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Encl: ✓(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a),
 (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 5th Marines

Commander

LTCOL O. W. VAN DEN BERG JR.

1-31 December 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

CAPT D. L. MCINTURFF

1-31 December 1967

Company A

CAPT T. B. BAGLEY

1-31 December 1967

Company B

CAPT D. D. DROBNEY

1-31 December 1967

Company C

CAPT E. B. BURROW

1-31 December 1967

Company D

CAPT R. K. KIRKPATRICK

1-31 December 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

1STLT R. K. REDLIN

Det, 3rd Plt(Rein), Co A, 1stATBn

2NDLT B. C. MORTON

1st Plt, Co B, 1stEngrBn

2NDLT R. D. CLEARFIELD

1st Plt, Co C, 1st TankBn

2NDLT C. HILL
1-4 December 19672NDLT J. MORGAN
5-29 December 1967

Det, 2nd Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn

1STLT C. B. KEPFORD

1st Plt, Co B, 3rdAmtracBn

2NDLT R. MASON
1-29 December 1967**UNCLASSIFIED**Det, 1stSect, 1st Plt, G Btry,
29th Arty SLT

SGT H. W. EPPERSON

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Det, 1st Plt, Co C, 1st Motors	CPL T. J. OBERMAN
Det, 1st Dental Co, FMF	LT J. C. BOND
Det, 13th ITT	CAPT L. R. DEANGELIS
Det, Scout Sniper Plt	CPL G. R. FILYAW

2. Locations.

1-23 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) Assembly Area located at Triem Trung (2), (BT 104583), Hieu Nhon, RVN.

18-23 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) advance units commenced movement via truck convoy to establish Assembly Area at Phu Loc (ZC 076985).

23-26 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) forward assembly area located at Phu Loc (ZC 076985). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) Rear located at Triem Trung (2) (BT 104583).

26 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area at Triem Trung (2) (BT 104583) and commenced movement via truck convoy to Phu Loc (ZC 076985).

26-27 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) Assembly Area located at Phu Loc (ZC 076985).

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	MAJ H. J. McMULLEN 1-31 December 1967
S-1 Officer/Adjutant	1STLT W. P. VACCA 1-31 December 1967
Asst S-1 Officer/Adjutant	2NDLT W. A. THORNTON 1-31 December 1967
S-2 Officer	1STLT G. L. ALVAREZ 1-31 December 1967
S-3 Officer	MAJ L. A. WUNDERLICH 1-31 December 1967

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S-4 Officer	1STLT E. A. RAYMOND 1-31 December 1967
S-5 Officer	1STLT J. D. JEWELL 1-31 December 1967
Medical Officer	LT J. E. PILON (USNR) 1-31 December 1967
Supply Officer	2NDLT L. MALL 1-31 December 1967
Communications Officer	CAPT H. G. DUNCAN 1-31 December 1967
Motor Transport Officer	1STLT A. DESCHAMPS 1-31 December 1967
Legal Officer	1STLT W. P. VACCA 1-31 December 1967
Chaplain	LT C. K. PARKER (USNR) 1-31 December 1967
Air Liaison Officer	MAJ R. E. JACOBS 1-31 December 1967

4. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC		USN	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
38	1080	3	50

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a. Strength. On board strength apexed at 1135 enlisted. Losses for the month were 182 enlisted and 4 officers through rotation and casualties. Replacements for month totalled 174 enlisted and 10 officers. Navy officer strength remains constant at 3 while Navy enlisted strength dropped from 57 to 50.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. During December this command convened 1 Special court martial and 1 Summary court martial. Pending at the end of the month are 3 Special and 2 Summary courts. The most common violation continues to be Article 86 UCMJ.

c. POW/Detainees. During December 50 detainees were processed. 3 were classified as POW, the remainder were forwarded for more detailed interrogation and classification.

d. Morale and Personal Services. The Battalion has maintained a high level of morale. Postal services were not interrupted by the relocation of the Battalion by utilization of helicopter delivery to forward elements and advanced liaison with 3rd Marine Division postal. In addition to Christmas packages from home, every Marine received a bag of useful items from the American Red Cross.

e. Interior Management. The Adjutant/S-1 section continued to operate smoothly during the move by means of an advanced party at the new location. The offices were set into operation immediately upon their arrival at the new assembly area.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER, AND TERRAINa. Enemy.

(1) Activities. During this reporting period, the enemy continued his sniping/harrassment of patrols, the emplacement of booby traps, mines, punji pits and the maintenance of fixed defenses in the vicinity of selected hamlets. Two significant enemy actions were initiated during the month in the Hoi An TAOR. On 9 December the 6th RD Team was ambushed by an estimated 30 VC; simultaneously CAP 6 received small arms fire and approximately 6 hand grenades were thrown into the CAP CP. On 11 December Company B received 5-8

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mortar rounds and small arms fire while setting into assigned night positions. The majority of enemy initiated incidents by individuals or small groups took place in the northwestern quadrant of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR. These contacts were usually followed by a withdrawal through previously prepared AP/mines and booby traps. Informant reports received indicated platoon/company size units operated in the northeastern quadrant of the TAOR. No contacts this size, however, were encountered by patrols. Ample evidence was found by scouts and patrols of tunnels, caves, rice caches, trench lines and fighting holes which were recently improved. In addition to 4 local guerrillas apprehended in this sector, a VC nurse was also captured and the body of 1 NVA KIA was recovered. In contrast to the high occurrence of enemy initiated activity in the northwestern sector of the 1st Battalion TAOR, in the northeastern sectors of the TAOR, engagements were about 50 percent or more initiated by friendly forces.

(2) Enemy Movements and Locations. Repeated reports were received of the location of elements of the T89th Battalion to the north, the R20th and 41st Draftee Battalion to the west and the Q15th Company to the west and northwest of the Battalion TAOR. During the early part of the month the V25th Battalion was reported to the southwest of the TAOR. It later reportedly shifted to the southeast joining the Q12th Company which was also reported in this area. New unit identifications reported in peripheral areas of the Battalion TAOR were the 40/20 Battalion and the 321st Company to the west. The 3/3 and 405th Battalions, a battalion of the 2nd Worksite and the H12 Company were also reported operating to the northwest of the Battalion TAOR. A company of the T49th Battalion was reported located to the southwest, and the 2/2 Battalion with two companies of the 30th Regiment and the 31st Work Camp Battalion were reported deployed to the south of the TAOR.

(3) Other. Since the Battalion's displacement to the new area of operations in Phu Loc (ZC 079989), on 23 December 1967, seven instances of contact/sightings of the enemy by battalion patrols are recorded. Three enemy mortar missions have been fired on platoon patrols and two sniper incidents have occurred. Two booby trap incidents were recorded when members of patrols unwittingly detonated one buried, pressure detonating box type mine and one M-26 grenade rigged with a trip wire. On 24 December 1967 8 VC with weapons were sighted and fired upon by the Battalion combat outpost while the enemy attempted to dig in on the

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forward slope of a hill in the vicinity of the Battalion Assembly Area. Battalion reconnaissance patrols have also uncovered ample evidence of the enemy's presence. Two probable assembly areas, squad and platoon size, in addition to freshly dug trench positions, observation posts and covered entry and withdrawal routes, have been located.

b. Weather. The weather during the reporting period was mild and humid with an average high and low of 74 degrees and 65 degrees respectively. Commencing in the second week of the month there were frequent afternoon and evening showers as well as moderate to heavy showers during the early morning. Precipitation tapered off during the last half of the month and several days of pleasant weather facilitated the initial construction of the new Battalion Assembly Area. Throughout the last three days of the month, a constant, light drizzle was prevalent. Operations were affected to a negligible degree.

c. Terrain.

(1) Topography. The Battalion's new area of operations, Phu Loc (D), Thua Thuien (P) is divided into three distinct areas; the coastal lowlands generally east of National Route 1, the piedmont region, west of National Route 1, and east of the Mountainous area in the western portion of the area. The dominant terrain features in the area are the Bach Ma Mountain (1408 meters) located at (ZC 039901), Truoi Mountain (1170 meters) located at (YC 945968). The Song Truoi River runs generally on a north to south axis in the valley between Bach Ma and the Truoi Mountains; the Song Nong River, running generally on a north to south axis to the west of Truoi Mountains; the Song Ta Trach-Song Huong River running generally on a northwest to southeast axis in the northwestern quadrant of the area; and the Song Toi-Nong-Dai Giang Ha Ta-Cong Quan River which delimits the northern boundary of operations; and National Route 1 which bisects the area on a northwest to southeast axis.

(2) Trafficability. The onset of the northeast monsoon season, and the heavy rains resulting therefrom have effectively reduced trafficability east of National Route 1 to foot traffic which at best is extremely poor. Trafficability in the area west of route 1 and east of the mountainous areas rates as good for foot mobility to fair for vehicular traffic in dry weather. Mobility in this area deteriorates rapidly with the onset of rain. As the fringes of mountainous area is approached, mobility and trafficability becomes arduous for foot troops due to secondary

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growth under the canopy and the steepness of the slopes encountered.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization.

(1) The organization of the battalion changed only slightly during the month. The principal changes were the loss of the 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion and the 3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Amtrac Battalion and the addition of the 3rd Platoon (Rein), Company A, 1st Antitank Battalion and a truck platoon detachment from 1st Motors, as well as the addition of a Helicopter Support Team. In addition, two scout dog teams were attached to the battalion.

(2) On 23 December 1967, the Battalion commenced the move to its present Battalion Assembly Area at Phu Loc, RVN. Responsibility for the Hoi An TAOR was transferred to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade on 25 December 1967 and the Battalion assumed responsibility for its present TAOR on 28 December 1967.

b. Operations.

(1) During the month of December the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted two battalion operations.

(a) On 3 and 4 December 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a Cordon and Search operation in the north-eastern portion of the battalion's TAOR in accordance with Regimental Operation Plan 1-67. The results of the operation are contained in Tab B to Enclosure (1).

(b) On 11-13 December, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a Cordon and Search operation in the north-eastern portion of the battalion's TAOR in accordance with Regimental Operation Plan 1-67. The results of the operation are contained in Tab D to Enclosure (1).

(2) The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in two Regimental operations during the month of December.

(a) On 14 December the battalion acted as a blocking force for operation "JUNCTION." Tab F contains a synopsis of the battalion's involvement in this operation.

(b) On 18 December 1967 the battalion participated as the sweep force in an unnamed Regimental operation in the western portion of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

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TAOR. The results of the battalion's participation are contained in Tab H to Enclosure (1).

(3) The battalion conducted numerous company and smaller unit operations and activities on a daily basis during the month of December.

(a) Day activities for the month totaled 64 fire team activities, 183 squad activities, 62 platoon activities and 40 company operations.

(b) Night activities included 184 fire team activities, 229 squad activities, 28 platoon activities and 27 company operations.

(4) The Battalion conducted waterway denial activities in accordance with Battalion Operation Order 2-67 throughout the month. In conjunction with numerous waterway denial patrols and ambushes, the battalion requested and received 34 AO missions. Results were 65 boats destroyed and 10 boats damaged.

(5) During the month of December the Battalion assumed the Bald Eagle commitment during the period 14 to 21 December 1967.

(6) Also provided during the month were subordinate units to higher headquarters for security and participation in battalion size operations as follows:

(a) Company B was OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines combat base from 1 through 9 December.

(b) A platoon from Company D was OPCON to Regimental Headquarters for security purposes from 1 through 6 December 1967.

(c) A platoon from Company C was OPCON to 5th Marines for security of an artillery detachment located at Dien Ban from 26 to 31 December 1967, in conjunction with operation "AUBURN."

(d) Several platoons were OPCON to Division for convoy security in conjunction with operation "CHECKERS."

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air. The 1st Battalion, 5th Marines utilized

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air support to the following degree: Thirty-four (34) missions were flown by TACA/AO teams controlling, eight flights of fixed wing against close air and direct air support targets and conducting numerous artillery fire missions while providing invaluable recon information. Helicopters were utilized to complete 32 medevacs, 3 troop lifts, 2 visual recons and six gunship missions in support of Battalion operations. One flareship was requested and provided excellent illumination coverage. Air Support requested with unknown results were 44 TPQ-10 strikes and 10 Firefly/SLAR missions.

(2) Artillery. During December 1967, Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines while Lima Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was in general support. During December, artillery fired in support of CAP units, the battalion's companies and on selected intelligence targets.

4. TRAINING

a. Training emphasis was placed on familiarization firing of T/0 weapons, fire distribution and control, fire discipline and weapons safety. In addition, attention was given to small unit tactics, NCO leadership, use and maintenance of the individual gas mask and the personal response program.

b. An Officers/SNCO school was initiated with classes conducted in medevac procedure and handling of POWs/detainees and the rules of land mine warfare.

c. The battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month, 43 Marines from this unit attended formal schools in DaNang and Okinawa.

5. LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

(1) An increased emphasis was placed on checking the validity of requisitions and establishing a new method of following up these requisitions during the month.

