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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) 1-19 Septembor 1967
LTCOL P.L. HILGARTNER

20-30 September 1967
LTCOL O.W. VAN DEN BERG, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

S&S Company	1-30 September 1967 1STLT D.L. MCINTYRE
Company A	1-30 September 1967 CAPT F.S. GIORDANI
Company B	1-6 September 1967 CAPT T.D. REESE
Company C	7-30 September 1967 1STLT D.D. DROBNY
Company D	1-30 September 1967 CAPT H.C. JOHNSTON, JR.
	1-4 September 1967 CAPT R.F. MORGAN
	4-30 September 1967 CAPT D. HINZ

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (1-26 Sept 67)	CAPT C.B. CURTIS
(27-30 Sept 67)	CAPT J.A.H. RESSNEYER
1st Platoon, Co B, 1stEngrBn (1-3 Sept 67)	2NDLT G.L. NEWKIRK

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2NDLT R.D. CLEARFIELD

1st Platoon, Co B, 1stSPBn
(1-30 Sept 67)

2NDLT C.B. KEPFORD

3rd Platoon, Co A, 1stTkBn
(1-30 Sept 67)

2NDLT M. MICHAEL

Det, Co B, 1stATBn
(1-30 Sept 67)

SSGT M. HAMBY

2. Locations.

1-3 September 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein)
Combat Base located at Hill 51 (BT 025343) Que Son, RVN.

4-15 September 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein)
participated in Operation "SWIFT".

15-30 September 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein)
Combat Base located at Hill 51 (BT 025343) Que Son, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1-30 September 1967
MAJ E.C. CHEATHAM, JR.

S-1 Officer

1-30 September 1967
WO J.E. PERRY

S-2 Officer

1-30 September 1967
2NDLT V.J. VENANZI

S-3 Officer

1-30 September 1967
MAJ C. H. BLACK

S-4 Officer

1-30 September 1967
CAPT E. A. GRIMM

S-5 Officer

1-30 September 1967
1STLT J.D. JEWELL

Air Liaison Officer

1-28 September 1967
CAPT D.L. MONROE29-30 September 1967
CAPT R.E. JACOBS1-3 ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

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Medical Officer	1-30 September 1967 LT J.E. PILON (USNR)
Supply Officer	1-19 September 1967 2NDLT R.L. CAREY
	20-30 September 1967 2NDLT L.F.A. MALL
Communications Officer	1-29 September 1967 1STLT J. CONNOR
	30 September 1967 CAPT H.G. DUNCAN
Motor Transport Officer	1-30 September 1967 2NDLT A. DESCHAMPS
Legal Officer/Adjutant	1-30 September 1967 1STLT W.P. VACCÀ
Chaplain	1-30 September 1967 LTJG C.R. PARKER (USNR)

4. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC		USN	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
39	1017	3	53

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Postal service during September deteriorated due to helicopter non-availability. There were several periods during the month when no mail was received for 3 to 5 days. The 5th Marines Regimental Post Office provided 2 mobile runs to Hill 51 selling Postal Money Orders, envelopes and stamps. Mobile runs twice a month are satisfactory for the needs of this battalion.

b. Two mobile PX runs were conducted during the last ten days of the month by the Division Exchange. Both were well stocked with merchandise and were extremely well received by the members of this battalion.

c. Two award ceremonies were conducted by the battalion during September with the following awards presented: Bronze Star Medals-3, Navy Commendation Medals-2, Purple Heart Medals-23, and Commanding General's Certificates of Commendation 3. Total number of personnel recommended for awards during September: Medal of Honor-1, Navy Cross-1, Silver Star-5, Bronze Star-23, Navy Commendation Medal-8, and CG Certificate of Commendation-4.

2. Enemy, Weather and Terrain.

a. Enemy. During September 1967, the enemy continued to operate in the vicinity of the combat base in a estimate strength of two regiments consisting of various identified and unidentified units. The 1st NVA Regiment and parts of the 3rd and 21st NVA Regiment were encountered during Operation "SWIFT". Information received from Que Son District Chief, rated C-3 by Battalion S-2, revealed the following information concerning enemy unit designations and locations: the 105th LF Battalion operated generally to the north of the Battalion Combat Base; the 70th Independent NVA Battalion located in vicinity (BT 0939), (BT 1038) and (BT 1138), the 1st Battalion of the 3rd NVA Regiment located in vicinity (AT 9631), (AT 9632) and (AT 9734). Unidentified units according to local sources are company sized units at coordinates (BT 001389), (BT 054385), (BT 119388), and battalion size units located at (AT 9528), (BT 0934), (BT 0834), (BT 1034), (AT 9527), (AT 9627), (BT 0041) and (BT 0441). Follow-up action was taken on intelligence

reports received from Que Son District during September 1967.

b. Weather. The weather during September was humid with occasional late afternoon rain showers. The average high and low temperatures were 90 degrees and 75 degrees respectively.

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 a corridor 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 Battalion Combat Base can provide an excellent withdrawal route for the enemy.

d. Vegetation. Bamboo and scrub are the prime vegetation features which restricts long observation.

3. Organization and Operations.

a. During the month of September the battalion participated in Operation SWIFT from 4-15 September and continued to actively patrol the areas adjacent to the combat base at Hill 51, (BT 025342). In addition to a two company operation, company, platoon and squad patrols were conducted daily. (On 29 September the battalion was alerted to deploy to assume responsibility for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines FAOR on 1 October 1967.)

b. The Battalion assumed the Bald Eagle commitment for the 5th Marine Regiment on 20 September, and maintained this requirement throughout the remainder of the month.

c. Improvement of field fortifications for the combat base was continued throughout the month. Decking and drainage in the fighting positions were tested as a result of almost daily heavy showers and improvements were made where necessary.

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 the battalion and the company level with continued emphasis on care and cleaning of the M-16 rifle and familiarization firing. During this firing the instruction stressed, confidence building, results, fire discipline, fire control, firing techniques, and weapons safety.

Training was also conducted in scouting and patrolling, field fortifications, map reading and use of the compass, field sanitation and hygiene, NCO leadership, and conduct of Marines in Vietnam.

b. The battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher Headquarters. During the month of September 1967, 11 Marines attended school in DaNang, RVN and in Okinawa.

5. Logistics.

a. During the month of Sept 1967 the build-up of the combat base continued.

b. Contact teams from FMFPAC Maintenance Team, 1st Marine Division Maintenance Team, 1st Marine Division Embarkation, and an 81mm mortar Maintenance Team from Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Force Service Regiment visited the Combat Base to conduct inspections and give instructions in their respective areas. In addition a Division G-4 Assistance Team as well as a Supply Inspection Team from Division visited the Combat Base during this period. Two Officers from the Division Air Delivery Officer, G-4 and a Liaison and Survey Team from Naval Construction Battalion visited the Combat Base during September.

c. On 30 September work commenced on preparations for deployment to assume responsibility for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR.

6. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

a. During the month of September 1967, 827 Vietnamese civilians were treated at Med-Cap.

b. After providing courtesy evacuation assistance for 50-60 persons, S-5 discontinued providing helicopter evacuation service for Vietnamese. Henceforth evacuation assistance will only be given on a very limited basis. This action was necessitated due to limited helicopter availability.

c. Meetings were held with the District Chief (Lt. DAP) concerning prostitution and sale of marijuana cigarettes in Banh Thuong (5). The information was given to the National Police and arrests are to be made in the near future.

d. The people of Son Lanh Village completed and installed the necessary furnishings needed to run an efficient Med-Cap program.

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e. Through the efforts of the ARVN Liaison Officer (Lt. KHA) and the Civil Affairs Staff a new identification card was initiated for the merchants of Lanh Thuong (5). This card is a permit to run an establishment that sells to Marines of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The new system will eliminate the possibility of strangers infiltrating into the village.

f. Liaison was made with Chief of Son Lanh Village to ensure a thorough police call daily in Lanh Thuong (5).

g. School kits, a sewing machine and rice thresher were from III MIF Supply Warehouses during this period. Distribution will be at a later date. A meeting was held at Que Son District Headquarters concerning the use of the rice thresher. The District Chief decided that the rice thresher will be given to the refugees. Before they receive the rice thresher they must construct a shelter in a centrally located position for harvest. The spot for the construction of the shelter has been picked and construction will soon begin. Profits from the rice thresher will be used to buy new and different types of seed.

h. Arrangements were made with local craftsman to make mugs and trays to be sent home by the Marines of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines as Christmas presents.

i. A Civil Action Technical Inspection was held by Division G-5 during this period. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was given a satisfactory rating with no discrepancies.

j. S-6 Staff along with LTCOL VAN DEN BERG, JR. journeyed to Que Son District to take part in the festivities celebrating Vietnamese National Youth Day (18 September). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines donated 200lbs. of candy to the festivities.

k. The first few days of the month were comparatively inactive for the civic action program. This was due to the Vietnamese National Elections. Lanh Thuong (5) was closed for the time during the election and the few days that followed. However, liaison was made with local merchants making it possible for the Marines to get haircuts and pick up their laundry at the main gate.

l. Prices were lowered in Lanh Thuong (5) as a result of the meeting held by the Civil Affairs and ARVN Liaison Officer with local District and Village officials.

m. Three booby traps were reported to S-5 by youths of Lanh Thuong (5). The booby traps were located in the vicinity of the trash dump. The information concerning the booby traps was turned over to S-2 and Engineers.

n. Four scholarships were given out by LTCOL VAN DEN BERG to deserving youths of the Que Son District in the name of General Walt. The General Walt Scholarships will be given out every four months to those children in need of financial assistance to further their education.

7. Psychological Operations.

a. On 5 September the following leaflets were ordered from Regimental S-5: SP 1252-Reel meaning of Chieu Hoi, SP 1233A-Chieu Hoi appeal and rally instructions, and others dealing with health and hygiene. The first two sets were dropped by air at coordinates (AT 985315) and (AT 993334) on 8 September. The remaining set was used for hand distribution in Que Son in relation with the MEDCAP program.

b. During the period from 6-17 September, daily broadcasts were made to the west and southwest of Hill 51 stressing the Chieu Hoi theme. Other themes used were harassment tapes, appeal for VC husbands to return home to their families, messages to rural compatriots, and don't pay VC taxes. Several broadcasts were made live using S-2 Scouts.

c. During the period from 17-20 September all PSY/OPS equipment was checked and found to be in proper working order. On 18 September this equipment was used for National Youth Day Festival in the Que Son District.

d. District Chief of Que Son and the Christian Minister visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to pay their respects to LTCOL. P. L. HILGARTNER.

8. Comptroller Activities.

a. Appropriated funds were obligated in a timely manner during September, the last month of the first quarter FY 68. An additional allocation of \$50,000.00 was received and obligated to fund longtime supply deficiencies.

9. Communications.

a. Construction of a battery bunker was completed on 3 September work on a central transmission bunker began on 17

Septembor. Thirty telescopic telephone poles were acquired on 24 Septembor and the installation of new telephone and power lines is in progress.

10. Significant Casualties Inflicted or Sustained; VC Captured.

a. Friendly Casualties (USMC).

KIA	59
DOW	2
WIA	129
WIANE	67
NBC	6
NBD	0
MIA	0

b. Enemy Casualties.

KIA Confirmed	237
KIA Probable	375
Detainees	44
Refugees	0
POW	3

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

a. Weapons Captured.

19 AK-47 Chi Com Assault Rifles, serial numbers: 10041283, 11082569, 10061953, 11083476, 2118259-II, 10078321, 10115216, 9472216, 9473644, 10066296, 15811-II, 526732, 9468372, 9469658, 11043679, 1010044, 10066236, 20283, and 10090578.

7 AK-56 Chi Com Assault Rifles, serial numbers: 10108075, 883675, 927312, 10091796, 908943, 1013274 and 9285747.

1 AK-50 Chi Com Assault Rifle serial number: 218361.

3 AK-44 Chi Com Assault Rifles serial numbers: 10077839, 10084763, and 10107767.

6 AK-43 Chi Com Assault Rifle serial numbers: 7051663, 642098, 7060630, 682290, 10125156 and 80987.

5 SKS Soviet Carbines serial numbers: 642898, 7057160, 642270, 7058242 and 7075821.

1 K-44 Chi Com Bolt Action Carbine serial number: 003340.

1 US Carbine, 30 caliber, M2, serial number: 3959618.

1 US Browning Automatic Rifle serial number: 196256.

1 AK-41 Assault rifle serial number: 1007767.

4 US M-16 Rifles serial numbers: 646873, 713269, 711417, 710814.

1 60mm mortar tube with sight serial number: 57481.

2 B-40 Rocket Launchers serial numbers: 511904 and 204471.

1 60mm mortar with base plate and bipods serial numbers: 351214-55-601018.

1 Chi Com Heavy MG serial number: CA 276.

b. Ordnance Equipment Captured.

300 rounds 7.62mm
2,000 rounds 7.62mm, linked
3,000 rounds, mixed ammo
63 Chi Com grenades
3 M-26 grenades
1 CS grenade
25 M-79 rounds
8 60mm mortar rounds
11 B-40 rocket rounds.
1 75mm RR round
1 82mm round
1 57mm RR round
1 tracer round; 50 caliber
20 5.56mm rounds

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

463 Chi Com grenades
23 B-40 rocket rounds
28,000 rounds 7.62 short/long
16 75mm RR rounds
39 82mm rounds
92 60mm rounds
1,190 50 caliber tracer rounds
2 FA 386 booby traps
1 B-40 rocket launcher
16 homemade grenades
1 claymore mine
1 M-79 booby trap round
1 US landmine, BLU B/B, lot 219-5-66
2 M-26 grenades
17 canteens
15 canteen pouches
17 magazine pouches
14 hammocks
7 E-tools
13 ponchos
7 chow cups

6 grenade pouches
4 helmets
25 punji stakes
4 MG magazine pouches
3 first aid kits

13. Significant Enemy Equipment Captured During the Month of September 1967.

28 Cartridge bolts
26 E-tools
2 packs
29 canteens
12 ponchos
11 hammocks
64 AK-47 magazines
1 AK-56 magazine
77 packs
2 pair field glasses
250 feet comm wire
48 sets assorted uniforms
5 battle dressings
1 M-16 magazine
1 US helmet
assorted documents and papers
8 first aid kits
1 battery blow horn
1 NVA belt with red star on buckle
1 razor
1 wallet
1 watch
1 commercial wallet
11 gas masks, homemade
17 magazine pouches
20 canteen pouches
4 sacks 782 gear
1 commercial, 2 band, 9 transistor radio made in Japan, serial number T-2204, make, Japan.
1 field medical kit.

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

One cave located, 1 cave destroyed.

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

M-16 Rifles

707326	549324
641579	100398
226423	539051
646815	703834
703518	648048
709124	545800
542430	554382
547878	

US 45 C. L. Pistols

2433843
2183246
1829324
2631068
903441

3 AN/PRC-25 W/ASSY Serial number 953, 1734, and 1822
4 Launcher grenade M-79
1 Mortar 60mm Serial number unavailble.
1 Launcher Rocket 3.5 inch

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(1) 1 Sept 1967 Company A continued OPCON to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(2) 010310H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced search and destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 106-67. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

(3) 010735H Company B at (BT 00317) observed 4 VC at (BT 001-319) wearing black clothing. Company B fired 45-50 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. Search disclosed 1 VC KIA confirmed. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(4) 010755H Company B at (BT 000324) received 1 round small arms fire from (AT 994324) wounding one Marine in the left wrist. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(5) 010900H MEDCAP was held at Banh Thuong (5) hamlet at (BT - 024345). 28 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(6) 011140H Company B at (AT 999329) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 3 VC at (AT 999328). Company B returned 25-30 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results.

(7) 011150H Company B at (AT 985328) observed 8-10 VC at (AT 985330) wearing black clothing and carrying weapons. Company B fired 45-50 rounds small arms fire as VC fled to the northwest into heavy undergrowth. Area was searched with negative results.

(8) 011235H Company B at (AT 982324) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 VC at (AT 976324) wounding 2 Marines. As Company B returned fire and maneuvered to close with the enemy, small arms fire was received from an estimated 10-15 VC at (AT 975328). Company B continued to return small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire. Enemy apparently broke contact to the west. As medical evacuation was being conducted, an additional 5 rounds small arms fire were received from (AT 974325). Area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAE.

(9) 011445H Company B at (AT 999328) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 27, who stated he was a VC. Initial interrogation by Battalion S-2 revealed detainee was a 60mm mortar man. A range card was found on detainee. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines

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S-2. Results: 1 Detainee

(11) 011730H Company B at (AT 984355) observed 7 VC at (AT 98-3356) wearing black clothing, some wearing cartridge belts and carrying weapons. Company B fired 65-70 rounds small arms fire, 4 M-79 rounds and searched area finding 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 cartridge belt and 1 wounded Vietnamese female. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 Detainee.

(12) 011900H Company B at (BT 001351) found two anti-tank mine 1 foot in diameter with three prongs protruding from the ground. Mines were destroyed in place by engineers.

(13) 011945H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 106-67. See Tab (B) to Enclosure (1).

2 Sept 1967 The Battalion Kit Carson members participated in the RVN National Election.

2 Sept 1967 Company A continued OPCON to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

(1) 020631H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 107-67. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(2) 020800H Company D at (BT 062361) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from (BT 066365). Returned 75 rounds small arms fire. 1 Vietnamese male wearing blue clothing was apprehended during a search of the area. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 detainee.

(3) 021300H H&S Company Fire Team Security 5Y7 at (BT 024346) reported that 20 82mm mortar rounds, 4 57mm HE rounds and 1 60mm mortar round were uncovered by a bulldozer. Rounds were destroyed on place by engineers.

(4) 021720H Company D at (BT 071364) received 25 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC at (BT 073366). 110 rounds small arms fire, 12 60mm HE rounds and 3 M-79 rounds were returned. Area was searched with negative results.

(5) 021935H Company C Squad Patrol 5C3 at (BT 055314) observed 5 VC at (BT 055313) who did not halt upon order. Patrol fired 20-30 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC wearing black and white

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clothing. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(6) 022000H Company B defensive position in the 1st Battalion 5th Marines Combat Base perimeter at (BT 024342) received 5-6 rounds small arms fire from (BT 014334). 10 rounds 81mm HE were fired on suspected enemy position.

3 Sept 1967 Company A continued OPCON to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine

(1) 030725H Company D continued search and destroy operations in accordance with modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 107-67. See Tab (C) to Enclosure (1).

(2) 030830H 3rd Platoon, Company C arrived at Nui Bac Son Combat Base terminating search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 124-67. See Tab (E) to Enclosure (1).

(3) 030845H Company D at (BT 081374) received 5-10 incoming mortar rounds or rifle grenades and 50-100 rounds automatic weapons fire from an estimated 20-25 at (BT 082378). Returned small arms fire and called artillery/air missions. Company D later observed 7 VC and fired 75-100 rounds small arms fire, observing 3 VC fall, one dropping a Browning Automatic Rifle. Search of area revealed heavy blood trails and one Browning Automatic Rilfle, serial number 596256. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 5 VC KIA probable.

(4) 031005H Company D received modification to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 107-67. See Tab (D) to Enclosure (1).

(5) 031040H Company B, Squad Patrol 5B23, at (BT 009316) observed 2 VC wearing black clothing with weapons at (BT 006320). Fired 85 rounds small arms fire and 7 M-79 rounds. VC fled to the north. Area searched with negative results.

(6) 031237H Company D at (BT 072373) received 3 rounds small arms fire from (BT 072376). Returned 50 rounds small arms fire, Searched area apprehending four Vietnamese males without ID cards. Detainees were forwarded to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-2 and later released.

4 Sept. 1967 Company A continued chopped from 1st Battalion, 7th Marines to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

(1) 040430H Company D at (BT 078335) received 100 rounds automatic weapons fire from (BT 076349). Returned 3000 rounds small

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arms fire, 50 M-79 rounds, and threw 12 M-26 grenades. Called air and artillery missions on enemy location. Artillery fired 30 rounds around perimeter. Enemy was near perimeter throwing grenades as Company D consolidated lines and cleared the enemy from the position. Results: 14 USMC KIA, 15 USMC WIA, 11 VC KIA confirmed, 8 VC KIA probable, 1 VCC WIA.

(2) 040937H Oral order issued by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to helilift 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group to operational area at (BT 093330), in response to oral orders issued by 5th Marines.

(3) 041350H 5th Marines notified 1st Battalion, 5th Marines that operation SWIFT had commenced at 040500H Sept. 67

5 Sept. 1967 Company A continued OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

5 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued participation in Operation SWIFT. Refer to Tab (A) to Enclosure (1) Combat After Action Report "SWIFT"

(1) 050021H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group and Company D 1st Battalion, 1st Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Combat Base to Operational Area.

6 Sept. 1967

(1) 061120H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base terminating OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

(2) 061555H Platoon Company C departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base for Nui Sac Son.

(3) 062342H Company A (-) departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to become OPCON to 5th Marines as part of Dislodge X-ray units. CO of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was designated as CO of Dislodge X-ray.

7 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 071400H Squad Patrol 5C1 at (BT 045300) observed 8 VC wearing black and gray clothing at (BT 054297). Fired 100 rounds small arms fire, 3 VC fled to the north and 4 to the south.

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(2) 071740F Fond elements of Company C helilifted to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(3) 071740H Company D assumed responsibility of Nui Lae Son Combat Base.

8 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 081025H OPCON Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines passed to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines rear.

9 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 090900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 34 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

10 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

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11 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 110900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 25 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

12 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 120900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345) 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

13 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 130900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 34 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

14 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 140900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

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(2) 071740H Lead elements of Company C helilifted to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(3) 071740H Company D assumed responsibility of Nui La~~o~~ Son Combat Base.

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(1) 110900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 25 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

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(1) 120900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

13 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 130900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 34 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

14 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 140900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

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15 Sept. 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation SWIFT.

(1) 150900H MEDCAP held in Lanh huong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 31 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 151200H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine and lead elements of H&S Company were helilifted to the Combat Base from Operation SWIFT.

(3) 151400H Remaining units of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were helilifted to Combat Base.

(4) 151600H Operation SWIFT terminated.

16 Sept. 1967

(1) 160845H Squad Patrol 5D8 at (BT 023296) received information from a village chief that 30 VC had been seen moving towards the area of hamlet at (BT 022303). Patrol called 81mm mortar mission of 20 rounds. Searched the area with negative results.

(2) 160900H MEDCAP held in Lanh thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(3) 160920H Squad Patrol 5A11 at (BT 011343) received 2 rounds small arms fire from (BT 011346). Returned fire with 10 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results.

(4) 160955H Company B commenced search and destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 125-67. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(5) 161110H Company B at (BT 039337) apprehended one Vietnamese male age 35, wearing black and green clothing. Detainee had vaccination marks on right arm and had no ID card. Detainee was released by 13th ITT.

(6) 161410H Company B at (BT 017324) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male 15 years old without ID card, wearing black clothing. Detainee was released by 13th ITT.

17 Sept. 1967

(1) 170725H Squad patrol 5B22 at (AT 998359) observed two armed VC wearing green clothing at (AT 998360). Fired 10-15 rounds small arms fire. VC returned fire and fled to northwest. Searched area with negative results.

(2) 170800H Memorial Services were held in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Chapel in honor of the casualties of Operation SWIFT.

(3) 171050H Company B at (AT 995354) received 8-10 rounds automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of VQ at (AT- 995351). Returned 30-35 rounds small arms fire, searched area and found 1 VC KIA confirmed, about 35 years old, wearing black clothing. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(4) 171225H Company B at (BT 022335) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male, age 55-60 years, wearing white clothing and without ID card. Detainee had sunshot wounds in right arm and left hip. Detainee was given medical attention and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(5) 171310H Company B terminated search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 125-67. See Tab (F) to Enclosure (1).

(6) 171945H Red Alert drill was conducted at the Combat Base from 171945H to 172005H with satisfactory results.

(7) 172100H Company D COP at (BT 009288) observed movement at (BT 007287). Fired 10 rounds small arms fire and called artillery illumination. Searched area with negative results. COP was re-called and repositioned.

18 Sept. 1967

(1) 180900H MEDCAP was held at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT- 0214345). 36 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 181000H An awards Ceremony was held at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. 2 Bronze Stars, 14 Purple Hearts, 3 CG's Certificates of Commendation and one Meritorious Mast were awarded to members of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by the Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

(3) 181130H Company A commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 126-67. See Tab (G) to Enclosure (1).

(4) 181225H Company A at (BT 017355) found a booby trapped 60 mm mortar round. Engineers destroyed rounds in place.

(5) 181330H Company A at (BT 015363) received 10 rounds small arms fire from (BT 018365) from an estimated 2 VC. Returned fire with 30 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds. Results: 1

USMC WIANE, 1 USMC NBC.

(6) 181530H Company A at (BT 013363) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male wearing black clothing with ID card and 1 Vietnamese female, age 36, without ID card. Male was released by 13th ITT. Female was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(7) 181700H Company A at (BT 005365) received 1 round small arms fire from (BT 006367). Returned fire with 10-15 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

(8) 182108H Platoon, Company C linked up with Company A to bring USMC WIA and 2 detainees to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

19 Sept. 1967 Company A continued to conduct search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 126-67. See Tab (G) to Enclosure (1).

