established night defensive perimeter and conducted night activities. See Enclosure (25).

(31) 202100H Company B established night defensive perimeter and conducted night activities. See Enclosure (25).

(32) 202225H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Frag Order 2-67 Operation COCHISE (Phase II). See Reference (m).

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(1) 210015H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 101-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (26).

(2) 210730H Company D commenced movement to Objective 20 vicinity (AT 931180).

(3) 210740H Company D located vicinity (AT 944185) observed one VC dressed in black clothing with a cartridge belt running west vicinity (AT 942185). Company D fired 5-10 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(4) 211125H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Commanding Officer 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines position at 211400H

(5) 211300H Company B Platoon patrol 5B4 located vicinity (AT 916173) received 100 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 12-15 unobserved VC in dense vegetation. Patrol returned 200 rounds small arms fire and called in a 60mm mortar mission which was fired with good target coverage. The area was searched and one heavy blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA probable.

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(6) 211415H Company B located vicinity (AT 903178) apprehended 1 male age 45 dressed in black clothing. The detainee admitted that he was a VC and he was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 211430H Company B commenced movement to Objective 21. See Enclosure (28).

(8) 211540H H&S Company located vicinity (AT 916222) apprehended 1 male age 40 dressed in black clothing, hiding in a hut. The detainee admitted that he was a Youth Movement Chief. Detainee forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 211550H Company B reached Objective 21. See enclosure (28).

(10) 211600H Company B arrived at CP Otto. See enclosure (28).

(11) 211710H Company B reached Objective 22. See enclosure (28).

(12) 211720H Company K platoon patrol located vicinity (AT 890222) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at coordinates (AT 890224). Patrol returned 50 rounds small arms fire, searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE

(13) 211730H Company K located vicinity (AT 890222) received 2 rounds small arms fire from 5 VC dressed in black clothing at (AT 890224). Company K returned fire with 50 rounds small arms fire at the fleeing VC, and observed 1 VC fall when hit. The area was searched, one blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(14) 211800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located vicinity (AT 910179) 4 refugees requested, evacuation to a government controlled area; 1 male age 46, 2 women ages 35 and 65 and 1 child age 7.

(15) 211830H Company I located vicinity (AT 908227) apprehended 4 males ages, 18, 37, 48, and 57 dressed in black clothing who attempted to flee from Marines. The 4 detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 211900H Company I squad patrol located vicinity (AT 905217) observed 2 VC vicinity (AT 906218) dressed in black clothing, 1 with a weapon. Patrol fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC. The area was searched without further significant results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(17) 211900H Company B reached Objective Z effected link up with Company I, established night defensive perimeter and conducted patrol activities. See Enclosure (28).

(18) 212000H Company D reached Objective Z effected link up with Company B and Company I. See Enclosure (28).

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(19) 212300H Received 5th Marine Regimental Frag Order 3-67. See enclosure (n).

(20) 212340H Company I squad ambush 5I8 located vicinity (AT 907 217) received one incoming grenade approximately 25 meters to the rear of the ambush site. Squad returned 50 rounds small arms fire and was repositioned.

F. D+3 22 August 1967

(1) 220015H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 102-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (29).

(2) 220700H Command Group, Company B and Company D commenced movement to Objective 25. See Enclosure (30).

(3) 220700H Company I commenced movement to Objective 24. See Enclosure (30).

(4) 220700H Company K commenced movement to Objective 23. See Enclosure (30).

(5) 221539H Company I located vicinity (AT 884233) found 4 NVA uniforms. Uniforms were destroyed.

(6) 221635H Company E squad patrol 5B5 located vicinity (AT 912-230) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males dressed in black clothing. The detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

G. D+4 Phase II 23 August 1967

(1) 230020H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 103-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (31).

(2) 230700H Company B located vicinity (AT 915220) observed one Vietnamese male fleeing from Marines at coordinates (AT 917220). Marines ordered the Vietnamese to halt 3 times in Vietnamese, when he failed to respond to the challenge the Marines fired 5-10 rounds small arms fire killing the V. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(3) 230725H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced movement across river vicinity (AT 917219). See Enclosure (32).

(4) 231000H Command group and Company D arrived Objective 31. See Enclosure (32).

(5) 231100H Company B arrived Objective 28. See Enclosure (32).

(6) 231115H Company I effected link up with Company D at Objective 31. See Enclosure (32).

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(7) 231210H Company B (AT 905251) and Company I at (AT 902243) were ordered to continue the attack to Objective 29 vicinity (AT 905260). Company K and Company I at (AT 921211) continue the attack to Objective 29. See Enclosure (32).

(8) 231220H Company I effected link up with Company D at Objective 31. See Enclosure (32).

(9) 231300H Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion 5th Marines.

(10) 231415H Company B located at (AT 903260) received 50-60 rounds from an estimated 10-15 unobserved VC at coordinates (AT 905264). Company B returned 70-75 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE

(11) 231445H Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines located at (AT 927242) found one booby trapped 60mm mortar round. Booby trap destroyed by engineers.

(12) 231505H Company B and Company I secured Objective 29. See Enclosure (32).

(13) 231550H Company K arrived at Objective 29. See Enclosure (32).

(14) 231630H Command group and Company D arrived at Objective 29. Established night defensive perimeter. See Enclosure (33).

(15) 232045H Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines established night defensive perimeter at LZ DOVE (AT 917243). See Enclosure (33).

(16) 232130H Received 5th Marine Regimental Frag Order 4-67. See Reference (a).

D+5 24 August 1967

(1) 240935H Company D was alerted to be prepared to relieve Company A 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(2) 240710H Company B located at (AT 902259) received 12-15 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at coordinates (AT 905264). Company B returned 30 rounds 5.56mm, 5 M-79 rounds, searched the area with negative results.

(3) 240945H Company A 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines Squad patrol located at (AT 928254) received 90-100 rounds small arms automatic weapons fire from vicinity (AT 920255). 81mm mortar fire was requested. Patrol continued mission and received small arms automatic weapons fire from unobserved sniper resulting in one USMC KIA. Patrol then moved so an artillery mission could fire in area. One Squad from Company B moved to assist and search area where fire was received. Search of area produced negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA, 2 VC KIA probable.

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(4) 240955H Company I Platoon patrol 5II located vicinity (AT 921 271) received 20-25 rounds automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of VC. Patrol returned 40 rounds small arms fire, 60mm mortar fire; searched area with negative results.

(5) 241000H Company D located vicinity (AT 890257) apprehended one Vietnamese male in a hut with the following equipment; 14 ponchos, 10 mosquito nets, 11-5 gallon cans of kerosene, 32 wash basins with 5 lids, 6 deep 5 gallon pots, 250 surgical masks, 25 VC gas masks, 1 large surgical sterilizer, 25 bags of khaki clothing, 1 ChiCom machinegun; serial number 377117, 1 magazine pouch with 25 rounds, 1 AK 47 magazine loaded, 6 maps. 5 gallon can containing surgical equipment, 1 flashlight, 17 record books, 1 Vietnamese unit #1. packs of human serum, 2 bags of pills, 16 sets black clothing, 6 blue sweat shirts. The detainee and the following equipment were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2: 1 surgical mask, 1 pack, 1 mosquito net, 1 grey uniform, 1 large surgical sterilizer, 17 record books, 1 Vietnamese unit #1. 1 bag of pills, 1 blue sweat shirt. Other items were destroyed.

(6) 241030H Company I platoon patrol 5I2 located vicinity (AT 913 268) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males ages 20 and 35. 1 Detainee was dressed in a green uniform, the other detainee wore grey clothing, both detainees had pack strap marks on their shoulders. The area was searched and 1 green uniform was found. The 2 detainees and green uniform were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 241110H Company I platoon patrol 5II located vicinity (AT 915 270) observed 5 VC with weapons dressed in black clothing crossing a rice paddy vicinity (AT 914274). Patrol fired 60 rounds small arms fire, 4 rounds 60mm mortar fire, called an artillery mission which was fired with good target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(8) 241240H Company I located vicinity (AT 914272) observed 6 camouflaged VC carrying packs vicinity (AT 912275). Company I fired 300-350 rounds small arms fire at the VC; searched the area finding 1 VC pack containing personal gear, 1 empty map case and 1 gas mask. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 241405H Company B arrived at Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines patrol base located in vicinity (AT 917243). See Enclosure (35).

(10) 241520H Company A 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines chopped from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Company B assumed responsibility for security of Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

(11) 241645H Battalion S-2 received the following information from a 19 year old detainee captured at 241000H. The detainee was a platoon leader of the 3rd platoon 510th Company 24th Main Force Battalion which is a transportation unit. The detainee had no knowledge of his units whereabouts and stated that the VC disperse when Marines are in the area.

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The detainee claimed that he couldn't read a map, but he agreed to lead Marines to his headquarters CP which is defended by 62 MCV armed with 10 U. S. carbines and 4 AK 47's. Plan formulated to attack the VC headquarters at 0500:25 August 1967.

(12) 242015H 59 refugees requested evacuation to a government controlled area. Refugees were helilifted to safe area at 242030H.

(13) 242215H Company D commenced movement to reported enemy CP reported in event 241645H.

(14) 242130H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 104-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (35).

(15) 242234H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 5th Marines Regimental Frag Order 5-67. See Reference (p).

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(1) 250400H Company D located vicinity (AT 874264) fired 2 E-8(GS) launchers at suspected VC CP and swept the area. The area was searched and 1 male age 60 was apprehended. 2 large huts 40 feet by 20 feet were found. One hut had no evidence of recent use, the other hut contained 1 gallon can of warm cooked rice. 3 holes $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep were found. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(2) 250600H Phase II Operation COCHISE terminated.

(3) 250730H Company I squad patrol located vicinity (AT 901253) encountered one Vietnamese male dressed in black clothing who fled from Marines. Marines ordered the VC to halt 3 times in Vietnamese. When the VC failed to respond to the challenge the Marines fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing the VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(4) 250750H Company I platoon patrol 5IL located vicinity (AT 913 266) observed 2 Vietnamese males dressed in black clothing vicinity (AT 913 267). Marines ordered the 2 Vietnamese to halt, when they failed to comply Marines fired 8 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round at the fleeing VC. The VC fled to the northeast into dense vegetation. The area was searched with negative results for VC. One Bamboo booby trap device was found and forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(5) 250900H Company K located vicinity (AT 906252) apprehended 3 Vietnamese males ages 30, 32, and 37 who tried to flee from patrol. Patrol searched the area and apprehended 1 male age 31 badly burned by napalm at coordinates (AT 911253). The 4 detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(6) 251000H Company K commenced movement of LZ DOVE. See Enclosure (36).

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(7) 251115H Company D returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP; located (AT 906259).

(8) 251215H 8 refugees requested evacuation and were evacuated to government controlled area.

(9) 252158H Received 5th Marine Regimental Frag Order 6-67. See Reference (q).

(10) 252210H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 105-67 was promulgated. See Enclosure (36)

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(1) 260857H Company K 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 260930H 73 refugees, 42 adults and 31 children were evacuated to government controlled area upon their request.

(3) 261345H Company D squad patrol located vicinity (AT 917235) received 4-5 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper at coordinates (AT 919231). Patrol returned 20-25 rounds small arms fire and called a 60mm mortar mission which was fired with good target coverage. The area was searched with negative results.

(4) 261425H Company I located vicinity (AT 914254) apprehended 1 20 year old Vietnamese male dressed in black clothing who attempted to flee from Marines. The detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 261450H Company I Squad patrol located in vicinity (AT 921254) received 3 rounds sniper fire from 4 VC dressed in black clothing at coordinates (AT 921257). Patrol returned 20 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(6) 261500H Company D Squad patrol located vicinity (AT 915233) received 3-4 rounds sniper fire from 3 unobserved VC. COP observed enemy fire and 3 VC dressed in black clothing with packs. 6 rounds 60mm mortar were fired and Scout Sniper fired 1 round killing 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(7) 261505H Leading elements 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed LZ DOVE. See Enclosure (38)

(8) 261525H Battery F 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines completed heli-lift from LZ DOVE.