(2) Many walk-through requisitions were prepared in order to expedite the acquisition of items needed by the Battalion prior to the displacement to Phu Loc.

(3) The move was accomplished with negligible loss

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of equipment and little damage accrued due to inclement weather. Presently all items requiring protection from rain are adequately covered.

(4) The Battalion armory completed the move without damage or rust due to excessive moisture.

a. Services.

(1) 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion attached to the Battalion, constructed 29 fighting bunkers, a Combat Operation Center Bunker, cleared brush around the Battalion perimeter for installation of protective wire/fields of fire. In addition, the engineers dug a trash dump, hauled rock fill for improvement of access roads within the assembly area and filled soft shoulders along the main supply route inside the Battalion Assembly Area. Work continues on the construction of an alternate Combat Operations Center Bunker, Battalion Aid Station Bunker, Ammunition Bunker, Communication Bunker and improvement of access roads within the perimeter. In addition, the engineers are assembling field heads from pre-fab kits received from 1st Engineer Battalion.

(2) During the month Division Ordnance Section held a re-inspection of all ordnance in the battalion and found this area satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

(3) An inspection of M16E1 rifles was conducted on 6, 9 and 13 December 1967 to replace all rifles in the Battalion with pitted chambers. Approximately 75 percent of the rifles inspected were replaced.

(4) On 21 and 22 December 1967 all M16E1 rifles in the battalion were exchanged for M16A1 rifles with chrome plated chambers.

c. Medical/Dental.

(1) Civic Action. 765 civilian personnel were provided medical treatment in Triem Trung (2).

(2) Oral Hygiene. Fluoride treatments were administered by the Battalion Dental to personnel of this command to aid in the prevention of tooth decay. Treatments were given on 6-8 December 1967.

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. MED CAP. During this period a total of 765 Viet-

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nameless civilians were treated during MED CAP at Triem Trung (2). A total of 33 people were treated on the Battalion operation, at Ha Bang Village (BT 105634). Showers were held for the children at the MED CAP site of Triem Trung (2). A total of 163 children participated.

b. Projects.

(1) A total of 3 civilians were medevaced, 2 to DaNang and 1 to Hoi An. The S-5 also aided 33 detainees, after they were interrogated and released, in returning to their hamlets.

(2) The S-5 met with the Provincial Educational Advisor. The General Walt Scholarships were discussed and then distributed. This was to be the final payment.

(3) Rice, farm kits, carpenter kits, soap and scrub brushes were given to the Provincial Warehouse and Catholic Orphanage in Hoi An. A total of 37 bags of cement were turned over by the S-5 to the Sub-Sector Advisor of Hieu Nhon for the building of a Vietnamese Information Center in the District Headquarters at Hieu Nhon. An M35 truck load of wood was turned over to the MACV Compound in Hoi An for the construction of a Protestant Orphanage.

(4) Liaison was conducted with the village chief of Cam Ha for the construction of a bridge large enough to allow vehicles to pass over it. The S-5 will procure the building materials and the people will supply the necessary labor. Also plans were discussed about this Battalion participating in the Tet Holiday celebration in Hoi An.

(5) Solatium payments were made to the people injured near Company C's position by a 60mm short round on 30 November 1967. In addition, clothing was distributed to the families concerned. The Sub-Sector Advisor will aid in the reconstruction of the homes destroyed.

c. Incidents and Resulting Actions.

(1) An investigation was conducted in the robbery of a Compass from the father of the Village Chief of Cam Ha. It has been recovered and will be returned with our condolences since it was taken by members of this command.

(2) The alleged rape of a Vietnamese woman by members of Company C is still under investigation. The woman is recovering from the incident at Hoi An Hospital.

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(3) The injury of 6 people by artillery rounds on 15 December 1967 has been investigated by the S-5 and solatium payments have been made.

(4) A girl was injured and medevaced on 17 December 1967 by a stray round at the rifle range. A solatium payment will be made by Regiment.

(5) The injury of 4 and death of 4 Vietnamese civilians on 25 December 1967 has been investigated by the S-5 and turned over to Regiment for further processing and the payment of a solatium.

d. Miscellaneous Items.

(1) A plaque was presented to the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by the people of Hieu Nhon District in appreciation of the Marines' presence in their district, aiding the people in building up the area and destroying the VC.

(2) The S-5 was inspected by G-5 during this period. The results of the Civic Action Technical Inspection were satisfactory.

(3) When the S-5 left the Hoi An area, the Koreans had been taken into Hieu Nhon and Dien Ban Districts and coordination was made between them and the District Chiefs and Advisors.

(4) The S-5 has been establishing liaison and getting an overall picture of Phu Loc District. 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines had started the construction of a market place and the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will complete it before any new projects are undertaken.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

a. Psy Ops broadcasts were made throughout the TAOR during the month. A total of 30 hours of broadcast time was logged on various Psy Ops themes.

b. Leaflets were distributed by prearranged air drops and individual handouts during platoon and larger sized operations.

8. COMPTROLLERS ACTIVITIES The month was opened with \$35,814.20 and closed with \$1,085.14. The amount of \$34,729.06 was obligated for the purchase of individual

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equipment, jungle clothing, office supplies, batteries and replenishment of T/E equipment. Much of the expenditure was a direct result of joining over 250 personnel during the month who needed complete outfitting with equipment.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. During the month of December the Battalion Communications displaced in two phases on the move to Phu Loc. FM Communications were established and maintained with Regimental Headquarters with surprising reliability considering intervening terrain and distance. VHF proved to be superior to HF communications from the new area. Difficulty was experienced in maintaining radio relay contact during the early stage of the displacement.

10. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFILCTED OR SUSTAINED; VC CAPTURED

a. Friendly Casualties (USMC).

KIA	4
DOW	2
WIAE	58
WIAME	7
NBC	33
NBD	3

b. Enemy Casualties.

KIA Confirmed	13
KIA Probable	14
Detainees	50

11. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1967

a. Weapons Captured.

1 SK-44 (Russian), Serial number 142607
 2 Thompson SMG, Serial numbers 744968 and 981610
 1 M14, Serial number 622531

b. Ordnance Captured. None

12. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1967

1 250 lb bomb
 1 155mm artillery round

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6 105mm artillery rounds
2 box type mines
1 shoe type mine
1 AP mine
3 M26 grenades
1 ChiCom grenade
34 .50 cal linked ammunition
175 .30 cal linked ammunition
18 7.62mm ammunition
20 .45 cal ammunition

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1967

3 cartridge belts
3 .45 cal Thompson SMG magazines
1 M14 magazine
1 M16 bayonet and scabbard
2 ponchos
1 battery with lead wires
50 ft communication wire
1 package of gauze bandage
1 50cc syringe with 21 guage needle
2 empty penicillin bottles
1 swim fin
5 cents NVA currency

14. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED/DISCOVERED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1967

1 trench line
15 fighting holes
15 bunkers
9 tunnels
3 caves
8 bomb shelters
14 punji pits

15. SIGNIFICANT U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LOST DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1967 WHILE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH THE ENEMY None.

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- (1) 1 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.
- (2) 1 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for Regimental CP security.
- (3) 1 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.
- (4) 1 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.
- (5) 010715H Company A Platoon Patrol at (BT 073605) received 20-25 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 070611). Platoon returned 65-70 rounds small arms fire, requested and received 81mm mortar mission consisting of 5 HE and 5 WP rounds. The area was thoroughly searched with negative results.
- (6) 010810H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Staff Officers departed the Combat Base for aerial reconnaissance of Phu Loc and returned at 010945H. Due to inclement weather, reconnaissance of Phu Loc was cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.
- (7) 010825H Company A returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base terminating Search and Destroy operation in the central portion of the TAOR.
- (8) 011505H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Staff Officers departed the Combat Base for aerial reconnaissance of Phu Loc and returned at 011705H. Due to inclement weather, reconnaissance of area was not possible.
- (9) 011535H Company D(-) commenced Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.
- (10) 011755H Company D(-) Search and Destroy operation at (BT 078614) received 3 rounds small arms fire from one unobserved sniper at (BT 074616). Company D returned 180-200 rounds small arms fire, requested and received artillery mission consisting of 14 rounds 105mm HE. The area was searched with negative results.

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(11) 012030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Search and Cordon operation for period 3-4 December 1967 was approved by 5th Marines.

(12) 2 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(13) 2 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for Regimental CP security.

(14) 2 December 1967 Company D(-) continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(15) 2 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(16) 2 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(17) 020145H CAP S-1 Combat Base at (BT 181589) received 2 incoming grenades from an estimated 1 VC 30-40 meters in front of perimeter. CAP S-1 returned 70-80 rounds small arms fire, requested and received artillery illumination fire and searched the area with negative results.

(18) 020745H Company D Squad Combat Patrol at (BT 072616) received 15 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 unobserved VC at (BT 069619). Squad returned 230-250 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(19) 020815H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Staff Officers departed the combat base in vehicles for reconnaissance of potential Phu Loc combat base sites.

(20) 021200H Company C Platoon Combat Patrol at (BT 153609) apprehended 3 Vietnamese, 1 male age 37, and 2 females ages 16 and 17 who attempted to flee from Marines. Detainees were searched, they did not possess ID cards, and were forwarded to 13th IPT.

(21) 021425H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 077618) received 1 round small arms fire and observed 2 VC running east, one with a rifle. Company D returned 160-170 rounds small arms fire, 9 rounds M-79 and 8 rounds 60mm mortar. The area was searched and 1 punji pit 3 feet by 3 feet by 5 feet with 3 inch stakes with an anti-personnel mine was found and destroyed. The search was concluded with negative additional results.

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(22) 3 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(23) 3 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for Regimental CP security.

(24) 3 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 55 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(25) 3 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(26) 030725H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) commenced Search and Cordon operation in the vicinity (BT 105635) in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 133-67. See Tab A to Enclosure (1).

(27) 030730H Company D Cordon and Search operation at (BT 096617) discovered one 105mm dud round and destroyed it in place.

(28) 031125H Company A, Platoon Cordon and Search operation at (BT 102628) found one ChiCom grenade lying on ground and destroyed it in place.

(29) 031350H Company C Platoon Cordon and Search operation at (BT 115632) observed 1 Vietnamese male fleeing from the area at (BT 115631). Patrol ordered the fleeing male to halt in Vietnamese. When he failed to respond to the challenge, patrol fired 15-20 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds killing the VC. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(30) 031550H Company D Search and Cordon operation at (BT 107622) found a shoe type mine with pressure release detonator. The mine was destroyed in place.

(31) 031640H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) returned to the Combat Base. Company A continued Search and Cordon "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 133-67. See Tab A to Enclosure (1).

(32) 4 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(33) 4 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for Regimental CP security.

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(34) 4 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(35) 4 December 1967 Company D continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(36) 040830H Company A Platoon Patrol at (BT 123636) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males dressed in white and black clothing, ages approximately 30 and 45, on recommendation of Kit Carson Scout. Both detainees had ID card which appeared to have been altered and the detainees were not indigenous to the area of their capture. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT for further disposition.

(37) 040934H Company A Platoon at (BT 119636) found 2 105mm rounds booby trapped with a trip wire attached. The rounds were destroyed in place.

(38) 041510H Company D Platoon Patrol at (BT 063613) received 8-10 rounds small arms fire from 2 VC at (BT 072612). Platoon returned 150-155 rounds small arms fire and observed 1 VC fall. The area was searched, a blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(39) 041730H Company D Platoon Patrol at (BT 062612) received 10 rounds sniper fire from an estimated 2 VC at (BT 073613). Patrol maneuvered across an open rice paddy to assault the snipers position and received 400-500 rounds automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 075611). Patrol requested and received artillery mission consisting of 40 rounds 105mm HE. Aerial Observer directed fixed wing airstrike while 2 tanks and 1 platoon, Company D moved north of the enemy position to sweep the area, and Company A(-) moved to (BT 076605) and to (BT 080608) to set up blocking position. One tank detonated an anti-tank mine temporarily halting the sweep. The area was thoroughly searched with negative results. The incident resulted in 1 USMC WIAE.

(40) 041900H Company D Platoon Patrol lead man (BT 074617) detonated a booby trap of unknown type. Patrol linked up with Company A(-) and LVTs. Casualties were medevaced from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base at 042000H. The incident resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

(41) 041915H Member of Company A at (BT 077605) triggered trip wire activating booby trap. Casualties were taken aboard LVTs and evacuated from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base at 042000H. The incident resulted in 2 USMC WIAE.

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(42) 042000H Company A(-) terminated Search and Cordon "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 133-67. See Tab A to Enclosure (1).

(43) 5 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(44) 5 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for Regimental CP security.

(45) 5 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 51 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(46) 5 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR, and cement was provided for the Vietnamese information center in Hieu Nhon District.

(47) 5 December 1967 Company D continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(48) 051545H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 096616) detonated an anti-tank mine disabling Amtrac. The incident resulted in 3 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIANE and 1 Kit Carson WIANE.