(1) 190654H Company A at (AT 995340) observed 5 armed VC in black clothing moving in a westerly direction. Fired 15-20 rounds small arms fire and one M-79 rounds. Searched area and found heavy blood trails and drag marks. Followed drag marks and observed 1 VC helping wounded VC. Fired 10 rounds small arms fire killing both VC. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed.

(2) 190900H MEDCAP was held at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT-024345). 43 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(3) 190915H Company A terminated search and destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 126-67. See Tab (G) to Enclosure (1).

(4) 190940H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 190940H to 191440H.

20 Sept. 1967

(1) 200900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 42 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 201010H CG, 1st Marine Division, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division, and Commanding Officer 5th Marines attended change of command ceremony at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base as LTCOL O. W. VAN DEN BERG relieved LTCOL P. L. HILGARTNER.

(3) 201030H A 12 year old vietnamese girl was injured by a flying rock from a small arms round when a corpsman from Squad Patrol 5C32 at (BT 024354) negligently discharged his weapon. The girl was taken to MEDCAP, treated and released. An investigating officer was appointed.

21 Sept. 1967

(1) 210900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 42 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 211100H Company B Platoon (-) Patrol 5B11 at (AT 998344) received 5-6 rounds small arms fire from 2 VC at (AT 995347). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire and observed 2 VC wearing green clothing fleeing in a westerly direction. One VC was wearing a cartridge belt and carrying a weapon. Area was searched with negative results.

22 Sept. 1967

(1) 220900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 38 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

23 Sept. 1967

(1) 230225H Company C commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 127-67. See Tab (H) to Enclosure (1).

(2) 230455H Company C at (AT 999329) received 2 rounds small arms fire from 2 VC. Returned fire killing 1 VC dressed in black clothing. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(3) 230630H As Company C was sweeping through village of Xuan Que (5) at (AT 993333), they observed 8 or 9 groups of 2-3 VC fleeing to northwest. At this time, a Company C blocking force at (AT 987337) received 3-4 rounds small arms fire from (AT 984334). Blocking force took fleeing VC and sniper under fire. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(5) 230900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 38 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(6) 231330H Company C at (AT 982346) received sniper fire from undetermined number of VC. Patrol, while searching area, received 10 rounds small arms fire from enemy sniper. AO observed VC with weapons at (AT 980348). Patrol returned 75 rounds small arms fire, 8 60mm mortar rounds and searche area with negative results.

(7) 231550H Company C at (AT 994348) observed 1 male VC wearing black clothing running to the south. Patrol challenged VC and VC continued to run. The patrol fired 5 small arms rounds and 1 M-79 round. VC fired 15 rounds auto-matic weapons fire from vicinity (AT 995341). Patrol returned 75 rounds small arms fire and 1 M-79 round. Area was searched with negative results.

(8) 231830H Company C Patrol 5C3A at (AT 995346) received sniper fire from 4-5 VC at (AT 990345). Returned small arms fire and observed 1 VC running as if hit. Area was searched with negative results.

(9) 232115H An explosion occurred in the Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines area. The explosion in 105mm gun pit #3, resulted in a fire, which were under control by 232205H. An investigation and report to be submitted by Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

24 Sept. 1967

(1) 240750H Company C point security at (AT 998342) triggered booby trap resulting in 1 USMC WIAE. Area searched for additional booby traps and discovered two M-26 Frag, grenades booby trapped. Booby traps were destroyed in place. Results: 1 USMC WIAE

(2) 241025H Company C terminated search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 127-67. See Tab (E) to Enclosure(1).

(3) 241445H Company D patrol 5D8 at (BT 004299) received 10 rounds small arms fire from 3-4 VC. Patrol returned 75 rounds small arms fire, called for and received 6 rounds artillery. Observed 1 VC fall and another VC pick up weapon and move in northwest direction..Area searched finding heavy blood trails. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

25 Sept. 1967

(1) 250900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 39 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 250930H Company A, Platoon Patrol 5A5 at (BT 017359) apprehended 1 Viet Male, age 69, wearing black and white clothing leaving the area with blanket, clothing and documents. At 2500 (1020), Platoon received 1 round small arms fire killing detainee. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

26 Sept. 1967

(1) 260755H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) commenced search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Frag Order 128-67. See Tab (I) to Enclosure(1).

(2) 260900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024-345). 31 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(3) 261040H Company A at (BT 012366) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from 2-3 unobserved VC at (BT 014373). Company A returned 25-35 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds called and received 81mm mortar mission with good coverage. Area searched with negative results.

(4) 261245H Company A at (BT 017386) received 4-6 rounds small arms fire from (BT 016385). Company A returned 40-50 rounds small arms fire and 3 M-79 rounds as enemy fled to the north.

(5) 261352H Company B at (BT 009376) received 4 rounds small arms fire from 1 VC wearing black clothing at (BT 006378). Company B returned 5 rounds small arms fire and 4 M-79 rounds as VC fled to the north carrying weapon. Searched area with negative results.

(6) 261555H Company B at (BT 006373) observed 20-25 VC wearing black clothing walking in two columns at (BT 005377). Company B fired 450 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds and 3 LAAMS. Observed 6 VC fall, one into a river. Results: 6 VC KIA Probable

(7) 261930H A Red Alert drill was conducted at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base from 261930H to 261940 with excellent results.

27 September 1967

(1) 270745H Company B at (AT 997357) observed 25 VC wearing black clothing and carrying weapons at (BT 000364). Company B fired 230 rounds small arms fire, 8 60mm mortar rounds, 1 LAW and called artillery mission of 6 rounds WP and 32 rounds HE causing enemy to flee to the northwest. Results: 5 VC KIA Propable.

(2) MEDCAP conducted in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 34 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(3) 271105H Company A at (AT 992355) when entering village at (AT 992355) observed 5 women with one baby each grouped together. Interrogation by Battalion S-2 and 13th IFF revealed that one woman was a leader of the "Youth Womens Force" and a local guerrilla. VC name appeared on black list. Results: VC forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 271220H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (P)(Rein) terminated search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Battalion 5th Marines Frag Order 128-67. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

28 September 1967

(1) 270900H MEDCAP held in Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet, at (BT 024345). 43 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 281805H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received intelligence report from Que Son District Headquarters placing a reinforced VC battalion with an estimated strength of 400 at (BT 090340), (BT 095345) and (BT 100340). D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines conducted a fire mission of 120 rounds 105mm HE on reported enemy positions.

29 September 1967

(1) 290900H MEDCAP was held at Lanh Thuong (5) Hamlet at (BT 024345). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(2) 291555H Received message from 5th Marines to chop one company to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 30 September 1967 and be prepared to assume responsibility for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TADR on order.

30 September 1967

(1) 300800H First elements Company C helilifted from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base in route to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR.

(2) 300823H Company C OPCON to 5th Marines.

(3) 301110H All Company C units have departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(4) 301255H Received oral orders to commence movement to 5th Marines Combat Base on 1 October 1967, and be prepared to continue movement to assume responsibility for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR.

(5) 301620H First elements Company D helilifted from Nui Lac Son to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(6) 301840H Last elements of Company D (-) Platoon arrived at Hill 51 Combat Base. One Platoon remains at Nui Lac Son.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab A 1st Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report Operation SWIFT
- ✓ Tab B 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 106-67
- ✓ Tab C 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 107-67
- ✓ Tab D 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Modification to Frag Order 107-67
- ✓ Tab E 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 124-67
- ✓ Tab F 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 125-67
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✓ (14) Day Activities, Day Movement, and Night Disposition Overlay D+5
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- (20) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 118-67
- (21) Day Movement, Night Disposition Overlay D+8
- (22) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 119-67
- (23) Day Activities, Day and Night Movement Overlay D+9
- (24) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 120-67
- (25) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 121-67
- (26) Morning Movement, Day Activities, Night Activities Overlay D+10
- (27) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 122-67
- (28) Day Movement Overlay D+11

1. Code Name.

Operation "SWIFT" (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation.

From 040500H September 1967 to 151600H September 1967.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "SWIFT" in the south central sector of Que Son District; and the north central sector of Thang Binh District, Quang Nam province within an area bounded by coordinates (BT 0727), (BT 2427), and (BT 0739).

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein)	LTCOL P.L. HILGARTNER
1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)	MAJ E.C. CHEATHAM, [REDACTED]
H&S Company. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	1STLT D.L. MCINTURFF
Company A. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT F.S. GIORDANI
Company B. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT T.D. REESE
Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT M.C. JOHNSTON, JR.
Company D. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT R.F. MORGAN
Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines ([REDACTED] 6-13 Sept)	CAPT J.M. GALLEHER
Company I. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (4-6 Sept)&(13-15 Sept)	CAPT E.M. BURKE

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Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CAPT R. FISHER
(8-15 Sept)

Company K. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CAPT W.R. TENNY
(4-6 Sept)

Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines 1STLT D. MURRAY
(4-6 Sept)

5. Task Organization.

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

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) MAJ E.C. CHEATHAM, JR.
H&S Company (-) 1stBn, 5thMar
Company A (-) 1stBn, 5thMar
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Det. Co B, 1stSPBn
Det. Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D. 2ndBn, 11thMar
2nd Plat. Co A, 1stTankBn
Det. Co B, 1st ATBn

Det, H&S Company (-)(Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar 1STLT D.L. MCINTURFF
Det, H&S Company (-)
Det, 81 Mortar Plat.
Det, Comm Plat.
TACP
Kit Carson Tm
Det, 106 RR Plat.
Det, Flame Section
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (LN Tm)
Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Hq Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Company B (-)(Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT T.D. REESE
Company B (-) 1stBn, 5thMar
2nd Plat. Co D, 1stBn, 5thMar
Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO Tm)
Det, Hq Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)
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Det, Med Plat.
Det, Comm Plat.
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Det, Comm Plat.
FAC Tm
Det, S-2 Section

CAPT W.R. TENNY

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6. Supporting Forces.

a. Air.

(1) 4 Sept. 1967. TAC(A) controlled 3 flights of A4's and 1 flight of F8's at coordinates (BT 073332) to (BT 075328) against enemy positions in support of Company D. TAC(A) controlled 2 flights of A4's and 3 flights of F4's at coordinates (BT 076331) to (BT 079338) in support of Company D. Company D's FAC also directed a C-47 "Dragon Ship" against enemy positions in all of the above target areas. All of the above missions were close air support against enemy forces attacking Company D, and they contributed towards breaking up the enemy attack.

(2) 5 Sept. 1967 TAC(A) controlled 2 flights A4's and 1 flight of F4's at coordinates (BT 070327) to (BT 070333); 1 flight A4's, 2 flights F4's and 1 F8 at coordinates (BT 070328) to (BT 076329). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AL0 controlled 4 flights of UHIE gunships and 3 C-47 "Dragon Ships" in the same target areas. The missions were in support of Company B, Company M, and H&S Company against attacking enemy forces; mortar and automatic weapons positions. The attack destroyed enemy mortar position and 3 automatic weapons positions. Company M FAC directed 2 UHIE's in a CS chemical agent attack against enemy forces, which assisted in breaking up enemy resistance on Company M's objective.

(3) 6 Sept. 1967. TAC(A) controlled 10 flights of fixed wing and 3 flights of UHIE gunships against attacking enemy forces, automatic weapons positions, and mortar positions in support of Company D, Company B, and H&S Company in the vicinity of coordinates (BT 100302). TAC(A) controlled 1 flight UHIE and 1 flight A4's in a CS chemical agent attack against enemy mortar and automatic weapons positions in same target area. Enemy resistance appeared to decrease significantly after the chemical attack.

(4) 7 Sept. 1967. Battalion AL0 directed 2 C-47 "Dragon Ships" against enemy .50 cal. positions located at (BT 130300) and (BT 120305).

(5) 8 Sept. 1967. TAC(A) controlled 2 flights A4's in a direct air support mission against enemy automatic weapons positions located at (BT 088274).

(6) 10 Sept. 1967. TAC(A) controlled 1 flight F4's and 1 flight A4's in a direct air support mission against enemy automatic weapon positions located at (BT 126262) and (BT 125272).

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(7) 11 Sept. 1967 TAC(A) controlled 3 flights of A4's against enemy fortified positions located at (BT 127278), (BT-125270) and (BT 165288). 11 structures and 1 bunker were destroyed. TAC(A) directed 2 flights A4's against a fortified village located at (BT 155290), destroying 3 fighting positions.

(8) 12 Sept. 1967. TAC(A) controlled 6 flights of A4's, 6 flights of F4's and 1 flight of F8's against an enemy fortified village located (BT 155290). The village was extensively damaged.

b. Artillery.

(1) During Operation "SWIFT", artillery support was provided the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by artillery units of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

(a) Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 4 September through 11 September and on the 15th of September.

(b) Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during operations on 12 September and 13 September 1967.

(c) Whiskey Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on 14 September.

(2) Direct artillery support was used through the hours of darkness on 4 September and 6 September to reinforce the perimeter defenses.

(3) Throughout the operation, preparatory fires, defensive fires, and fire missions on targets of opportunity were used extensively.

(4) H&I fires were used nightly during the operation on avenues of escape, avenues of approach, suspected enemy concentrations and areas of previous enemy contact.

(5) Direct Artillery support was coordinated and supervised by the Artillery Liaison Officer, who moved with the Command Group, and the Artillery Forward Observers, who moved with the Companies participating in the operation.

c. Engineers.

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(1) Engineering support was provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion with an engineer team assigned to each company and the command group. During the operation, engineers were employed to destroy the following: 5 enemy emplaced mines, 1 downed helicopter (CH34D), approximately 2000lbs. of U.S. ordinance (duds) and about 2000 feet of enemy wire (electrical). The engineers used a total of 85 pounds of C4 to accomplish these missions.

7. Intelligence.

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

(1) Enemy forces at the time Operation "SWIFT" commenced, were unknown.

(2) Units identified during the Operation were the 1st NVA Regiment, consisting of the 40th, 60th and 90th Battalions with an estimated strength of 600 men per Battalion. Elements of the 3rd and 21st NVA Regiments were also encountered in the operational area.

b. Enemy Strength Actually Determined during the Operation.

(1) Estimated actual strength was about 1800 in the 1st NVA Regiment with elements of the 3rd and 21st NVA Regiments, estimated 350 troops each. Total estimated strength was approximately 2,500 men.

(2) The main enemy force that engaged this Battalion was the 1st NVA Regiment.

c. Weather.

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

8. Mission.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) lands in designated LZ vicinity (BT 095330), attacks to the southwest to kill or capture the enemy, his weapons and supplies, and relieve/reinforce 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units presently in contact.

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9. Concept. At H-Hour on D-Day 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) lands in designated LZ, attacks with companies in column to secure Objectives 1 and 2 vicinity (BT 085333) and (BT 084326), continues the attack to relieve/reinforce Company B and Company D, prepares to continue the attack on order.

10. EXECUTION.

a. D-Day 4 Sept 1967 (See Enclosure (2)).

(1) 040430H Company D (-). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, located vicinity (BT 076331) on a company search and destroy operation, received approximately 100 rounds automatic small arms fire and 3 rounds mortar fire from positions 100 meters Northwest and West of the company perimeter. Company D immediately returned fire of approximately 3000 rounds small arms, 50 rounds M-79, and 12 M-26 grenades. At this time the night COP's and a Squad Amb. were recalled. Enemy fire which had not been accurate, continued sporadically. Company D had 4 USMC WIA. Artillery and 81 mortar missions were requested and fired.

(2) 040510H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reported enemy on at least two sides, estimated 15 VC to the west.

(3) 040530H An air observer and an armed HUE arrived on station. In directing aircraft to target, a strobe light was employed. Aiming in on this, the enemy mortar and small arms fire became more accurate and more intense. Some enemy also infiltrated the western portion of the perimeter, throwing hand grenades into Company D's positions. Company D returned fire with 60 mortars and GS grenades. Artillery was requested and approximately 30 rounds of 105mm were fired to encircle the company position.

(4) 040545H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reported 1 USMC KIA and 10 USMC WIA. Company D mounted a reaction force to clear the company positions and attack the enemy position to the west in vicinity of a village (BT 075329).

(5) 040600H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reported small arms fire continuing from the west. 60mm counter-mortar fire caused a secondary explosion and enemy mortar and grenade fires ceased.

(6) 040620H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was sweeping the village in vicinity of (BT 075329), when intense automatic weapons fire was received from the west at a distance of approximately 50 meters seriously wounding the Commanding Officer of Company D. The Executive Officer of Company D reported contact with approximately 1 enemy Company and requested assistance

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(7) 040655H Company B (-) (Rein), 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to reinforce Company D.

(8) 040700H Armed HUIE's delivered air strikes within 50 meters of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines positions and an A.O. directed an artillery strike, with excellent target coverage. Enemy fire slackened and Company D commenced reorganization. Friendly casualties were estimated at 2 KIA and 20 WIA. Enemy casualties were 11 KIA confirmed and 8 KIA probable. Two fixed wing strikes were requested for Company D and controlled by the A.O. (TAC(A)) to cover the reorganization. Medical Evacuation was requested.

(9) 040810H Company D 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reported cumulative casualties as 14 friendly KIA and 15 friendly WIA, 11 enemy KIA confirmed and 8 KIA probable with 1 enemy WIA captured. One set of NVA Captain's bars was found on one of the enemy dead.

(10) 040820H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived in vicinity of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines position and commenced sweep of village at (BT 073329).

(11) 040835H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reported that the enemy fired smoke grenades, misleading med-evac helicopters and downing two of the helicopters with small arms fire.

(12) 040849H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 069330) received 350-500 rounds automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire from an estimated NVA Company, camouflaged and entrenched in the vicinity of Dong Son (1) (BT 075331). Trench lines ran from coordinates (BT 073329) to (BT 073330). Company B returned approximately 400-600 rounds small arms fire and requested CS preparatory fire on the village. Results: 7 friendly WIA, 2 enemy KIA confirmed.

(13) 040906H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed enemy elements moving to the rear of Company D's position.

(14) 040910H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Mobile Command Group alerted.

(15) 040914H Armed HUIE's delivered 400lbs. of CS on enemy positions. Fire ceased and an undetermined number of enemy were observed fleeing to the north across the river. Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted assault, physical pursuit and search of area. Cumulative results: 26 USMC KIA. 33 USMC

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26 NVA KIA confirmed and 55 KIA probable. Captured one 60mm mortar tube, 1 rocket launcher, one AK-47, 3 AK-44, 1 AK-50 with 2 magazines. Captured equipment forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 040925H Companies L and M of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines alerted for helilift and chop to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(17) 040937H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 108-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (1)).

(18) 041043H Captain Heinz assumed command of Company D.

(19) 041150H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located (BT 072330), received heavy automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from an undetermined number of enemy located in village (BT 073330). Enemy forces were well dug in and camouflaged. Company B returned approximately 2500 rounds small arms, 30 rounds M-79 and 2 M-26. An air strike was called, followed by Company B's assault on the enemy position and pursuit by fire. Results: 5 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA, 9 NVA KIA confirmed and 35 NVA KIA probable. 1 male and 1 female VC Suspects apprehended and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(20) 041205H Company M and Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines landed in LZ vicinity (BT 108344) followed by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines medium Command Group. Lift complete 041245H.

(21) 041230H Company K 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced movement to Objective 2 vicinity (BT 083326). See Enclosure (1)).

(22) 041240H H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at LZ vicinity (BT 108344), apprehended 1 Vietnamese male approximately 60 years old. Forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(23) 041250H Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, vicinity (BT 106330), apprehended 1 Vietnamese male approximately 15 years old. Searched suspect and found 2550 piasters, 1 razor, 1 watch guarantee. Detainee upon being questioned said he had seen approximately 400 VC with about 7 mortar tubes, carbines and machine guns moving in a westerly direction. Detainee appeared to be shell shocked. Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(24) 041335H Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, vicinity (BT 083326), found one Chinese Communist semi-automatic weapon, 1 wallet with NVA money, one Vietnamese uniform, a pair of field glasses and one semi-automatic weapon, serial number

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80987. Weapon and equipment forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(25) 041350H H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, LZ security elements while searching LZ, apprehended 18 Vietnamese (6 woman, 5 men, and 7 children) wearing black clothing. Vietnamese were released as innocent civilians.

(26) 041430H-041900H Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines located (BT 090335) observed an undetermined number of camouflaged NVA vicinity (BT 085332). Received a heavy volume of automatic small arms and mortar fire. Returned 35,000 rounds small arms fire, 300 M-79, 35 60mm mortar H.E. and 20 rounds 105mm H.E.. While counter battery firing with 60mm mortar, Company K maneuvered elements to close with the enemy. The engagement continued until night fall, when Company K positions were consolidated at (BT 098335) with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 13 USMC WIA, 28 NVA KIA confirmed, 35 NVA KIA probable. 1 AK-47 assault rifle, serial numbers 12855 and 10308, were captured and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(27) 041445H-041900H 1st Plat., Company M, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, located at (BT 093337), was taken under heavy automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire by an estimated NVA Company located at (BT 089339). 2nd Platoon, Company M maneuvered to support 1st Platoon and also came under intense automatic and semi automatic small arms fire from another estimated NVA Company. Company M, CP. received 40 rounds 60mm mortar. Returned 2500 rounds small arms fire, 30 M-79 rounds, 5 60mm mortar, and 30 105 H.E. rounds. Four air strikes and an aerial CS attack were conducted which forced the NVA units to withdraw. Company M consolidated its position to stop camouflaged NVA who were attempting to infiltrate perimeter. An enemy mortar was knocked out by grenades at (BT 097337). Results: 17 USMC KIA, 38 USMC WIA, 84 NVA KIA confirmed. 140 NVA KIA probable. 1 AK-47 serial number 1012713, 3 AK-47 magazines with ammunition, 3 NVA packs, one cartridge belt with canteen, and one Chicom grenade were captured and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(28) 041630H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group, located at (BT 097335), received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from vicinity (BT 088338) and (BT 008330) while crossing paddy. At the same time Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 095331) also came under fire. Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 093336) also began receiving fire. Air and Artillery were called for. An estimated 2 Battalions were opposing the Marines forces. Heavy small arms fire and mortar fire continued as the Marine units maneuvered against the enemy.

As night began to fall, forces were consolidated. 1st Battalion

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5th Marines prepared to med-evac casualties and conduct night activities. Results: 54 USMC KIA, 104 USMC WIA, 19 VC apprehended, 130 NVA KIA confirmed, 250 NVA KIA probable, 22 individual weapons and 2 crew served weapons captured and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(29) 042108H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

b. D+1 5 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (4)).

(1) 050405H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group reached a position in the vicinity of companies B and D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, (vicinity (BT 072330)) and assumed OPCON of Company B and Company D.

(2) 050500H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 1067 Promulgated. (See Enclosure (3)).

(3) 050630H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, located at (BT 095337), after maintaining contact with NVA units throughout the day and night of 04 August, conducted a thorough search of the battle area acquiring the following equipment: Three Chinese Communist light assault rifles, serial numbers, 222846, 219558, 219728: were captured, 3 Russian Carbines, serial numbers 10099171, 101272136, 10080766; 4 AK-47 assault rifles, serial number 16881, 10037938, 10083171, 1012657; 1 US Carbine 3951698, 1 B-40 rocket launcher serial number 511904; 1 60mm tube with sight, serial number 57481, 1 expended LAW, 33 Chinese grenades, 1 CS grenade, 3 M-26 grenades, 1 green star cluster, 25 M-79 rounds, 8 60mm rounds, approximately 2000 rounds in banana magazines for assault MG's, 30 caliber, 1 corpsman kit; 1 gas mask and 1 cartridge belt. Equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 051202H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines located 4 fresh graves with 4 bodies in them at (BT 094336). Also found 3 magazines with ammunition for AK-47, and 3 NVA packs with miscellaneous gear. Results: 4 VC KIA confirmed.

(5) 051245H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 093323) found 3 freshly dug graves with 3 bodies dressed in black and green. 2 were killed by shrapnel and 1 by small arms fire. Results: 3 VC KIA confirmed.

(6) 051650H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines found enemy cache containing 17 canteens, 14 hammocks, 7 E-tools, 13 magazine pouches for assault machine guns, 6 grenade pouches, 4 helmets, and 2 first aid packets. One of each item was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2; remaining equipment destroyed.

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c. D+2 6 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (6)).

(1) 060040H Received Regimental Frag Order 1-67. See Reference (b).

(2) 060130H Battalion Frag Order 110-67 promulgated. See Enclosure (5).

(3) 060826H Company K and Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines units OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Company B and Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(4) 060945H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 078319), during preparatory fires, received short 105mm round resulting in 2 USMC WIAE.

(5) 061030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced attack towards Objective X-Ray. (See Enclosure (6)).