(9) 261700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participation in Operation COCHISE was terminated as 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to Combat Base Hill 51.

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11. Results

a. **Friendly**

KIA	1
DOW	6
WIAE	22
WIAME	2
MIA	10
NBC	23

b. Enemy

VC KIA confirmed	40
VC KIA probable	43
VC captured	0
Detainees	59

c. Refugees

143. Refugees were evacuated from the area of operations and located to the Que Son District Refugee Center.

d. Ordnance Captured

3 AK-47 Assualt rifles, serial numbers: 10083358, 356506, 900 and 1525573.
2 ChiCom Sub. Machine Guns; serial numbers: 10452.
1 U.S. pistol caliber .45 serial number: 15rs: 4658655 and 6411-
2 U.S. Carbines caliber .30 M-1 serial numbers:
774, 1076970, 1331792,
13 Chi Com K-44 Assualt rifles, serial numbers: 1095529, 1240098, 1291598,
1308285, 3126919, 329339, 00183, 3093876,
1189069, 3103819, and 3152308. '30 serial numbers K-0489 and
2 Soviet 7.62mm Sniper Rifles M1891/
TN 7243.

e. Munitions Captured/Destroyed

8 M-26 Hand grenades
5 Friction grenades
1 Concussion grenade
4 7.62mm rounds
70 Rounds .30 caliber ammunition
1 12 Guage shotgun shell

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f. Equipment Captured

12 Magazine
1 Knife
1 Bayonet with scabbard (M-6)
4 First aid kits
5 Ponchos (Plastic)
3 Canteens
1 Case, binocular
1 Compass
6 Maps
21 Packs
1 Holster
1 Hammock
1 Set of cooking containers
2 Tools, entrenching
1 Kit, mess
1 Packet, first aid
1 Cord, detonating
1 Pair glasses
3 Mask, gas, homemade cloth type
2 Stakes, punji
1 Cover, canteen

g. Destroyed Enemy Equipment

1 Flash light
10 Bundle of clothing
8 Chiatric blasting caps
1 Faci-Com blasting caps
34 Gray bty building 40 feet X 20 feet (Barracks and Mess Hall)
5 Bundle bags
6 Pair b's of gauze
21 Rice balsok trousers
4 Ponchos
22 Packs
3 Hammocks
7 Bltue swea
t shirts

12. Administration Ma. Supply

(1) Initial

MCI's, 3 canteens, indly individual Marines carried a marching pack, six
ividual weapons.

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Location of enemy contact during Operation "COCHESE".

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Engaged one platoon of VC.

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Location of enemy contact during Operation "COCHISE".

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○ Heavy sniper fire from
estimated 10-15 VC.

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f. Medical Evacuation.

(1) No problems were encountered in the collection and evacuation of casualties.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

(1) An E-8, CS Rocket Pack was successfully used during predawn attack 25 August 1967.

14. Commanders Comments:

a. The operation itself presented no unusual problems. All missions were accomplished.

b. It was noted that a large number of non battle casualties evacuated (total 83) during the operation. This total exceeds that of any previous operations. It is surmised that the following factors contributed to this:

(1) The high temperatures experienced during August.

(2) Inability of new replacements to acclimatize rapidly.

(3) No medical doctor on the operation. The corpsman appeared overly cautious, and reluctant to keep any man in the field who had any ailment, no matter how severe.

c. A large number of refugees (total 143) requested evacuation from the Hiep Duc area during Phase II of the operation. It is believed that USMC presence in the Hiep Duc/Que Son Valley area has been felt and that the people are beginning to realize the VC cannot win in this area. Subsequent operation in this area should increase the influence of the Government of Vietnam and the 1st Marine Division.

d. There was a minimum of Psy-OP Civic Action activities during Operation COCHISE but 143 refugees choose to be evacuated to government controlled areas. This indicates that a strong Psy-OP/Civic Action program could produce significant results in the Hiep Duc Area.

15. Recommendations. On Battalion (-) or larger operations a medical Doctor should accompany the Unit.


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(2) Each unit carried its organic machine guns, rocket launchers, 60mm mortars, and a basic allowance of ammunition.

(3) There were some problems encountered in resupplying the Battalion. These were incomplete resupply loads and failure of LSA to fill back orders.

b. Maintanance.

(1) Personnel carried their own cleaning equipment. Weapons were cleaned and inspected daily. There were no problems encountered with weapons or ammunition during the operation.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Treatment of casualties was initially administered by the Company Corpsmen and the Corpsmen attached to the Battalion Command Group.

(2) Medical Evacuations were called by HST personnel attached to the companies. The Command HST attached to the Battalion Command Group then relayed the request to the LSA located at Thane Bien, hill 63, RVN. When the Helicopters were on the way, the unit requesting the medical evacuation was notified. The appropriate HST then guided the helicopter into the LZ and the Medical Evacuation was completed.

(3) Medical Evacuation being completed, evacuees were forwarded to a Collecting and Clearing company located at Hill 63 and further evacuated to DaNang or a Hospital Ship as required.

(4) A total of 85 NBC's were medically evacuated during Operation COCHISE. There was no medical doctor on the operation and the corpsmen appeared overly cautious about keeping any men in the field who had any ailment.

d. Transportation.

(1) On Operation COCHISE, helicopters were used to provide the Battalion with heli-lift capabilities, normal resupply and medevacs.

(2) Helicopter support was adequate and the only type of transportation utilized.

e. Communications.

(1) On D+5 during heavy contact with a VC platoon at (BT 159249) it was impossible to communicate with any unit external to the Battalion by any means except airborne radio relay. This communication difficulty limited the effective employment of supporting arms.

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Que Son, RVN
10 August 1967

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

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

LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER

H&S Co, 1stBn, 5thMar (-)(Rein)

1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

H&S Company (-)

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Kit Carson Tm

Det, 106RR Plat

Det, Flame Section

ARVN Ln Off

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Company B (-)(Rein)

CAPT T. D. REESE

Company B (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

ARVN Interpreter

Kit Carson Tm

Company D (-)(Rein)

CAPT R. MORGAN

Company D (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar

Det, H&S Company

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

Company G (-)(Rein), 2ndBn, 1stMar
 Company G (-), 2ndBn, 1stMar

CAPT R. COPELAND

Det, Hqts Co, 1st Marines
 Det, Btry B, 1stBn, 11thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stSPBn (HST)
 Det, H&S Co; 1stBn, 5thMar (Kit Carson Tm)
 Det, H&S Co, 2ndBn, 1st Marines
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det Med Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Enemy units that may be encountered in the operational area are the 2nd NVA Division and the 1st and 3rd NVA Regiments, elements thereof and local force guerrillas. Each of the above units have a 24-48 hour reinforcing capability.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces, equipment and facilities; prepares to reinforce ARVN Ranger heliborne landing; prepares to revert to TF X-Ray reserve.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation- 1st Battalion, 5th Marines deploys to assembly area; on order move to attack positions Alfa and Bravo. See Annex A (Operation Overlay); at H-Hour on order conducts search and destroy operation with two companies in the attack and one in reserve, to Objective L.

b. Company B.

(1) Be in position at attack position Alfa no later than H-Hour minus 3.

(2) At H-Hour be prepared on order to conduct search and destroy operation along axis of advance to secure sector of Objective 1 within zone; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour minus 13 hours move along route of advance to assembly area (See Annex A Operation Overlay) and then to attack position Bravo on order.

(2) At H-Hour be prepared to conduct search and destroy operation along axis of advance to secure sector of Objective 1 within zone; (See Annex A Operation Overlay); be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General support.

(2) At H-Hour minus 13 move in trace of Company D along route of advance to assembly area then to attack position Bravo or Charlie on order.

(3) On order follow in trace of Company B, to Objective 1.

e. Company G.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) At H-Hour minus 12 move in trace of H&S Company along route of advance to assembly area; (See Annex A Operation Overlay) and then to attack position Bravo or Charlie on order.

(3) On order provide security for Battalion Command Group and move in trace of Company D to Objective 1.

(4) Be prepared to assume mission of or relieve attacking unit on order.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0900H, on order.

(2) D-Day 11 August 1967.

(3) Use of RCA authorized and will be emphasized by unit commanders.

(4) Unclassified Code Name; Operation "COCHISE".

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(6) LOD is forward edge of attack position.

(7) Movement to assembly area will normally be two abreast, 3 paces interval.

(8) Attack positions Alfa and Bravo will be referred to as "Position Alfa" and "Position Bravo".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic Load.

(1) 6 MCI's per man.

(2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.

(3) 1 protective gas mask per man.

(4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.

(a) 5.56mm	240 rounds per man.
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(b) 7.62mm	1,000 rounds per gun
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(c) 40mm	12 rounds per tube
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(d) 60mm	25 HE rounds per tube
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	5 WP rounds per tube
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(5) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.

(6) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.

(7) 4 LAAM rounds per squad.

(8) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.

(9) 3 WP grenades per squad.

(10) 2 claymore mines per squad.

(11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.

(12) 3 green star clusters per squad.

(13) 4 fragmentation hand grenades per squad.

c. Initial resupply D+1, and then every other day.

d. Each company will carry one E-8 launcher. (2 men designated as E-8 launcher men, one launcher to be carried).

e. Personnel.

(1) Companies submit Personnel Daily Summary at 1400H commencing D-1.

(2) ID Tags will be worn at all times.

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f. Medical.

(1) Medical support will be by the BAS at Hill 51, a C&C Platoon at the LSA at Hill 63, field hospitals at DaNang and Chu Lai or by the hospital ship.

(2) Emergency Medical Evacuations will be directed to Chu Lai, DaNang or the Hospital Ship. All other casualties will be directed to the C&C facility at the LSA.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

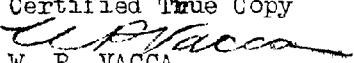
- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-hour.
- b. Report position every hour at 10 minutes before the hour.
- c. Common Frequency; Bluebell 45.0 Meg.
- d. Display air panels on packs, yellow side showing.
- e. Reconnaissance Inserts:

(1)	Crabtree Eyelet	Primary Frequency	39.6
		Alternate Frequency	37.9
(2)	Duckbill Donehue	Primary Frequency	46.3
	Beaconlight X-Ray	Alternate Frequency	49.2
	Beaconlight Zulu		