(49) 051630H Company C Platoon Patrol at (BT 143606) observed 2 Vietnamese males at (BT 142607) fleeing from the area. Patrol fired 10 rounds small arms fire and 2 M-79 rounds. Searched the area and found 1 SKh4 Russian rifle, serial number F1134, 4 rounds 7.62mm and 1 blood trail which was followed with negative results. The captured rifle and ammunition were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Results: 1 VC KIA probable.

(50) 051740H CAP S-2 Squad Patrol at (BT 136585) received 200-220 rounds automatic weapons fire from 3-5 VC at (BT 140589). Squad returned 30 M-79 rounds, 1300 rounds small arms fire, called artillery smoke mission and departed the area under cover of smoke.

(51) 051755H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 075617) observed 4 Vietnamese males dressed in black clothing running north at (BT 075622), carrying weapons. Company D called artillery mission consisting of 4 rounds 105mm HE with good target coverage. Area was searched with negative results.

(52) 052140H Company D at night Patrol Base (BT 075618) received 4 rounds small arms fire from (BT 076615) and

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(BT 087615). The area was observed with a Starlight Scope with negative results.

(53) 6 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(54) 6 December 1967 2nd Platoon, Company D continued OPCON to 5th Marines for security of the Regimental CP.

(55) 6 December 1967 Company D continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(56) 6 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 44 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(57) 6 December 1967 The LTI ordnance team from 1st Marine Division inspected 300 M16 rifles and replaced 214.

(58) 6 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR. S-5 Officer made liaison with the sub-sector advisor, MACV for construction of Cam Ha Bridge.

(59) 060805H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 074617) received 8 rounds automatic weapons fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 073617). Company D returned 370-380 rounds small arms fire, 6 rounds M-79 and searched the area with negative results.

(60) 060900H S-3 Officer departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base for liaison visit with MCB-9 and reconnaissance of Phu Loc area for possible rock crusher site.

(61) 061008H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 068619) found and destroyed one 105mm dud.

(62) 061350H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 075607) received 8-10 rounds automatic weapons fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 073606). Company D returned 300-310 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(63) 061600H Company D Search and Destroy operation at (BT 068602) received 10-15 rounds automatic weapons fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 074606). Company D returned 150 rounds small arms fire, 8 60mm mortar rounds, 3 WP and 5 HE, requested and received an artillery mission consisting of 20 rounds 105mm, 16 HE and 4 WP. The area was searched with negative results.

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(64) 7 December 1967 Company B continued OPCON to 7th Marines for security of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Combat Base.

(65) 7 December 1967 1st Platoon, Company A provided security for photography mission of a Catholic church vicinity (BT 042511) which was allegedly mortared by VC. The church was found intact, photographs were taken and the platoon returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(66) 7 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 51 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(67) 7 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(68) 071100H CAP S-2 Squad Patrol, while escorting VC prisoner at (BT 099599), shot and killed the prisoner as he attempted to escape. Patrol searched the area and apprehended the KIA's brother and 1 other Vietnamese. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(69) 071313H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 136625) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male in a house, dressed in white clothing whose ID card photograph did not correspond with his facial features. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(70) 071410H Company A commenced Search and Destroy operation in the northeast sector of the TAOR.

(71) 071430H Company D terminated Search and Destroy operation and returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(72) 071500H 2nd Platoon, Company D returned from OPCON to 5th Marines.

(73) 071615H Company A Search and Destroy operation at (BT 117627) discovered and destroyed 2 anti-tank box mines without explosives and 2 dud 105mm rounds.

(74) 8 December 1967 Company A continued Search and Destroy operation in the northeast sector of the TAOR.

(75) 8 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(76) 8 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

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(77) 080730H Reconnaissance party consisting of Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Staff Officers and Senior Staff NCOs departed the Combat Base for Phu Loc Combat Base reconnaissance and returned at 081800H.

(78) 080825H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 125617) apprehended 1 15 year old Vietnamese male who attempted to flee from patrol. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(79) 081315H Company D Platoon Patrol at (BT 118588) observed 1 VC without weapon running from patrol. Platoon fired 10 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results.

(80) 081335H Company C Squad Patrol while searching village at (BT 170587), Marine detonated a ChiCom grenade, booby-trapped with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(81) 081400H Representatives of the ROK Marines arrived at the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base to make liaison and to begin receiving orientation of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(82) 081520H Company A Search and Destroy operation at (BT 127619) received 70-75 rounds automatic weapons fire from 4-5 unobserved VC at a distance of 50-75 meters. Company A returned 100-105 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(83) 9 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triom Trung (2), (BT 102582). 51 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(84) 9 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(85) 090200H CAP S-2 and RD Team at (BT 119570) received 8 fragmentation grenades and 60-65 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 30 VC at (BT 118570), 30-40 meters from CAP S-2 perimeter. CAP S-2 returned 8 M-26 grenades, 1 WP grenade, 470-500 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds, called for and received artillery illumination. The area was searched with negative results. The incident resulted in 2 RD Team members KIA, 2 RD Team members WIAE and 1 BAR lost.

(86) 090800H CAP S-2 at (BT 101564) observed 3 VC in two boats at (BT 100565) fleeing the area. CAP S-2 fired 5 rounds small arms fire killing 1 VC and apprehended the remaining 2 VC.

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(87) 091615H Company D commenced Search and Destroy operation in the northern sector of the TAOR.

(88) 10 December 1967 Company D continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern sector of the TAOR.

(89) 10 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(90) 10 December 1967 Varied Psy Ops themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(91) 101015H Company D at (BT 120637) found one North Vietnamese five cent coin with a bundle of blood-stained clothing in a bomb shelter. Local villagers were questioned with negative results and the North Vietnamese coin and blood-stained clothing were forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(92) 101345H Company D at (BT 120635) found one 250 pound bomb, and 2 shape charges set apart and wired for command detonation. The booby traps were destroyed in place.

(93) 101430H Company B commenced Search and Destroy operation in the northwest sector of the TAOR.

(94) 101545H Company D at (BT 119635) observed 3 Vietnamese moving towards area where detonation wires led (BT 115 635). Company D fired 15 rounds small arms fire, searched the area and found 2 VC KIA, one male, age 10-12 and one female, age 12-14.

(95) 101705H Company B at (BT 075606) received 50-60 rounds automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 072610) and (BT 079610). Company B returned 150-175 rounds small arms fire, 2 LAWS and searched the area with negative results.

(96) 101725H Company C Platoon Patrol at (BT 133603), while crossing stream, a member of patrol ran into difficulties. Prompt action by follow Marines saved the drowning man, however in the process of rescuing the drowning Marine, one of the men aiding the victim was swept downstream. The body and weapon were recovered at 111430H by divers.

(97) 101925H Company C Squad Ambush while en route to ambush site, observed 2 Vietnamese running from house. As point man approached the house to investigate, a command detonated artillery round, believed to be a 155mm round, was set off. A medevac helicopter was requested. As the helicopter approached, 6 rounds small arms fire were received.

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Patrol suppressed enemy fire with 100-120 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and medevac was completed. The area was searched with negative results. The incident resulted in 3 USMC WIAE.

(98) 11 December 1967 Company B continued Search and Destroy operation in the northwest sector of the TAOR.

(99) 11 December 1967 MED CAP and Psy Ops broadcasts were conducted in conjunction with Battalion Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation.

(100) 110600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) commenced Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 134-67. See Tab C to Enclosure (1).

(101) 110720H Company A Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation at (BT 123623) observed one Vietnamese male dressed in maroon and black clothing, age 45, fleeing from the area. Marines ordered the man to halt in Vietnamese, when he failed to halt, Marine fired 1 shotgun round wounding the Vietnamese in the leg. The area was searched and 3 males dressed in maroon and black clothing were apprehended with the wounded man. One wounded Vietnamese female was found in the area and evacuated. The three uninjured men were released after interrogation by ITT. The wounded detainee was treated and forwarded to 13th ITT.

(102) 110745H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines mine sweep patrol at (BT 093543) received 5-10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 1 sniper in tree line at (BT 102543). Patrol returned 20-25 rounds small arms fire suppressing enemy fire and continued mine sweep.

(103) 110750H Company B Squad Patrol at (BT 071614) received 30-35 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 1 VC at (BT 070612). Squad returned 160-170 rounds small arms fire, 1 LAAM and searched the area with negative results. The incident resulted in 1 USMC WIAE.

(104) 110815H Company B Squad Patrol at (BT 079613) found 1 anti-personnel mine with pressure release fuse buried 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " underground along trail [mine] was destroyed in place.

(105) 110845H Company B Squad Patrol at (BT 079611) found and destroyed one punji pit 2 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet with break away top.

(106) 110915H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 074623) found

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one cave 9 feet by 3 feet by 4 feet with a punji pit 3 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet located 2 feet in front of the cave entrance. The cave was searched and 10 pounds of rice was found. The cave, punji pit and rice were destroyed.

(107) 110930H Company B Squad Patrol at (BT 079610) found one bunker with a 25 meter trench line leading into the bunker. The bunker was searched and 50 pounds of rice were found. The bunker, trench line and rice were destroyed.

(108) 110930H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 072624) found and destroyed 200 pounds of rice.

(109) 111005H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 070611) found and destroyed one booby-trapped ChiCom grenade in a hut.

(110) 111400H Company A Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation at (BT 124624) found 1 tunnel, 6 feet deep, 2 feet wide and 2 feet high. The tunnel was searched with negative results and destroyed.

(111) 111410H Company B at (BT 074610) received 30-35 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 074607). Company B returned 100-110 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds and UH1E gunships strafed the enemy position. The area was searched and 1 VC KIA was found, dressed in black clothing with spent carbine cartridges near the body and also a blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed and 1 VC KIA probable.

(112) 111430H Company A Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation at (BT 124624) found 2 tunnels, one tunnel was 2 feet wide, 5 feet high and 8 feet deep, the other tunnel was 2 feet wide, 2 feet high and 6 feet deep. Both tunnels were searched with negative results and destroyed.

(113) 111430H Company C secured from blocking position and moved south to continue search for body of Marine believed drowned previous day (101730H). Divers located body and recovered weapon.

(114) 111445H Company B at (BT 072612) detonated a pressure release M-26 grenade. The incident resulted in 5 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIAME.

(115) 111530H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation at (BT 124624) apprehended 3 males, dressed in black and maroon clothing, ages 16, 20 and 25, and 1 female dressed in black clothing, age 18, hiding in two

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different bomb shelters with false walls leading into secret shelters. The bomb shelters were searched and 4 M-26 grenades (1 with sapper throwing device), assorted Communist documents, VC correspondence, medical supplies and 1 canteen were found. The 4 detainees were questioned by ITT personnel and classified as: 2 males, ages 16 and 20 VCC; 1 female, age 18, VCC and 1 male, age 25, detainee. The 3 VCC, 1 detainee and captured equipment were forwarded to the 13th ITT.

(116) 111720H Company B at (BT 066597) received 40-50 rounds sniper fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 070600). Company B returned 240-250 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds, 4 LAWS, called and received artillery mission consisting of 16 rounds 105mm HE and searched the area with negative results.

(117) 111730H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) returned to the Combat Base. Company A continued Search and Destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 134-67.

(118) 111800H Company B at (BT 079594) received 30 rounds small arms fire and 4-5 rounds 60mm mortar fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 079598). Company B returned 300-310 rounds small arms fire, and 2 UH1E gunships strafed the enemy position with rockets and small arms fire. Squad patrol in the process of searching the area, detonated an anti-personnel mine. The search was concluded with negative results. The incident resulted in 7 USMC WIAE.

(119) 112130H CAP S-2 perimeter at (BT 119570) was informed that an unknown number of VC were located at (BT 122577) by a PF outpost. CAP S-2 called an 81mm fire mission and searched the area with negative results.

(120) 12 December 1967 Company A continued Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 134-67. See Tab C to Enclosure (1).

(121) 12 December 1967 1st Platoon, Company C, in conjunction with elements of Hoi An Field Police Force, conducted a detailed search of An Ban (1) vicinity (BT 152611).

(122) 12 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 39 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(123) 121000H Company A at (BT 123623) found 2 heavily camouflaged bunkers, 2 feet wide, 3 feet long and 5 feet high and approximately 4000 pounds of rice in large jars partially buried. PFs from Hieu Nhon district headquarters picked up the rice on 13 December. The 2 bunkers were destroyed.

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(124) 121140H Company B terminated Search and Destroy operation in the western portion of the TAOR.

(125) 122140H CAP D-4 Squad Ambush at (BT 092574) received 16 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 093572). CAP D returned 120 rounds small arms fire, 1 LAAW, 2 M26 grenades and searched the area with negative results.

(126) 122145H Company A Squad Ambush at (BT 120622) observed 5-6 VC moving to their front. Squad fired 40-50 rounds small arms fire, withdrew to Company A CP. An 81mm mortar mission consisting of 15 HE rounds was fired. Patrol returned to the ambush site and received one fragmentation grenade from an unobserved VC. Patrol withdrew and an artillery mission consisting of 2 WP and 21 HE 105mm rounds was fired. The area was searched with negative results.