(6) 061130H Company D 1st Battalion, 1st Marines located at (BT 100309), received 10-20 rounds small arms fire from an unknown number of snipers. Returned 150-200 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds and 6 60mm mortar H.E. rounds. Area searched with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(7) 061135H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, located at (BT 098312), received sniper fire wounding two Marines. Returned fire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(8) 061135H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located (BT 089309), received 2 rounds from a sniper in brush. Returned 15-20 rounds small arms fire. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(9) 061230H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines located at (BT 099308), apprehended 4 Vietnamese males 30-40 years old who were found hiding in bunker. All wore black clothing. Two had ID cards. Suspects forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(10) 061230H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, located at (BT 097307), found 3 Vietnamese hiding in bunker who refused to come out. A hand grenade was thrown in bunker. Results: 2 NVA KIA and 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 semi-automatic Chicom weapon AK-44, serial number 1610044, and documents were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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(11) 061305H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. located at (BT 088308), apprehended 2 detainees, approximately 40-45 years of age, wearing white shirts and trousers, only 1 had an ID card. Detainees forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 2 Detainees

(12) 061500H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 111-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (7)).

(13) 061515H To 070100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced attack to Objective 6 (See Enclosure (7)), Company B and Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines attacking on line with Company B in the southern zone. Company B immediately received sniper fire which became more intense as Company B advanced towards (BT 104304). Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines maneuvered to the enemy's left flank as Company B's casualties mounted. It was obvious that an enemy of at least Battalion size had been engaged. With night approaching 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was ordered to consolidate its forces at (BT 100307). At this time, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines began to receive intense mortar and small arms fire. The consolidation was hampered by the enemy fire and consequent casualties. As the lines were consolidated, the enemy attempted to infiltrate. At one point 5 to 15 were within 10 meters of the perimeter before they were killed by the defensive fires. The perimeter was consolidated as 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to receive small arms fire and mortar fire throughout the night. Casualties were treated, and the night defense established as the enemy ceased activity except for small arms fire at the medical evacuation helicopters coming in to the LZ. Results: For 6 September 1967: 35 USMC KIA, 92 USMC WIA, 61 NVA KIA confirmed, 106 NVA KIA probable.

d. D+3 7 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (8)).

(1) 070730H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, while searching the area for WIA, KIA, and equipment, found 2 NVA approximately 25 years old, both wearing khaki uniforms, no weapons. Detainees were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(2) 071130H Platoon patrol from Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found 9 NVA bodies in green clothing vicinity (BT 095310). Platoon continued to search area with no further significant findings. Results: 9 NVA KIA confirmed.

(3) 071735H First elements of Company D 1st Battalion, 5th Marines lifted from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Patrol Base vicinity (BT 100307) to Nui Lac Son.

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(4) 071800H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completed helilift to Nui Lac Son OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear.

(5) 071828H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, OPCON from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear, to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine.

(6) 072330H Received Regimental Frag Order 2-67. See Reference (c).

e. D+4 8 Sept. 1967. (See Enclosure (12))

(1) 080130H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed OPCON Company A 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Company I, 3rdBn, 1st Marines.

(2) 080630H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 112-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (9))

(3) 080730H Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines commenced assault of objective (7) after delivery of extensive artillery preparatory fire.

(4) 080820H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed 5 VC wearing black clothing, running across rice paddy approximately 600 meters away. Company C fired 20 rounds small arms fire and observed one VC fall. The area was searched with negative results.

(5) 080930H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced movement of objective 8 after preparation of the objective with air strikes.

(6) 080950H Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines reported medical evacuation helicopter down in vicinity (BT 100301). No friendly casualties were sustained, but the helicopter was seriously damaged when it struck a tree.

(7) 081025H OPCON Company E, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. passed to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear.

(8) 081115H Platoon patrol from Company D, 1st Battalion 1st Marines observed 2 VC wearing black clothing and carrying packs and weapons, heading in Northwest direction vicinity (BT - 098298). Patrol fired 50-60 rounds small arms fire, called and received artillery mission with good target coverage. Searched area with negative results.

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(9) 081615H Downed helicopter destroyed. (See 080950H).

(10) 082130H Received Regimental Frag Order 3-67. See Reference (d).

(11) 082230H Battalion Frag Order 114-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (11)).

f. D+5 9 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (14)).

(1) 090847H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines discovered cave with ammunition cache in vicinity (BT 104294). Cache contained 40 cases (720 rounds per case) of 7.62 short/long, 6 cases, (3 rounds per case) of 75RR rounds, 13 cases (3 rounds per case) of 82mm mortar ammunition with shotgun propellant. One round each type forwarded to Regimental S-2, remainder destroyed.

(2) 090915H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines discovered tunnel complex containing the following ordnance: 18 Anti-tank Rockets; 13 cases (3 per case) 82mm mortar; six 75RR rounds; 40 cases 7.62mm (556 rounds per case) short Ak-47 type; one case 7.62 long (Quantity unknown); and one case 60mm mortar rounds, (8 per case). Ammunition was destroyed except one round of each type was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(3) 091055H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found second cache in cave, contents 36 57mm RR rounds; 20 rounds 82mm mortar; 458 Chicom concussion grenades; 1190 50 cal. tracer rounds and 84 60mm mortar rounds with detonators and charge increments. Ammunition destroyed in place except one item of each type forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(4) 091130H Battalion Frag Order 114-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (13)).

(5) 091715H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines discovered freshly dug fighting holes in vicinity (BT 120304). Positions appeared to be set up for night defense with a diameter of 2½ feet and a depth of 4 feet.

(6) 091800H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, observed one VC in vicinity (BT 129298) wearing green utilities and carrying pack. Enemy was taken under fire with 70 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds with negative results. In his hasty departure he dropped his pack which was recovered by the patrol. Results: 2 BA 386 riggers for electrical blasting caps, one friction type blasting cap. Anti-American propaganda sheets, and a record book. All gear forwarded to Regimental S-2 except blasting caps which were destroyed in place.

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(7) 092120H Received Regimental Frag Order 4-67. See Reference (e).

(8) 092120H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines COP observed 3 VC in vicinity (BT 126294). Fired 60 rounds 5.56mm, 2 60mm illumination rounds. Area was searched with negative results.

(9) 092335H Battalion Frag Order 115-67 promulgated. See Enclosure (14).

g. D+6 10 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (16)).

(1) 100001H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted detailed search of area from present positions vicinity (BT 132303), including daylight and night patrols and ambushes IAW Regimental Frag Order 4-67. (See Reference (e)).

(2) 100855H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines patrol found one male Vietnamese, about 22 years old, vicinity (BT 100855). wearing black shorts and white shirt. Detainee had no I.D. card. Detainee forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(3) 101000H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines platoon patrol observed one VC vicinity (BT 112303) in a fortified position. VC was dressed in white shirt and green shorts. As patrol approached, VC attempted to flee. Patrol fired 3 rounds 5.56mm killing VC. The area was searched and one bundle of pungi stakes was found and destroyed. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(4) 101200H Interrogation by ITT of detainee revealed that an NVA unit had retreated to the vicinity of Dong Linh (2) vicinity (BT 122262). Interrogation report completed and forwarded to Regimental S-2 with detainee.

(5) 101210H Patrol from Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found 25 2.75 MK-43 rockets in vicinity (BT 132285). Rockets destroyed in place except one item forwarded to Regimental S-2.

(6) 101415H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines COP observed two VC, wearing black and gray clothing, carrying packs and rifles, moving east in vicinity (BT 144298). Fired 7 rounds 5.56mm. Enemy fled to the east away from the area of operation. Area was searched with negative results.

(7) 102100H Battalion Frag Order 116-67 promulgated. See Enclosure (17).

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(8) 102310H Squad ambush reported heavy movement vicinity (BT 137288) and squad received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire. Returned 30-50 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-26 grenades as enemy broke contact to the south. Area was searched with negative results. Ambush was repositioned.

h. D+7 11 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (19)).

(1) 111400H Battalion Frag Order 117-67 promulgated. See Enclosure (18).

(2) 112220H Received Regimental Frag Order 5-67. (See Reference (f)).

i. D+1 12 Sept. 1967 (See Enclosure (21))

(1) 120835H I, Company 3rd Battalion 1st Marines commenced attack to Objective 17. (See Enclosure 12))

(2) 120930H Company A, 1st Battalion 5th Marines commenced movement to objective 21.

(3) 121020H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced movement to objective 19.

(4) 121115H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed 4 VC, with weapons, dressed in black clothing, in vicinity (BT 155290) fleeing from an air strike. Fired 150 rounds small arms fire and observed one VC receive direct hit from air strike. Remaining VC fled into dense vegetation. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(5) 121300H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines apprehended one Vietnamese male, approximately 45 years old, wearing white clothing, hiding in hole vicinity (BT 145286). Detainee was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2, Results: 1 detainee

(6) 121430H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines secured portion of Task Force objective 1 in zone.

(7) 121630H During sweep in vicinity (BT 153284) Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, ages 35 and 40. Detainees were hiding in hut and refused to answer questions. Detainees were forwarded to Regimental S-2. Results: 2 detainees

(8) 121645H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found one body, wearing green uniform, vicinity (BT 156200), shot in

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back of the head. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed; 1 AK-47 assault rifle, serial number 9472760; 1 cartridge belt; 1 canteen; 3 loaded magazines and papers. Rifle and gear were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(9) 121700H During search of area vicinity (BT 155284) Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines discovered two males in cave, one a Vietnamese boy and the other a Vietnamese male age approximately 40-45 years old. During questioning, man got up and started to run, was told to stop three times in Vietnamese but refused. Fired one round 5.56mm wounding Vietnamese male. Detainee was forwarded to Regimental S-2 Results: 1 detainee, WIA.

(10) 121805H Received Regimental Frag Order 6-67. (See Reference (g))

(11) 122100H Battalion Frag Order 118-67 promulgated. (See Enclosure (20))

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(1) 130700H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon patrol observed one VC, with weapon, dressed in black clothing. Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire and 1M-79 round. The area was searched and a heavy blood trail was found and followed with negative results.

(2) 131000H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines patrol observed 3 Vietnamese males running to southeast vicinity (BT 171287). VC were wearing black clothing and carrying packs. Challenged and pursued VC. Apprehended 1 detainee with no ID card. While searching pack VC ran from Marines and was killed. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(3) 131110H Lead elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reached Regimental Objective B.

(4) 131220H Lead elements of Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines reached TF Objective 2.

(5) 131520H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines secured portion of Task Force Objective 2 in zone.

(6) 131830H Received Oral Regimental Order to move to Hill 29.

(7) 131835H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced movement to Hill 29.

(8) 132140H Lead elements arrived at Hill 29.

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(9) 132140H Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines chopped to 5th Marines.

(10) 132235H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced helicopter lift to LZ (BT 155382).

(11) 132300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed OPCON Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

D + 10 Sept 1967 See Enclosure (26).

(1) 140030H Completed helo lift to LZ.

(2) 140100H Battalion Frag Order 120-67 issued. See Enclosure (24).

(3) 140135H Company I 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines moved out to take Battalion Objectives 25 and 26.

(4) 141234H Received Rgt. Frag Order 7-67. See Reference (h)

(5) 141245H Battalion Frag Order 121-67 promulgated. See Enclosure (25).

(6) 141430H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group found fresh graves vicinity (BT 135355). Examination revealed 5 bodies dressed in brown khaki uniforms. Results: 5 NVA confirmed

(7) 141530H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines found numerous freshly dug fighting positions appearing to be cut in a 360 degree circle with diameter roughly 100 meters. Positions were located (BT 123248). Positions were square holes roughly 2X3X3 with camouflage around rim. Also found at site several articles of clothing with fresh blood stains and green belt with chrome buckle with star in center. Clothing was forwarded to Regimental S-2.

(8) 141600H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed an estimated 20 VC fleeing west vicinity (BT 110352). Fired 60mm mortar and 81 mm mortar mission as unit moved to close with enemy. Contact was lost as enemy continued to flee west. Area was searched with negative results.

(9) 141945H Received Regimental Frag Order 8-67.

(10) 142230H Company I 3rd Battalion 1st Marines LP observed one Vietnamese male carrying an unknown object at a range of 35 yards in vicinity (BT 113350). VC was challenged 3 times in Vietnamese and failed to halt. Patrol fired 3 rounds small arms fire killing VC. The area was searched and one VC KIA, without ID card was found. A large radio, wrapped in a camouflaged case, was found and forwarded to Regimental S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed. (20)

(10) 142300H Regimental Frag Order 8-67 cancelled.

D + 11 15 Sept 1967. (See Enclosure (28)).

(1) 150230H Received Regimental Frag Order 9-67.
(See Reference (J)).

(2) 150600H Battalion Frag Order 122-67 promulgated.
(See Enclosure (27)).

(3) 150700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines lead elements moved out to secure Battalion Objective 31.

(4) 150915H Battalion Objective 31 secured.

(5) 151055H 1st helicopters arrived at LZ.

(6) 151152H Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(7) 151200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group departed LZ.

(8) 151355H Last unit of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed LZ.

(9) 151400H Last elements of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(10) 151600H Operation "SWIFT" terminated.

II. Results.

a. Friendly Casualties.

KIA	89
WIAE	225
WIANE	4
MIA	0
NBC	38

b. Friendly Equipment Losses.

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1 60mm Mortar

5 M-79 Grenade Launchers

2 M-60 Machineguns

c. Enemy Casualties.

KIA Confirmed	223
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KIA Probable	354
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Detainees	36
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POW	2
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d. Captured Enemy Weapons.

19 AK 47 ChiCom Assault Rifles, serial numbers:

10041283, 11082565, 10061953, 11083476, 2118259-II,

10078321, 10115216, 9472216, 9473644, 10066296,

15811-II, 526732, 9468372, 9469658, 11043679,

1010044, 10066236, 20283, and 10090576.

7 AK 56 ChiCom Assault Rifles, serial numbers:

10108075, 883675, 927312, 10091796, 908943, 10132743,

and 928547.

1 AK 50 ChiCom Assault Rifle, serial number: 218361.

3 AK 44 ChiCom Assault Rifles, serial numbers:

10077839, 10084763 and 10107767.

6 AK 43 ChiCom Assault Rifles, serial numbers:

7051663, 642098, 7060630, 682290, 10125156 and 80987.

5 SKS Soviet Carbines, serial numbers: 642898,

7057160, 642270, 7058242 and 7057821.

1 K-44 ChiCom Bolt Action, serial number D 0340.

1 U.S. Carbine, .30 caliber, M2, serial number 3959618.

1 U.S. Browning Automatic Rifle, serial number 196256.

1 AK-41 Assault Rifle, serial number 1007767.

4 U.S. M-16 Rifles, serial numbers: 646873, 713269, 714417, 710814.

1 60mm Mortar tube w/sight, serial number 57481.

2 B-40 Rocket Launchers, serial numbers: 511904 and 204471.

1 60mm mortar w/base plate and bipods, serial number 351214-55-601018.

1 ChiCom Heavy Machinegun, serial number CA 276.

e. Captured Enemy Equipment.

28 Cartridge bolts.

26 E-tools.

2 Picks.

29 Canteens.

12 Ponchos.

11 Hammocks.

64 AK 47 magazines.

1 Ak 56 magazine.

77 Packs.

2 Pair field glasses.

250 feet communications wire.

48 Sets assorted uniforms.

5 Battle dressings.

1 M-16 Magazine.

1 U.S. Helmet.

Assorted documents and papers.

8 First aid kits.

1 Battery blow horn

1 NVA belt with red star on buckle.

1 Razor.

1 Wallet.

1 Watch.

1 Commercial wallet.

11 Gas masks, homemade.

17 Magazine pouches.

20 Canteen pouches.

4 Sacks 782 gear.

1 Commercial, 2 band, 9 transistor radio made in Japan, serial number T-220H, make, National.

1 Field medical kit.

f. Captured Enemy Ammunition.

300 Rounds 7.62mm.

2,000 Rounds 7.62mm, linked.

3,000 Rounds, mixed ammunition.

63 ChiCom grenades.

3 M-26 grenades.
1 CS grenade.
1 Green star cluster.
25 M-79 Rounds.
8 60mm Rounds.
11 B-40 Rocket rounds.
1 75mm RR round.
1 82mm Round.
1 57mm RR round.
1 Tracer round, .50cal.
20 5.56mm Rounds.

g. Destroyed Enemy Equipment.

17 Canteens.
15 Canteen pouches.
17 Magazine pouches.
14 Hammocks.
7 E-tools.
13 Ponchos.
7 Chow cups.
6 Grenade pouches.
4 Helmets.
25 Punji stakes.
4 MG magazine pouches.
3 First aid kits

h. Destroyed Enemy Ordnance.

463 ChiCom grenades.

23 B-40 Rocket rounds.

28,800 Rounds 7.62mm short/long

18 75mm RR rounds.

39 82mm rounds.

92 60mm rounds.

36 57mm RR rounds.

1190 .50 cal. tracer rounds.

2 BA 386 Booby traps.

1 B-40 Rocket launcher.

16 Homemade grenades.

1 Claymore mine.

1 M-79 Booby trapped round.

1 U.S. Landmine, BLU 3/B, lot 219-5-66.

2 M-26 Grenades.

i. All areas in which air strikes were called were searched except strikes called against the following targets on 8 September:

Automatic weapons (BT 088277)

Automatic weapons (BT 126263)

Bunkers (BT 125272)

Automatic weapons (BT 128278)

The above strikes were called outside the Battalion's zone of action to protect the flanks of the Battalion on the move.

12. Administrative Matters.a. Supply.

(1) Resupply was effected by helicopters, controlled by Helicopter Support Teams provided by the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion to the Command Group and all participating companies except Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, which had a Helicopter Support Team provided by Company A, 1st Shore Party Battalion working under the 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion while Company I was attached to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

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

b. Maintenance.

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

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Casualties were initially treated by five Corpsmen attached to each rifle company and three Corpsmen moving with the Command Group.

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopter and were transported to a Collecting and Clearing company located at the LSA at Hill 63, RVN except during some periods when the casualty overload was helilifted directly to the 1st Medical Battalion at DaNang, RVN. Casualties were then processed and further transferred to field hospitals and hospital ships located in the Chu Lai, RVN and DaNang, RVN areas.

d. Transportation.

(1) The only transportation utilized during the

operation was helicopters. Complete reliance was placed on the UH-34D helicopter for all medical evacuation. CH-46 helicopters were used on two occasions to effect the initial helilift on D-Day and the helilift which took place on the night of D+9. CH-53 helicopters were used on D+11 for the lift to the Combat Base.

e. Communications.

(1) Operating units were in close proximity to each other throughout the operation with no significant problems encountered with communications.

f. Medical Evacuation.

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

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopter. The arrival of the medical evacuation helicopters was timely whenever a reasonably secured landing zone was available.

(3) The Battalion had no heat casualties despite temperature highs of 100 degrees. Omission of upper body armor and command attention to the consumption of salt tablets were felt to be significant factors in the prevention of heat casualties.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. 4 September an aerial CS attack was delivered in conjunction with an artillery mission and air strikes. Five hundred gallon napalm tanks with CS-1 (micro-pulverized powder) were dropped in the vicinity of (BT 087336), (BT 098341) and (BT 098335) with good target coverage. This drop assisted in forcing enemy troops engaged with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, to withdraw.

b. In another chemical attack on 4 September, four 500 gallon napalm tanks of CS-1 were used as a preparatory fire on Hill 63 (BT 083324). Approximately 100 NVA were observed fleeing the attack. An air strike was delivered in pursuit of the fleeing enemy.

c. 6 September an aerial CS attack was conducted at (BT 103303) in support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Enemy mortar and small arms fire was significantly reduced. One E 159 Cluster and four 500 gallon napalm tanks with CS-1 Micro-pulverized Powder were delivered on enemy forces. Three

E158 CS Clusters and 1 E 159 CS Cluster were dropped in support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (BT 090309) and (BT 104307). The three E 158 CS Clusters were improperly fused and malfunctioned. One E 158 Cluster was recaptured the morning of 7 September.

d. In a related chemical attack on 6 September, 6 500 gallon napalm tanks with CS-1 Micro-pulverized Powder were dropped along a line from (BT 105260) to (BT 105268). This line generally coincides with a trail which the enemy might have used as an escape route. The terrain denial drop was delivered with excellent target coverage.

e. On 9 September the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines recommended five target sites for aerial delivery of CS Persistent Agent in compliance with 5th Marines MSG DTG (091035H). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines recommended that a Psychological Operations tape be delivered with the chemical agent attacks explaining to the Vietnamese why their homelands were being contaminated and urging them to return to Government controlled areas. Chemicals were not delivered due to the non-availability of Micro-pulverized CS-1.

f. On 10 September the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines requested an aerial delivery of Micro-pulverized CS-1 on a confirmed enemy ordnance storage area at (BT 105291) and on a retreat area at (BT 121261). The chemical agents were delivered with good target coverage.

g. Intelligence received from an NVA prisoner revealed that the majority of enemy personnel did not possess gas masks, that the enemy believes that CS is toxic, and that on past occasions the prisoner's unit had retreated a distance of 1000 meters when struck by chemical agents. The prisoner also stated that he is extremely afraid of chemical munitions.

14. Commander's Analysis.

Operations during the monsoon season with its daily rain can seriously effect the mobility of infantry units. Normally insignificant streams become barriers and trafficability can be difficult, even for foot troops. Each squad should carry at least 50 feet of rope to use in river crossings and training must be conducted on river crossing techniques. Constant walking in the wet flooded areas will require added emphasis by unit leaders to insure that the individual Marine properly cares for his feet and prevents emersion foot.

Helicopter availability had a direct effect on the Battalion's operational capabilities. Resupply scheduling was satisfactory and presented few problems. However, on those two occasions that significant amounts of enemy equipment were captured, or friendly casualties and equipment required evacuation, helicopters were not readily available. The requirement, to provide security for casualties or equipment for one or two days, restricted the mobility of the Battalion and impaired its ability to react quickly to the tactical situation.

Psywar activities were planned and requested in conjunction with a proposed CS drop but non-availability of the micro-pulverized chemical agent caused the drop to be cancelled. There were a minimum of local Vietnamese encountered during Operation "SWIFT" and no refugees were evacuated. Under these circumstances the civic action program was negligible.

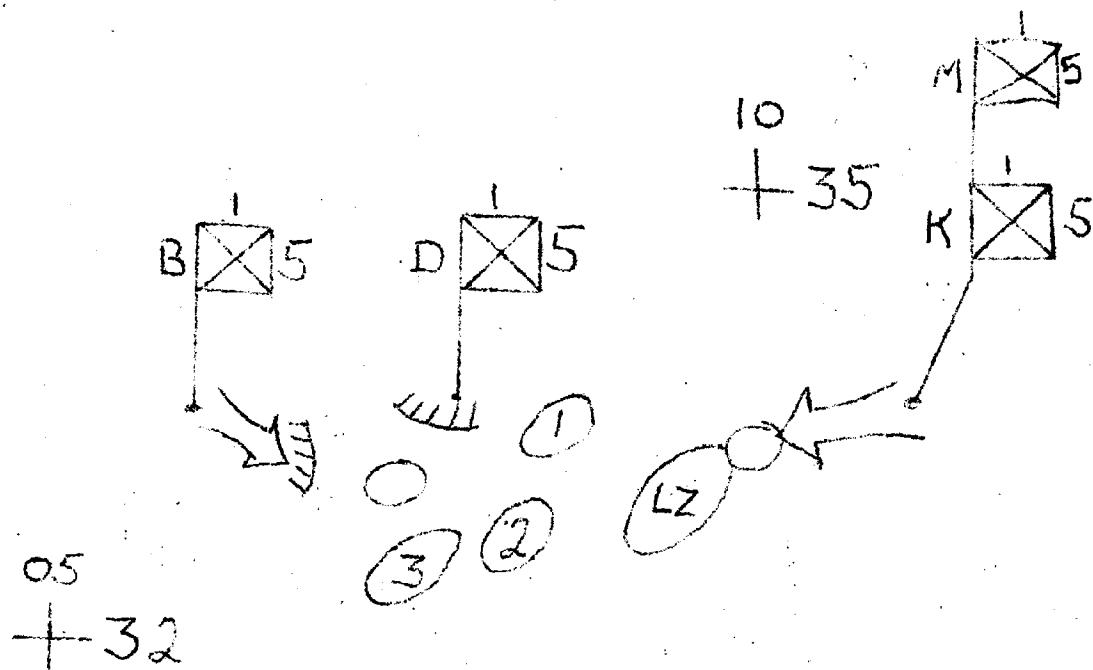
15. Recommendations. None.