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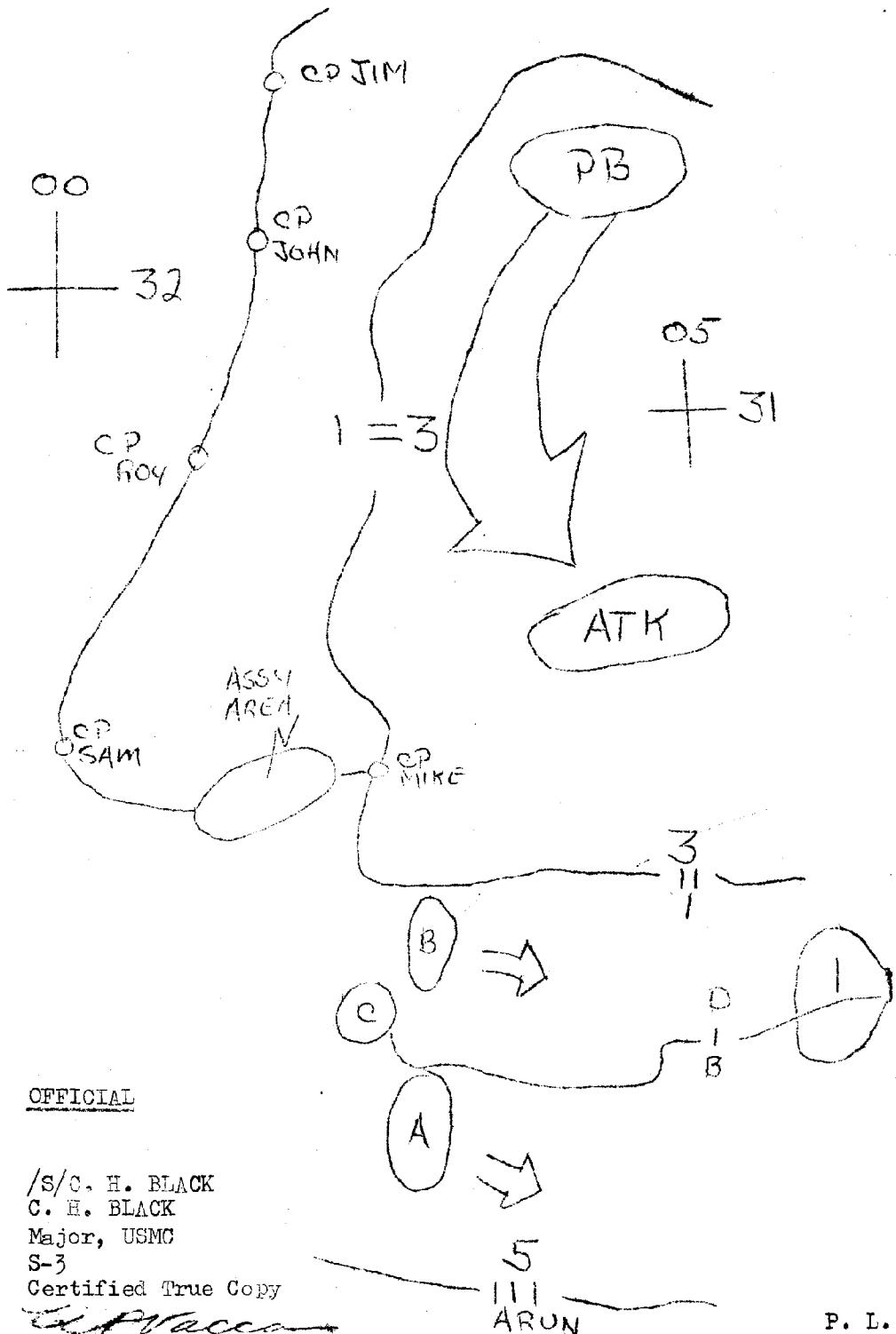
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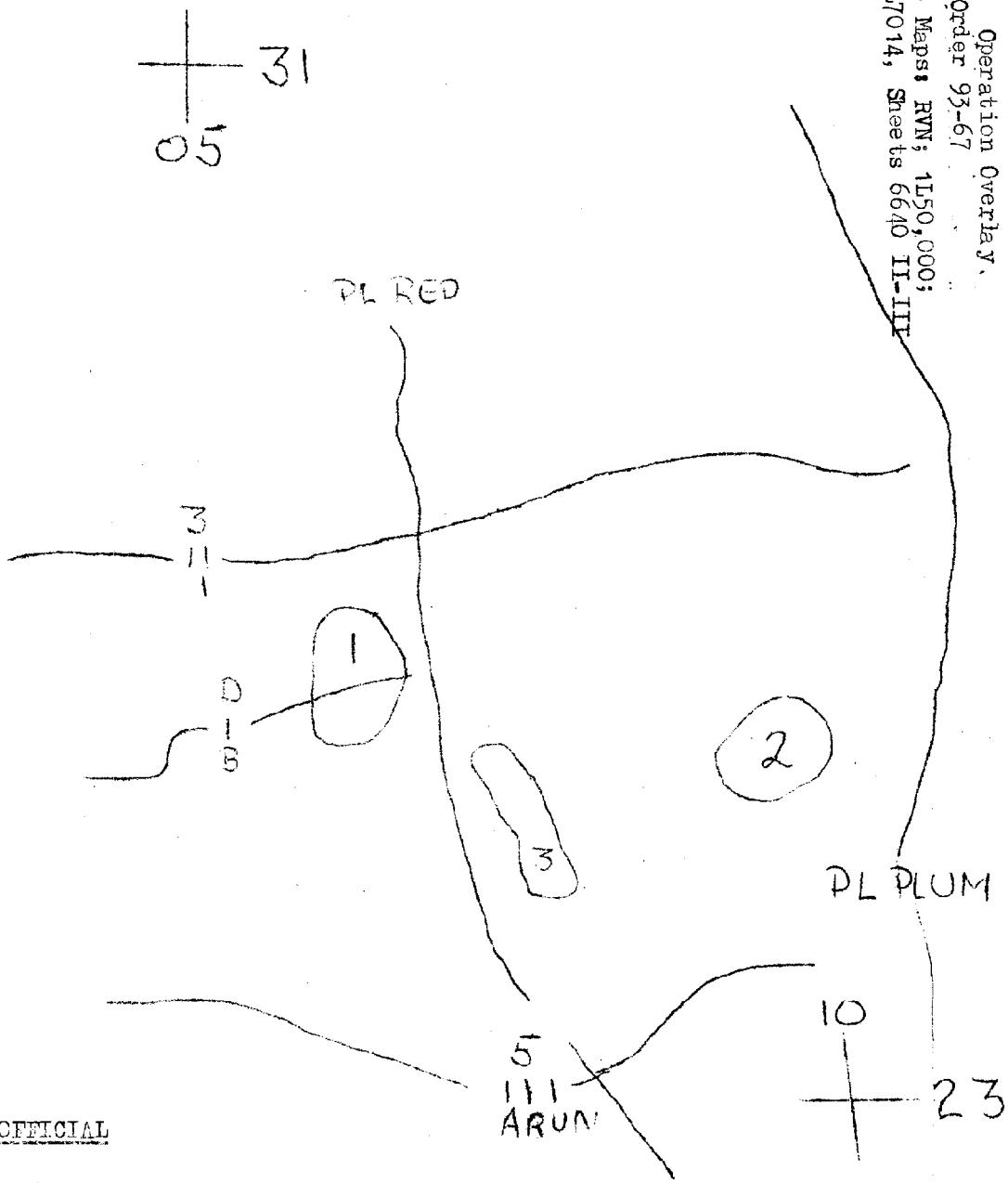
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Annex B: Fire Support Plan to Frag Order 93-67

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I. Artillery

A. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines will be in direct support of all activities conducted by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during Operation COCHISE, providing a forward observation team for each rifle company, and a liaison team to be located within the Command Group. In the event additional artillery support is required, Foxtrot and Whiskey Batteries of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines will be available as reinforcing batteries, throughout Operation COCHISE.

B. Preparation and on call fires have been planned to support Phase I of Operation COCHISE. Additional on call fires will be planned as required.

II. TACP

FAC Teams have been provided for each rifle company and a liaison officer is within the Command Group.

Air support will be on call throughout Operation COCHISE.

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Appendix 1: On call fires to Annex B
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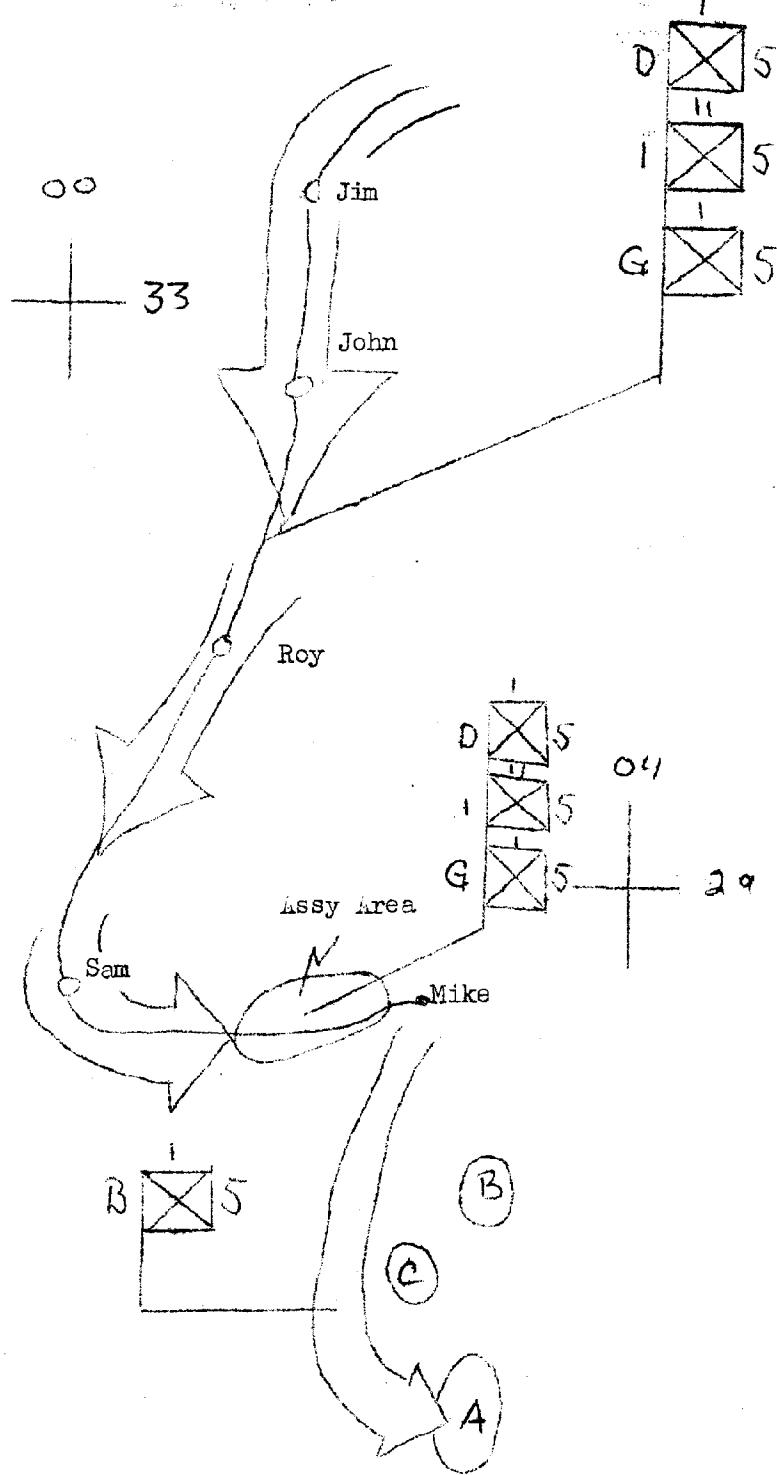
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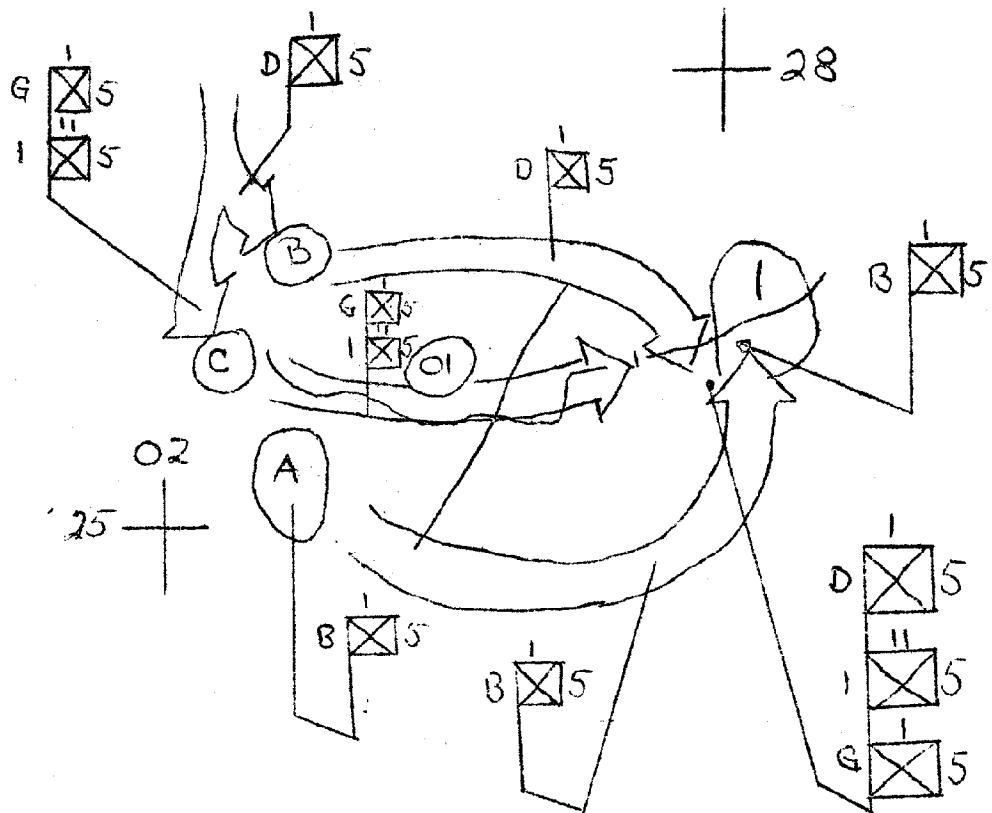
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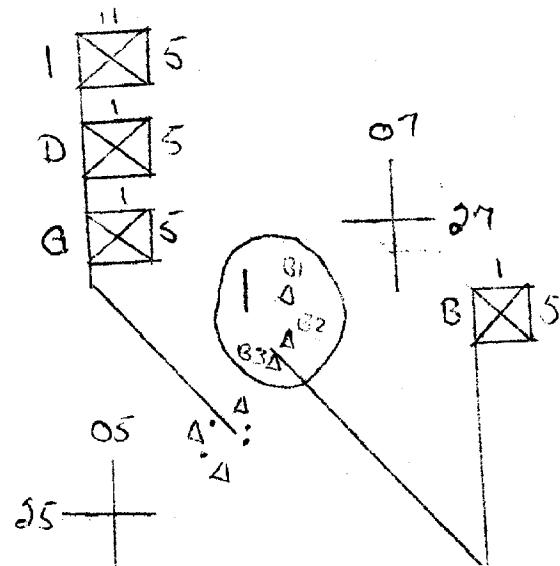
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company G, 2nd Bn, 1st Mar.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack to link up with night activity vicinity (BT 055265) and continue attack to Objective 1 within the assigned zone. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company B.