(127) 13 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 43 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(128) 131000H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 083594) detonated one M26 grenade with trip wire. Platoon was well dispersed and no casualties were incurred.

(129) 131025H Company A terminated Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 134-67. See Tab C to Enclosure (1).

(130) 131430H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 074605) received 10 rounds small arms fire from an estimated one sniper at (BT 072604). Patrol returned 200 rounds small arms fire and 10 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Searched the area with negative results.

(131) 131530H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 066603) received 100-150 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 071604). Patrol returned 470-500 rounds small arms fire, called and received an artillery mission consisting of 10 rounds 105mm HE. Area searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE.

(132) 131540H Company D commenced Search and Destroy operation in the western portion of the TAOR.

(133) 131645H Company D at (BT 094617) aboard amtrac detonated a 55-60 pound box type mine buried in a false grave. The disabled amtrac was towed to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Assembly Area. Results: 13 USMC WIAE.

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(134) 14 December 1967 MED CAP conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(135) 140550H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area to participate in Operation "Junction" in accordance with 5th Marines Frag Order 70-67. See F to Enclosure (1).

(136) 140800H Company A assumed "Bald Eagle" commitment.

(137) 140900H Company A Platoon Patrol at (BT 085599) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 084593). Patrol returned 70-80 rounds small arms fire, requested and received artillery mission consisting of 7 rounds HE 81mm, 3 rounds WP 105mm and 16 rounds 105mm HE. The area was searched with negative results.

(138) 141000H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 144597) apprehended 7 Vietnamese males digging a hole in an amtrac trail. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT and later released as innocent civilians.

(139) 141025H Company D at (BT 059610) observed 3 VC, one with a weapon moving in a northerly direction at (BT 069614). Company D fired 3 rounds 60mm mortar fire, Scout Sniper fired 3 rounds small arms fire, and UH1E gunships strafed the area. The area was searched at a later time. Results: 2 structures damaged, negative casualties noted.

(140) 141150H Company C at (BT 144595) apprehended 1 male, age approximately 35, whose ID card gave his age as 53. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(141) 141210H CAP S-2 at (BT 097558) apprehended a PF who had been UA since his unit was last attacked. The detainee was forwarded to Dien Ban.

(142) 141220H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) secured from blocking position terminating battalion's participation in Operation "Junction." Commenced "Hole Hunting" operation while en route to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area.

(143) 141427H CAP S-1 at (BT 157607) was informed by PF that booby-trapped 105mm round with pressure release device was located at (BT 162604). The 105mm round was destroyed in place, and the villager who informed the PF of the 105mm round location was rewarded by CAP S-1.

(144) 141600H Company B at (BT 073606) apprehended 2 females, one with baby, whose statements during interrogation conflicted

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with the statements of their fellow villagers. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(145) 141815H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area terminating "Hole Hunting" operation.

(146) 142225H CAP S-2 at (BT 082568) observed a VC OP shining a light at (BT 085565). CAP S-2 requested illumination and fired 150 rounds small arms fire and 2 WP rifle grenades. The area was searched with negative results.

(147) 15 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 39 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(148) 150715H Company D at (BT 077611) discovered and destroyed one small tunnel which contained one Thompson sub-machine gun, caliber .45, serial number 744968, 2 cartridge bolts, 2 ChiCom fragmentation grenades, 2 VC ponchos and 1 US M16 bayonet with scabbard. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(149) 150945H Company D terminated "Hole Hunting" operation in the western portion of the TAOR and returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area.

(150) 151245H Company B commenced Search and Destroy operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR.

(151) 151435H Company B at (BT 094589) apprehended 1 female age 48 who was uncooperative and refused to answer questions. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(152) 151502H Company A commenced Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(153) 151630H Company B 2nd Platoon at (BT 113625) received 3-5 rounds small arms fire from one unobserved sniper at (BT 109623). Platoon returned 30-45 rounds small arms fire, 1 M-79 round and searched the area with negative results.

(154) 151900H Company B, 2nd Platoon at (BT 121626) observed 2 males, one with weapon moving in an easterly direction. Platoon fired 45-50 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(155) 152030H Company B LP at (BT 125623) apprehended 3 Vietnamese males, ages 35, 38 and 40, dressed in black clothing, without ID cards. The detainees were questioned. One

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stated that 5 VC were in the area, armed with an M16, 2 carbines, and M26 grenades. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(156) 152015H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 170580) was hit by command detonated booby trap consisting of 2 or 3 artillery rounds. The area was searched on 16 December and lead wires were found and followed with negative results. The incident resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIAE.

(157) 152145H Company B at (BT 125623) apprehended 2 males, ages 20 and 44, without ID cards, hiding in a bomb shelter with a false floor. The detainees were questioned and stated that 90 NVA with individual weapons, three 60mm mortars, several AK 44s and AK 47s passed through the area on 4 or 5 December. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(158) 152300H Company B Squad Ambush at (BT 123625) received 1 fragmentation grenade from 1 unobserved VC. Patrol returned 10-15 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(159) 16 December 1967 Company A continued Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(160) 16 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 37 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(161) 160815H Company B at (BT 127620) found fresh pool of blood after a UH1E gunship strafed the area indicating 1 VC KIA probable.

(162) 160815H Company A at (BT 100635) detonated an unknown type booby trap with pressure release device resulting in 1 USMC WIAE.

(163) 160845H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 173583) received 3 rounds small arms fire from 1 unobserved sniper at (BT 175 586). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire, 1 M-79 round, searched the area and found a heavy blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA probable.

(164) 161103H Company D, 2nd Platoon at (BT 079610) were directed to (BT 075598) where UH1E gunships observed 9 VC in 2 sampans with weapons and sank the sampans with rockets and small arms fire. Platoon received 50 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 5 VC at (BT 074608). Platoon returned 300 rounds small arms fire and detonated a booby trap with trip wire while assaulting the enemy position. The area was searched

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with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIAE, and 2 USMC WIAME.

(165) 161140H Company A Squad Patrol at (BT 108622) received 8-10 rounds automatic weapons fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 109621). Patrol returned 250 rounds small arms fire, 8 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(166) 161230H Company A Platoon Patrol at (BT 100634) apprehended 1 female, age 17 dressed in black clothing whose name is on the "Black List." The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(167) 161245H CAP S-1 Squad Patrol at (BT 190588) while investigating reports of VC interference with boat traffic observed 4 VC in a boat heading toward an island at (BT 190584). Patrol fired 40-50 rounds small arms fire killing 3 VC and capturing 1 wounded VC. Patrol received 190-200 rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 194575). Patrol returned 250-300 rounds small arms fire, 10 M-79 rounds, 1 LAAM and called in artillery. The area was not searched. Results: 3VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC WIA captured.

(168) 161500H Company B terminated Search and Destroy operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR.

(169) 161915H Company A Squad Ambush Patrol at (BT 049615) apprehended 5 males who walked into their ambush site, all 5 detainees had ID cards and were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(170) 162110H Company A at (BT 097623) received 35 rounds small arms fire from undetermined number of VC at (BT 100620). Company A returned 100 rounds small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative results.

(171) 162215H CAP D4 Squad Patrol at (BT 090572) observed 1 VC laying in a ditch approximately 10 feet in front of point man. Patrol fired 120 rounds small arms fire, 1 LAAM, 4 M26 grenades and searched the area finding asorted Communist documents, 1 ChiCom concussion grenade, and 1 M-26 grenade. The captured equipment was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(172) 17 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 47 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(173) 170830H Company A terminated Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR and returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area.

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(174) 171500H Company B departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Assembly Area for 7th Marines Regimental Assembly Area for participation in Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 136-67.

(175) 172110H CAP D6 at (BT 119571) apprehended 2 males, ages 38 and 42, dressed in white uniforms with ID cards who could not be identified by local villagers. The detainees were forwarded to Hieu Nhon District Headquarters.

(176) 18 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 40 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(177) 180720H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) were helilifted from LZ at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area to operational area to participate in a Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67. See Tab G to Enclosure (1).

(178) 180830H CAP S-1 at (BT 182589) had one Chieu Hoi surrender himself and one AK-47 assault rifle to CAP S-1. The Chieu Hoi gave the location of 3 magazines, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 cleaning rod, 1 cartridge belt, 3 magazine pouches, 1-20 foot guy line. The Chieu Hoi and equipment were forwarded to Hieu Nhon District Headquarters.

(179) 181545H Company D departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area to commence a Search and Clear operation in the northeastern portion of the TAOR.

(180) 181625H Company D at (BT 104622) received 12 rounds automatic weapons fire from an unobserved VC at (BT 103626). Company D returned 1 round 60mm WP, 4 rounds 60mm HE, called for and received an artillery mission consisting of 1 round 105mm WP and 5 rounds 105mm HE and searched the area with negative results.

(181) 181815H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) returned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area by truck convoy terminating Search and Destroy "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67.

(182) 19 December 1967 MED CAP conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 53 Vietnamese were treated.

(183) 190800H Company D at (BT 120636) found one battery, 2 empty penicillin bottles, 150cc syringe with 21 gauge needle, 1 package gauze and 50 feet US comm wire which was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

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(184) 191500H Company D at (BT 120636) found one French manufactured swim fin, brand name OTARIE, size 8-9½. The swim fin was forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(185) 191550H Company C Squad Patrol at (BT 145610) observed 1 male fleeing from patrol. Squad fired 1 M-79 round, 7 rounds "small arms" fire and apprehended the fleeing male. The detainee had pack "trap marks", and an ID card with a questionable age. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

(186) 191600H Company D terminated Search and Destroy operation in the northern portion of the TAOR.

(187) 20 December 1967 MED CAP conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 37 Vietnamese were treated.

(188) 201245H Company B commenced Search and Destroy operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR.

(189) 201600H Company B at (BT 125618) observed one male fleeing from Marine at (BT 123617). Marine ordered the man to halt in Vietnamese, when he failed to respond to the challenge, Marine fired 20 rounds "small arms" fire hitting the VC. The dead VC was searched and 1 cartridge belt with 2 M26 grenades, several ID cards and documents were found and forwarded to 5th Marines S-2. Result: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(190) 201605H Company A Squad Patrol with scout sniper at (BT 088595) observed 3 males, at (BT 094590) dressed in white clothing, one with a carbine. Scout sniper fired 3 rounds "small arms" fire. The VC fled into a tree line. The area was not searched due to distance and mission.

(191) 201745H Company B at (BT 125618) observed one male running across rice paddy at (BT 123617). Marine ordered the Vietnamese to halt, then fired 4 rounds "small arms" fire. The fleeing man halted, was apprehended and forwarded to 13th ITT.

(192) 201910H Company B Squad Patrol at (BT 132616) observed one female jump from thick vegetation and attempt to flee from patrol approximately 15 meters away. Patrol fired 10 rounds "small arms" fire killing the VC. Result: 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(193) 21 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 33 Vietnamese civilian were treated.

(194) 21 December 1967 Varied P"y Op" themes were broadcast throughout the TAOR.

(195) 210745H Company C at (BT 114610) found and destroyed four punji pits.

(196) 211255H Company B terminated Search and Destroy operation in the eastern portion of the TAOR.

(197) 211410H Company B Marine, while cleaning his M16 rifle, accidentally discharged same wounding one Marine. Emergency medevac completed. Investigation initiated. Result: 1 USMC NBC (Evac).

(198) 22 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 30 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(199) 220730H 1st element, 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade arrived at Battalion Assembly Area by helicopter to relieve 1st Battalion, 5th Marines of responsibility for Battalion TAOR. Helilift continued throughout the day.

(200) 220820H Company B Platoon Patrol at (BT 081588) received 5-6 rounds automatic weapon fire from an unobserved VC in a treeline at (BT 081589). Patrol returned 15 rounds small arms fire, 3 M-79 rounds and searched the area with negative result.

(201) 221035H Company D Platoon Patrol at (BT 081597) detonated an M26 grenade with trip wire attached, which resulted in 1 USMC WIAE.

(202) 23 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 43 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(203) 230750H Companies A, B and the Battalion Command Group departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area at Triem Trung (2) to establish a new Battalion Assembly Area at Phu Loc.

(204) 231430H Companies A, B and the Battalion Command Group arrived at Phu Loc and commenced establishment of new Battalion Assembly Area. Patrol activities were initiated immediately to establish control over area surrounding the base and to secure local intelligence information, in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Operation Plan 3-67. See Tab (I) to Enclosure (1).

(205) 231615H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear, dispatched Company D(-) (Rein) and light sections of tank to MACV Headquarters at Hoi An to reinforce that position against anticipated enemy attack of Hoi An as directed by 5th Marine Regiment.

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(206) 232215H Company B COP at (ZC 076980) observed 2 Vietnamese approaching their position from (ZC 076981). COP threw 1 M26 grenade, requested and received 1 round 60mm illumination. COP fired 5 rounds "small arm" fire under illumination and "searched the area with negative result".

(207) 24 December 1967 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) commenced integrated patrolling with units of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK Brigade for area familiarization purpose. Mine "sweep team" were integrated at the defensive perimeter of the Battalion Assembly Area.