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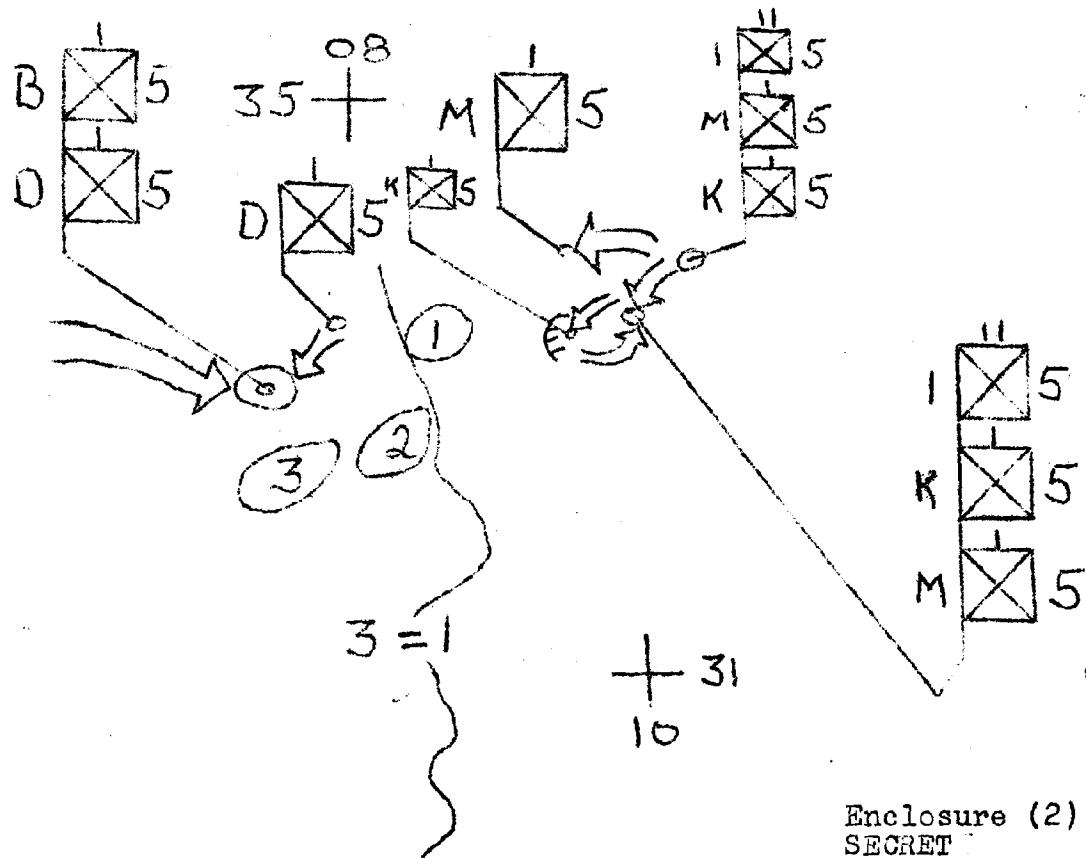
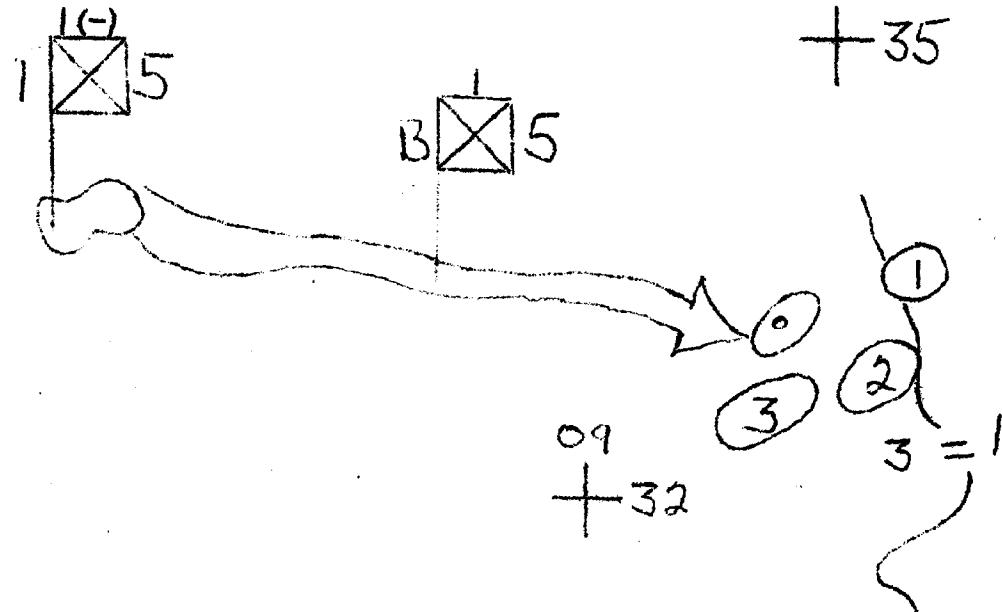
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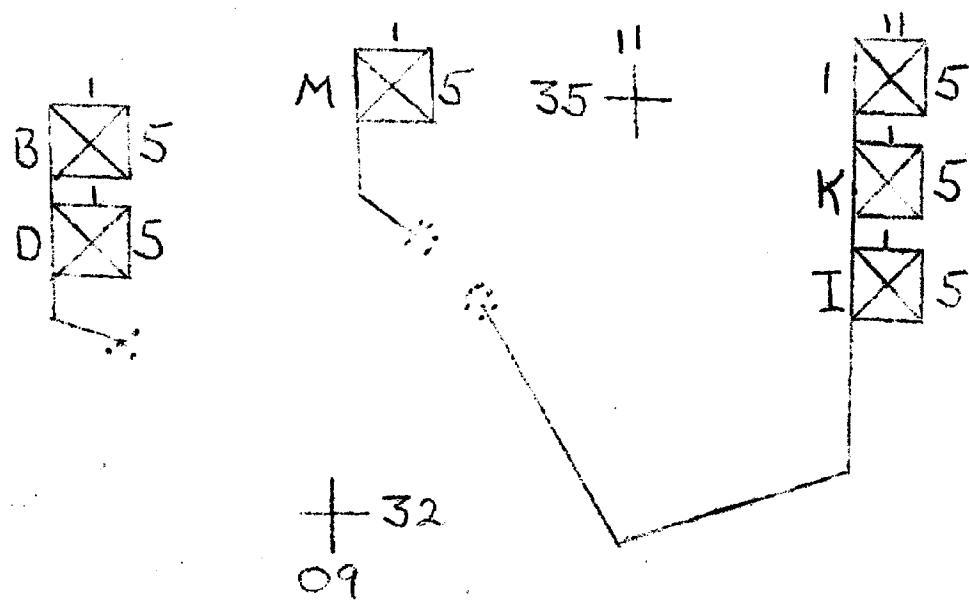
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Night Disposition Overlay D-Day

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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (–)(Rein) lands in designated LZ vicinity (BT 095330), attacks to southwest to kill or capture the enemy, his weapons and his supplies; and relieve/reinforce 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units presently in contact.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept: At H-Hour on D-Day 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (–)(Rein) lands in designated LZ, attacks with companies in column to secure Objectives 1 and 2 vicinity (BT 085333) and (BT 084326), continues the attack to relieve/reinforce Company B and Company D; prepares to continue attack on order.

b. Company K, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) On landing secure LZ, be prepared to continue attack to secure Objective 2 (BT 100333) on order.

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

c. Company M, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) On order attack to secure Objective 1 at (BT 088335).

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

d. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence move to Objective 1 in trace of Company M.

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e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour, on order, D-Day 4 September 1967

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conduct search and destroy operation to clear NVA from area and conducts thorough search for enemy caches, supplies and equipment.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts patrolling as directed to search for enemy caches, supplies, and equipment.

b. Company M, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) Conduct thorough search of local area, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) Conduct patrolling to vicinity (BT 108346), be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

d. Company K, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Continue patrolling to vicinity (BT 090328), be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Patrolling to commence at 0630H.

(2) Submit recommended patrol routes to this station by 0530H.

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(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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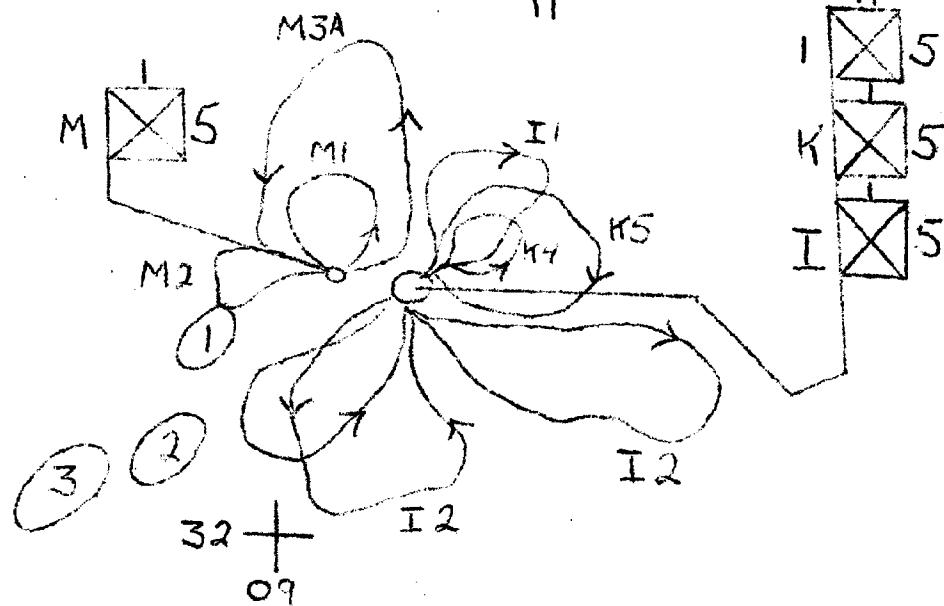
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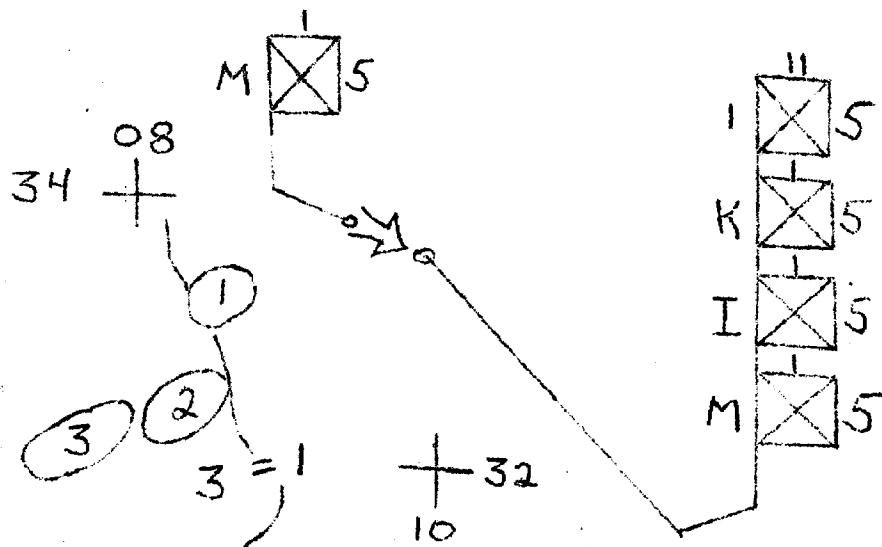
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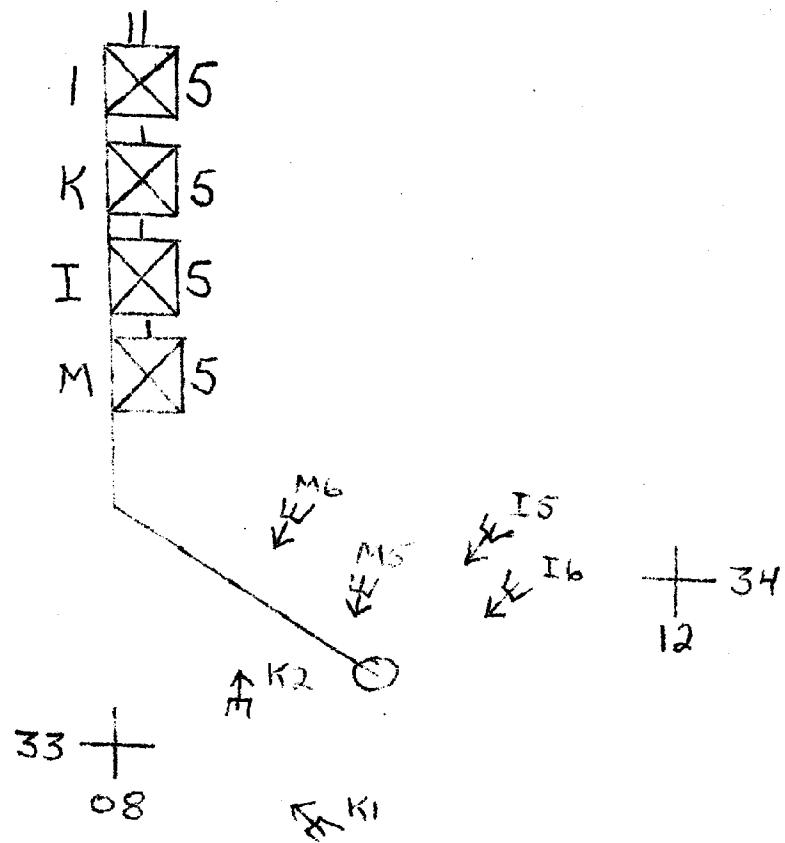


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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completes resupply and extraction of equipment, assumes OPCON of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines enunciate unit and continues a tack to Objective X-Ray.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: On completion of resupply on order, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines switch OPCON of subordinate units. On order 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues attack to seize Objective X-Ray with two companies abreast, prepares to continue attack on order.b. Company M, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

- (1) At H-Hour conduct local patrolling as directed.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

- (1) At H-Hour conduct local patrolling as directed.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

d. Company K, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

- (1) At H-Hour conduct local patrolling as directed.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

e. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) On order at 0800H, for planning purposes, continue to seize portion of Objective X-Ray within zone, be prepared.. to continue attack on order.

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

f. Company B.

(1) On order at H-Hour + 2, for planning purposes, continue attack to seize portion of Objective X-Ray within zone, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

g. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence movement as directed to Objective X-Ray, move in trace of Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

h. Company D, 1stBn, 5thMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) On order commence movement as directed to Objective X-Ray.

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

(4) Be prepared to relieve or reinforce attacking units on order.

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

i. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600H, D-Day 06 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

(4) On securing Objective X-Ray, using North as 1200, Company B occupy defensive positions 3-6-9. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar. occupy defensive positions 9-12-6.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - a. Basic load (no change).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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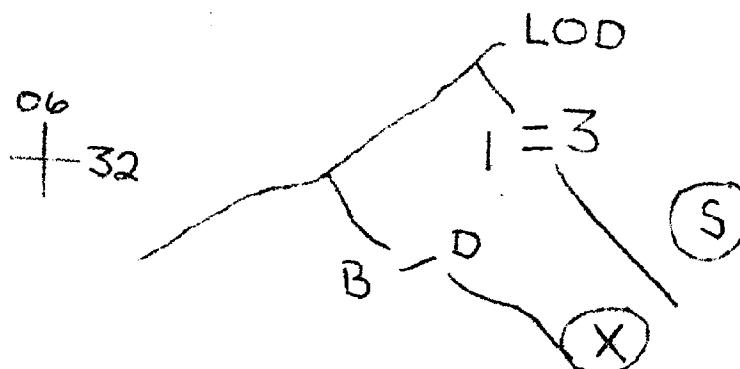
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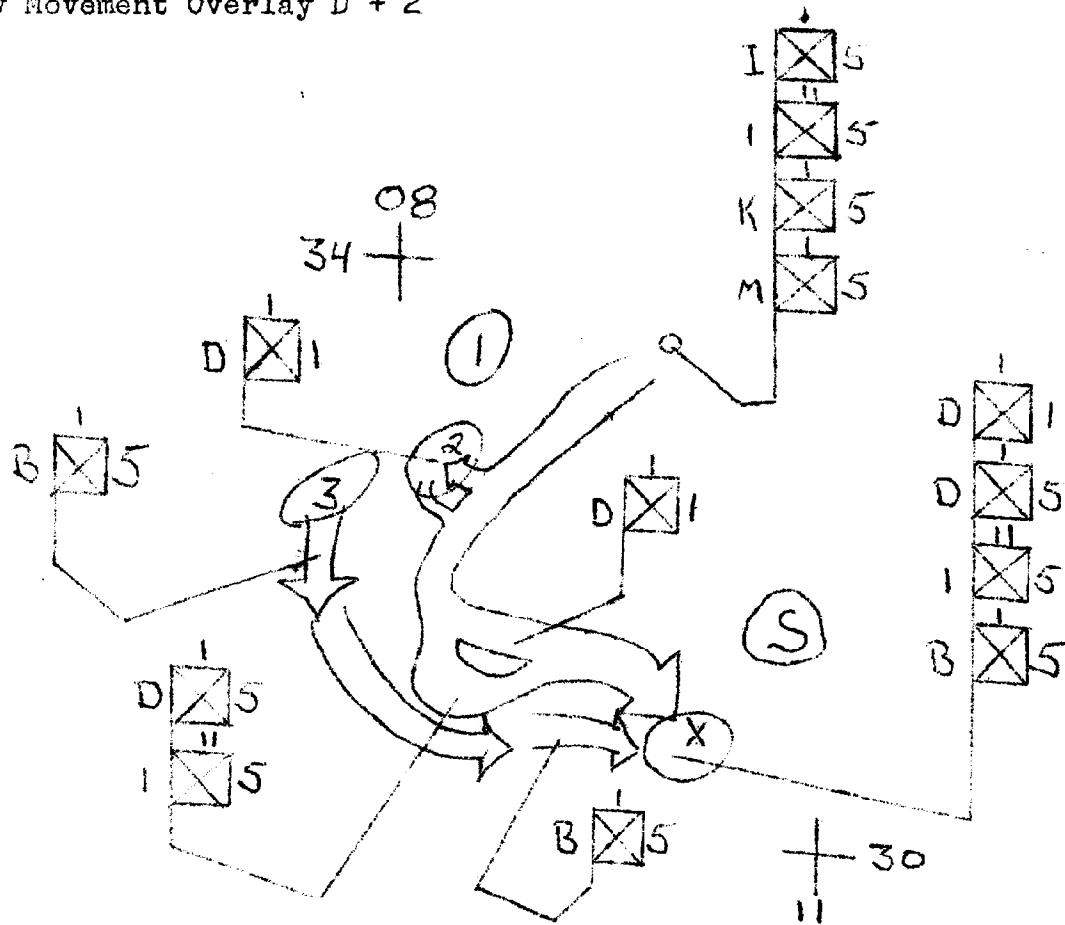
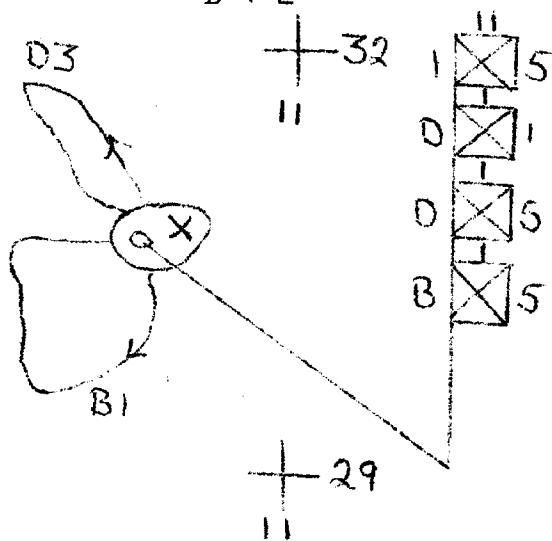
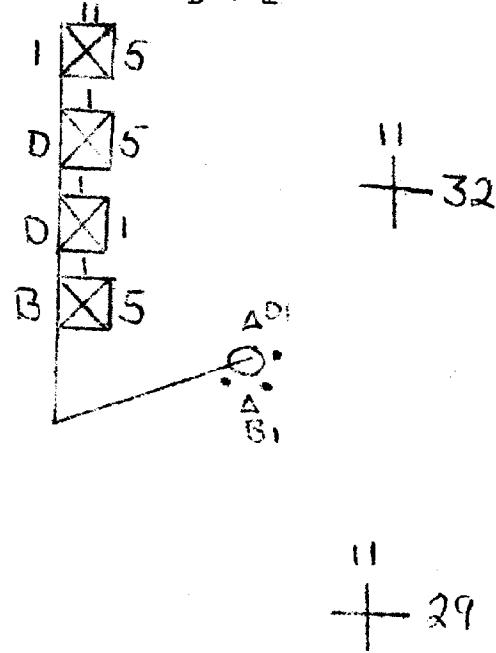
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6 September 1967

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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: On order 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attack to secure Objective Pappa with two companies abreast, continues attack on order.

b. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) On order attack to secure portion of Objective 6 within zone continue attack on order.

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

c. Company B.

(1) On order attack to secure portion of Objective 6 within zone, continue attack on order.

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

d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order continue movement to Objective 6 in trace of Company D, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

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

e. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

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- (2) Provide security for Battalion Command Group.
- (3) On order continue movement to Objective 6 in trace of Det, Hqs Company.
- (4) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.
- (5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour, on order.
- (2) Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar on left; Company B on right.
- (3) Locations:
 - (a) Objective P (BT 146307).
 - (b) Objective 6 (BT 110300) to (BT 110309) and 300 meters to the east and west of that line.
- (4) Papa number 8
Papa hour 0800

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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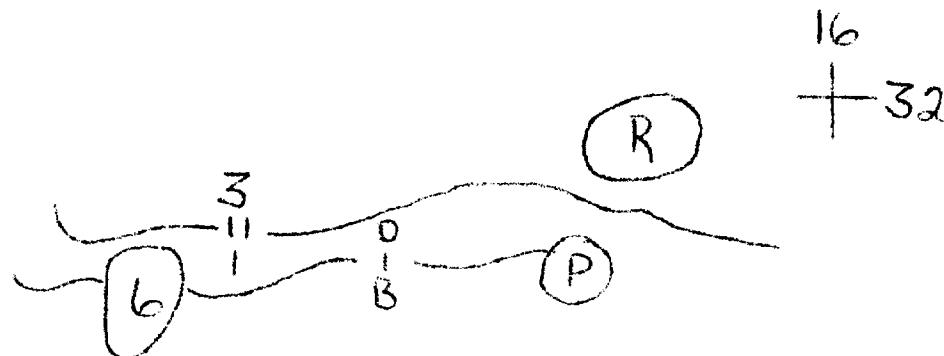
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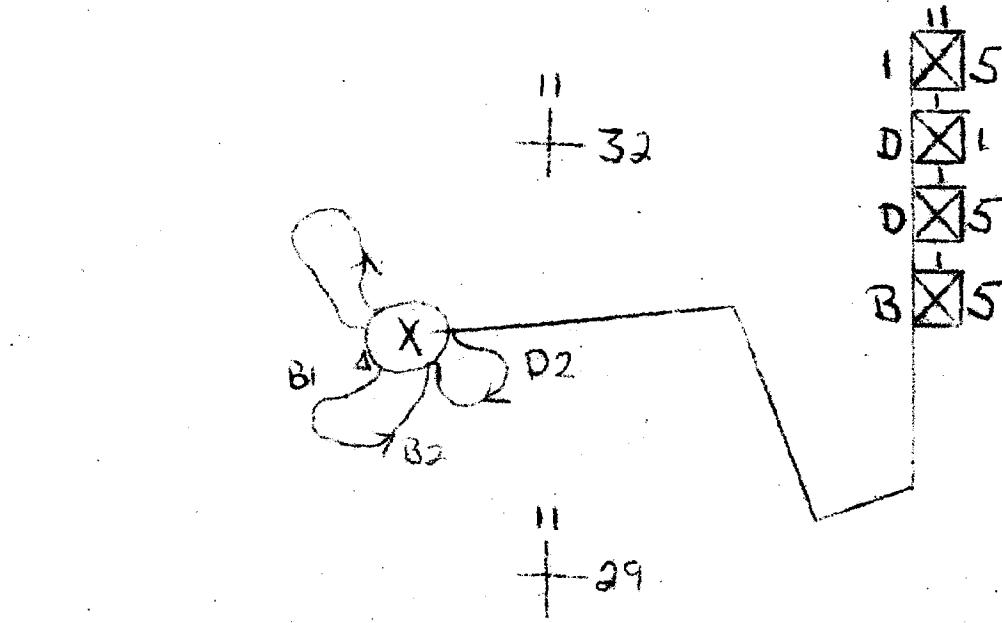
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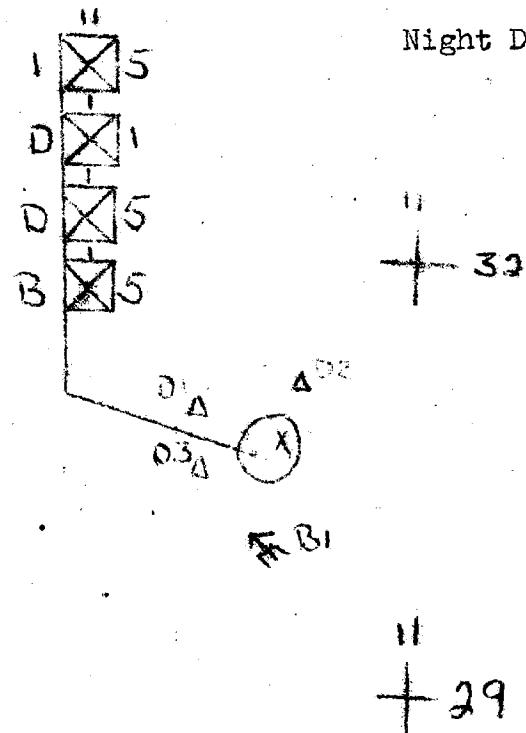
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Cottage X-Ray.