(1) On order continue to search Objective 1 within assigned zone; be prepared to conduct patrol activities as directed; be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order at H-Hour continue attack to link up with Company B.

d. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reaserve.

(2) Provide Command Group security.

(3) On order, at H-Hour continue attack to link up with Company B, be prepared to continue attack on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0700.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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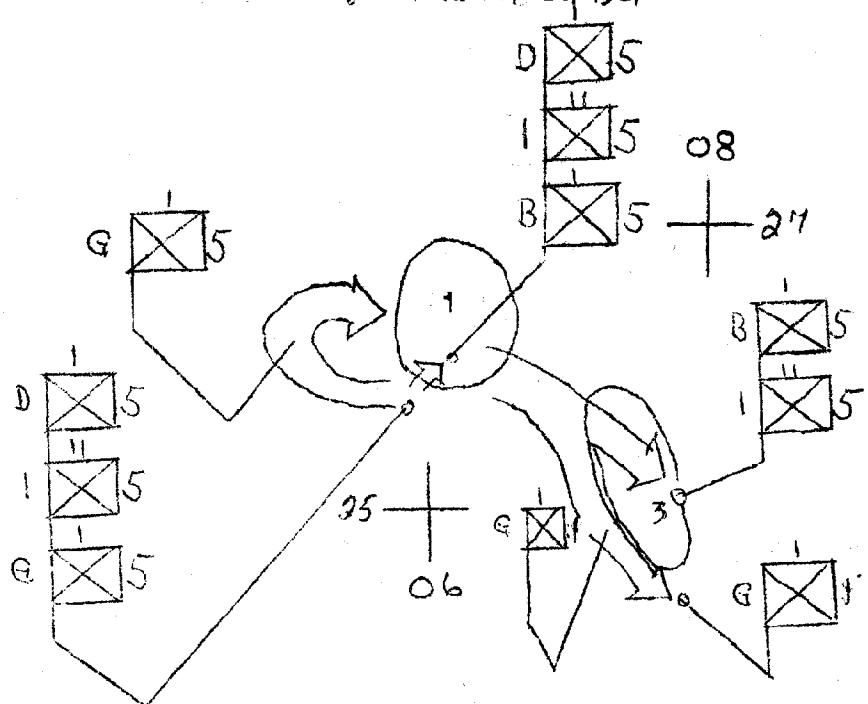
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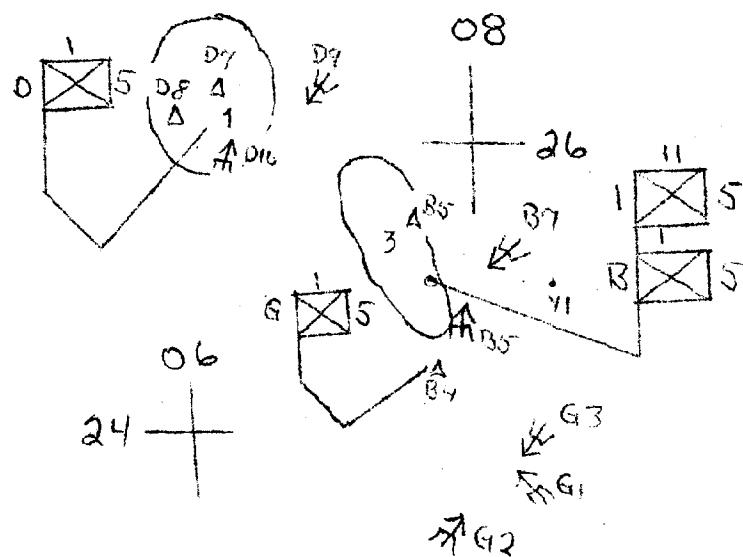
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Time Zone: H

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2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operations within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces equipment and facilities; prepares to reinforce ARVN Ranger heliborne landing; prepare to revert to TF X-Ray reserve.

3. EXECUTION. a. Company G.

a. Company G.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack along assigned axis of advance to Objective 4; establish blocking position, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

b. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack to link up with Company B vicinity CP Gray; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order move with Company B to CP Gray.

d. Company B.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

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(2) On order continue attack to establish patrol base vicinity of CP Gray; patrol as directed; be prepared to continue attack on order.

(3) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600, D-Day 13 August 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic load.

(1) 6 MCI's per man.

(2) 3 canteens and 3 days salt and halizone tablets per man.

(3) 1 protective gas mask per man.

(4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.

(a)	5.56mm	240 rounds per man
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(8) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.

(9) 3 WP grenades per squad.

(10) 2 claymore mines per squad.

(11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.

(12) 3 green star clusters per squad.

(13) 4 fragmentation hand grenades per squad.

c. Initial resupply D+1, and then every other day.

d. Each company will carry one E-8 launcher. (2 men designated as E-8 launcher men, one launcher to be carried).

e. Personnel.

(1) Companies submit personnel Daily Summary at 1400H commencing D-1.

(2) ID tags will be worn at all times.

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f. Medical.

(1) Medical support will be by the BAS at Hill 51, a C&C Platoon at the LSA at Hill 63, field hospitals at DaNang and Chu Lai or by the hospital ship.

(2) Emergency Medical Evacuations will be directed to Chu Lai, DaNang or the Hospital Ship. All other casualties will be directed to the C&C facility at the LSA.

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.
- c. Common Frequency; Bluebell 45.0 Neg.
- d. Display air panels on packs, yellow side showing.
- e. Reconnaissance Inserts:

(1) Crabtree	Primary Frequency	39.6
Eyelet	Alternate Frequency	37.9
(2) Duckbill	Primary Frequency	46.3
Donehue	Alternate Frequency	49.2
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Beaconlight Zulu		

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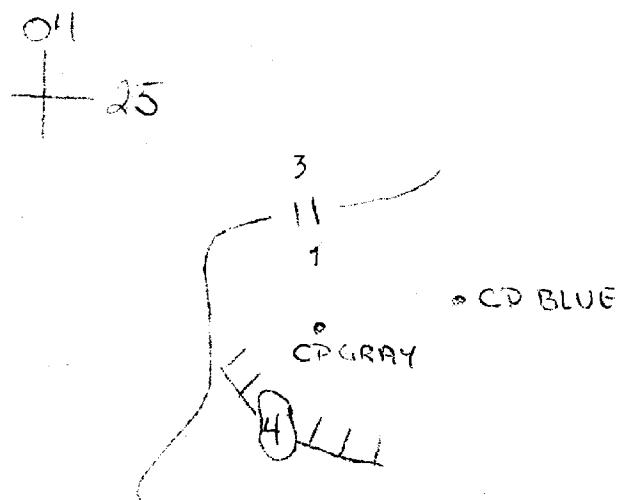
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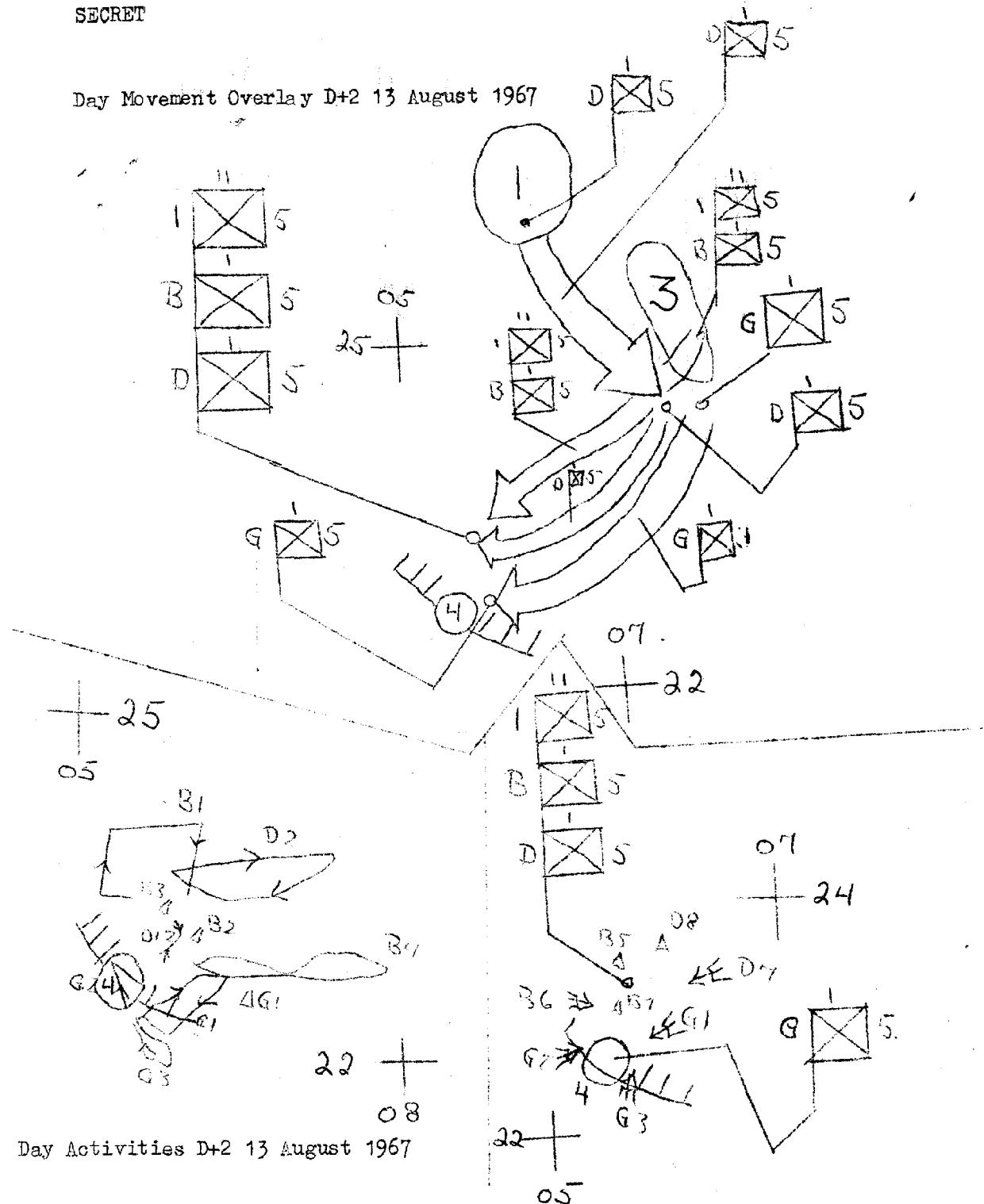
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Day Activities D+2 13 August 1967

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. To kill or capture the enemy and his weapons, to destroy caves tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company B.