(208) 24 December 1967 MED CAP was conducted at Triem Trung (2), (BT 102582). 31 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

(209) 24 December 1967 Construction of the Battalion Assembly Area at Phu Loc was commenced. Liaison was effected with Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, District Chief and Senior U.S. Advisor at Phu Loc District Headquarters.

(210) 240700H Company D(-) (Rein) returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) Assembly Area.

(211) 240800H Mine Sweep Patrol at (ZC 081986) found and destroyed a dud 60mm WP round.

(212) 241245H Commanding General, ROK Forces, RVN and Commanding General, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area (Rear) and departed at 241345H.

(213) 241500H Company C Squad Patrol with ROK personnel at (BT 160600) observed 10 VC with weapons crossing an open rice paddy at (BT 155595). Patrol fired 2300-2500 rounds "small arm" fire, 30 M-79 rounds, 10 60mm WP rounds, called and received artillery mission. Patrol observed 6 VC fall under fire. The remaining VC fled from the area. The area was not searched due to water barrier. Result: 6 VC KIA probable.

(214) 241726H Company B COP at (ZC 073981) observed 8 VC with weapons digging in on the forward slope of a hill overlooking the Battalion Assembly Area at (ZC 067980). Patrol directed an 81mm mortar mission on the VC position, consisting of 25 rounds 81mm HE, fired 450-500 rounds "small arm" fire and observed one VC fall. Result: 1 VC KIA probable.

(215) 241800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marine, both forward and

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rear echelons, commenced Christmas truce activities.

(216) 25 December 1967 Christmas truce activities were continued with emphasis on security and reconnaissance patrols. Patrol and mine "sweep" at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) were integrated with units from the 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade.

(217) 25 December 1967 Bench Mark 16 air delivered Christmas gifts and observed the area southeast of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area for 30 minutes.

(218) 25 December 1967 5th Marines Commanding Officer delivered Regimental Operation Order 6-67 to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and distribution was made.

(219) 250945H Two truck detail, while moving from Hieu Nhon to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area, 2nd truck was sideswiped at (BT 132572) by a Vietnamese bus which resulted in 5 Vietnamese civilian deaths and 1 Vietnamese civilian injured. S-5 investigated and prepared an SIR.

(220) 251330H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines, Regimental Communication Officer, S-3 and S-2 arrived 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area (Phu Loc) and departed at 251500H.

(221) 251600H 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade relieved 1st Battalion, 5th Marines of responsibility for Triem Trung (2) TAOR. Integrated night activities were continued through night of 25 December 1967.

(222) 251700H Christmas dinner was served to personnel of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at Phu Loc. The rations were obtained from FLSGA at Phu Bai by the Battalion S-4.

(223) 251800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, both forward and rear echelons, commenced normal activities upon termination of Christmas truce. No violation of the truce, enemy or friendly, were noted during the period 241800H to 251800H December 1967.

(224) 26 December 1967 Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines made liaison with Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines concerning the assumption of responsibility for TAOR by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(225) 260745H Company D and all Battalion Staff sections departed the Triem Trung (2) Battalion Assembly Area. Convoy

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arrived at Phu Loc Battalion Assembly Area at 261230H.

(226) 261400H Commanding Officer, 5th Marine^s and Regimental S-4 arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marine^s Assembly Area (Phu Loc) and departed at 261530H.

(227) 261545H One 60mm round in its container exploded while working party was moving ammunition to storage area. Cause unknown. Investigation initiated by Battalion Commander. Result: 9 USMC WIAE (NBC).

(228) 261800H Company C (-) was helilifted to the Phu Loc Battalion Assembly Area. Lift completed 261800H December 1967.

(229) 271245H Company D departed the Battalion Assembly Area for Ham Phu Gia (AT 833998) to relieve Company E, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine^s at their Company Combat Base thereat.

(230) 272005H Company D Squad Patrol Ambush at (AT 837995) detonated one unknown type mine believed to be a box type concussion mine. Result: 1 USMC WIAE.

(231) 281100H 3rd Echelon arrived at Phu Loc Battalion Assembly Area.

(232) 281200H Company D relieved Company E, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine^s at Ham Phu Gia at (AT 833998).

(233) 281200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marine^s assumed responsibility for TAOR as outlined in 5th Marine^s message 220100Z December 1967.

(234) 281500H Two 155mm self-propelled guns arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marine^s Assembly Area. The remainder of Battery L, 4th Battalion, 11th Marine^s remain at Company D Assembly Area at Ham Phu Gia at (AT 833998).

(235) 281630H Company B Squad Patrol at (ZC 079980) apprehended 12 Vietnamese males, age 25-40, with ID card^s and vaccination card^s. The 12 detainee^s were forwarded to 13th ITT. Result: 12 detainee^s.

(236) 281830H Company A Squad Patrol at (YD 986032) received 10-15 rounds "small arm" fire from an undetermined number of VC at (YD 993033). Patrol returned 20 rounds "small arm" fire, 2 LAW^s, searched the area and apprehended 4 detainee^s of which 3 were wounded. The wounded detainee^s were medevaced.

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(237) 282150H CAP H7 Squad Ambush at (AU 809021) observed approximately 30 VC approaching their position from (AU 811 017). Squad opened fire, VC split into two forces and returned an undetermined amount of "small arms" fire. Squad withdrew to CP and returned to the ambush site at 290245H to recover friendly casualties and equipment. Result: 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC KIA, 4 PF WIAE, 2 VC KIA confirmed and the following equipment captured: 1 AK 47, serial number L1960, 3 AK 47 magazines and 1 TNT grenade. One M-16 rifle was lost.

(238) 290945H Company B Squad Patrol at (ZC 144978) received 5-6 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Patrol withdrew to (ZC 143978). Called and received an artillery mission on coordinates (ZC 170970) consisting of 2 rounds 105mm WP and 10 rounds 105mm HE.

(239) 291100H Last Echelon, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived at Phu Loc Assembly Area.

(240) 291600H Company C commenced Search and Clear operation northeast of the Battalion Assembly Area.

(241) 30 December 1967 Company C continued Search and Clear operation northeast of the Battalion Assembly Area.

(242) 301245H Company D Platoon Patrol at (AU 827042) detonated 2 M26 grenades, one with trip wire above ground and one with pressure device below ground. Result: 3 USMC WIAE.

(243) 31 December 1967 Company C continued to conduct Search and Clear operation northeast of the Battalion Assembly Area.

(244) 311105H Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Commanding Officer, 5th Marines arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area and departed at 311300H.

(245) 311125H Recon Insert at (YD 981107) found a VC harbor site large enough to shelter 4 VC.

(246) 311320H Company B Squad Patrol at (ZC 098980) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire and 6 rounds 60mm mortar fire from an undetermined number of VC at (ZC 098979). Patrol fired an artillery mission on suspected mortar position. Searched the area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(247) 311555H Company B Platoon Patrol at (ZC 094985) received 10-15 rounds 60mm mortar fire from an undetermined

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number of VC at (ZC 098980). Patrol took safe position and fired an artillery mission on suspected mortar position. Results: 8 USMC WIAE.

(248) 311740H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area (ZC 077985) to counter enemy mortar threat, artillery, 81mm mortar and 106mm RR missions were fired into positions in and adjacent to where platoon patrol had received mortar fire earlier in the day. In addition, missions were fired into other potential enemy observation points. One round of 106mm RR was observed to clear first ridge line to the south-east. Subsequently, it was learned that recon insert "War Cloud" received 8-10 rounds small arms fire and 2 rounds of "artillery" between 1740 and 1800. There is a possibility that the two artillery rounds were in fact 106mm RR rounds from this position. Two very minor wounds were reported by "War Cloud." Recon Battalion aware. No resulting difficulties to operations. No firing after 1757. Results: 2 USMC WIAE (NBC).

(249) 311800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines observed beginning of New Year's truce.

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab A 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 133-67.
- ✓ Tab B 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Operational Summary of Cordon and Search Operation conducted 3-4 December 1967.
- ✓ Tab C 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 134-67.
- ✓ Tab D 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Operational Summary of Cordon and Search Operation conducted 11-13 December 1967.
- ✓ Tab E 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 135-67
- ✓ Tab F 1st Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report; Operation "Junction" and "Hole Hunting" Operation.
- ✓ Tab G 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67.
- ✓ Tab H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines After Action Report; Unnamed Operation of 18 December 1967
- ✓ Tab I 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Operation Plan 3-67 of 14 December 1967.

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Hoi An, RVN
 1 December 1967

Frag Order 133-67

Ref: (a) Map: RVN, 1:50,000; Series L7014, Sheet 6640 I
 (b) Regt Operation Plan 1-67

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Annex A

1. Situation. See current ISUMS and PERINTEEPS.

2. Mission. Commencing at H-Hour, D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Search and Destroy operation in designated area emphasizing the three step principles of first, quickly isolating the area and enemy within, secondly, segregate and remove enemy infrastructure and finally conduct an intensive, detailed "Hole Hunting" operation to uncover enemy personnel and cache sites. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

3. Execution.

A. Concept - At H-Hour, on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a coordinated multi-directional movement utilizing mechanized, helicopter and foot movement to simultaneously establish a cordon around the designated area. Upon securing of blocking positions, one company conducts a rapid sweep of the cordoned area followed by a detailed search and destroy "Hole Hunting" operation of approximately 36 hours duration (See Annex B (Operation Overlay)).

B. Company D (-).

- (1) On order conduct a tactical foot march from position of night company patrol base to secure blocking position as assigned. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Be prepared to conduct a detailed search in vicinity of blocking position on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (4) Be prepared to return to Combat Base on order.

C. Company C (-).

- (1) At first light, D-Day, depart CAP S-1 position aboard amtracs and proceed to CP 1 vicinity (BT 137625), report arrival, and be prepared to continue mechanized movement on order to secure assigned blocking. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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(2) Be prepared to sweep behind A Company and conduct detailed "Hole Hunting" search of "islands" in center of operations area.

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

(4) Be prepared to withdraw from area of operations on order and assume normal activities as scheduled.

D. Company A.

(1) At H-Hour, on D-Day, commence helilift to LZ STORK. Upon consolidation conduct a rapid sweep of A2 as assigned. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to commence detailed "Hole Hunting" on order.

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

E. 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion.

(1) Be prepared to provide mobility of transports, transportation and covering fires for units of Company A in the event of unavailability of helicopters.

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

F. 3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Amphib Battalion.

(1) Prior to 021600H December, position four LVTP-5s at CAP S-1 position.

(2) At first light provide mechanized transportation for Company C movement as assigned.

(3) Be prepared to provide transportation for a company in the event of unavailability of helicopters.

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

G. HKs Company (-).

(1) General Support.

(2) Move as last elements of helilift to LZ STORK. Follow in general trace of company sweep.

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

(4) Be prepared to return to the Combat Base on order.

H. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour on order. To be announced to coincide with helicopter arrival at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base. Be ready to move out at 0700 on order.

(2) D-Day 3 December 1967.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Rules of engagement apply.

(5) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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(1) RCA authorized only on order of Battalion Commander.

(2) In the event of heliport non-availability, alternate plan as indicated on Annex D (Alternate Operation Overlay) will be executed.

4. Administration and Logistics.

A. Prescribed Load.

(1) All companies carry demolition materials.

(2) 2 MCIs per man except Company A to carry 6 MCIs per man.

(3) 3 canteens per man.

(4) 3 days supply salt and halizone.

(5) Every man wear flak jacket.

(6) Every man carry field protective mask.

(7) Every man carry various cleaning gear.

(8) Basic allowance of ammunition.

a. 240 rounds 5.56 or 7.62 ball per rifle.

b. 21 rounds .45 caliber ball per pistol.

c. 1000 rounds 7.62 linked per M-60 MG.

d. 12 rounds per M-79.

e. Tanks and LVTs carry basic load.

f. 25 rounds 60mm WP per tube.

g. 5 rounds 60mm WP per tube.

h. 2 M-26 grenades per man.

(9) Following supply and equipage per squad:

a. Two air panels.

b. Three yellow smoke grenades.

c. Four LAWs.

d. Two hand illumination green star clusters.

e. 50 feet of rope.

B. Resupply.

(1) As required.

C. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) By helicopter when possible.

(2) Secondary evacuation by LVTP-5.

(3) Casualty reporting IAW DIAO 3040.1B.

D. Unit Commanders.

(1) Insure weapons are cleaned daily.

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- (2) Supervise the consumption of salt tablets.
- (3) Require and supervise purification of water.
- (4) Supervise care of the feet.

5. Command and Communications.

A. Command.

- (1) Command Post move with Company A initially.
- (2) Position reports every hour.
- (3) Display air panels, 2 per squad/mark forward blocking positions.
- (4) Yellow smoke to mark helo zones.

B. Communications.

- (1) Frequencies and call signs in accordance with Annex C (Radio Plan).
- (2) Medevac request will be requested by Battalion Air Officer.
- (3) All operators carry two spare batteries (BA-316).