(1) At 0700 commence move to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
patrol base.

(2) On arrival; Company A occupy section of lines
presently manned by Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

(4) Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar occupy section of lines
presently occupied by Company B.

(5) Cottage X-Ray terminated on order.

b. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) On order when relieved on line by Company A,
continue attack to Objective 7 vicinity (BT 107297). Be prepared
to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company C.

(1) On order by 0700, be prepared to commence attack as
directed.

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

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d. Dot, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

e. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company A, Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(2) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

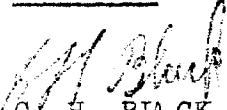
(1) H-Hour, on order.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy: There is an estimated enemy regiment with 2000 personnel located in vicinity of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.b. Friendly: No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company C.

(1) On order commence movement to Objective 7 vicinity (BT 107297); link up with Company D, 3rdBn, 5th Marines, establish patrol base as directed.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

b. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) Conduct patrolling from present position.

(2) On order establish portion of Battalion patrol base as directed, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) Conduct patrolling from present position, be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

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d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence move to Objective 7 vicinity (BT 107297) in trace of Company C.

e. Company A.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Provide rear security for Battalion Command Group.

(3) On order commence movement to Objective 7 vicinity (BT 107297) in trace of Command Group to establish portion of Battalion patrol base as directed, be prepared to continue attack on order.

(4) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour; on order.

(2) With east at 1200; be prepared to assume portions of Battalion patrol base perimeter as directed.

(3) Tango number 12; effective 081800H September 1967.
Tango Hour 1200.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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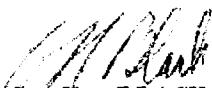
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Frag Order 114-67

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy: There is a large enemy rice storage area reported in Vinh Bay (3).

b. Friendly: No change.

2. MISSION: No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) Continue to outpost dominating terrain vicinity (BT 100295) and (BT 107297). At H-Hour + 30 minutes, conduct platoon (Rein) patrol through patrol Objective 1 (BT 095287), and patrol Objective 2 vicinity (BT 093300). Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

b. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour + 45 minutes conduct Platoon (Rein) patrol through patrol Objective 7 vicinity (BT 106285), be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour conduct Platoon (Rein) patrol to patrol Objective 3 vicinity (BT 114302), conduct through search for rice caches. Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

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d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) Be prepared to commence movement as directed.

e. Company A.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Be prepared to reinforce/relieve attacking units on order.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0600, D-Day 9 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

(4) All patrols return to this position by 1200.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Display air panels on packs.

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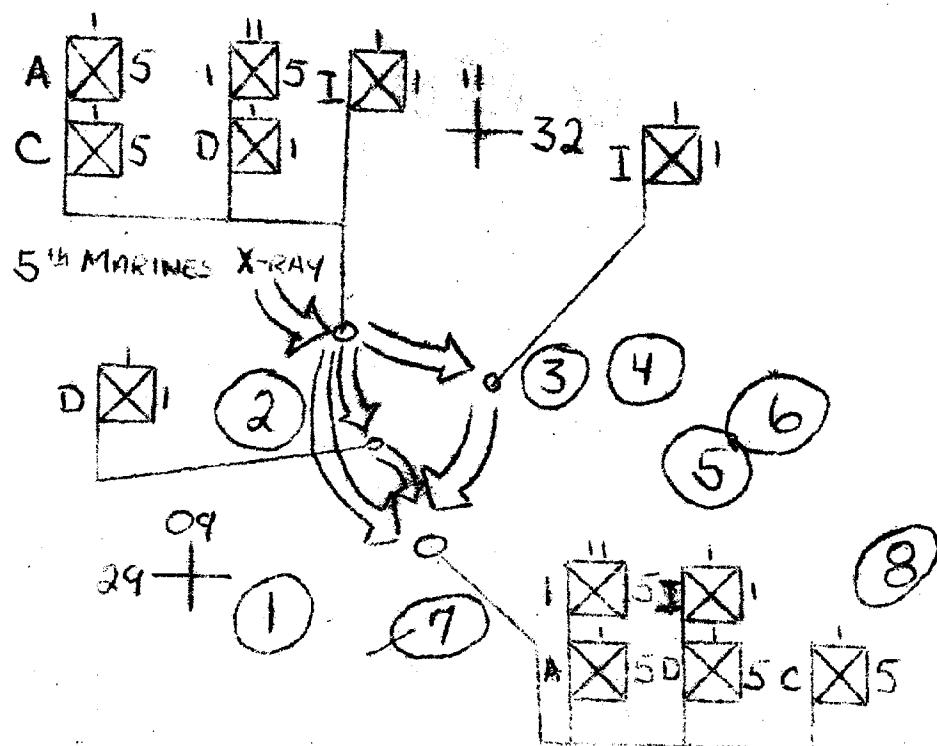
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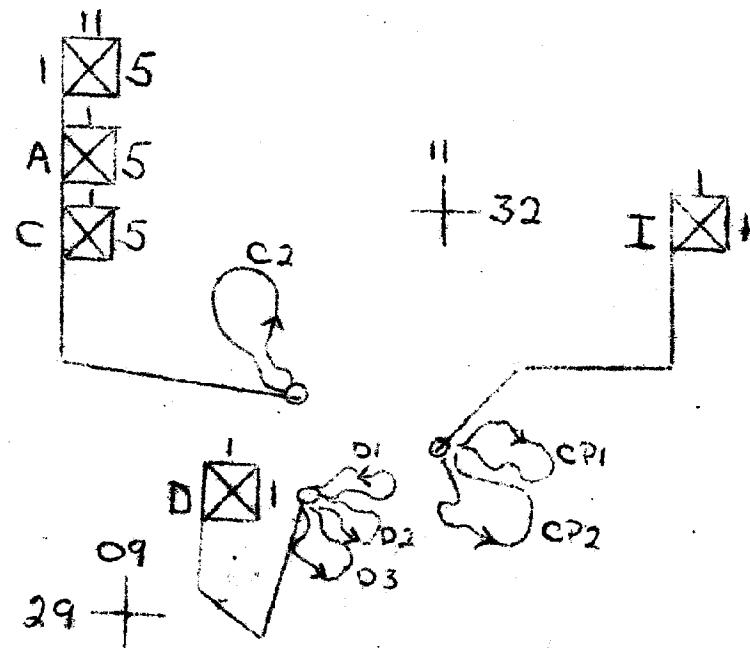
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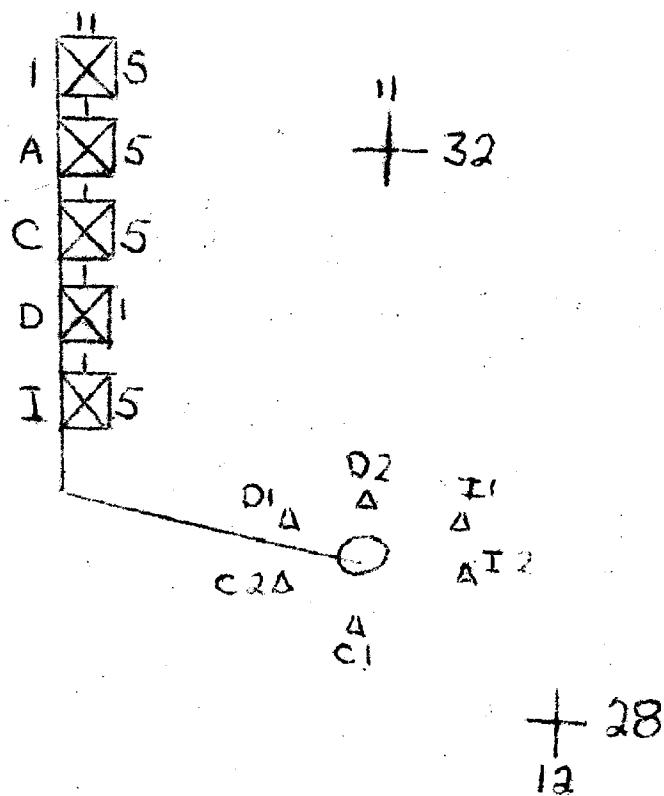


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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company I.

(1) At H-Hour on order continue attack to secure Objective 9, establish night patrol base, continue attack on order.

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

b. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour on order continue attack along axis of advance to secure Objective 10, establish night patrol base, continue attack on order.

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

c. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour + 1, on order, continue attack along axis of advance to secure Objective 11, establish night patrol base, continue attack on order.

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

d. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence movement to Objective 11, in trace of Company A.

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e. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) On order commence movement to Objective 11 in trace of Det, H&S Company.
- (3) Provide flank and rear security for Battalion Command Group.
- (4) Be prepared to reinforce/relieve attacking units on order.
- (5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1400 for planning purposes.
- (2) Display air panels, 2 per squad.
- (3) Insure proper consumption of salt tablets.
- (4) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (5) On establishing patrol base with east as 1200, Company A occupy portions of perimeter from 9-12-3; Company D 1stBn, 1stMar occupy portion from 3-6-9.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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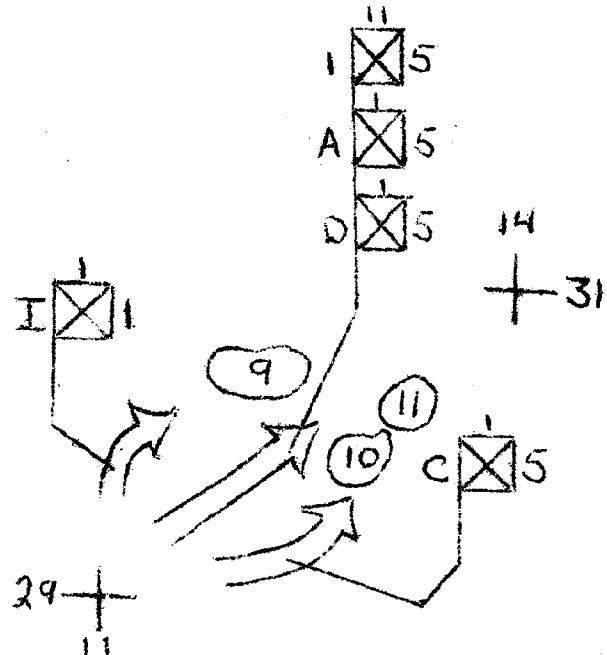
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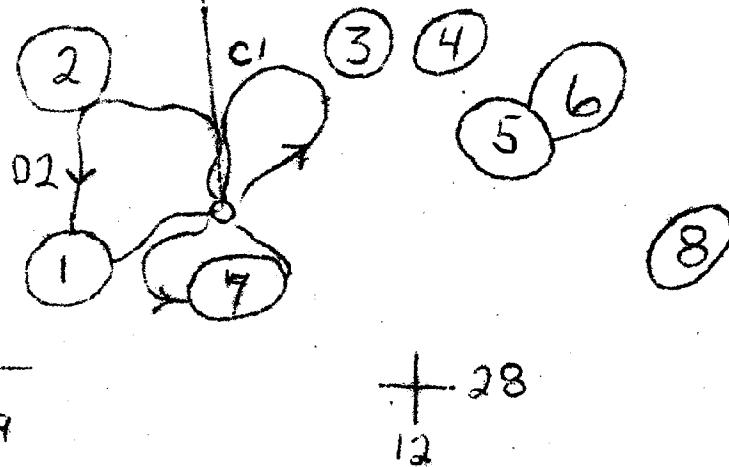
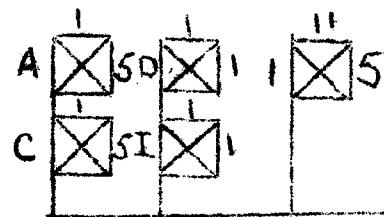
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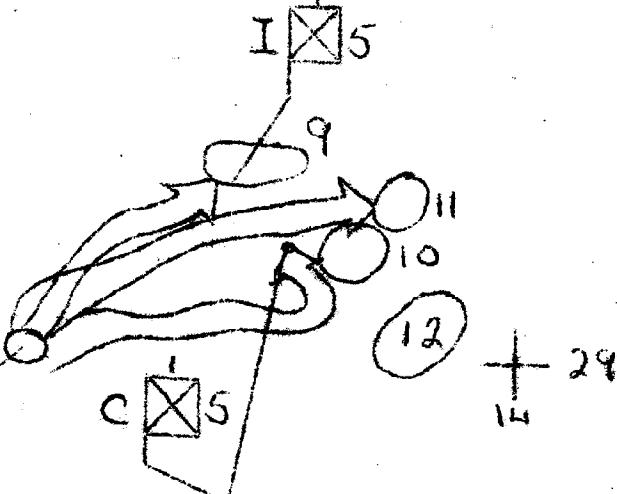
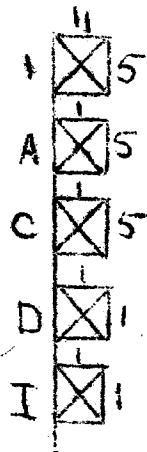
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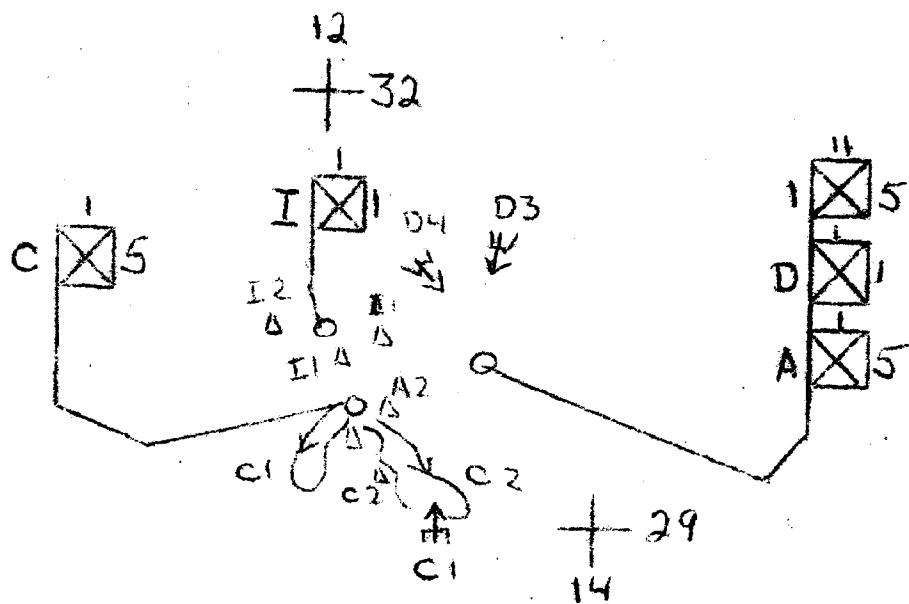


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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Company C.

(1) At 0700 commence movement to Objective 12 (BT 134294), establish patrol base, conduct detailed search within area of operations (BT 130294) to (BT 140297) along trail to south west to (BT 130290). Continue attack on order.

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

b. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) From present position conduct Platoon (Rein) ambush in appropriate position vicinity (BT 110302).

(2) Patrol to be in position by 0612H.

(3) Patrol to return by 1130H.

(4) Conduct local patrolling with emphasis placed on area to south of present position.

(5) Submit patrol route to S-3 for approval by 100500H.

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

c. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

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

d. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) From present position conduct Platoon ambush in appropriate position vicinity (BT 138302) by 0612 return by 1130.

(3) Conduct local patrolling out to 300 meters searching for caches.

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

e. Company A.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) On 15 minute alert.

(3) From present position conduct training with emphasis on fire commands and fire discipline.

(4) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) All patrols except Company C to be initiated by 0700.

(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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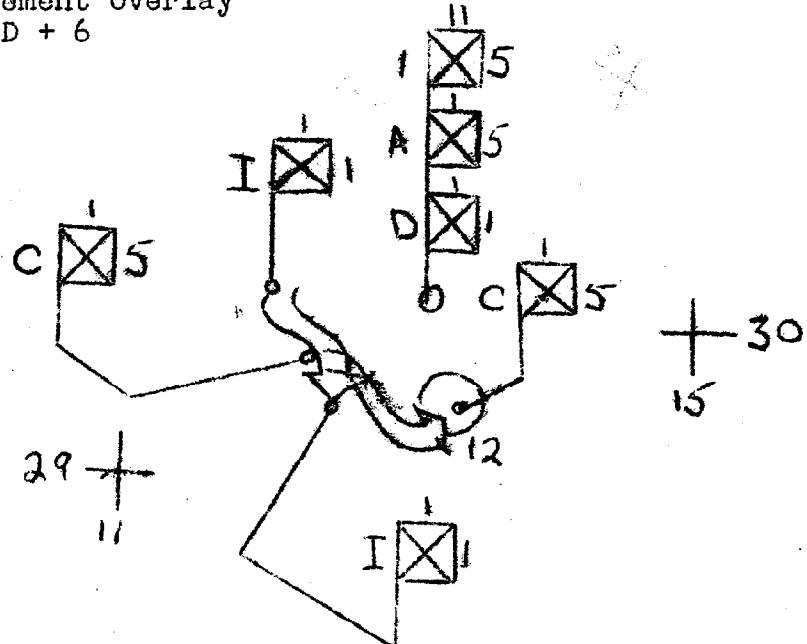
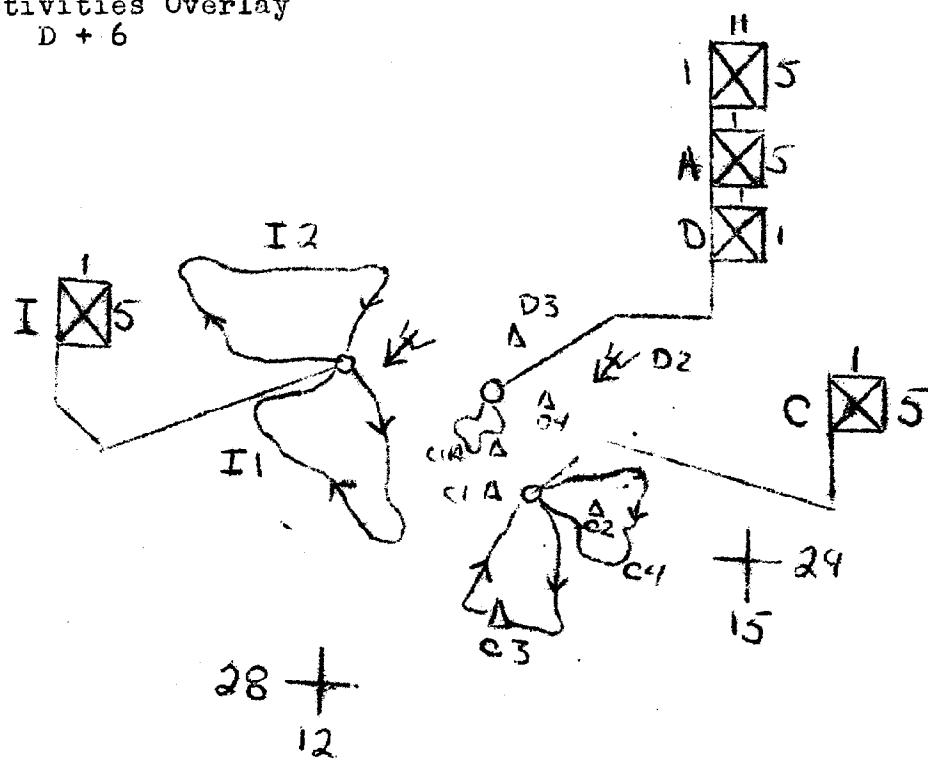
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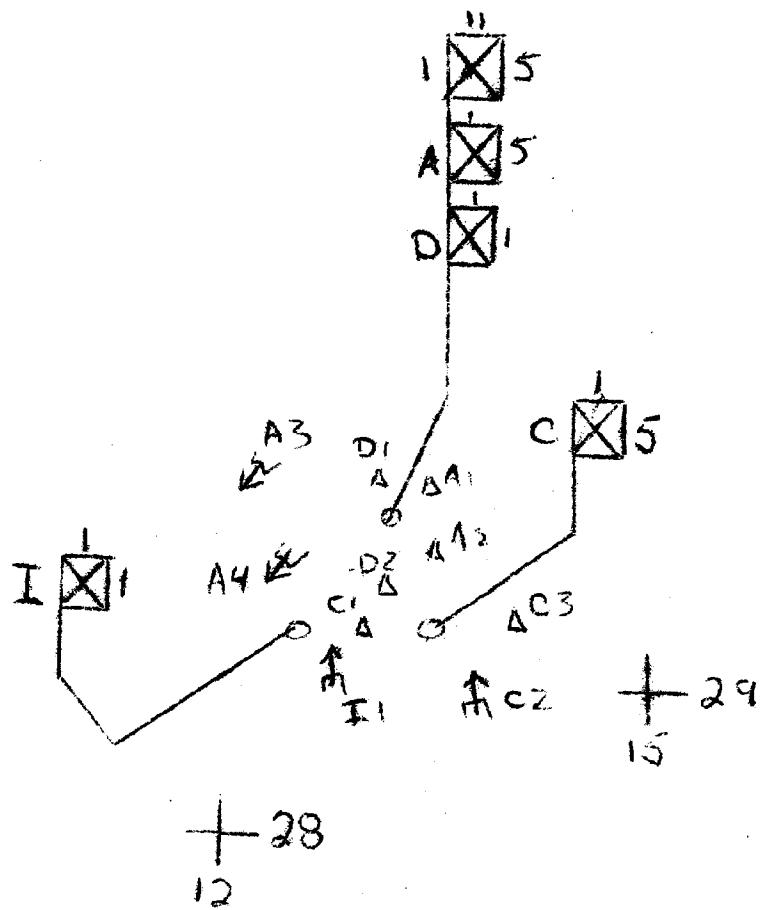
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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy: Information has enemy supply caches of rice, ammo and weapons at coordinates (BT 125290). There are 3 caches, the size of a GP tent with four entrances in hidden bushes.

b. Friendly: No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues detailed search of area with emphasis on area vicinity (BT 125290).

b. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour conduct company search and destroy from 1 present patrol base to (BT 125290) to (BT 125285) to (BT 129286) to (BT 133288) to (BT 134290) along trail to northwest to (BT 125295).

(2) Conduct detailed search of area at (BT 125290) for rice caches.

(3) Receive resupply as directed.

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

c. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour conduct platoon (Rein) patrols in area bounded by points patrol base to (BT 140299) to southwest to (BT 136286) to (BT 134295). Plan additional platoon patrol to Objective 13 vicinity (BT 140297) on order.

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(2) Be prepared to receive resupply in present position.

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

d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) Be prepared to receive resupply from present position.

e. Company A.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) At H-Hour assume 15 minute alert, conduct training with emphasis on ambush techniques, patrol orders and map reading.

(3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce patrolling companies on order.

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

(5) Be prepared to receive resupply in present position.

f. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) At H-Hour conduct patrols in area from 1st Battalion 5th Marines Combat Base to (BT 140296) and north to 3rdBn, 5th ~~Mar~~ boundary as directed, establish local security as directed.

(3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce patrolling companies on order.

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

(5) Be prepared to receive resupply in present position.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0615; D-Day 11 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

(4) Submit recommended daylight patrol routes to S-3 not later than 2400H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Display air panels, red side out.

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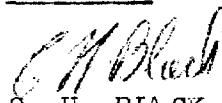
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines deploys with one company to Objective 14 vicinity (BT 133285), two companies to vicinity of Objective 15 (BT 138288), one company to vicinity of Objective 16 (BT 143295), establishes patrol bases and patrols within zone awaiting further orders.

b. Company C.

(1) On order, at H-Hour, move to secure Objective 14, establish patrol base and patrol as directed.

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

c. Company D, 1stBn, 1st Mar.

(1) On order, at H-Hour, move to secure Objective 16, establish patrol base and patrol as directed.

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

d. Company A.

(1) On order, at H-Hour, commence move to Objective 15, occupy assigned portion of perimeter, conduct local patrolling as directed.

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

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e. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order move to Objective 15 in trace of Company A.

f. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce other units on order.

(3) On order commence movement to Objective 15 in trace of Det, H&S Company, occupy assigned portion of perimeter, conduct patrolling as directed.

(4) Provide flank and rear security for Battalion Command Group.

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

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 1445, 11 September 1967.