- (1) On completion of resupply move to (BT 060235), secure patrol site.
- (2) Move out immediately on resupply.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

b. Company G.

- (1) On completion of resupply move to (BT 060235), in trace of Company B.
- (2) When relieved by Company D, platoon link up with Company G, continue attack on order.

c. Company H&S.

- (1) On completion of resupply move to (BT 060235), in trace of Company B.
- (2) General Support.

d. Company D.

- (1) Upon completion of resupply move to (BT 060235).
- (2) With one platoon relieve Company G platoon vicinity (BT 050225).

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

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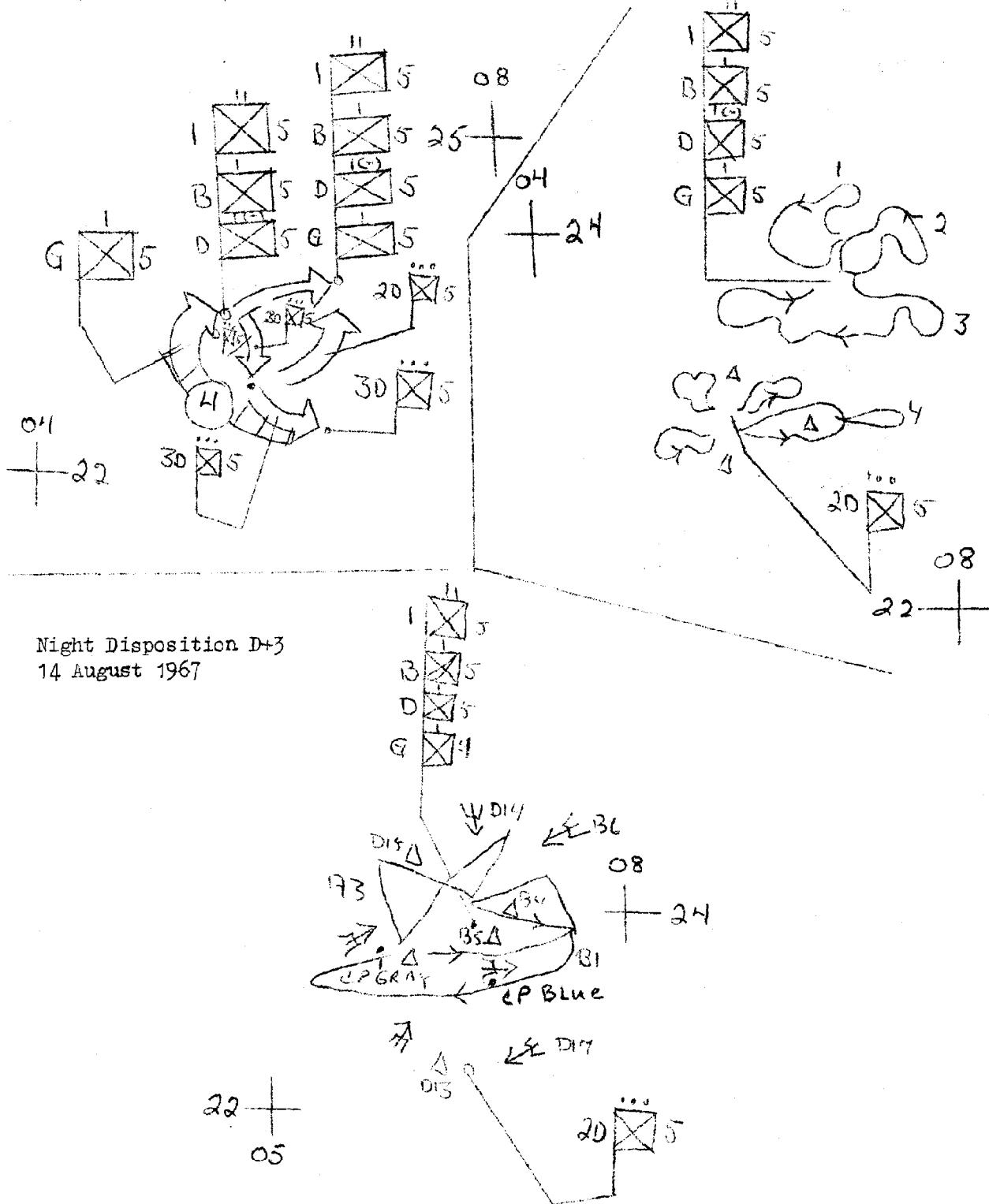
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy. Enemy units that may be encountered in the operational areas are the 2nd NVA Division and the 1st and 3rd NVA Regiments, elements thereof and local force guerrillas. Each of the above units have a 24-48 hour reinforcing capability.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces, equipment and facilities.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues attack with companies in column along axis of advance to Objective 4, prepares to continue attack on order.

b. Company G, 2ndBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack along axis of advance to Objective 4, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour +1, continue attack along axis of advance, in trace of Company G, to Objective 4, be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Provide flank security for Battalion Command Group.

(3) Be prepared to pass through Company G and assume mission on order.

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

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d. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) At H-Hour +1, continue attack along axis of advance in trace of Company B, to Objective 4.

(3) Provide Rear security for Battalion Command Group.

e. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

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

(3) Effect link up with detached platoon, then follow in trace of Company B along axis of advance to Objective 4; be prepared to continue attack on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0615, D-Day 13 August 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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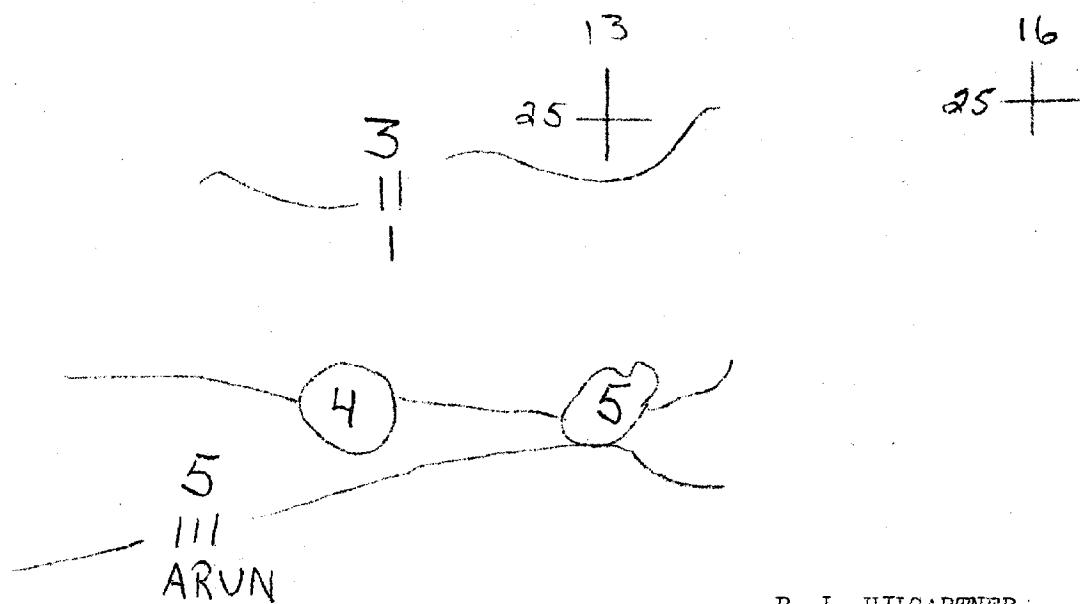
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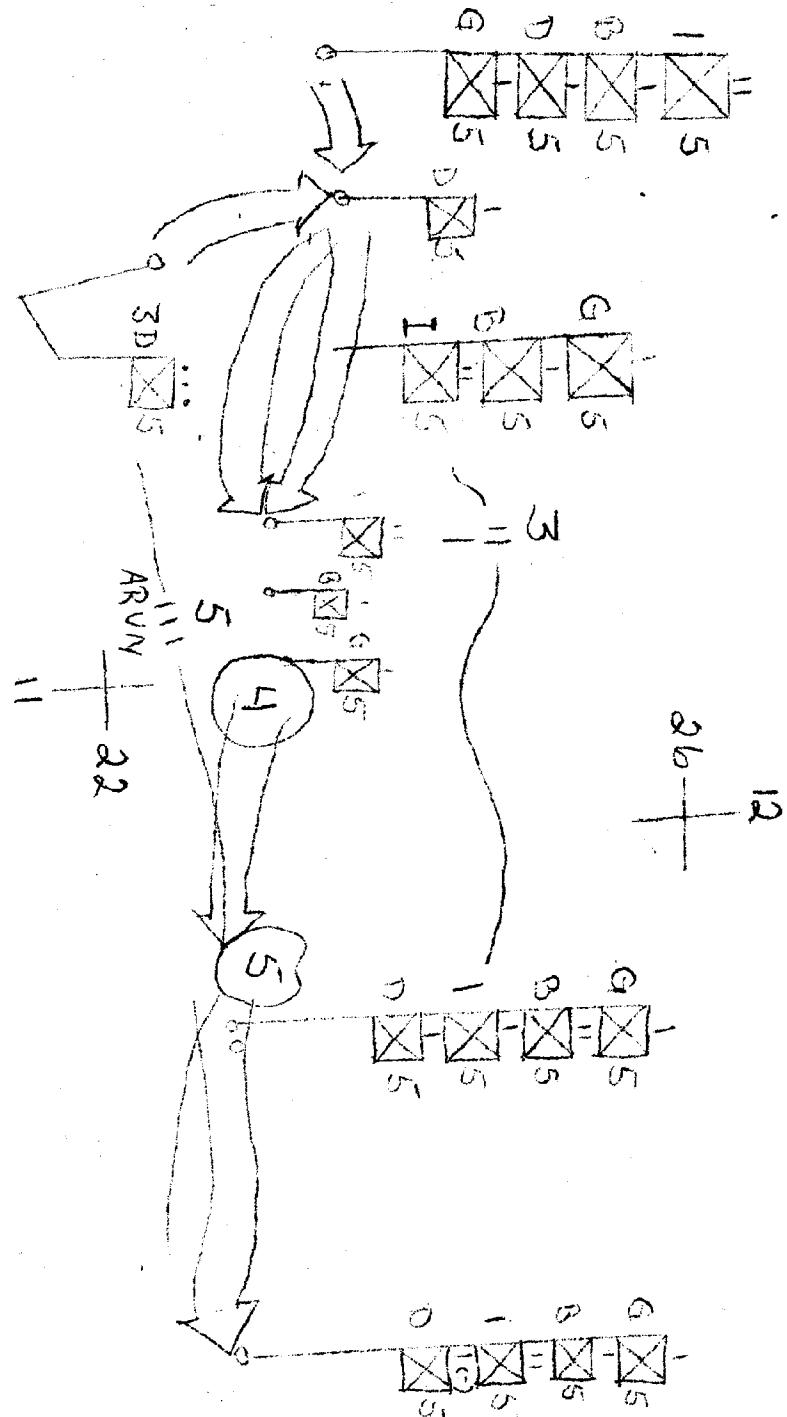
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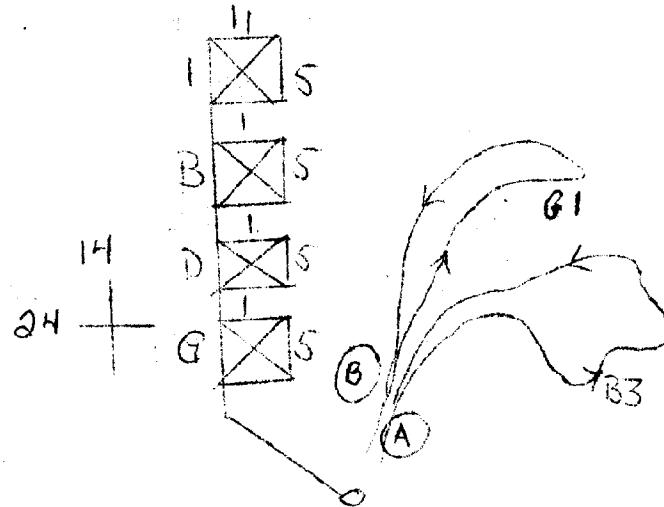
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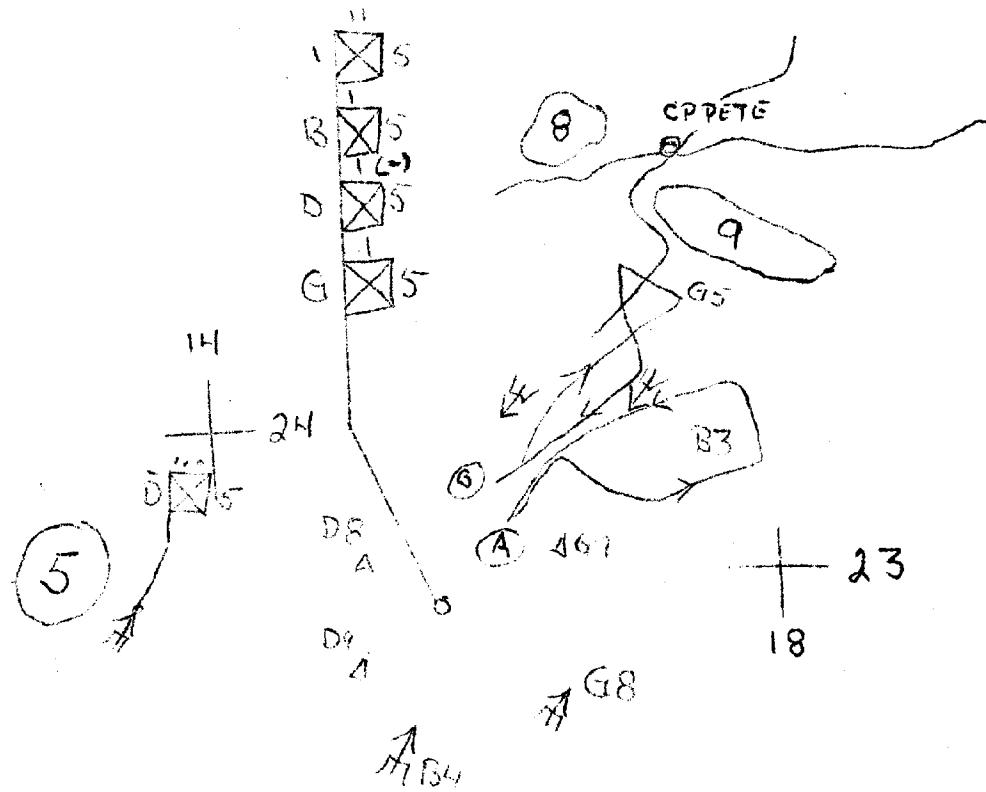
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Day Activities D+4 15 August 1967