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- A: Task Organization
- B: Operation Overlay
- C: Radio Plan
- D: Alternate Operation Overlay

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 Hoi An, RVN
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Frag Order 133-67

Time Zone: H

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

Company C (-) (Rein)

CAPT BURROW

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

Company D (-) (Rein)

2ndLt STECKLIN

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

Company A (Rein)

CAPT BAGLEY

Company A
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO)
 Det, HqBn, 1stMarDiv (13th ITT)
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt (FO)
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion LT HILL

3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion LT MASON

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Det, Med Plt
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Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
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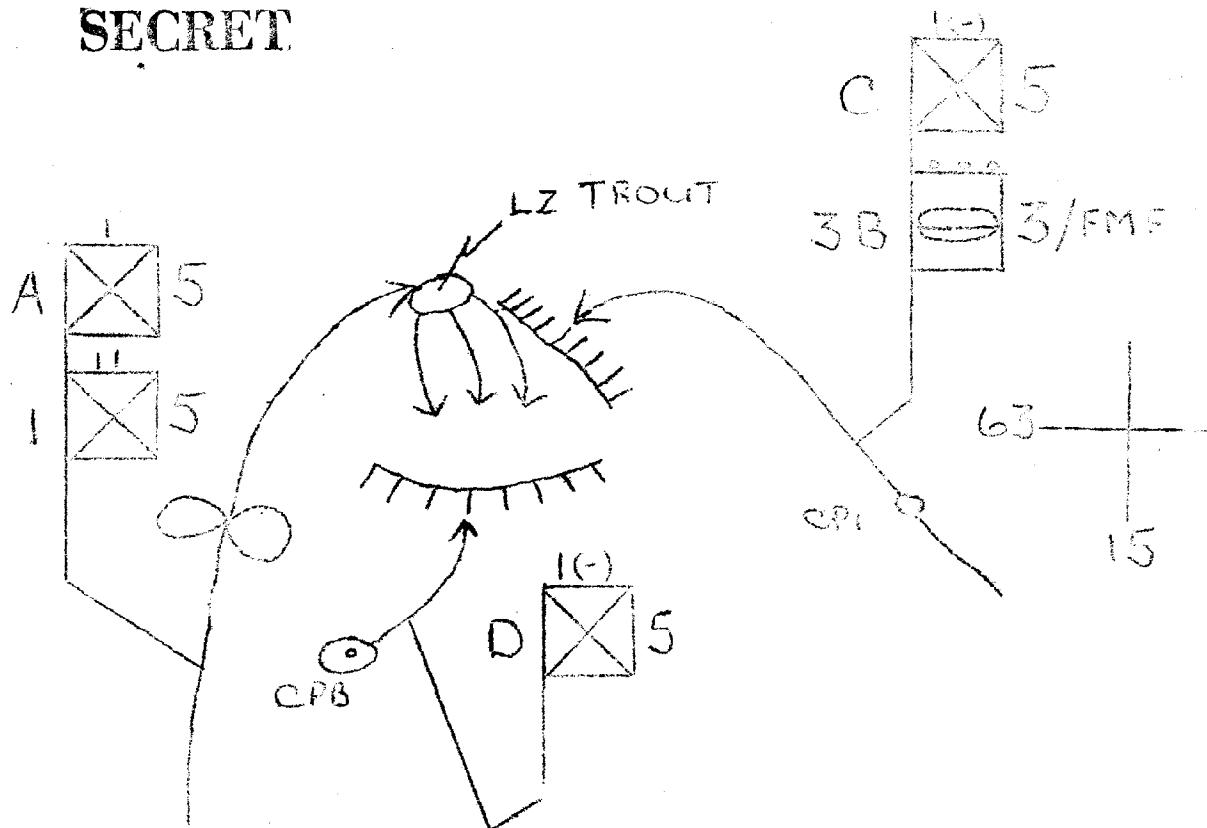
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ANNEX C (Communications-Electronics) to Reg Order 133-67

Ref: (a) 1st Mar Div Order 202000.2G

Time Zone: Hotel

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C - Net Control

X - Guard

O - Guard as directed

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	DESIGN NO.	FREQ MHz	CIRCUIT REGT MACT 1 (S) REGT MACT #2 (S)	CALL SIGNS
5TH MARINES	W-73	46.9	1/5 BN TACT	OFFSPRING
1/5	W-38	49.6	A 00 1/5 CO TACT	TAILBRUSH
A CO 1/5	X	65.05	C 01 1/5 CO TACT	TAILBRUSH ALFA
C CO 1/5	X	61.05	C 01 1/5 CO TACT	TAILBRUSH CHARLIE
D CO 1/5	X	61.05	D CO 1/5 CO TACT	TAILBRUSH DELTA
BN CP SECURITY	W-574	48.8	BN CP SECURITY	TAILBRUSH TANGO
21MM MORP PLN 1/2	W-183	42.35	21MM MORTAR CO P	TAILBRUSH WHISKEY
TACP 1/5	W-412	64.85	21MM MORTAR CO P	TAILBRUSH ONE FOUR
D BN 2/11	W-149	40.6	TACP LOCAL	HEAD GOLD DELTA
D BN 2/11 CO	W-216	62.75	D 2/11 CO	WALLERUSH 60-61-62-63
D BN 2/11 FOB	W-175	66.55	3/8 1st TANK AMTRAC BN TACT	WALLERUSH CHARLIE THREE
3D PLT, C CO TANKS	X	61.05	3D PLT, C CO TANKS	FUDGE CAKE BRAVO THREE
3D PLT, D CO AMTRACS	X	61.05	3D PLT, D CO AMTRACS	MOVEABLE BRAVO ONE
1ST PLT, D CO ENGR	X	61.05	1ST PLT, D CO ENGR	

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To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Operational Summary of Cordon and Search Operation
Conducted 3-4 December 1967

Ref: (a) 5th Marines Operation Plan 1-67
(b) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 153-67

Encl: (1) Operations Overlay

1. Date of Operation - 030730H to 041600H December 1967.

2. Task Organization - See Annex A to Reference (b).

3. Supporting Forces

A. Artillery - Artillery was not employed during the operation for reasons enumerated in previous cordon and search reports.

B. Air - Four CH-46 helicopters, escorted by two UH-1E gunships, were utilized to lift a company from LZ 411 to LZ Stork, due to the fact that the LZ had been traversed by ground troops and due to an absence of anti-helicopter mines in this area, a landing zone prep by fixed wing was not utilized. The first wave departed LZ 411 at 0725 with the last wave landing in LZ Stork at 0805. Landing was completed without opposition.

4. Intelligence

A. Enemy Situation

(1) Prior to this operation, harassment and sniper incidents were the predominant activity conducted by the enemy in the area of operations. These incidents were coupled with periodic discovery and/or detonation of mine and booby trap plants by patrols sweeping area of operations especially in the southwest quadrant. Despite this activity the only enemy contact made during the conduct of this operation was with a lone local VC who was killed while attempting to evade capture. A sniper hole/tunnel, effectively camouflaged with

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the natural foliage of a tree line with excellent field of fire was also discovered. One cartridge belt of U.S. manufacture was recovered from this sniper hole.

B. Summary of Significant Intelligence Activities and Collections

(1) The sweep of the entire area of operations by the "sweeping" company took up most of the one-day operation, however it did not result in significant finds. Shortly after the initiation of sweep operations one VC warning device (#10 can with rubber band and striker) was discovered. It was not activated when found. Two empty 105mm shell casings were also recovered.

(2) Villagers in the area were questioned by DIT and the Kit Cordon Teams. All villagers claimed no specific knowledge of enemy activities. Most were found to be visiting this area for the festival of "The Restoration of Grace." On the evening of the operation, however, a Kit Cordon team did obtain information from a lone villager interviewed in her hut. She reported VC activity in the area of operations two days prior to the commencement of this operation. Information obtained revealed that a VC unit consisting of approximately 50 VC had passed through the area of operations on the night of 1 December moving east and carrying three WIA.

(3) As the result of this operation and contacts previously encountered in this area, it is concluded that this area affords the enemy excellent potential for harboring and assembly of booby traps. It is especially suitable for sniping.

C. Captured, Hidden Enemy Equipment and Material No enemy equipment or material was recovered during the course of this operation. The cartridge belt recovered was of U.S. manufacture and appeared to have been worn by an individual who had sustained fragmentation wounds.

D. Vietnamese Attachments No Vietnamese attachments were utilized during this operation. A request for assistance was coordinated with DIOCC, Hoi An, however the National Police local commander would not authorize police attachments requested without approval of local U.S. Aid representative, Hoi An District Police, who was in Saigon at the time.

E. Employment of the ITT An ITT sub-team was attached to the civilian group and did participate during the screening of villagers encountered during the day. No significant

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tactical information was obtained but the ITT enabled the search force to make quick disposition of the status of villagers encountered.

5. Mission Commencing at H-Hour, D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts Search and Destroy operation in designated area emphasizing the three step principles of first, quickly isolating the area and enemy within, secondly, segregate and remove enemy infrastructure and finally conduct an intensive, detailed "Hole Hunting" operation to uncover enemy personnel and cache sites. See Annex B to reference (b).

6. Concept At H-Hour, on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a coordinated multi-directional movement utilizing mechanized, helicopter and foot movement to simultaneously establish a cordon around the designated area. Upon securing of blocking positions, one company conducts a rapid sweep in the cordoned area followed by a detailed search and destroy "Hole Hunting" operation of approximately 36 hours duration. See Annex B to reference (b).

7. Lessons Learned

A. Item Sniper positions

(1) Discussion On three separate occasions on D-Day, very small holes large enough for one small man were found in hedgerows. In each case an excellent field of fire existed of at least 500 meters. The hole was about 3 feet deep and then extended back under ground an undetermined distance. Due to the extremely heavy foliage it was impossible to determine the extent or direction of the hole. Although these holes were too small to enter, they were apparently empty at this time as efforts to smoke enemy personnel out were unsuccessful. The holes were destroyed with a demolition charge. It is felt that these holes are sniping positions from which the sniper can take under fire any patrol entering his field of fire then quickly duck underground. Anything short of an intense "hole hunting" search would not be likely to find this well hidden position.

(2) Comment It is felt that in many instances, enemy snipers are firing from positions such as described. A rapid sweep of the area is passing over or close by the sniper position. In searching for a hidden sniping position the unit leader should place himself in the snipers position and concentrate his search in those areas where the sniper has ~~been~~ ^{been} over and, of course, an area from which fire could be delivered on the position where the patrol was located when fired upon.

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B. Item Scout dogs

(1) Discussion The area in which this operation was conducted, like most in this region, has an infinite number of potential hiding places, so many in fact that the area could be searched almost continuously without covering the area adequately.

(2) Comment It is felt that the addition of scout dogs to the "hole hunting" team would help the search teams determine which of the many potential areas to concentrate their efforts on. In addition the use of scout dogs should help lend a more positive attitude to the entire operation.

C. Item Motivation

(1) Discussion Hole hunting is hard work. Without a continuing effort by all NCOs and officers the search will quickly lose its momentum. The fruits of success will normally maintain the interest of the searchers, however, if for one reason or another the initial efforts turn up nothing of importance, interest will fade quickly.

(2) Comment Every officer and NCO must be aware of the possible loss of interest due to the lack of early success. The effort to maintain the momentum must begin prior to the signs of waning interest. Prior to the operation, or reemphasis of the techniques of search, the tell-tale signs, the areas of concentration, past successes and other motivating techniques should be used almost as a coach seeks to build his team to a peak before a big game. Once on the ground to be searched, assignments of areas must be realistic to the size of the unit conducting the search. NCOs and officers must constantly circulate through their areas to direct the efforts of the search, offer words of encouragement and demonstrate by example, when required, the technique of searching. The unit leader must continuously and enthusiastically demonstrate his confidence in the "hole hunting" theory. Herein then lies the success or failure of the venture.

D. Commander's Analysis This operation failed to turn up any significant enemy equipment or fortifications. The areas were selected primarily due to the frequency of contacts by small units working in this area in the past two months. This may be a partial reason for a lack of results, i.e., the well known "Horseshoe" area has been worked extensively since the Battalion's arrival in early October. In no other area within this TAOR has such a concentrated effort been exerted.

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It is not beyond possibility that the enemy forces have temporarily vacated the area due to the constant pressure applied. When again, the area is a complex of possible hiding places as mentioned earlier. The operation pointed out above the necessity of close coordination and leadership, especially at all levels down to and including the fire team level, to insure that all hands are familiar with the concept of the operation and that the "hole hunting" techniques are constantly reviewed prior to and during the operation so that the interest in and the momentum of the search will be continuous.