(2) On securing Objective 15, with east as 12 o'clock, Company A occupy portion of perimeter from 9-12-3, Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar occupy portion of perimeter from 3-6-9.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Depart present position with three full canteens.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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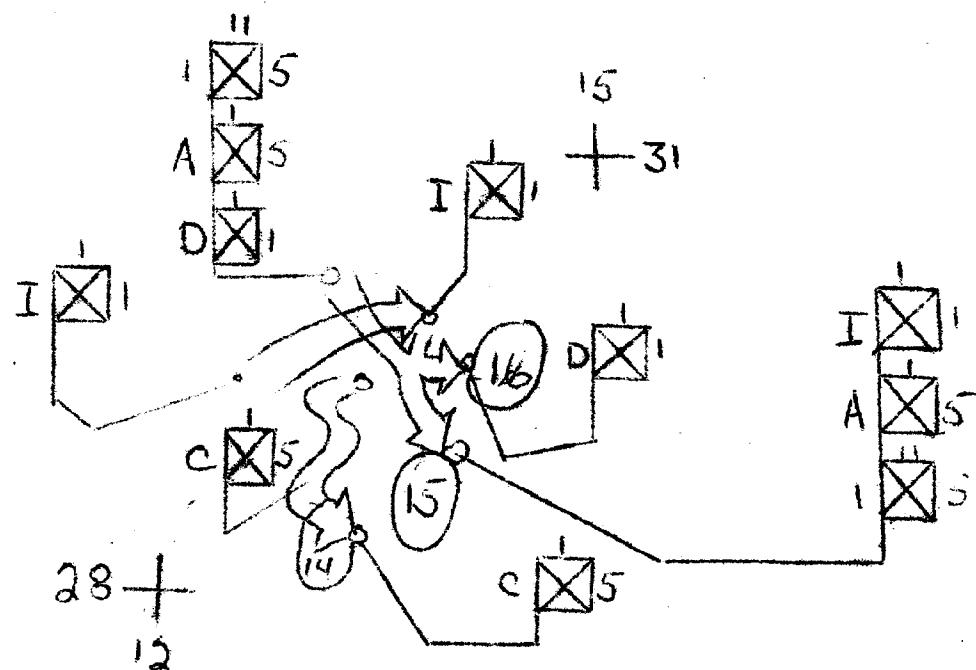
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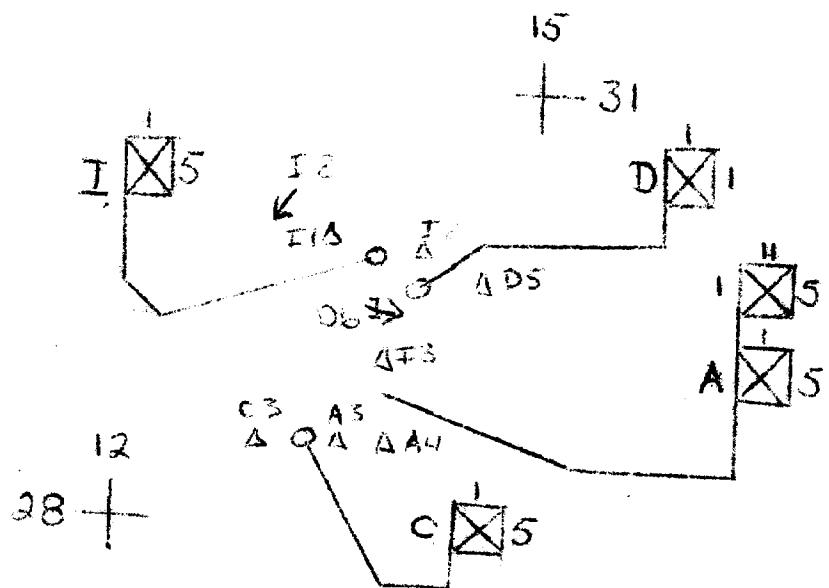
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attacks with two companies abreast to seize portion Task Force Objective 1 in zone, prepares to continue attack on order. Conducts detailed search and destroy of portion of Task Force Objective 1 in zone.b. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) On order attack to seize Objective 17, (BT 143282); be prepared to continue attack to seize portion of Task Force Objective 1, in zone, on order conduct detailed search and destroy of area seized.

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

c. Company A.

(1) On order commence movement to secure Objective 21, be prepared to continue attack to seize portion of Task Force Objective 1 in zone, on order conduct detailed search and destroy of portion of Task Force Objective 1 in zone.

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

d. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour minus 2 deploy to Objective 18 vicinity (BT 141291), establish company position, support movement of Company A and Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar as directed.

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

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e. Det, H&S Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Be prepared to provide local security as directed.
- (3) Be prepared to commence movement as directed.

f. Company C.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Provide support for attack by Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar and Company A as directed.

(3) Be prepared to reinforce/relieve attacking units on order.

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

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0800.

- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

- (3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

- (4) Display air panels on packs.

- (5) Ensure proper consumption of salt tablets.

(6) Take maximum precaution on effecting river crossing, use rope or communication wire as life line.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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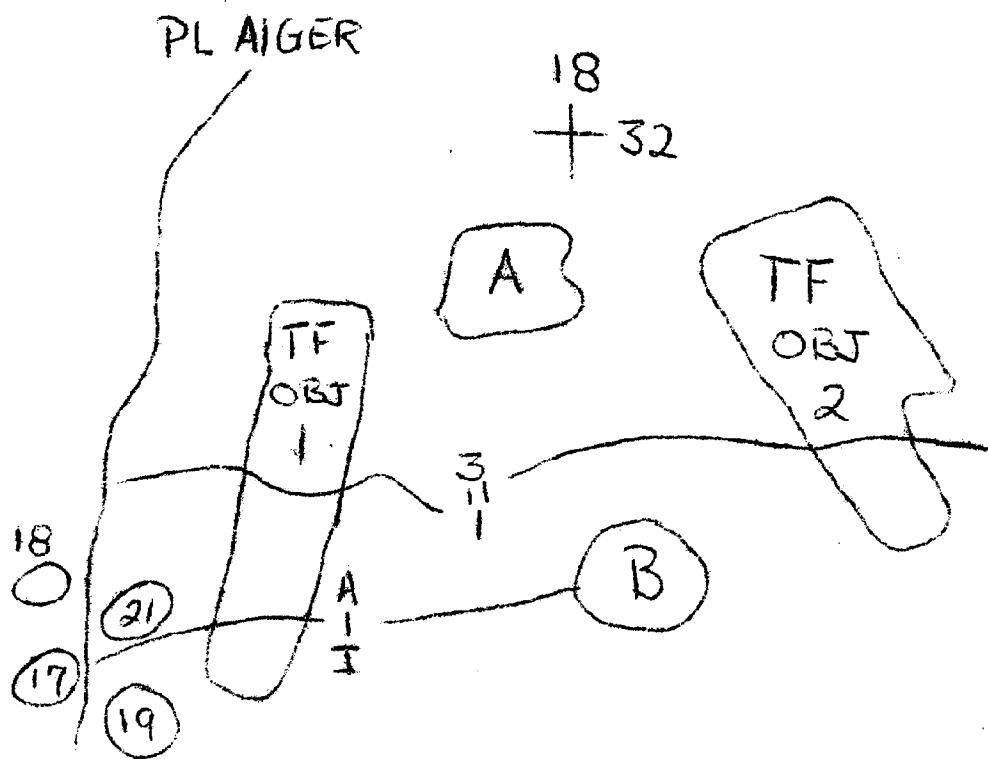
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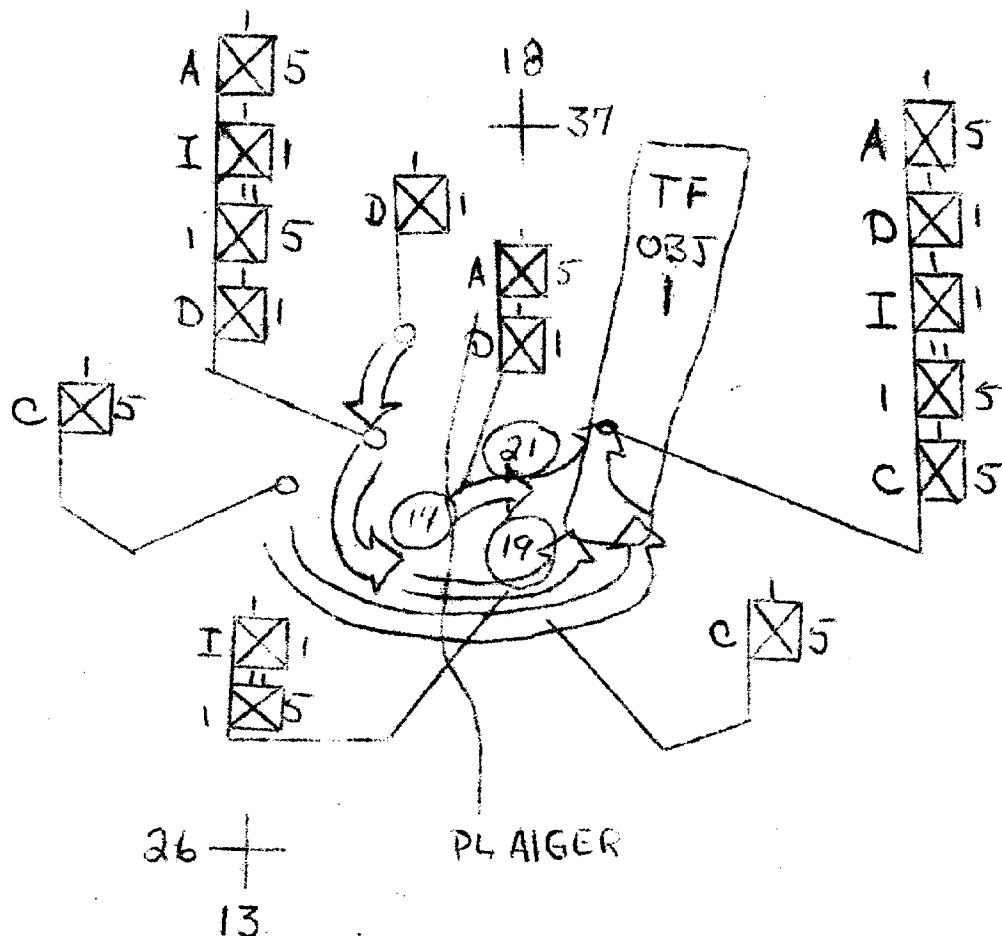
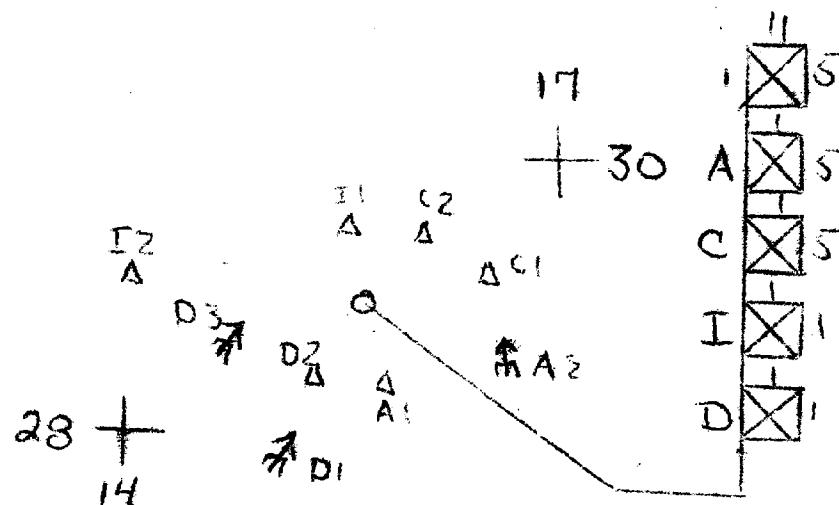
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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues attack with 2 companies abreast to seize Battalion Objective 22 and 23, continues attack to secure Regimental Objective B, on order secures portion TF Objective 2 in zone, conducts search and destroy of portion of TF Objective 2 in zone.

b. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour attack to seize Objective 22, on order continue attack to seize portion of Regimental Objective B in zone, on order continues attack to seize portion of TF Objective 2 in zone, and conducts deliberate search and destroy.

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

c. Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour attack to seize Objective 23, on order continue attack to seize portion of Objective B in zone, on order continue attack to seize portion of TF Objective 2 in zone, and conduct search and destroy.

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

d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence movement to Objective 23, in trace of Company D, 1stBn, 1stMar.

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e. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

- (1) Battalion reserve.
- (2) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.
- (3) Provide flank and rear security for Battalion Command Group.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Company A.

- (1) Battalion reserve.
- (2) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (4) On order commence movement to Objective 22 in trace of Company C.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0830, D+1 12 September 1967.
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (3) Display air panels on packs.
- (4) Stress proper consumption of salt tablets.
- (5) Rules of Engagement apply.
- (6) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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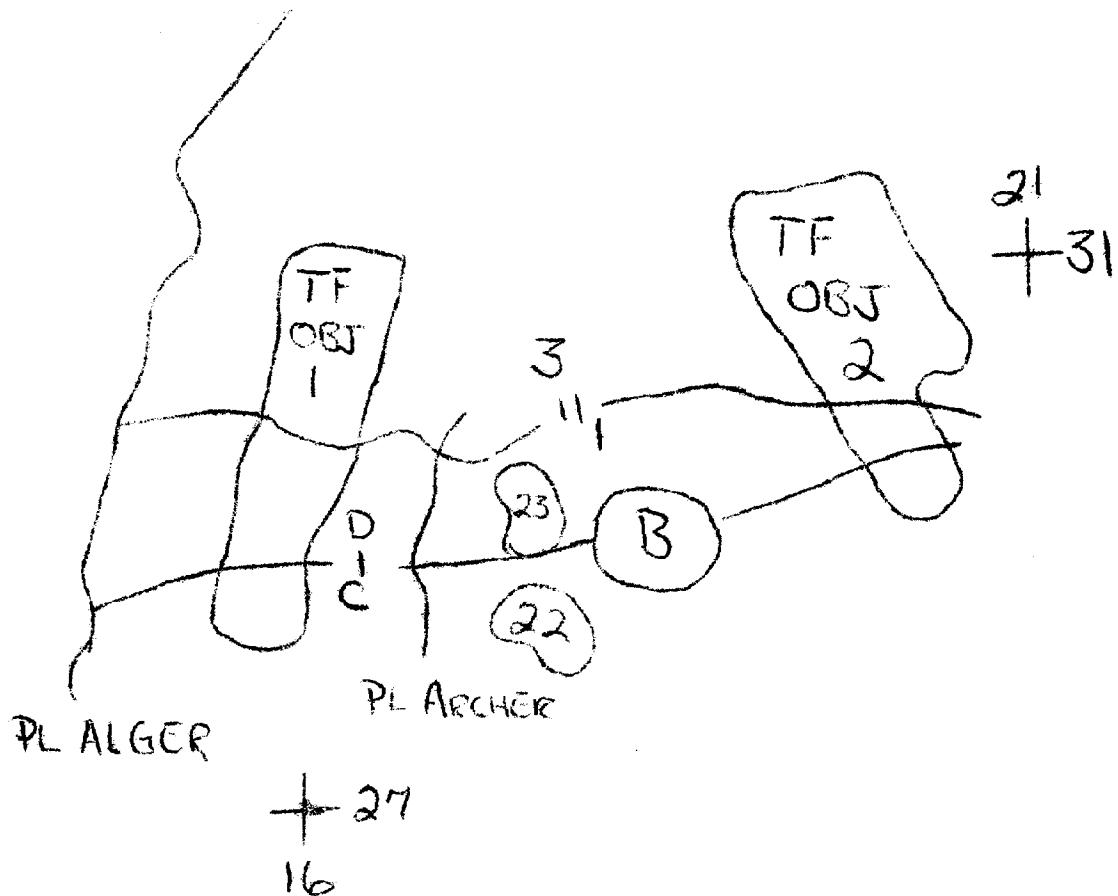
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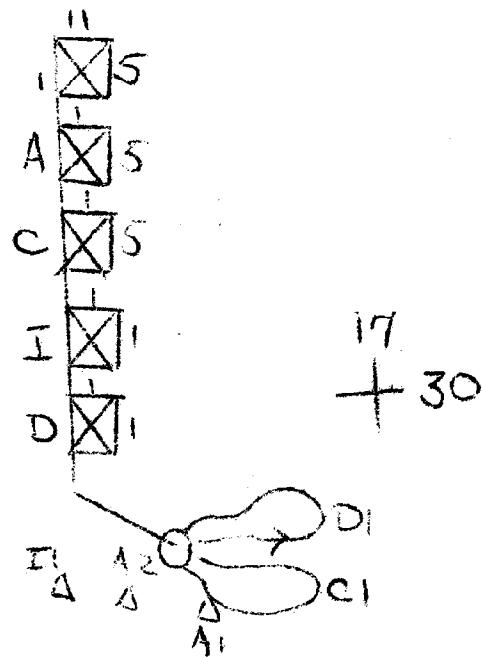
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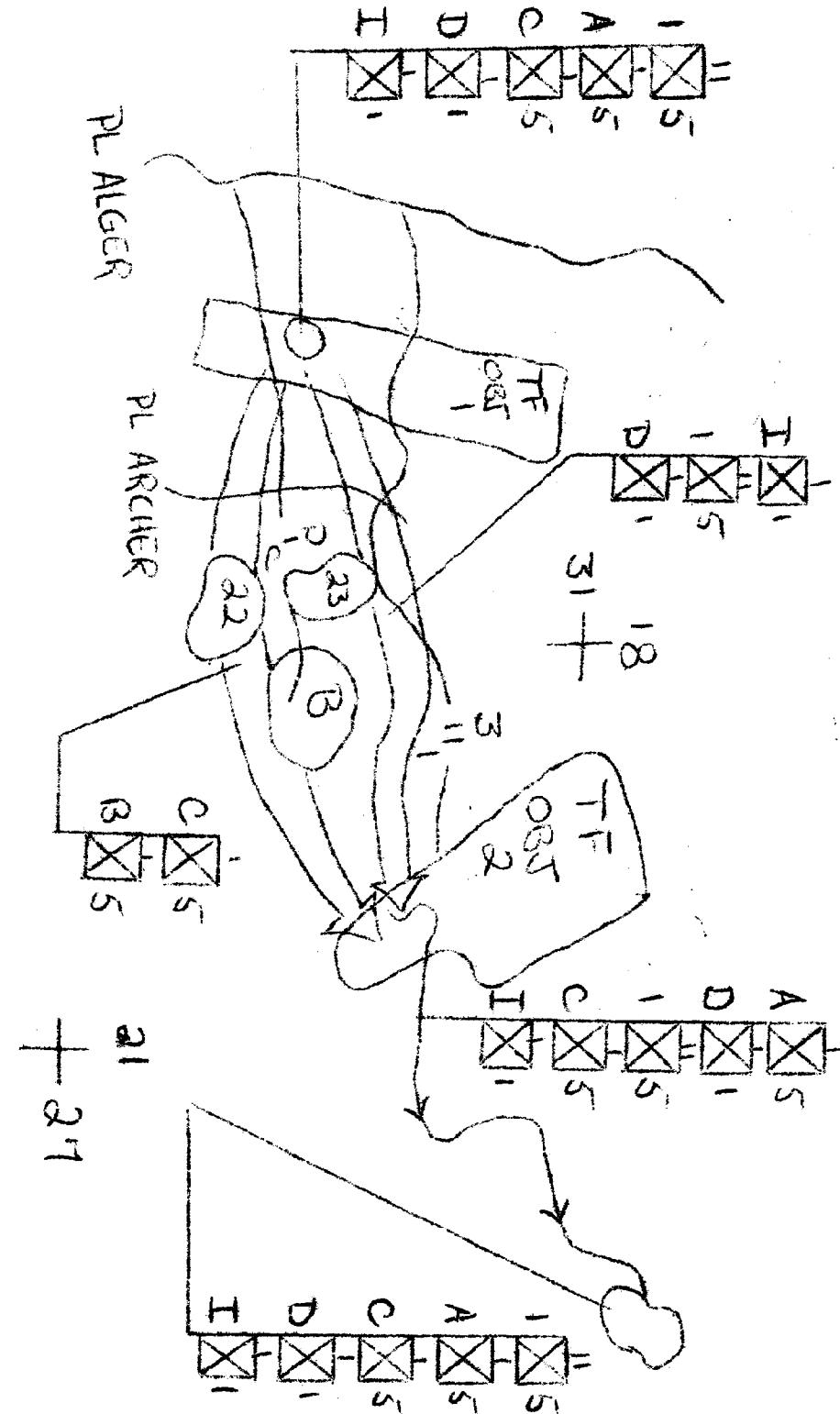


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Que Son, RVN
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1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moves to Objective 27, deploys into attack position and effects link up with ARVN Rangers.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moves to Objective 27, deploys and prepares to continue attack on order.

b. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) On order commence move to secure Objective 25, provide security for Company A and Company C as directed.

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

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company A.

(1) On order commence to secure portion of Objective 26 in zone.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack to seize portion of Objective 27 in zone.

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

d. Company C.

(1) On order commence move to secure portion of Objective 26 in zone.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack to seize portion of Objective 27 in zone.

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

e. Bet, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) On order commence move to Objective 26 in trace of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

f. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) Provide Battalion Command Group security.

(3) Be prepared to move to Objective 26 in trace of Company A on order.

(4) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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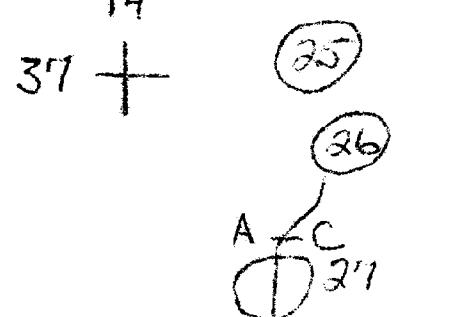
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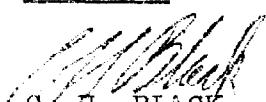
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Que Son, RVN
14 September 1967

Frag Order 121-67

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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attacks with two companies abreast to secure Objective 29 and 30, on order continues to secure Objective C.

b. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour attack in zone to secure Objective 29, continue attack to secure portion of Objective C in zone on order.

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

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour attack in zone to secure Objective 30, continue attack to secure portion of Objective C in zone on order.

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

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

d. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

(2) Commence movement to Objective 30 in trace of Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

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

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(4) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

e. Company C.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) On order commence movement to secure Objective 29; in trace of Company A.

(3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce attacking units on order.

(4) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

f. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) On order commence movement to Objective 30 in trace of Det, H&S Company.

(3) Provide flank and rear security for Battalion Command Group.