Night Disposition Overlay D+4 15 August 1967



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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy. Enemy units that may be encountered in the operational area are the 2nd NVA Division and the 1st and 3rd NVA Regiments, elements thereof and local force guerrillas. Each of the above units have a 24-48 hour reinforcing capability.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces equipment and facilities,

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at H-Hour continues attack with 2 companies on line to Objective 10, prepares to continue attack on order.

b. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack in assigned zone on left flank to Objective 8; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour continue attack in assigned zone on right flank to Objective 9; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order at H-Hour +1½ commence movement between Company B and Company D.

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(3) Provide rear security for Command Group.

e. Company G, 2ndBn, 1stMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Be prepared to reinforce or relieve attacking company on order.

(3) At H-Hour + 1½ hours continue movement generally along boundary between Company B and Company D.

(4) Provide flank security for Battalion Command Group.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0530 for planning purposes.

(2) Resupply on reaching Objective 10, tactical situation permitting.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Ensure that men take salt tablets.

(5) Be in attack positions by H-Hour $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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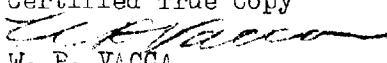
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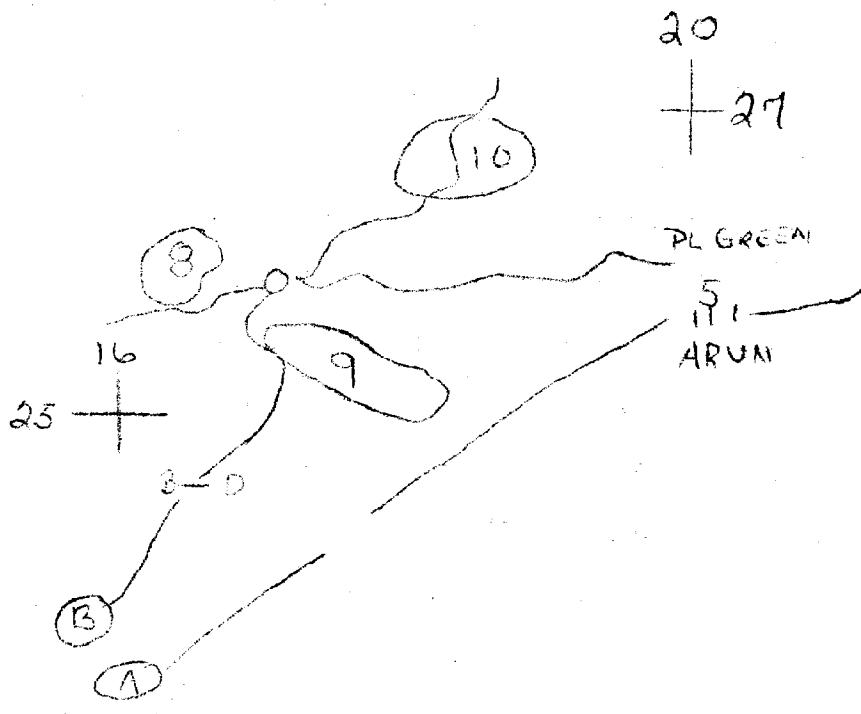
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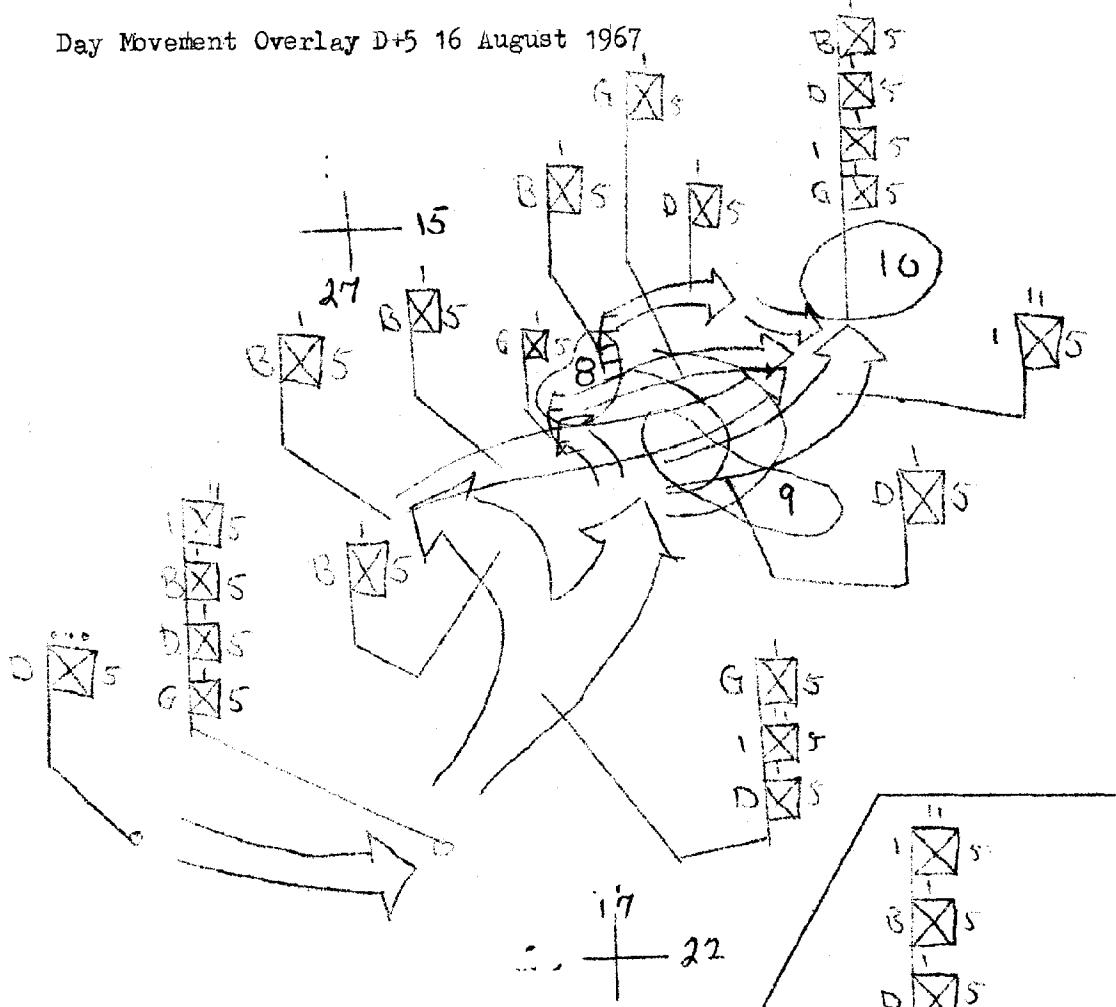
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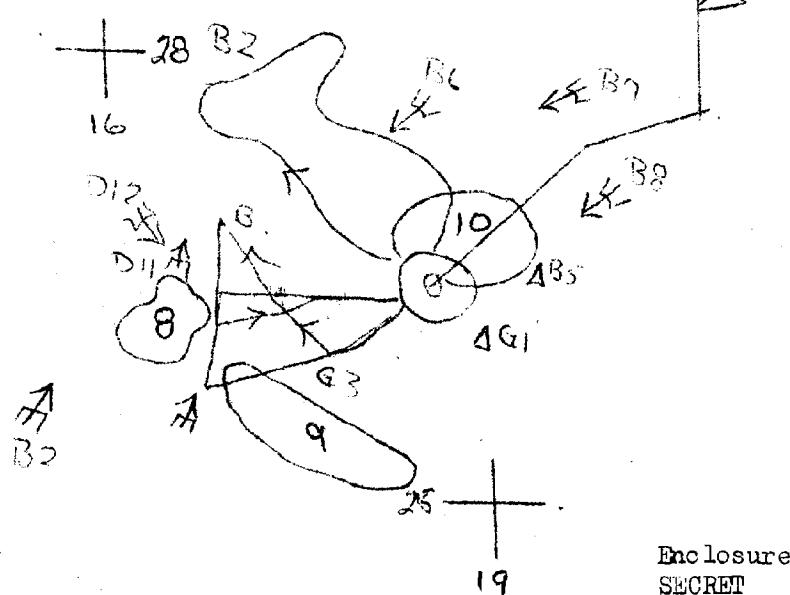
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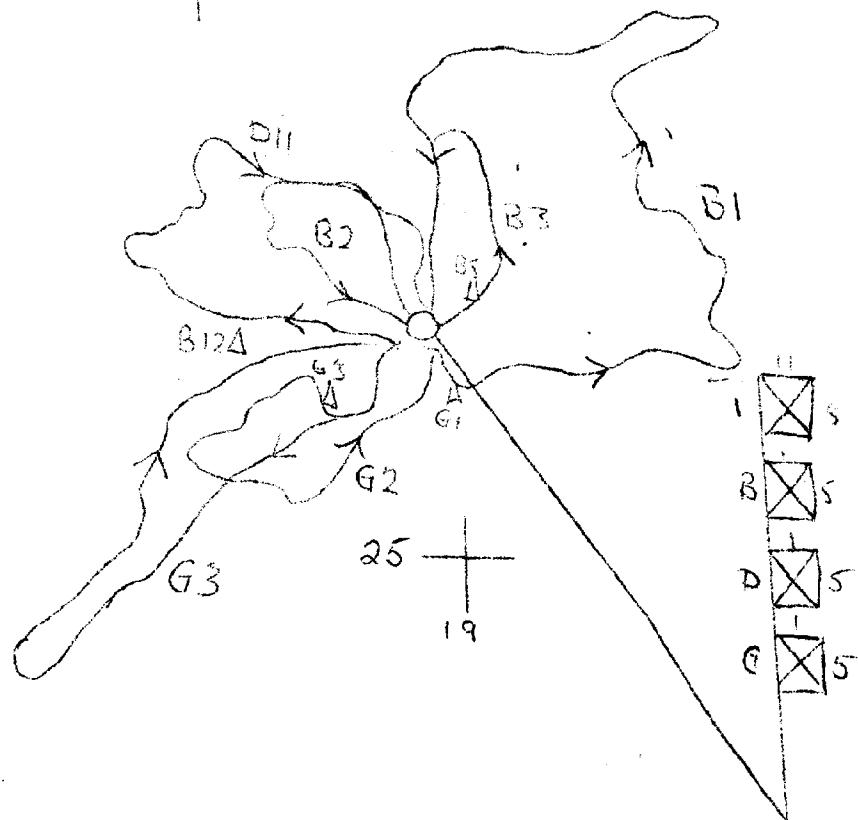
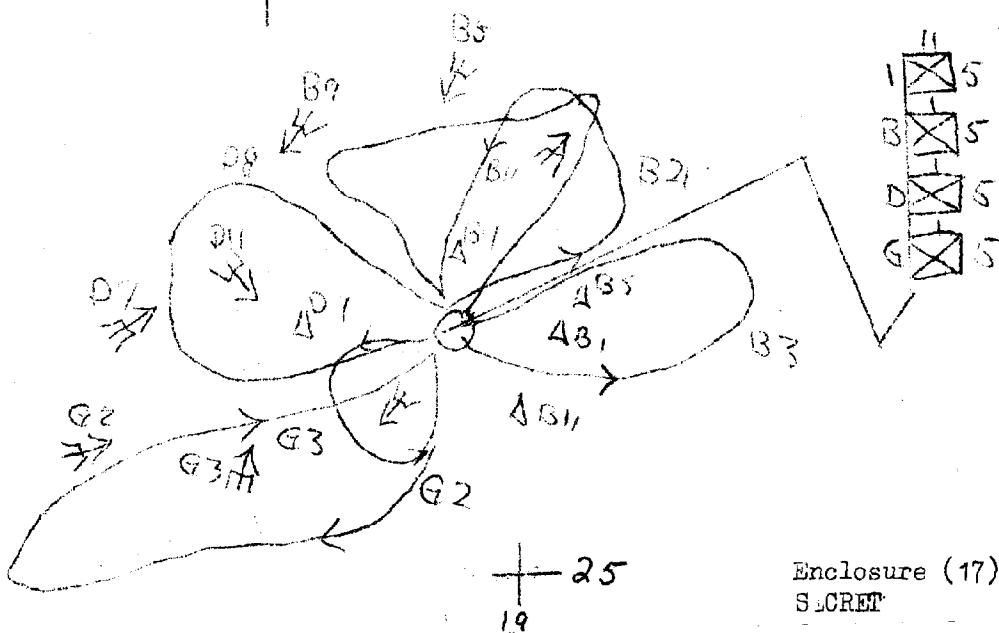