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Hoi An, RVN
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Annex A (Unit Organization)

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Company C(-) (Rein)

CAPT BURROW

Company C(-)
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry C, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO)
Det, H&S Company
Det, 81 Mortar Plt (FO)
Det, Comm Plt
Det, Med Plt
FAC Tm
S-2 Scout
Kit Carson Tm

Company D(-) (Rein)

2ndLt STRECKLIN

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

Company A (Rein)

CAPT BAGLEY

Company A
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar (FO)
Det, HqBn, 1stMarDiv (13th ITT)
Det, H&S Company
Det, 81 Mortar Plt (FO)
Det, Comm Plt
Det, Med Plt
FAC Tm
S-2 Scout
Kit Carson Tm

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<u>2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Amtrac Battalion</u>	LT MASON
<u>1st Platoon (-) (Rein)</u>	CAPT MCINTURFF
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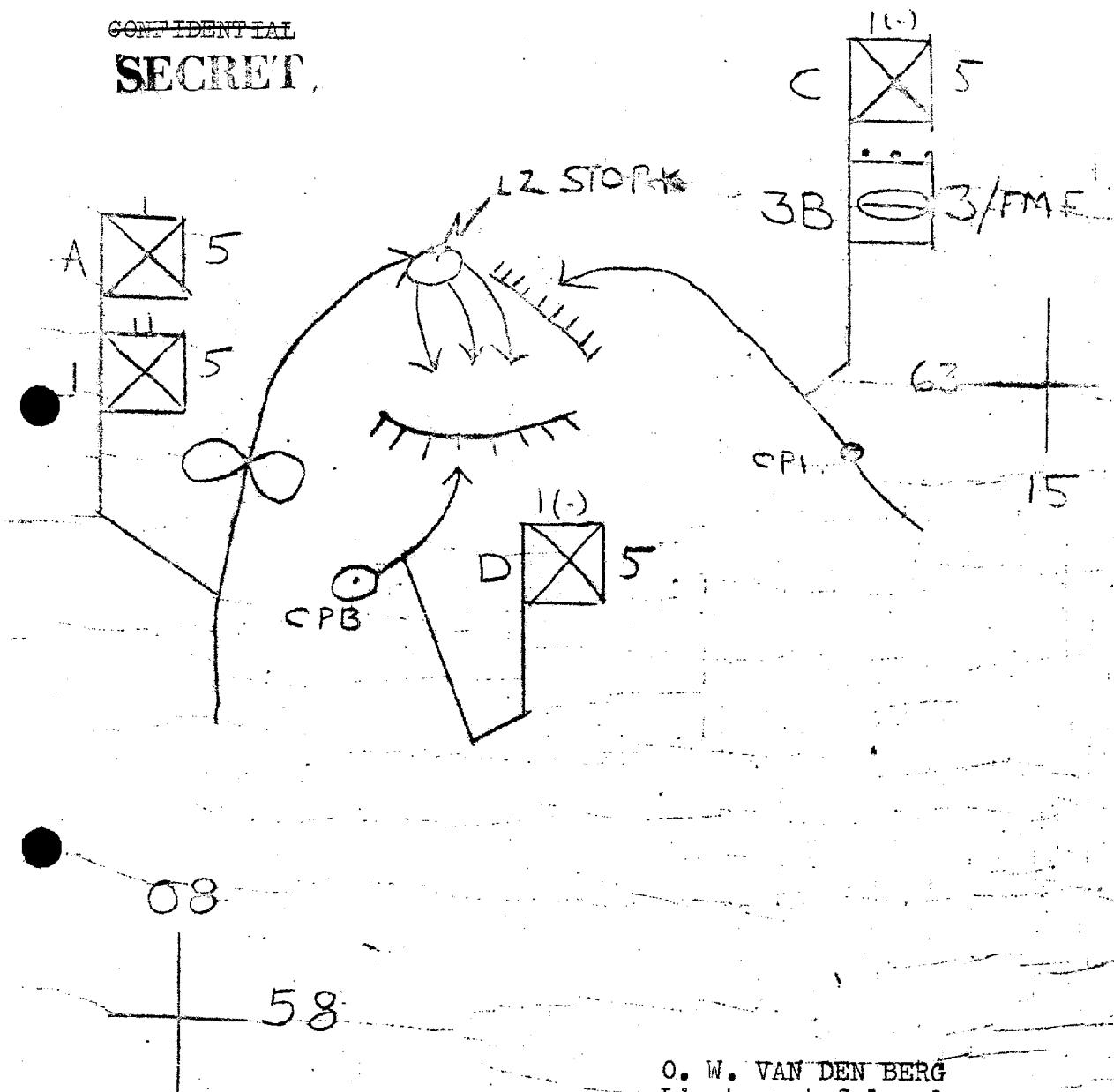
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(b) Regt Operation Plan 1-67

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION. See current ISUNS and PERINTREPS.
2. MISSION. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a search and destroy operation in designated area emphasizing the three step principles of first quickly isolating the area and enemy within, secondly, segregate and remove all enemy suspects and finally conduct an intensive, detailed "Hole Hunting" operation to uncover enemy personnel and cache sites. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
3. EXECUTION.

A. Concept. At H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a coordinated movement to simultaneously establish a cordon around the designated area. Upon securing of blocking positions, one company conducts a rapid sweep of the cordoned area followed by a detailed search and destroy "Hole Hunting" operation of approximately 36 hours duration. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

B. Company D.

- (1) On D-Day conduct a night tactical march to occupy blocking position at H-Hour. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) On order, conduct a rapid sweep of the area of operations from northwest to southeast.
- (3) Be prepared to commence detailed "Hole Hunting" on order.
- (4) Be prepared to join Headquarters group and return to the Battalion Assembly Area on order.
- (5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

C. Company C.

- (1) On D-Day conduct a night tactical march to occupy

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blocking position at H-Hour. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

- (2) Be prepared to conduct a detailed search in vicinity of blocking position on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (4) Be prepared to withdraw from area of operations on order and assume normal activities as scheduled.

D. Company A.

(1) Commencing at H-Hour conduct a mechanized movement to occupy blocking position as assigned. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

- (2) Be prepared to conduct a detailed search in vicinity of blocking position.
- (3) Be prepared to remain in the general area for 48 hours.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

E. H&C Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Move as part of mechanized column. Occupy position to the rear of Company A blocking position.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct extensive Psy Ops and MED CAP program as directed.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (5) Be prepared to return to the combat base on order.

F. 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion.

- (1) Provide covering fires, and mechanized transportation as required.
- (2) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

G. 3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Amtrac Battalion.

- (1) Provide mechanized transportation for elements of Company A and CP group to Company A blocking position (See Operation Overlay).

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(2) Be prepared to provide transportation to Company C and CP group for return to Battalion Assembly Area.

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

H. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour, 0600; D-Day, 11 December 1967.

(2) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(3) Rules of engagement apply.

(4) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(5) (a) authorized only on order of the Battalion Commander.

(b) Companies D and C to move into position not earlier than H-Hour -15 minutes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. Prescribed Load.

(1) All companies carry demolition materials.

(2) 2 MCIs per man except Company A to carry 6 MCIs per man.

(3) 3 canteens per man.

(4) 2 days supply salt and halizone.

(5) Every man wear flak jacket.

(6) Every man carry field protective mask.

(7) Every man carry weapons cleaning gear.

(8) 55 gallon drum of napalm carried in LVT.

(9) Basic allowance of ammunition:

a. 240 rounds 5.56 or 7.62 ball per rifle.

b. 21 rounds .45 caliber ball per pistol.

c. 1,000 rounds 7.62 linked per M-60 MG.

d. 12 rounds per M-79.

e. Flanks and LVTs carry basic load.

f. 30 rounds 60mm HE per tube.

g. 10 rounds 60mm WP per tube.

h. 2 M-26 grenades per man.

i. 20 rounds 82mm HE per tube.

j. 5 rounds 82mm WP per tube.

k. 2 compressed air bottles per flame thrower.

(10) Following supply and equipage per squad:

a. Two air panels.

b. Three yellow smoke grenades.

c. Four LAMMs.

d. Two hand illumination green star clusters.

e. 50 feet of rope.

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- (1) By helicopter when possible.
- (2) Secondary evacuation by LVTP-5.
- (3) Casualty reporting IAW DivO 3040.1B.

D. Unit Commanders.

- (1) Ensure weapons are cleaned daily.
- (2) Supervise the consumption of salt tablets.
- (3) Require and supervise purification of water.
- (4) Supervise care of the feet.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Command.

- (1) Command Post move with Company A initially.
- (2) Position reports every hour.
- (3) Display air panels, 2 per squad/mark forward blocking positions.
- (4) Yellow smoke to mark helo zones.

B. Communications.

- (1) Frequencies and call signs in accordance with Annex C (Radio Plan).
- (2) Medevac request will be requested by Battalion Air Officer.
- (3) All operators carry two spare batteries (BA-386).

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ANNEX A: Task Organization
 B: Operation Overlay
 C: Radio Plan

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 Co C
 Co D
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 2nd Plt, Co C, 2nd AmtracBn

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Time Zone: H

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

Company D (Rein)

CAPT KIRKPATRICK

Company D
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, FO Tm
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company C (-) (Rein)

CAPT BURROW

Company C (-)
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, FO Tm
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company A (Rein)

CAPT BAGLEY

Company A
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, HQCo, 5thMar (Sniper Tm)
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

H&S Company

CAPT MCINTURFF

H&S Company
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
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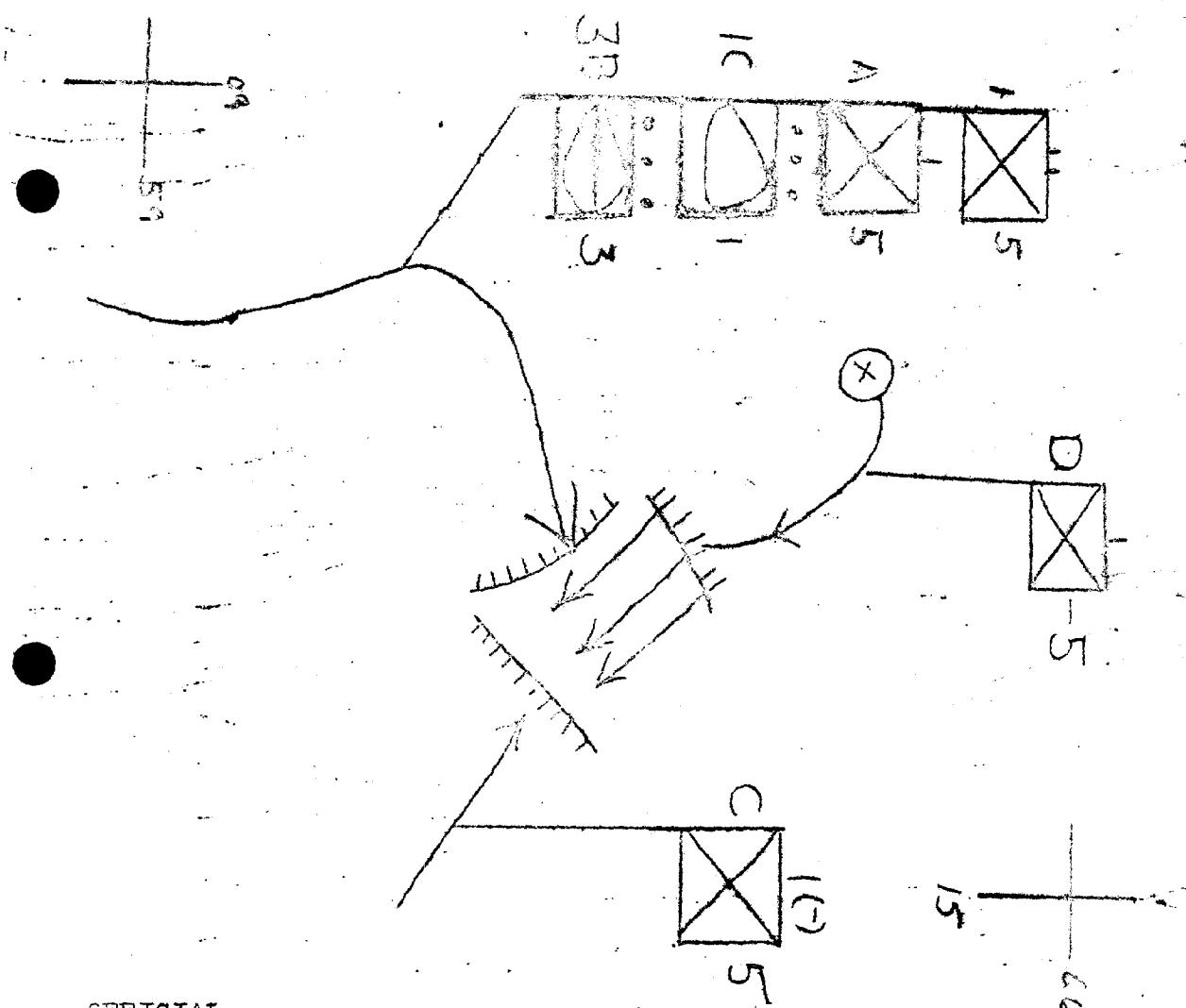
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To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Subj: Operational Summary of Cordon and Search Operation
Conducted 11-13 December 1967

Ref: (a) 5th Marines Operation Plan 1-67
(b) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 134-67

Encl: (1) Operations Overlay

1. Date of Operation. 110600H to 131100H December 1967

2. Task Organization. Annex A to Reference (b)

3. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. No artillery was employed or required during the operation although it was available on call.

b. Air. Air was not utilized on this operation.