(4) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

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

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 1330, D-Day 14 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Use of RCA authorized and encouraged.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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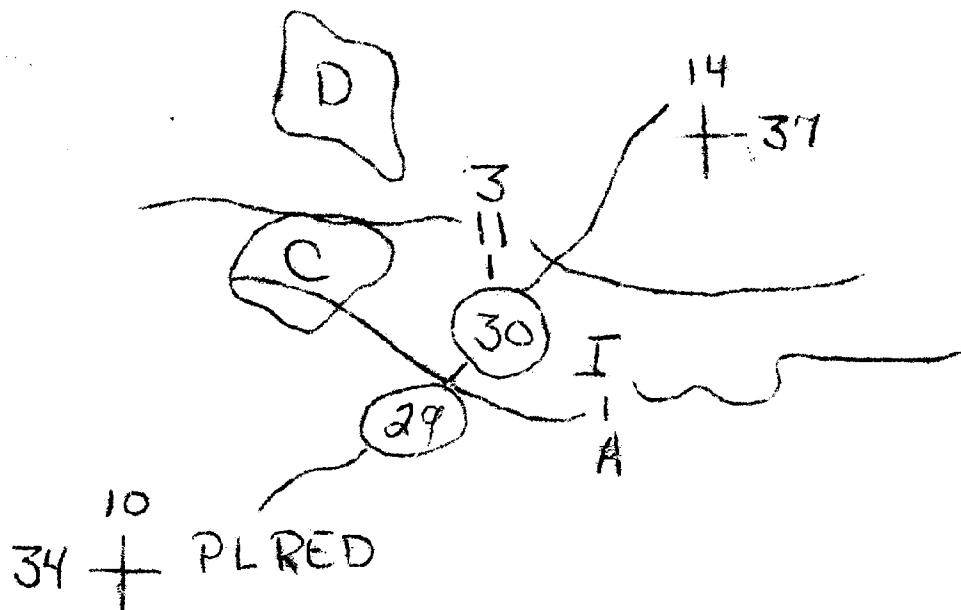
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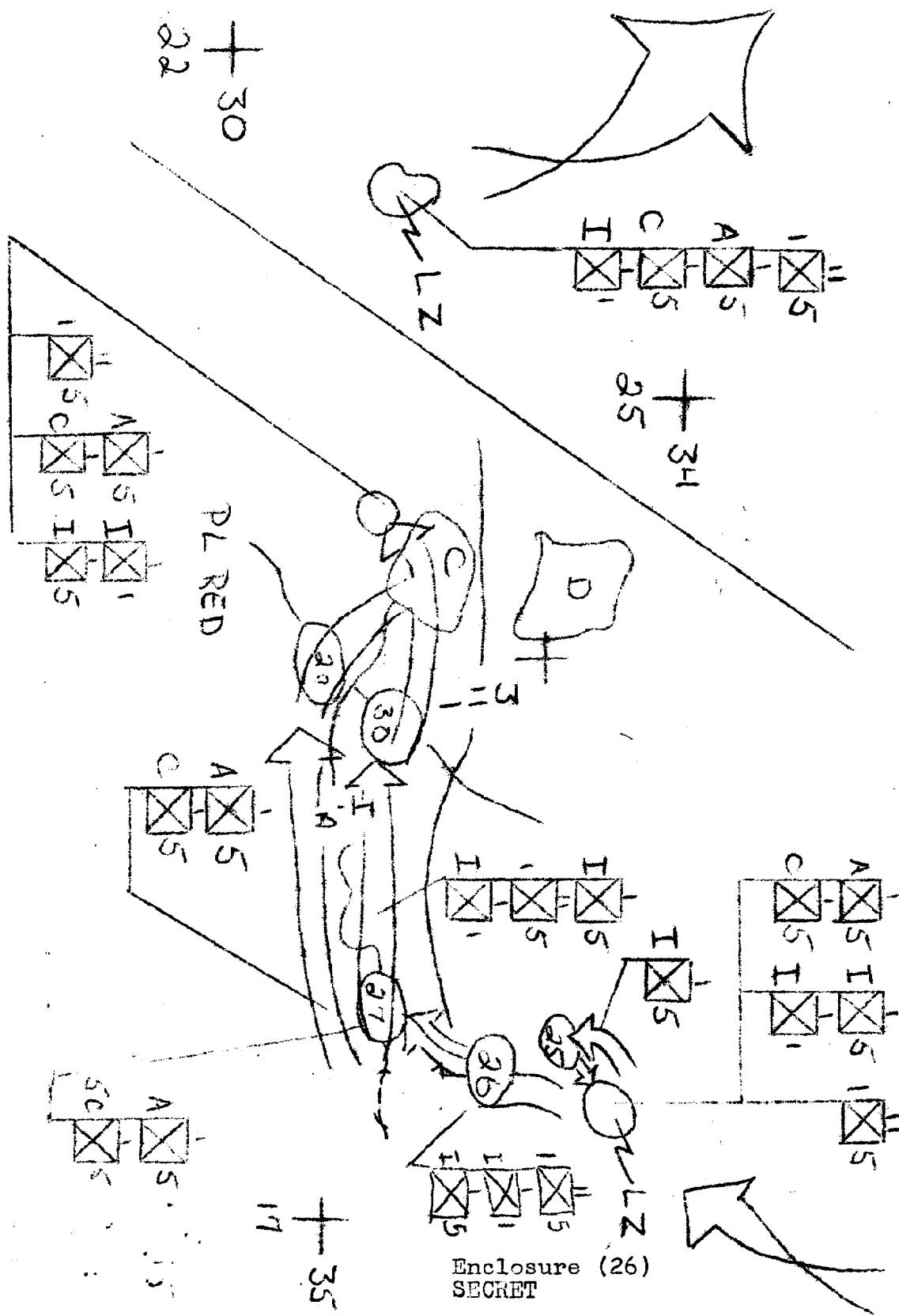
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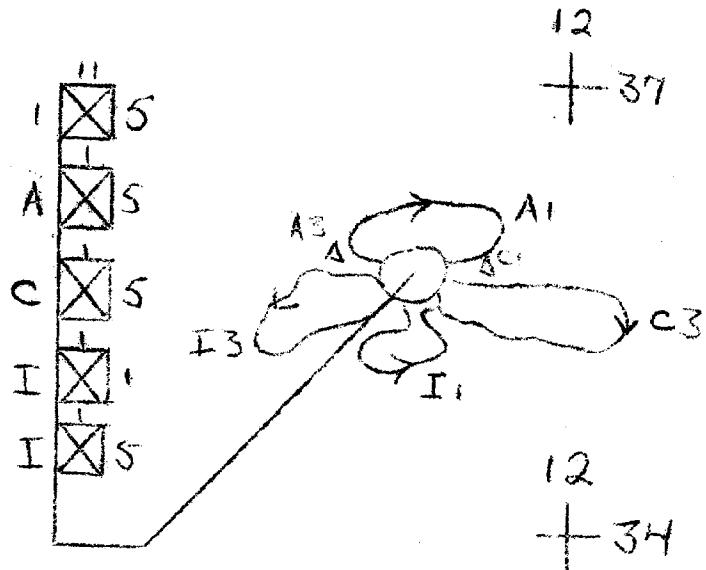
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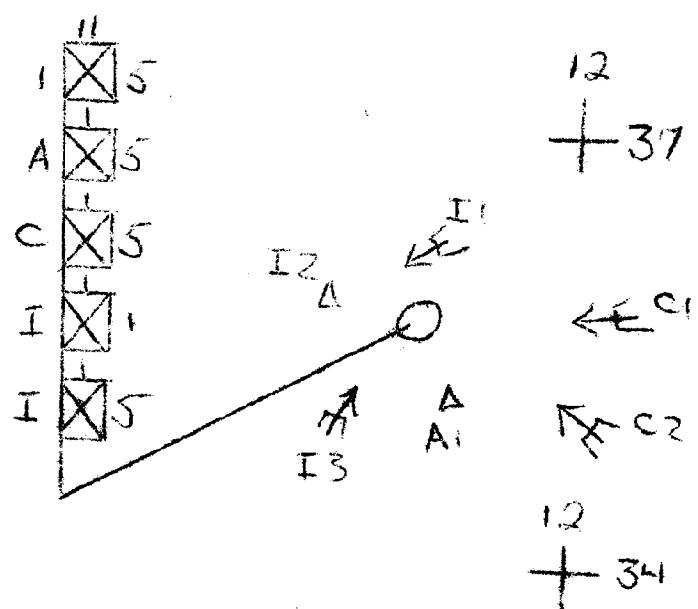
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Que Son, RVN
15 September 1967

Frag Order 122-67

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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: At H-Hour 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commences movement to Objective 31 with companies in column, on order chops attached companies to parent commands and commences helilift to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

b. Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar.

(1) At H-Hour commence move to Objective 31, be prepared to chop to 5th Marines on order.

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

(3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.

c. Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar.

(1) On order commence move to Objective 31 in trace of Company I, 3rdBn, 1stMar, be prepared to assume security of LZ on order.

(2) 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) On order commence move to Objective 31 in trace of Company I, 3rdBn, 5thMar, be prepared to helilift to 1st Battalion 5th Marines Combat Base.

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e. Company C.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) On order commence move to Objective 31 in trace of Det, H&S Company, be prepared to commence helilift to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base on order.
- (3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce other units on order.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Company A.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) On order commence move to Objective 31 in trace of Company C, be prepared to commence helilift to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base on order.
- (3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce other units on order.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0700, D-Day 15 September 1967.
- (2) Order of extraction for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units Det, H&S Company, Company C, Company A.
- (3) Report arrival at Check Points.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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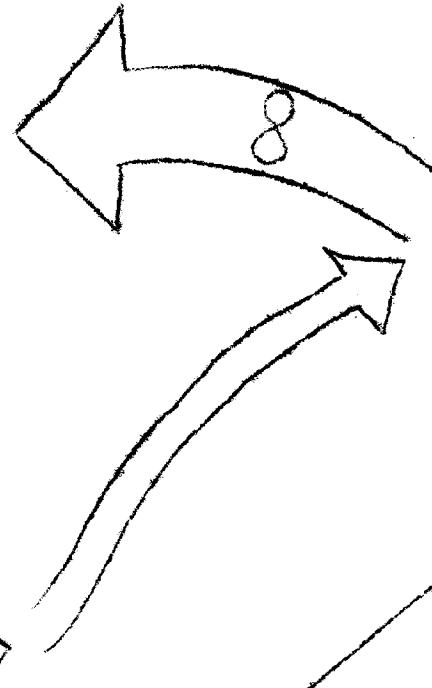
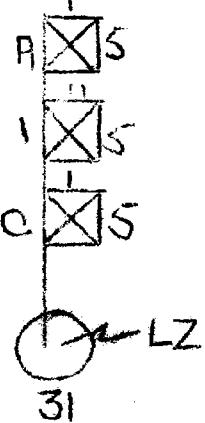
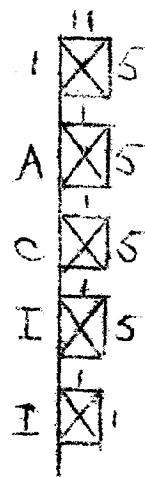
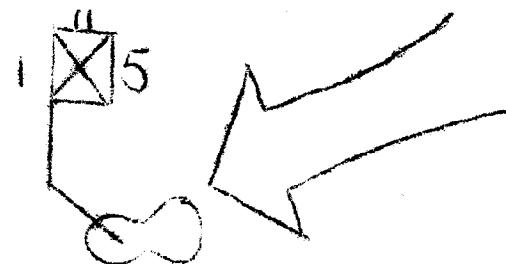
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6. Supporting Forces.

a. Air. Throughout the late morning and early afternoon of 7 September approximately (5) flights of A-1's and (1) flight of F-4's conducted attacks against enemy positions at coordinates (BT 137337) and (BT 137340) in support of Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray". All above missions were controlled by a TAC(A), were close air support missions and were immediate requests.

b. Artillery. Artillery support was provided Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" by units of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment. Artillery support was coordinated through the forward observers who moved with the companies participating in the operation. Due to the fact that there was no staff assigned to "Dislodge X-Ray" supervision of Artillery support was accomplished by the Commander.

7. Intelligence. Throughout the short employment period of "Dislodge X-Ray" there were no known enemy positions or strengths offered. As a result of a Combat Patrol on 7 September to coordinates (BT 137337) it was determined that there was an enemy company reinforced with mortars and automatic weapons located at that position.

8. Mission.

Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" lands in designated LZ, vicinity (BT 153304). Moves southwest to coordinates (BT 123354), prepares to relieve or reinforce in either the 1st Battalion or 3rd Battalion zone of action.

9. Concept.

At I-Hour on D+3 Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" lands in designated LZ. Moves with companies in column to vicinity of (BT 123354). Prepare to support in either battalion zone of action.

10. Execution.

a. All times listed below are approximations due to the fact that the Command Group for Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" consisted of (1) officer and (2) radio operators. There was no spot report file maintained due to the lack of personnel and equipment.

b. D-Day 4 September 1967.

(1) 062130H Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" was activated by order of the Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment.

(2) 070030H Command Group and Company A (-) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base (Hill 51) via helicopter for link-up with Company D, 3rd BN, 5th Mar and 1st Platoon Co 1st TBn at vicinity (BT 153304).

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 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment

Subj: Special Combat After Action Report; Operation "SWIFT"

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A

Encl: ✓(1) Night Movement 6 September 1967; Overlay
 ✓(2) Day Movement 7 September 1967; Overlay
 ✓(3) Night Movement and Dispositions 7 September 1967; Overlay

1. Code Name. Operation "SWIFT" (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation. From 062130H to 080615H September 1967.

3. Location. Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" participated in Operation "SWIFT" in the north central sector of Thang Binh District, Quang Nam Province within an area bounded by coordinates (BT 0833), (BT 0830), (BT 1632), and (BT 1639).

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" MAJ E. C. CHEATHAM, JR.

Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CAPT F. S. GIORDANI

Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines LT R. E. MULER
 (From 070030H Sept to 071730H Sept 1967)

Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CAPT R. FISHER
 (From 071745H Sept to 080615H Sept 1967)

1st Platoon, Company A, 1st TkBn LT R. C. MORRISON
 (From 070030H Sept to 071300H Sept 1967)

5. Task Organization.

Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" MAJ E. C. CHEATHAM, JR.
 Co A (-)(Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT F. S. GIORDANI
 Co L (Rein), 3rdBn, 5thMar LT R. E. MULER
 Co I (Rein), 3rdBn, 1stMar CAPT R. FISHER
 1st Plat (-) Co A, 1st TkBn LT R. C. MORRISON

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(3) 070100H Command Group Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" effected link-up, assumed OPCON of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and 1st Platoon Company A, 1st TMBn.

(4) 070145H Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" begins tactical movement to position vicinity coordinates (BT 123354). See Enclosure (1).

(5) 070500H Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" arrived vicinity coordinates (BT 123354) and received Regimental Frag Order to conduct combat patrol to suspected enemy fortified village vicinity coordinates (BT 133323).

(6) 070545H Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" commenced tactical movement as indicated on Enclosure (2).

(7) 070900E At coordinates (BT 136337) Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" received 20-30 enemy mortar rounds and 200-300 rounds automatic weapons located vicinity (BT 136337). Results: 13 USMC WIAE. Medical evacuation and close air support missions requested.

(8) 070920E Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" received order to break contact with enemy force and reposition in order to conduct air and artillery attacks against enemy positions.

(9) 071015H Medical evacuation completed, "Dislodge X-Ray" repositioned at coordinates (BT 130311). "Dislodge X-Ray" released OPCON of 1st Platoon Company A, 1st Tank Battalion to return to coordinates vicinity of (BT 154304).

(10) 071015H to 071330E Conducted air and artillery attacks against enemy position at (BT 136337).

(11) 071330H Commenced movement to coordinates (BT 122351) upon receipt of Regimental Frag Order to chop OPCON Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and assume OPCON of Company I 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines at that location.

(12) 071500H Received Regimental Frag Order to move to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP vicinity of (BT 097306) upon arrival of Company I 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.

(13) 072745H Company I 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines chop OPCON to Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray".

(14) 071830H Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" commenced movement to southwest toward 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP. See Enclosure (3).

(15) 080200H Point element Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" received (10) rounds small arms fire from enemy ambush located vicinity coordinate (BT 102337). Point elements returned 40-50 rounds small arms fire and (2) M-79 grenades. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed.

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(1) 1100Z 11 NOV 1967. Initial contact with friendly aircraft and ground troops of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CO at coordinates (30 09' N, 156 47' E). Established eight defensive positions and dropped CBU-10 to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" deactivated.

11. Results.

a. Friendly Casualties.

KIA	0
WIAE	13
WIANE	0
KIA	0
NBC	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses.

None.

c. Enemy Casualties.

KIA Confirmed	2
KIA Probable	30

d. Captured Enemy Weapons.

None

e. Captured Enemy Equipment.

None

f. None of the areas attacked by air and artillery were searched due to movement orders received from Commanding Officer 5th Marines.

g. Administrative Matters.

Due to the short time that Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray" was active, and the limited assignments referred to it, it is not considered that any significant problems or procedures can be deduced in this area.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

None

14. Commanders Analysis.

There were no particular lessons learned during the short operational period of Task Force "Dislodge X-Ray".

15. Recommendations.

None

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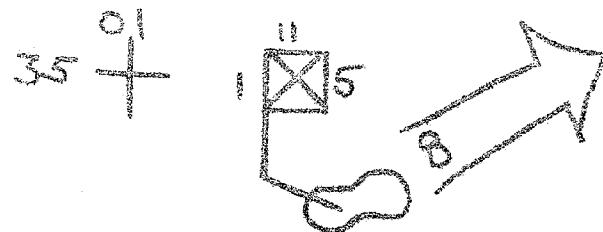
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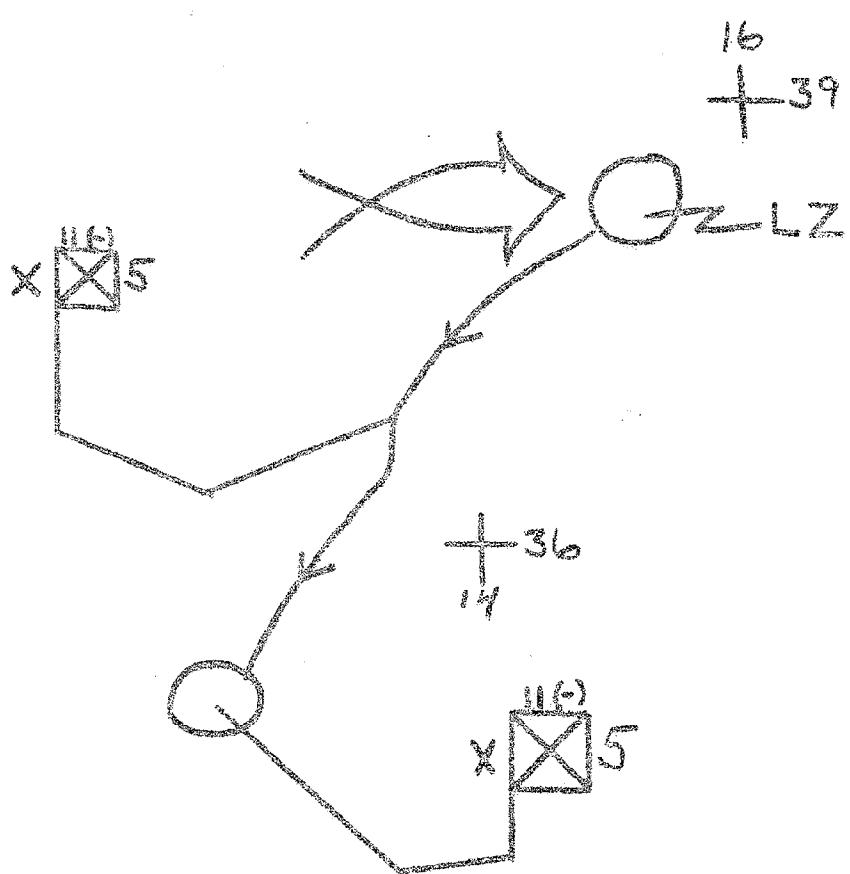
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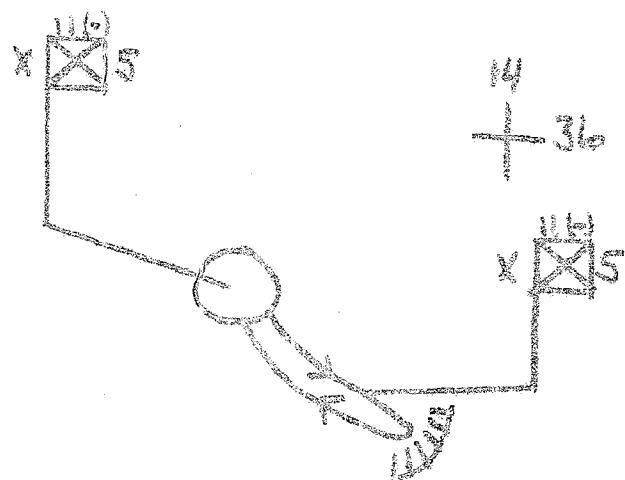
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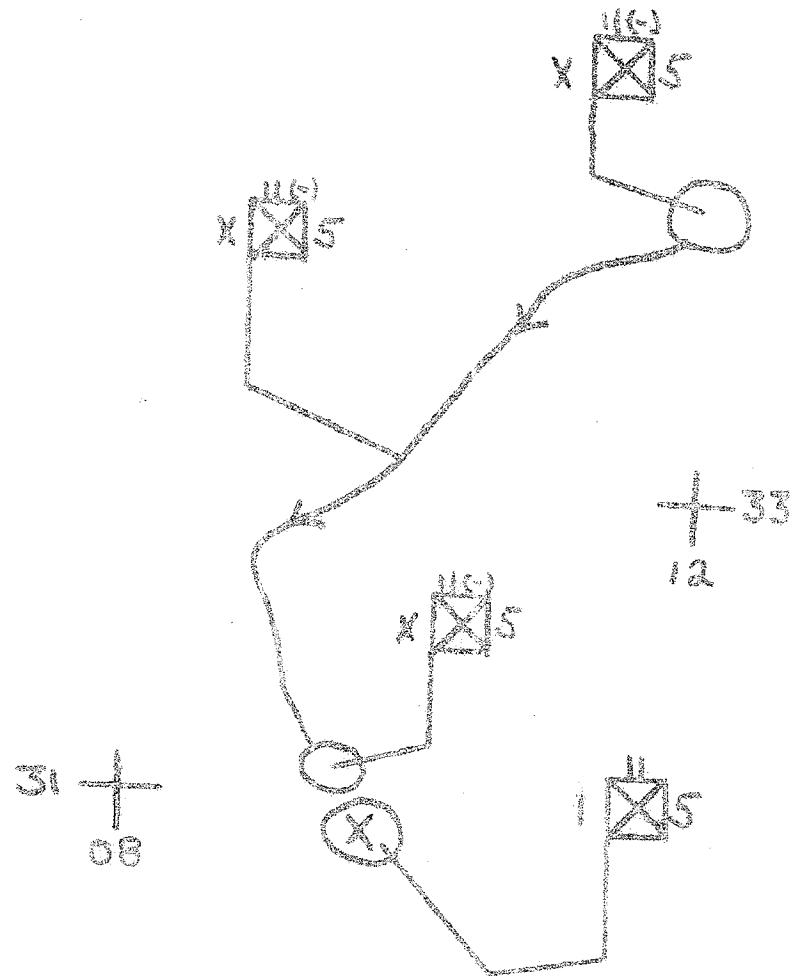
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Wright Movement and Diamond Line, 1000 ft. on 200 ft. Ground



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 Que Son, RVN
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

Company B (-)(Rein)

CAPT T. D. REESE

Plat, Co C (Rein)

MG Tm

60mm Mortar Sqd

Det, Co B, 1st SPBn

Det, Co B, 1st EngrBn

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

Det, Hqts Co, 5th Mar

Det, H&S Company

81 FO Tm

FAC Tm

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

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 company (-)(Rein) search and destroy operation with company (-)(Rein) deploying along axis of advance; attacking Objective A and establishing platoon blocking position vicinity (BT 001321); company (-)(Rein) continues attack on order.

b. Company B (-)(Rein).

(1) At H-Hour (-) 3 commence movement to LD; establish platoon blocking position vicinity (BT 001321) by H-Hour (-) one. At H-Hour attack to secure Objective A; be prepared to continue attack on order.

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(2) On order, but NLT 1830, return to Combat Base Hill 51, detach Company C platoon OPCON Company C and detach one platoon Company B to conduct night ambushes vicinity CP Roy and CP Jim.

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

c. Company C.

(1) At H-Hour (-) 6 detach one platoon OPCON to Company B.

d. Dot, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

e. Company D.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) One platoon on 30 minute alert, Company (-)(Rein) on 60 minute alert.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

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

(2) Company B (-)(Rein) assume OPCON platoon, Company C 312400H August 1967. Platoon Company C to be detached from Company B on order, but NLT 011830H.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Limit of advance - Phase Line Ford (See operation overlay).

(5) Line of departure (See operation overlay).

(6) DIRLAUTH Company B and platoon Company C for planning purposes.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.
- b. Basic load: No change.
- c. Carry at least 50 feet of rope.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICTIONS. No change.

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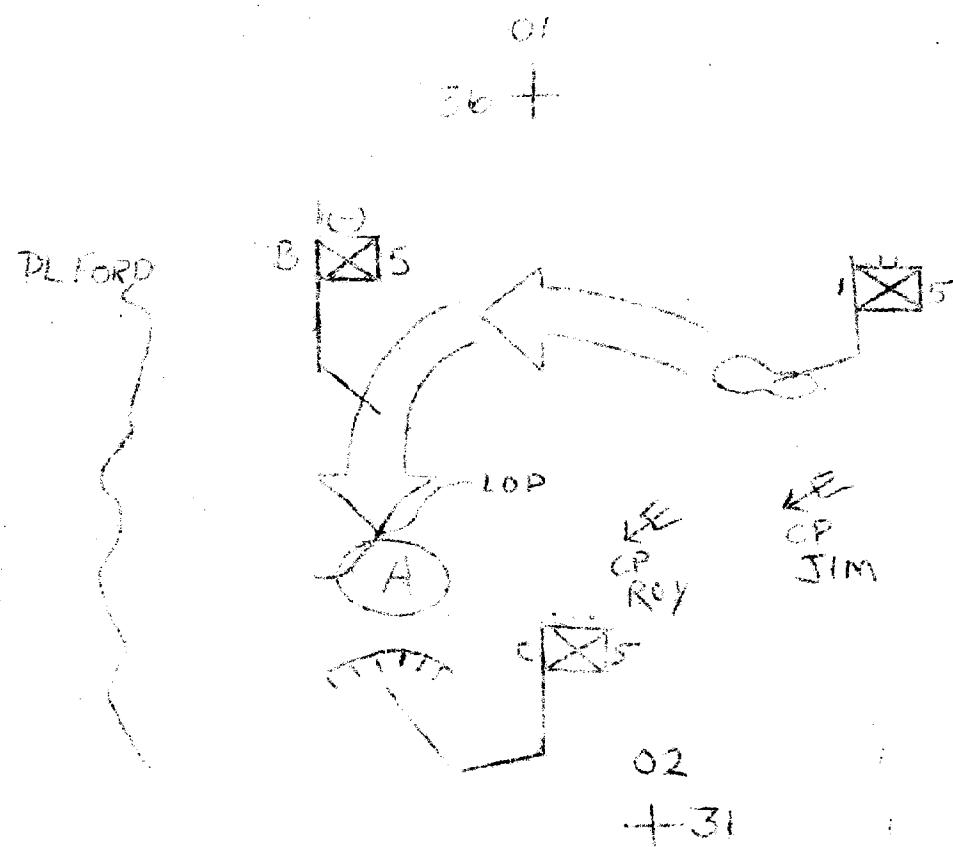
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Que Son, RVN
1 September, 1967

Frag Order 107-67

Ref: (a) Maps: RVN; 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.

Company D (-)(Rein) CAPT R. F. MORGAN
Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, Hqts Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)
Det, H&S Company
S1 FO Tm
FAC Tm
Det, Comm Plat
Det, Med Plat
S-2 Scout

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: To kill or capture the enemy and his weapons; to destroy caves and tunnels, to screen and provide limited security for the Que Son District Headquarters.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a company (-)(Rein) operation to Objective F (vicinity BT 064364) patrols the area between CP Chevy (BT 050375) and CP Corvair (BT 080355). Prepares to establish night defensive positions and conducts night operations as directed.

b. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day conduct search and destroy operation to Objective F, and establish patrols between (BT 050375) and (BT 080355).