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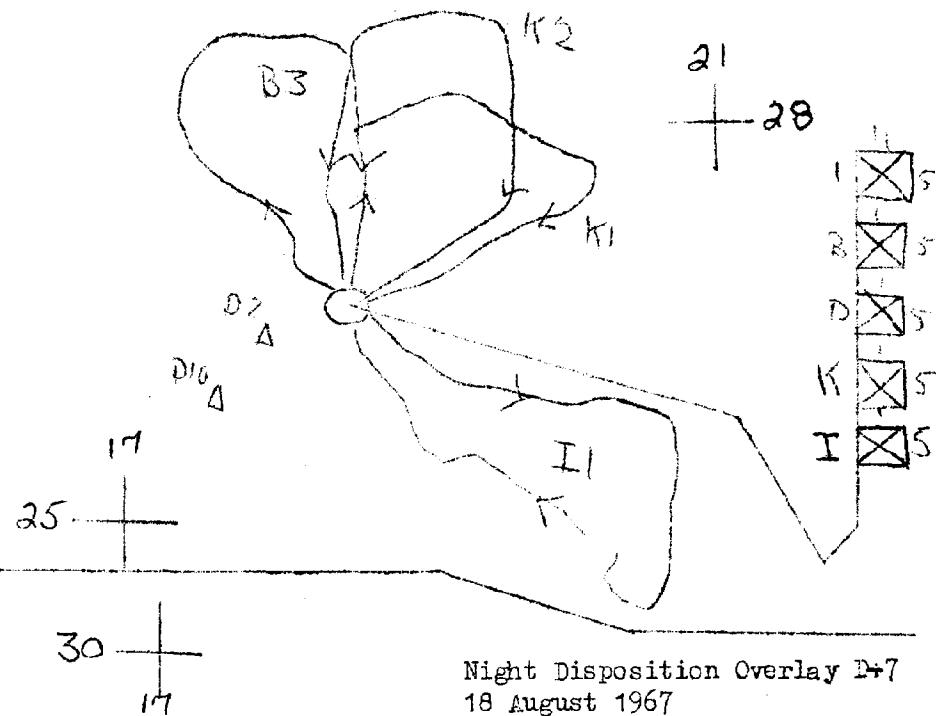
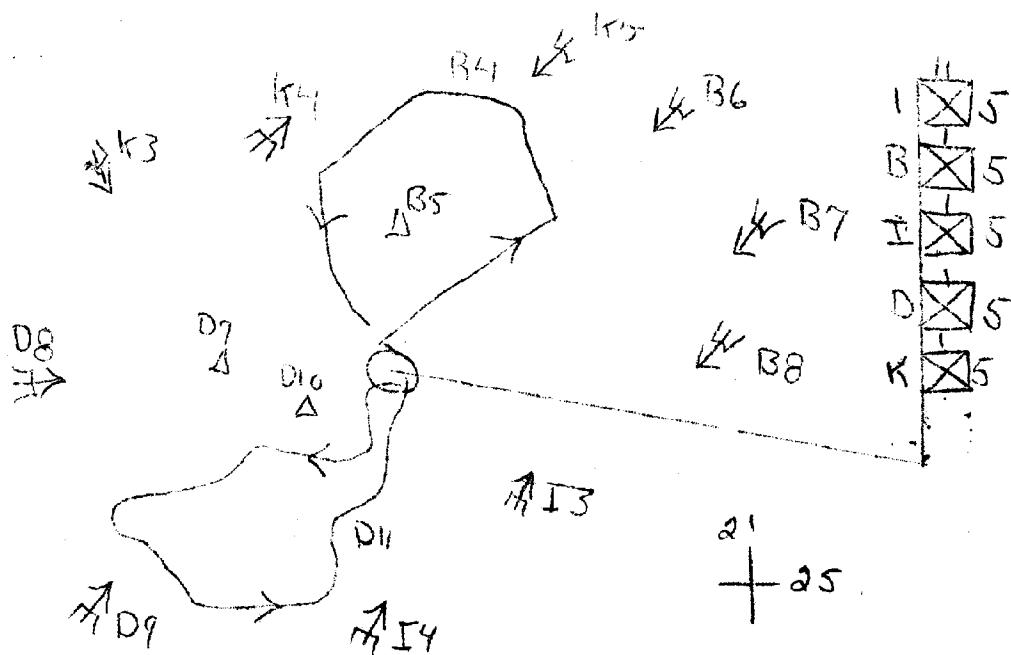
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Day Activities Overlay D+7 18 August 1967

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Frag Order 98-67

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy. No change.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) ARVNs: 6th ARVN Regiment lands in eastern portion of Hiep Duc area on D+1; 3rd Battalion, 4th ARVN land on order in LZ Dove.

(2) 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines lands in LZ Hawk at L Hour on D-Day, conducts search and destroy ZOA.

(3) 2ndBn Command Group, 11th Marines: D/S 5th Marines

Whiskey Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines D/S 1stBn, 5thMar

Whiskey Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines D/S 1stBn, 3rdMar

Whiskey Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines General Support

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts search and destroy operation within assigned zone of action to capture, destroy or dislodge enemy forces equipment and facilities; prepares to reinforce ARVN Ranger heliborne landing; prepare to revert to TF X-Ray reserve.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. On about L + 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1st Battalion, 5th Marines lands in column in trace of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in LZ Hawk, assembles vicinity (AT 872217); on order attacks with 3 companies abreast to seize Objective 13, 14, 16; continues attack to seize Objective Zulu by night of D-Day; maintains one company in Battalion/Regimental reserve.

b. Company D.

(1) On order at about L-2 commence helicopter lift into LZ Hawk, move to vicinity (AT 872217) on arrival LZ Hawk.

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(2) On order assume mission as Battalion/Regimental reserve.

- (a) Provide security for Battalion Command Group as directed.
- (b) On order be prepared to commence movement to Objective 16 in trace of Battalion Command Group and Det, H&S Company.
- (c) Be prepared to reinforce or assume mission of attacking unit on order.

c. Company K.

(1) On order at about L+2 commence helicopter lift to LZ Hawk, move to assembly area vicinity (AT 872217) on arrival in LZ Hawk.

(2) On order continue attack within zone to Objective 13, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. Company I.

(1) Conduct combat patrols from L-Hour -1½ hours to L-Hour-3 as directed.

(2) On order commence helicopter lift to LZ Hawk, move to assembly area vicinity (AT 872217) on arrival in LZ Hawk.

(3) On order continue attack within zone to Objective 14, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

e. Det. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence helicopter lift into LZ Hawk, move to assembly area vicinity (AT 877217) on arrival LZ hawk.

(3) On order commence movement to Objective 16, generally in trace of Company B.

(4) Provide rear security for Battalion Command Group.

(5) CO, ALO with Communications Officer S-3A will lift out in trace of Company D.

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f. Operations. (Initially Battalion Reserve)

(1) Provide security for helicopter lift of assault elements of Battalion, Commence uncovered tracking for helicopter lift to LZ Hawk, move to assembly area vicinity (AT 872217) on arrival LZ Hawk.

(2) On order continue attack within zone to Objective 16, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) L-Hour 0730, D-Day 19 August 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) On arrival assembly area vicinity (AT 872217) units will assume hasty defensive perimeter with north at 12 o'clock, Company D will occupy portions of perimeter from 9-12 o'clock, Company K will occupy portions of perimeter 6-9 o'clock; Company I will occupy portions of perimeter from 12-3 o'clock, Company B will occupy portions of perimeter from 3-6 o'clock.

(4) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Helicopter movement.

(1) Order of embarkation: Company D, Command Group, Company K, Company I, Det H&S Company, Company B.

(2) Company D will be in assembly area A vicinity (AT 184266) and Company K will be in assembly area B vicinity (AT 186267) by 190900H.

(3) Company I and Det H&S Company move to assembly areas A and B on order.

(4) Commence loading on order LZ control officer.

b. Resupply on D+2 and every other day thereafter.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Position reports every hour at 10 minutes before the hour.

b. Common Frequency: Bluebell 45.0

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c. Net Call Sign: COTTAGE NOTEBOOK. All stations will acknowledge in alphabetical order.

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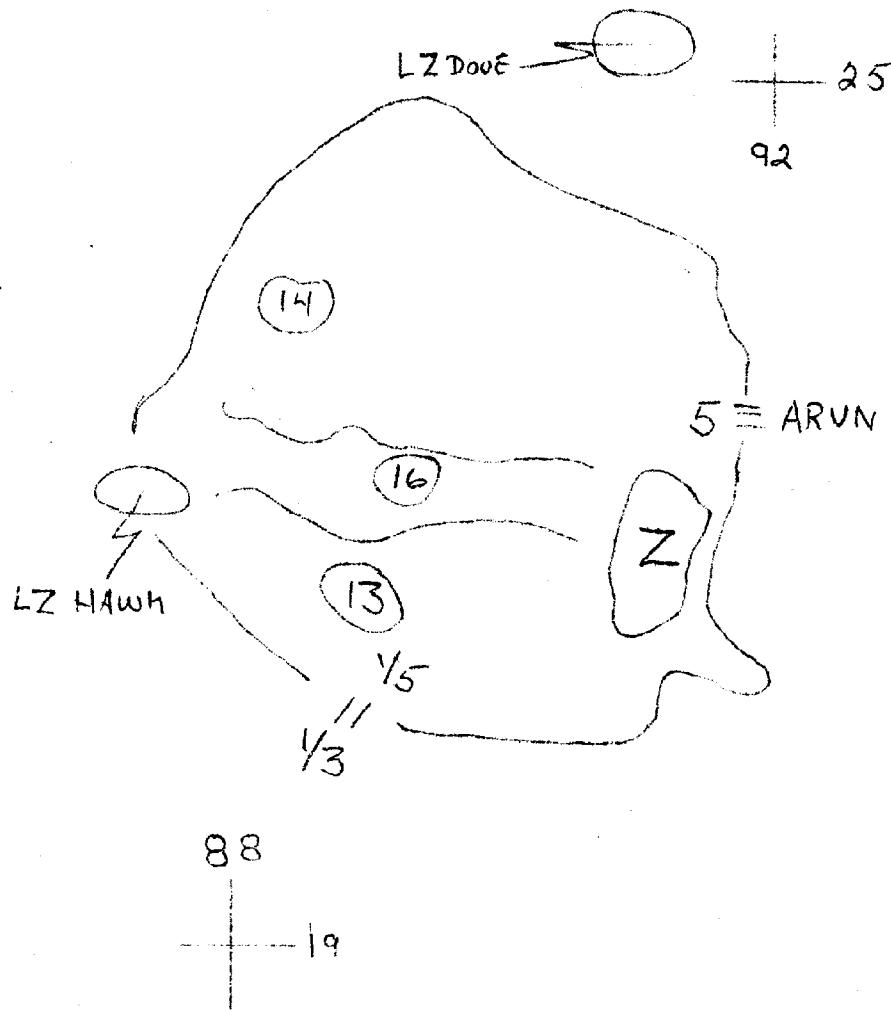
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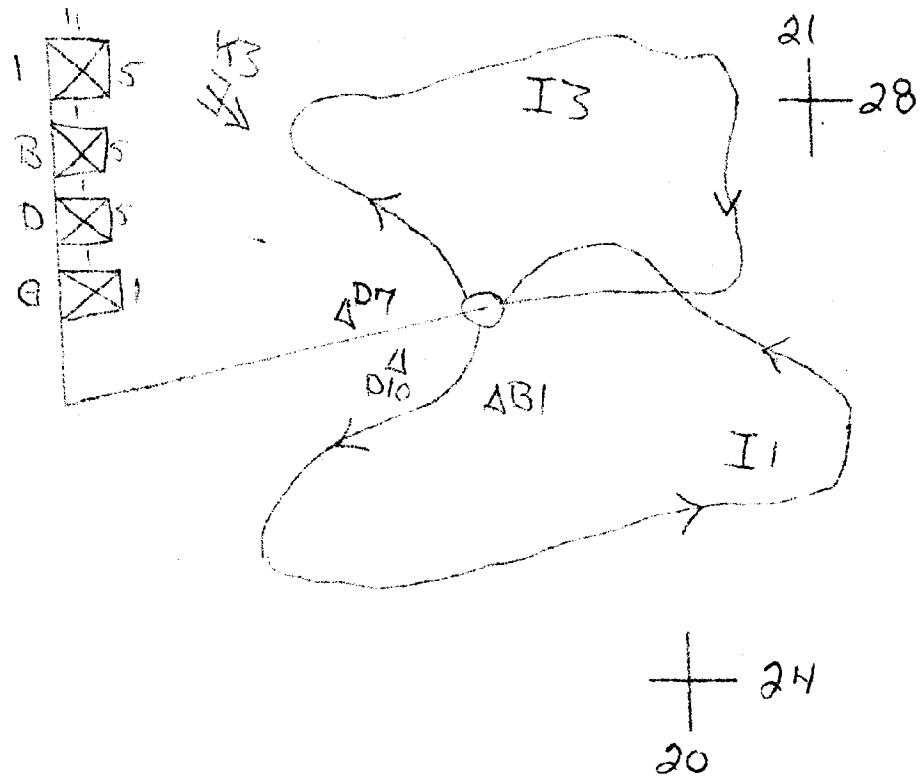
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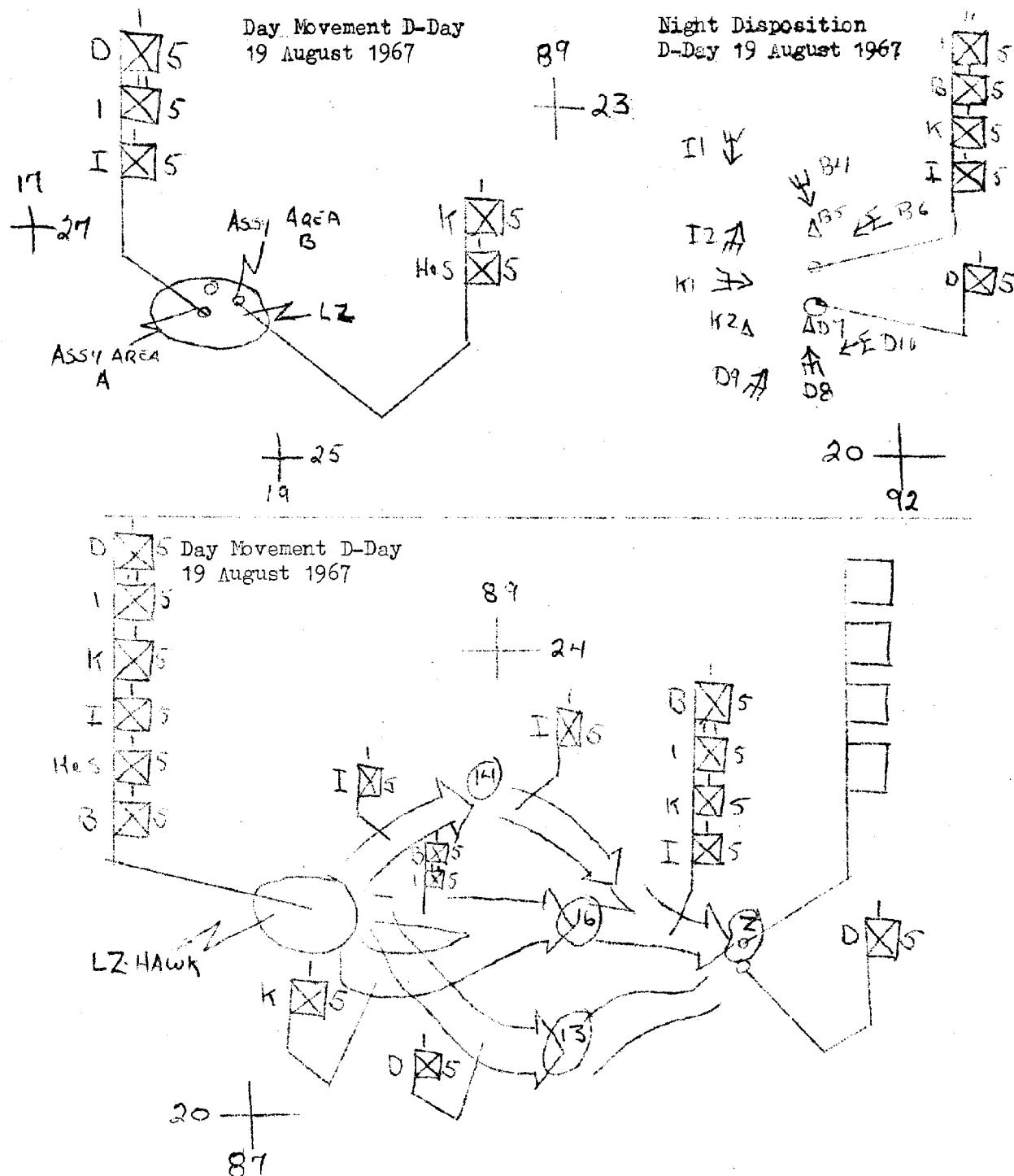
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Frag Order 99-67

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts patrols from present position and maintains preponderance of forces in Objective Zulu.

b. Company I.

(1) On order establish company patrol base vicinity (AT 908226) and conduct patrolling up to 1000 meters west, north and east of patrol base.

(2) Search for river crossing.

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

c. Company K.

(1) On order establish patrol base vicinity (AT 898218) and conduct patrolling out to 1000 meters to north, west and south of patrol base.

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

d. Company D.

(1) Conduct patrolling from present position.

(2) Search for river crossing to south and southwest.

e. Company B.

(1) Regimental reserve.

(2) Provide Command Post security.

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(3) Conducts local patrolling and searches for river crossing to east and northeast.

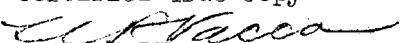
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.
- b. Basic load; no change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts extensive patrolling from present position. Conducts search and destroy operations to southern portion of zone with two companies.

b. Company D.

(1) On order commence company search and destroy to Objective 19, establish company patrol base.

(2) Conduct local patrolling and night activities.

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

c. Company E.

(1) On order commence company search and destroy to Objective 15, establish company patrol base.

(2) Conduct local patrolling.

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

d. Company I.

(1) Conduct extensive patrolling as directed, from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines patrol base.

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

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- (1) Battalion/Regimental Reserve.
- (2) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.
- (3) Conduct local patrolling as directed.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.
- b. Basic load; no change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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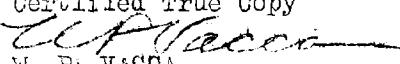
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