(2) Be prepared to provide security for the Que Son District Headquarters as directed.

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(3) Be prepared to conduct night activities as directed.

(4) Effect liaison with Que Son District Headquarters for communications and activities.

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

c. Det, H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

d. Company B.

(1) Battalion Reserve.

(2) One platoon on 30 minute alert, Company (-)(Rein) on 60 minute alert.

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

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0630, D-Day 2 September 1967.

(2) There will be no involvement in local Vietnamese affairs, mission of this operation is to conduct offensive operations against the VC.

(3) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines ARVN Interpreter at Que Son District Headquarters, monitors radio and phone communications.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic load; no change.

c. Carry no less than 50 feet of rope.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Que Son District Headquarters radio frequency passed separately.

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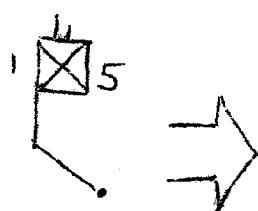
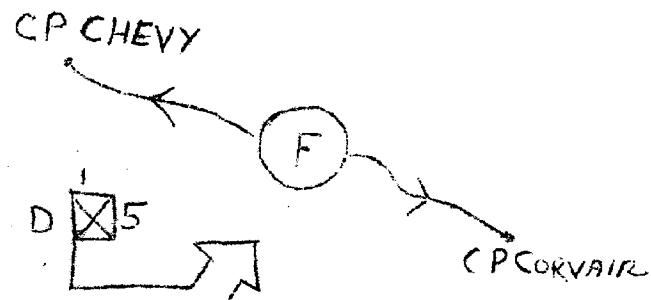
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Que Son, RVN
031005H September 1967

MODIFICATION TO FRAG ORDER 107-67

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

a. Concept: Search Objective G, Objective H and Objective I, be prepared to establish night patrol base vicinity of Objective K and conduct night activities as directed, be prepared to continue attack on order.

b. Company D.

- (1) Search Objective G, Objective H and Objective I.
- (2) Be prepared to establish night patrol base in vicinity of Objective K and conduct night activities as directed.
- (3) Be prepared to continue attack on order.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

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

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Que Son, RVN
2 September 1967

Frag Order 124-67

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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 and tunnels, and screen and provide limited security for the Que Son District Headquarters.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: At H-Hour on D-Day 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a platoon (Rein) search and destroy along route of advance Red to Objective C, establishes patrol base, conducts night ambushes as directed, prepares to continue attack on order.

b. 3rd Platoon, Co C (Rein).

Task Organization.

3rd Platoon, Co C (Rein)

Dot, Co C (-) (Rein)

60mm Mortar Sqd

MG Tm

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

(1) At H-Hour conduct search and destroy along route of advance Red to Objective C, (BT 052312), establish patrol base, conduct night ambushes vicinity (BT 068303) and (BT 073319), be prepared to continue attack on order.

(2) Be prepared to chop to Company C on order when Objective C is secured.

c. Company C.

(1) Be prepared to assume OPCON 3rd Platoon, Company C on order.

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

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d. Company D.Task Organization: No change.

- (1) Continue search and destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 107-67.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

e. Company B.Task Organization: No change.

- (1) Battalion Reserve.
- (2) One platoon on 30 minute alert, Company (-)(Rein) on 1 hour alert.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1730, D-Day 2 September 1967.
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.
- b. Basic load: no change.
- c. Carry no less than 50 feet of rope.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Que Son District Headquarters radio frequency passed separately.

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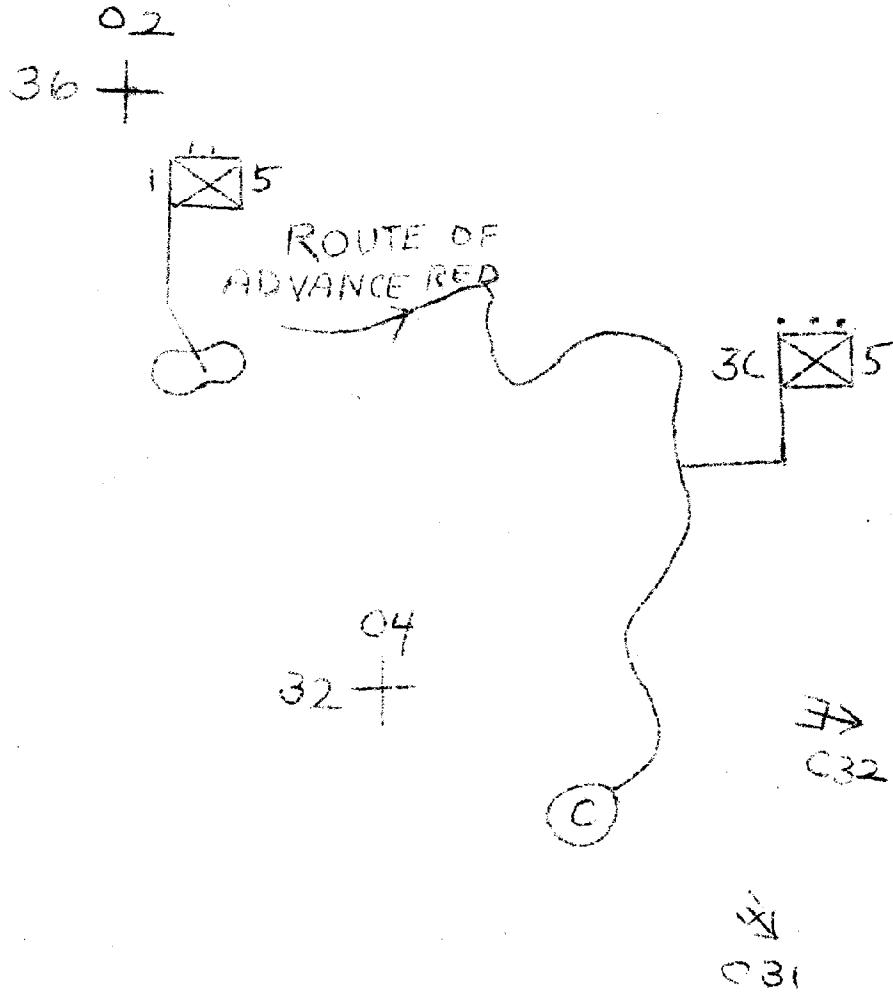
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Que Son, RVN
 16 September 1967

Frag Order 125-67

Ref: (a) Maps: RVN; 1:50,000; Series 17014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

H&S Company (-)(Rein) 1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

H&S Company (-)

81 Mortar Plat

106 RR Plat

Comm Plat

TACP

Mod Plat

ARVN Ln Off

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Platoon, Co A, 1st TankBn

Section, Co B, 1stATEBn

Det, Hqts Bn, 1stMarDiv (ITT Tm)

Det, Hq Co, 5th Marines

Company B (-)(Rein) 1STLT D. D. DROBNY

Company B (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 2ndEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

Company C (-)(Rein) CAPT M. C. JOHNSTON

Company C (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 2ndEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plat

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Det, Comm Plat
Det, Med Plat
FAC TM
S-2 Scout
Kit Carson Tm

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts limited duration, company search and destroy operation to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons; to destroy caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation to secure Objective C; on order continues attack to secure Objective A and conducts detailed search of Objective area. On order continues to Objective B, establishes patrol base and conducts night activities as directed.

b. Company B (-)(Rein).

(1) On order conduct search and destroy operation to secure Objective C; on order secure Objective A and conduct detailed search of objective area. Be prepared to continue mission on order.

(2) On order establish night defensive positions vicinity of Objective B, conduct night activities as directed.

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

c. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

d. Company C (Rein).

(1) Battalion reserve.

(2) Platoon on 30 minute alert, company on 1 hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce Company B on order.

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

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 1000, for planning purposes, D-Day 16 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) X-Ray hour 1500; X-Ray number 15.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise proper consumption of salt tablets.

b. Basic Load:

(1) 6 MCJ's 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 gun
c.	40mm	12 rounds per M-79
d.	60mm	25 rounds HE per tube
		5 rounds WP per tube

(5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.

(6) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.

(7) 4 LAAW rounds per squad.

(8) 1 demolitions kit per engineer.

(9) 3 WP grenades per squad.

(10) 2 claymore mines per squad.

(11) 4 fragmentation grenades per squad.

(12) 4 RCA grenades per squad.

(13) 3 green star clusters per squad.

(14) 50 feet of rope per squad.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.

b. Position report each hour at 10 minutes before the hour.

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- c. Display air panels on packs (two per squad).
- d. Common frequency: Bluebell; passed separately.

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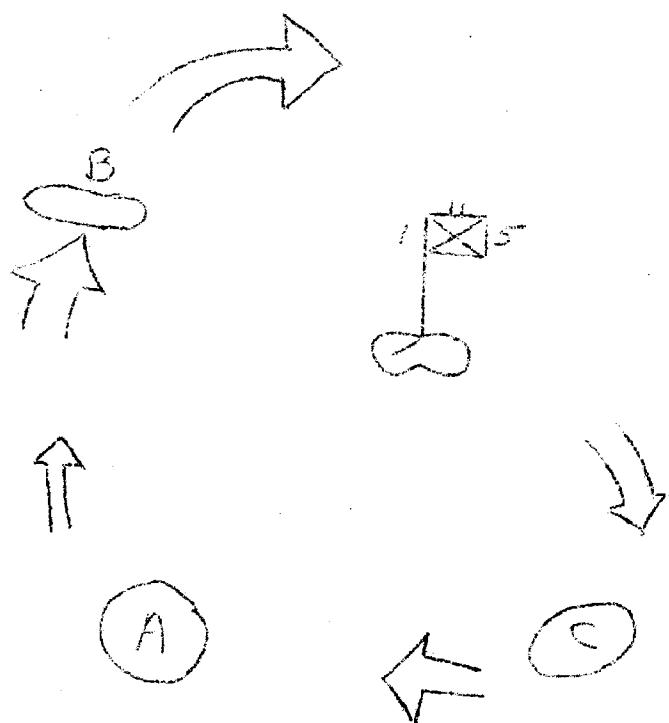
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Que Son, RVN
 17 September 1967

Frag Order 126-67

Ref: (a) Maps: RVN; 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheets 6640 II-III

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

H&S Company (-)(Rein) 1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

H&S Company (-)

81 Mortar Plat

106 RR Plat

Comm Plat

TACP

Med Plat

ARVN Ln Off

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Platoon, Co A, 1st TankBn

Section, Co B, 1stATBn

Det, Hqts Bn, 1stMarDiv (ITT Tm)

Det, Hq Co, 5th Marines

Company A (-)(Rein) CAPT F. S. GIERDANI

Company A (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 2ndEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

Company C (-)(Rein) CAPT H. C. JOHNSTON

Company C (-)

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

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1. SITUATION. No change.

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

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company search and destroy operation to secure Objective D, establish patrol base and conduct patrols as directed. On order continue movement to Objective E, establish patrol base and conduct night activities as directed.

b. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour conduct search and destroy operation to secure Objective D, establish patrol base and initiate patrols as directed. Be prepared to continue search and destroy operation to Objective E on order.

(2) On order establish night defensive positions vicinity of Objective E, submit recommended night activities to Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

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

c. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

d. Company C (-) (Rein).

(1) Battalion reserve.

(2) Platoon on 30 minute alert, company on 1 hour alert.

(3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce Company A on order.

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

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e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1130, D-Day 18 September 1967.
- (2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (3) Quebec Hour 2000, Quebec Number 20.
- (4) Insure weapons are kept clean and are inspected daily.

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 mask per man.

- (4) Basic allowance of ammunition per man.

a. 5.56mm	240 rounds per man.
b. 7.62mm	1,000 rounds per gun.
c. 40mm	12 rounds per M-79.
d. 60mm	25 rounds HE per tube. 5 rounds WP per tube.

- (5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.

- (6) 4 illumination hand grenades per squad.

- (7) 4 LAAW rounds per squad.

- (8) 1 demolitions kit per squad.

- (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.

- (14) 50 feet of rope per squad.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.

- b. Position report each hour 10 minutes before the hour.

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- c. Display air panels on packs.
- d. Common frequency: Blueball; passed separately.

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Annex A: Operation Overlay
B: Fire Support Plan

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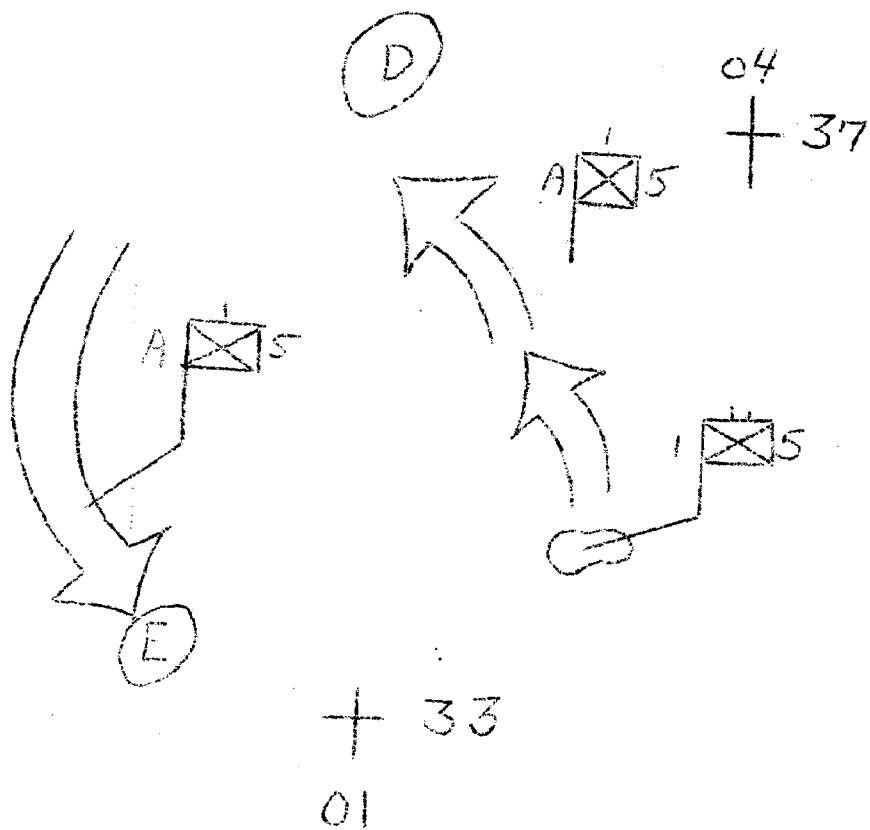
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 Que Son, RVN
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Annex B: Fire Support Plan to Frag Order 126-67

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Artillery Fire Support.

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

On call fires and on call prep-fires have been plotted to support the company movement; additional on call fires will be called in by the FO from the field.

On call fires are as follows:

SD 001	014 375
SD 002	997 333
SD 003	004 358
SD 004	001 354
SD 005	994 347
SD 006	017 366
SD 007	027 365
SD 008	032 352
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Que Son, RVN
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Task Organization

1st Battalion, 5th Marines

LTCOL O. W. VAN DEN BERG

Company C (-) (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT M. C. JOHNSTON

Company C (-)

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO Tm)

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, H&S Company

FAC Tm

Det, 81 Mortar Plat (FO Tm)

S-2 Scout

3 Kit Carson Tms

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, PsyOps 244 Company

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

H&S Company (-) (Rein)

1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

H&S Company (-)

TACP

81 Mortar Plat

106 RR Plat

Comm Plat

ARVN Ln Off

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (Ln Tm)

Sec. Co B, 1st ATBn

Platoon, Co A, 1st TkBn

Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Hq Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper Tm)

Det, Hq Bn, 1stMarDiv (ITT Tm)

1. SITUATION. No change.

2. MISSION: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts limited duration company search and destroy operation to kill or capture the enemy and his weapons; to reduce his freedom of

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movement in the Que Son Valley; and to destroy his supplies, caves, tunnels and fortifications.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept: At H-Hour - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on D-Day Company C (-)(Rein), 1st Battalion, 5th Marines establishes platoon blocking position west of Xuan Que (5) vicinity (AT 990332). At H-Hour on D-Day Company C (-)(Rein) attacks to the west to seize and conduct detailed search of the village of Xuan Que (5), Objective 1, vicinity (AT 996334), conducts link up with Platoon blocking force, continues the attack to the west northwest to seize Objective 2 vicinity (AT 980341), and conducts detailed search of Objective 2. On order Company C (-)(Rein) continues the attack to the east to seize Objective 3, vicinity (AT 996346), conducts detailed search of Objective 3, on order establishes night defensive position and conducts night activities in the vicinity of Objective 3. On order Company C (-)(Rein) continues to swoop to the east, returning to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

b. Company C (-)(Rein).

(1) At H-Hour - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour establish platoon blocking position to the west of Objective 1 vicinity (AT 990332).

(2) At H-Hour on D-Day attack to seize and search Objective 1 village vicinity (AT 996334).

(3) Continue the attack to seize and search Objective 2, village vicinity (AT 980341).

(4) On order continue the attack to the east to seize and search Objective 3.

(5) On order establish night defensive position vicinity Objective 3, submit recommended night activities to Battalion S-3.

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

c. H&S Company.

(1) General Support.

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d. Battalion Reserve.

- (1) Company (-)(Rein) as designated by separate order.
- (2) Platoon on 30 minute alert, company on 1 hour alert.
- (3) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce Company C on order.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 0600, D-Day 23 September 1967.
- (2) Separate elements initially move by different routes but remain within mutual supporting distance.
- (3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (4) Insure weapons are kept clean and are inspected daily.
- (5) Search of villages will be detailed and thorough. Inhabitants and their property will be treated with consideration. The rules of engagement apply.
- (6) Refugees are encouraged. The Battalion S-3 will make arrangements for refugees to be escorted to the Que Son Refugee Center.

(7) See Annex A.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Supervise foot care and 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 mask per man.
- (4) Basic allowance of ammunition.

(a) 5.56mm	240 rounds per man.
(b) 7.62mm	1,000 rounds per gun.
(c) 40mm	12 rounds per M-79.
(d) 60mm	25 rounds HE per tube. 5 rounds WP per tube.

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- (5) 2 air panels, 2 yellow smoke grenades per squad.
- (6) 4 grenades, hand illumination per squad.
- (7) 4 LAW rounds per squad.
- (8) 1 demolition kit per engineer.
- (9) 3 WP grenades per squad.
- (10) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (11) 4 RGD grenades per squad.
- (12) 4 fragmentation grenades per squad.
- (13) 3 CS grenades per squad.
- (14) 50 feet of rope per squad.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.
- b. Position reports to be submitted each hour, 10 minutes before the hour.
- c. Display air panels on packs.
- d. Common Frequency: Bluebell; passed separately.

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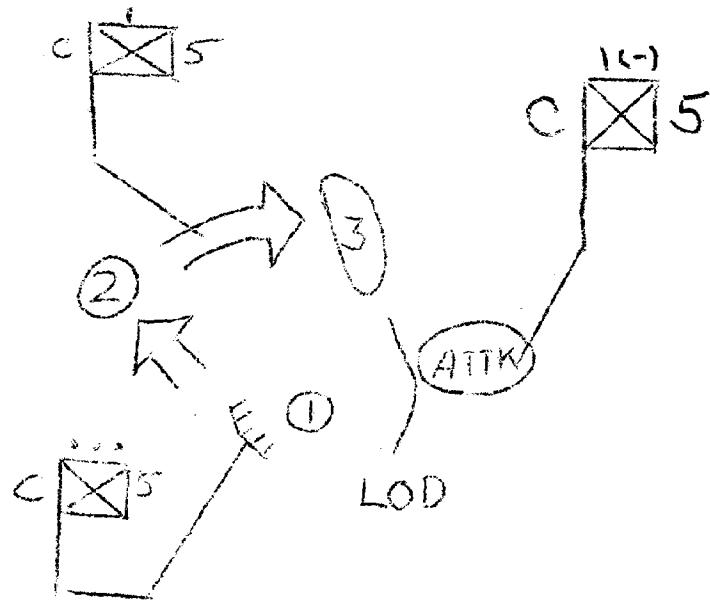
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Que Son, RVN
 23 September 1967

Frag Order 128-67

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) LTCOL O. W. VAN DEN BERG

Company A (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT F. S. GIORDANI

Company A
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO Tm)
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
 Det, H&S Company
 FAC Tm
 Det, 81 Mortar Plat (FO Tm)
 S-2 Secut
 Kit Carson Tm
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Med Plat

Det, H&S Company 1stBn, 5thMar 1STLT D. L. MCINTURFF

Det, H&S Company
 TACP
 81 Mortar Plat
 106 RR Plat
 Comm Plat
 ARVN Ln Off.
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stSPBn
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Hq Co, 5thMar (Scout Sniper Tm)

Company B (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar 1STLT D. D. DROBNY

Company B
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO Tm)
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Co B, 1stSPBn

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d. Company B.

(1) Reserve.

(2) On order commence move to Objective 5 in trace of Det, H&S Company.

(3) Provide flank and rear security for Battalion Command Group.

(4) Be prepared to relieve/reinforce Company A on order.

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

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0800, D-Day 26 September 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Insure weapons are cleaned and inspected daily.

(4) See Annex A.

(5) Report arrival at Check Points.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supervise foot care and 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 mask per man.

(4) Basic allowance of ammunition.

(a) 5.56mm	240 rounds per man.
(b) 7.62	1,000 rounds per gun
(c) 40mm	12 rounds per M-79
(d) 60mm	25 rounds HE per tube 5 rounds WP per tube

(5) 2 air panels, 6 yellow smoke grenades per squad.

(6) 4 grenades, hand illumination per squad.

(7) 4 LAAW rounds per squad.

(8) 1 demolition kit per engineer.

(9) 3 WP grenades per squad.

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- (10) 2 claymore mines per squad.
- (11) 4 RCA grenades per squad.
- (12) 4 Fragmentation grenades per squad.
- (13) 3 CS grenades per squad.
- (14) 50 feet of rope per squad.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Obtain passwords from S-2 prior to H-Hour.
- b. Position reports to be submitted each hour, 10 minutes before the hour.
- c. Display air panels on packs.
- d. Common frequency "Bluebell, passed separately.

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Annex A: Operation Overlay
B: Fire Support Plan (to be issued)

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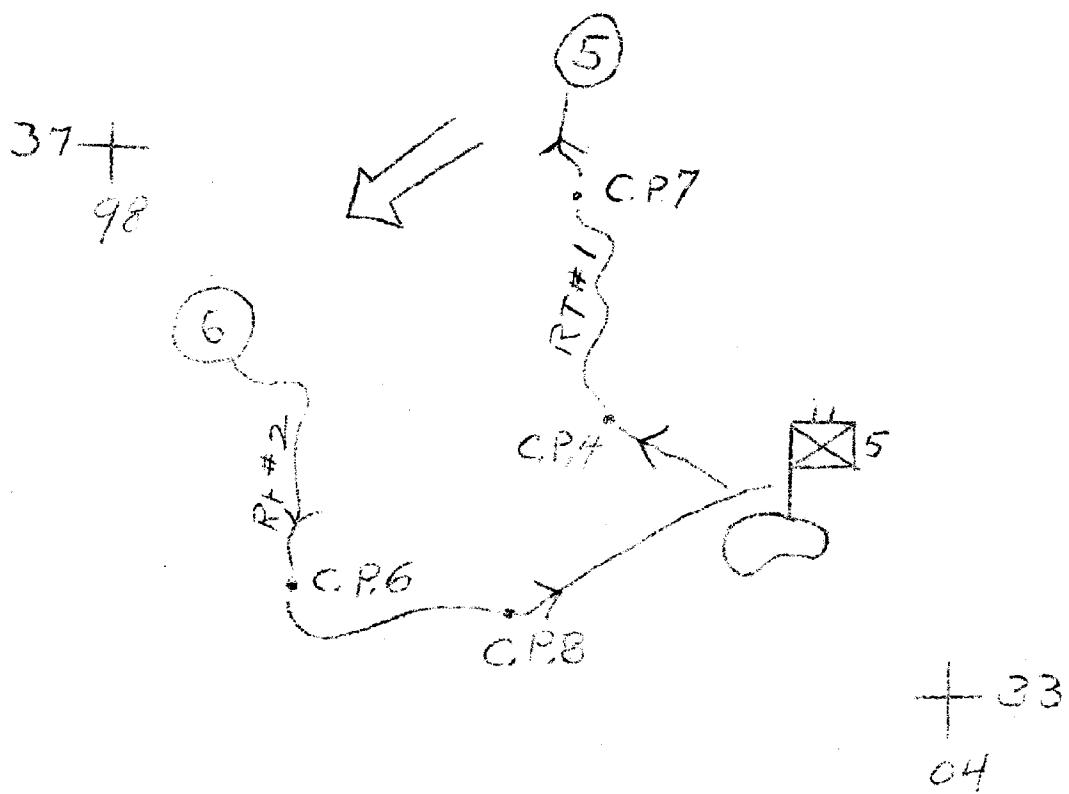
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