4. Intelligence.

a. Enemy Situation. Enemy activity in the area of operations prior to this operation was characterized by repeated encounters by Marine patrols with mines and booby traps, coupled with periodic sniper incidents. In at least three instances the booby traps encountered were determined to be command controlled. On the day prior to the operation blood stained articles of clothing and NVA currency were also discovered in the area of operations.

b. Summary of Significant Intelligence Activities and Collections.

(1) Shortly after commencement of sweep operations, Alpha Company while in assigned blocking position commenced "hole hunting" activity and discovered a cache site containing a VC flag, documents and an assortment of small arms ammunition. Later the same day elements of A Company, H&S Company and personnel from Amtracs who were providing security

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for the Battalion Command Group, located a total of four hidden compartments in the walls of family bomb[REDACTED] adjacent to private homes in HA MY TAY (1), (BT 120). As a result of the discovery of these compartments, three VC (2 male, 1 female) were subsequently captured. All were armed with grenades hung on web belts. A fourth Vietnamese male apprehended was later determined to be a Civilian Defendant. He was discovered hiding in his hut.

(2) The detainees apprehended were subjected to an initial field interrogation by ITT personnel. All but the female confessed to participation in VC activities as hamlet guerrillas. Information concerning the identity, ranks, equipment and composition of VC forces for CAM AN and CAM HA villages was obtained. Ambush sites utilized by guerrillas operating from HA MY TAY (1) and (2) were also ascertained. The third prisoner, a female detainee, later was identified by HOI AN National Police authorities as not only a VC sympathizer and nurse but as the president of CAM HA (V) Women's Association. A variety of VC correspondence and documents were also recovered. Interviews of local residents of HA MY TAY hamlets revealed that an unidentified group of approximately 50 VC had spent the night in HA MY TAY (1) three days prior to the day the operation was conducted. During this stop over by this VC unit the people in these hamlets were reportedly forced to improve trench lines and other fighting holes previously constructed some time ago by them in the area of operations.

(3) As the result of this operation ample evidence was obtained which indicates the enemy still has a persistent interest in the area of operations as evidenced by his continued effort to develop the local VC infrastructure, the maintenance of fixed defensive and sniping positions and areas used as a way station for transit units.

c. Captured, Hidden Enemy Equipment and Material. The following items of enemy equipment and material were recovered during the course of this operation:

- 4 M26 hand grenades
- 100 rounds 7.62mm linked ammunition
- 7 M14 magazines
- 2 .45 caliber magazines
- VC propaganda and related correspondence
- VC flag

d. Vietnamese Attachments. No Vietnamese attachments were utilized during this operation. Kit Carson Scouts, however, were used at the company level.

e. Employment of the ITT. An ITT sub-team was attached

[REDACTED] to the command Group and did participate during the screening of villagers and field interregation of Detainees/POWs apprehended. Their employment in the field is considered to be highly advantageous as it allows on-the-spot segregation of suspects and potentially could lead to the development of intelligence of a nature to be of immediate use.

5. Mission. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a search and destroy operation in designated area emphasizing the three step principles of first quickly isolating the area and enemy within, secondly segregate and remove all enemy suspects and finally conduct an intensive, detailed "Hole Hunting" operation to uncover enemy personnel and cache sites. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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7. Lessons Learned

A. Item Bomb Shelters

(1) Discussion - The search of one cordoned area proceeded without any significant results until a Marine happened to notice what looked like a loose sandstone brick on the bottom row of one wall of a bomb shelter. He was surprised to see a man's hand upon removal of the brick. Since he had left his weapon outside of the shelter and had only his bayonet, he immediately rushed outside, called on a fellow Marine to guard the entrance, and ran to get a CS grenade. Upon return a couple of minutes later, the CS grenade was thrown in the shelter and the effort to dig the VC out began. The discovery of the hidden entrance to a separate enclosure in the bomb shelter spurred the interest in others who immediately began intensive searches of other shelters in the area. The results were the uncovering of four other false wall/floor entrances to hiding areas. Three of these were occupied by persons who were obviously hostile as evidenced by their possession of grenades.

(2) Comment - Several lessons were learned as a result of this episode. First, under any conditions, it is very risky to search an underground enclosure, however, to do so without a weapon is obviously foolhardy. Secondly, in

circumstances such as described above, to leave only one man to guard the exit leaves possible alternate exits open allowing the person inside to escape as occurred in this case. Third, the use of CS rather than smoke results in a lengthy delay in searching the hiding place as well as causing unnecessary discomfort to those who have to open the tunnel up. Lastly, the size of the exit hole, approximately 12 inches by 8 inches, reveals how the enemy can get through brushy areas and small crevices that a Marine cannot possibly negotiate.

B. Item - Pre-Dawn Placement of Blocking Forces.

(1) Discussion - Movement of two companies by foot into respective blocking positions prior to dawn was made without difficulty. Careful attention was given to selection of routes which would be least likely to alert villagers of a unit moving in the area. The movement by tracked vehicles was not as expeditious due to the tracked vehicle operators' unfamiliarity with the terrain at night and failure of communications with the lead tank. This resulted in the necessity for the column to reverse direction. The movement past the turning point might well have confused the issue for the enemy.

(2) Comment - It was noticeable that there were considerably more people in the area during this operation than during the operation held in the same area a little more than a month ago. This is indicative of gaining surprise and also that an early start is more apt to catch local inhabitants before they begin their daily movement.

C. Item - Civilian Interrogation.

(1) Discussion - In the initial phase of the sweep, civilians were rounded up within the western blocking position and interrogated by the ITP team in that position. The villagers denied any knowledge of VC within the area, stating only that the VC had left three or four days previous.

(2) Comment - Later uncovering of several obvious VC within the village indicates fear of retaliation, enemy allegiance or combination of the two in this area. It is difficult to believe that the villagers were unaware of their presence and hiding places.

8. Commander's Analysis It is felt that the use of night movement, when possible, to position the blocking forces is highly desirable. For control purposes and to minimize the possibility of detonating booby traps, the routes for such a move should be carefully selected to avoid movement through or near villages and heavily vegetated areas. In this case

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utilization of the beach for movement of two companies worked well. The large number of villagers that were contained within the block demonstrated the effectiveness. The actual search of the cordoned area proved effective. The location of false walls and floors in several bomb shelters which contained VC and VCS within one hamlet indicates that there is a possibility of standardized hiding places within a particular hamlet. Discovery of a "type" hiding area may indicate similar hiding spots are utilized in a particular hamlet or village. As a possible variation in the search technique, it appears that it may be adviseable to cordon the area, assign areas to be searched to subordinate units down to the squad level and then direct the type search to be conducted. For example, first concentrate on bomb shelters for an hour, then shift to hootches and the ground immediately surrounding them for an hour. Then go on to search the hedge rows within the assigned area etc. By organizing the search in this manner, one should be able to insure that each area has received a thorough search of each of the likely hiding areas.

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Company D (Rein)

CAPT KIRKPATRICK

Company D
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company C (-) (Rein)

CAPT BURROW

Company C (-)
Det, Co B, 1st EngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company A (Rein)

CAPT BAGLEY

Company A
Det, Co B 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Sniper Tm)
Det, H&S Company
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

H&S Company

CAPT MCINTURFF

H&S Company
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

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Det, HqEn, 1stMarDiv (13th ITT)

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LT MORGAN

3rd Platoon, Company B, 3rd AmtracBn

LT MASON

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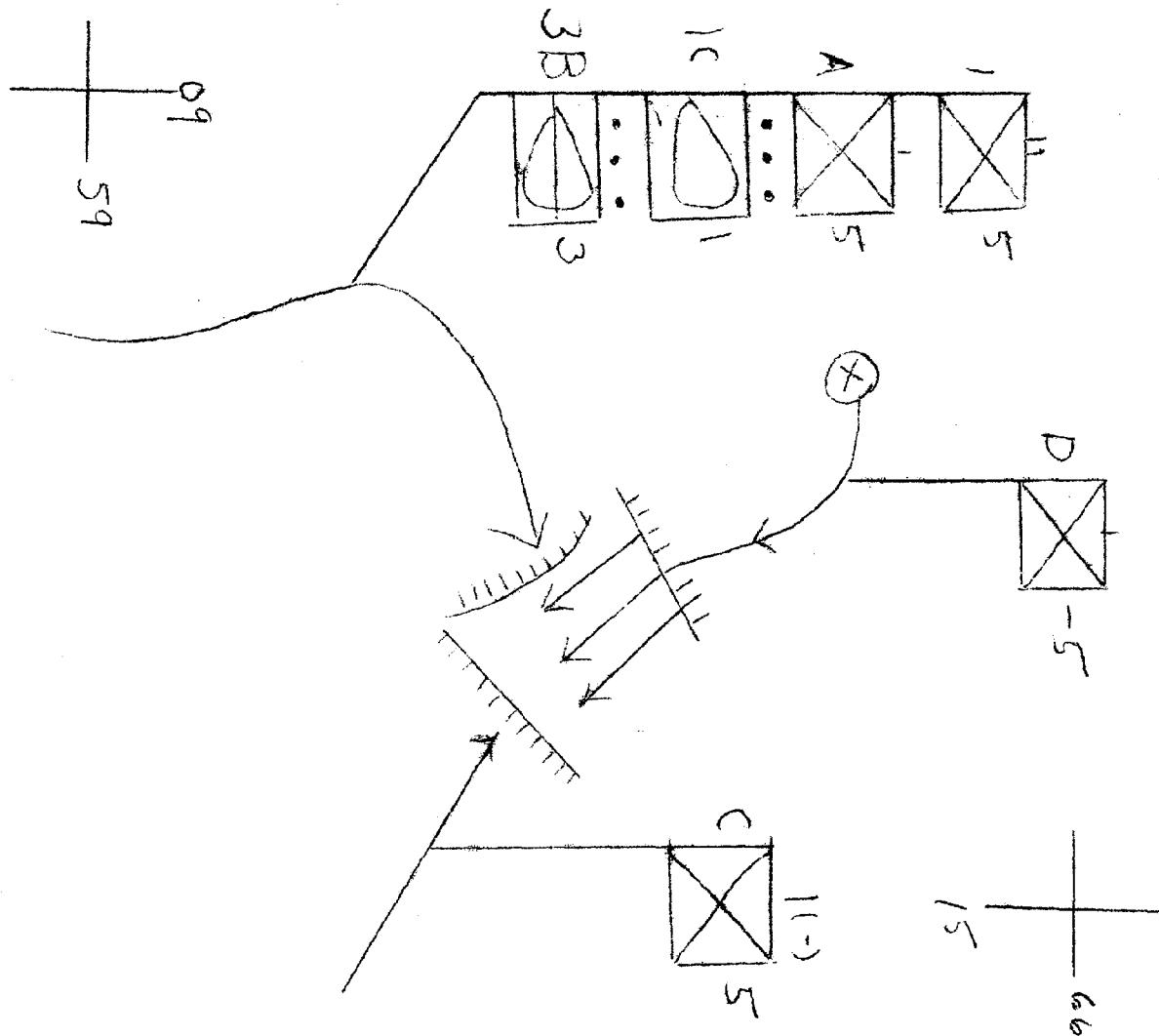
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 Hoi An, RVN
 13 December 1967

Frag Order 135-67

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 (b) Regt Frag Order 70-67

CODE NAME: Operation Junction

Time Zone: H

Task OrganizationCompany B

CAPT DROBNY

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm

Company D

CAPT KIRKPATRICK

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm

1. SITUATION.

A. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS
 B. Friendly. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

2. MISSION: Commencing at H-Hour minus 6 hours, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines establishes a two-company blocking position in designated area. See Annex A (Operations Overlay).

3. EXECUTION

A. Concept. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
 B. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour minus 4 hours, conduct night tactical

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movement from company night patrol point to occupy blocking position as assigned. Insure physical contact with unit from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines on right and Company B on left.

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

(3) Be prepared to withdraw from blocking position and continue company search and clear operation as directed.

C. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour minus 6 hours, conduct tactical movement to occupy blocking position as assigned.

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

(3) Be prepared to withdraw from blocking positions and return to the Battalion Assembly Area.

D. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0800, D-Day 14 December 1967.

(2) Blocking forces to be in position at H-Hour minus 2 hours.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Kill Zone is waterway only. No fire will be delivered on the west bank of the river.

(5) Commanders read and comply with reference C (Battalion Waterway Denial Plan). River to the front of blocking position is a "no boat" area at all times.

(6) Rules of engagement apply.

(7) Link-up points (See Operation Overlay).

(8) See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS In accordance with Battalion SOP

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Command, Battalion Command Post at Battalion Assembly AreaB. Communications, Battalion CEOI and SOP.O. W. VAN DEN BERG
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ANNEX A: Operation Overlay

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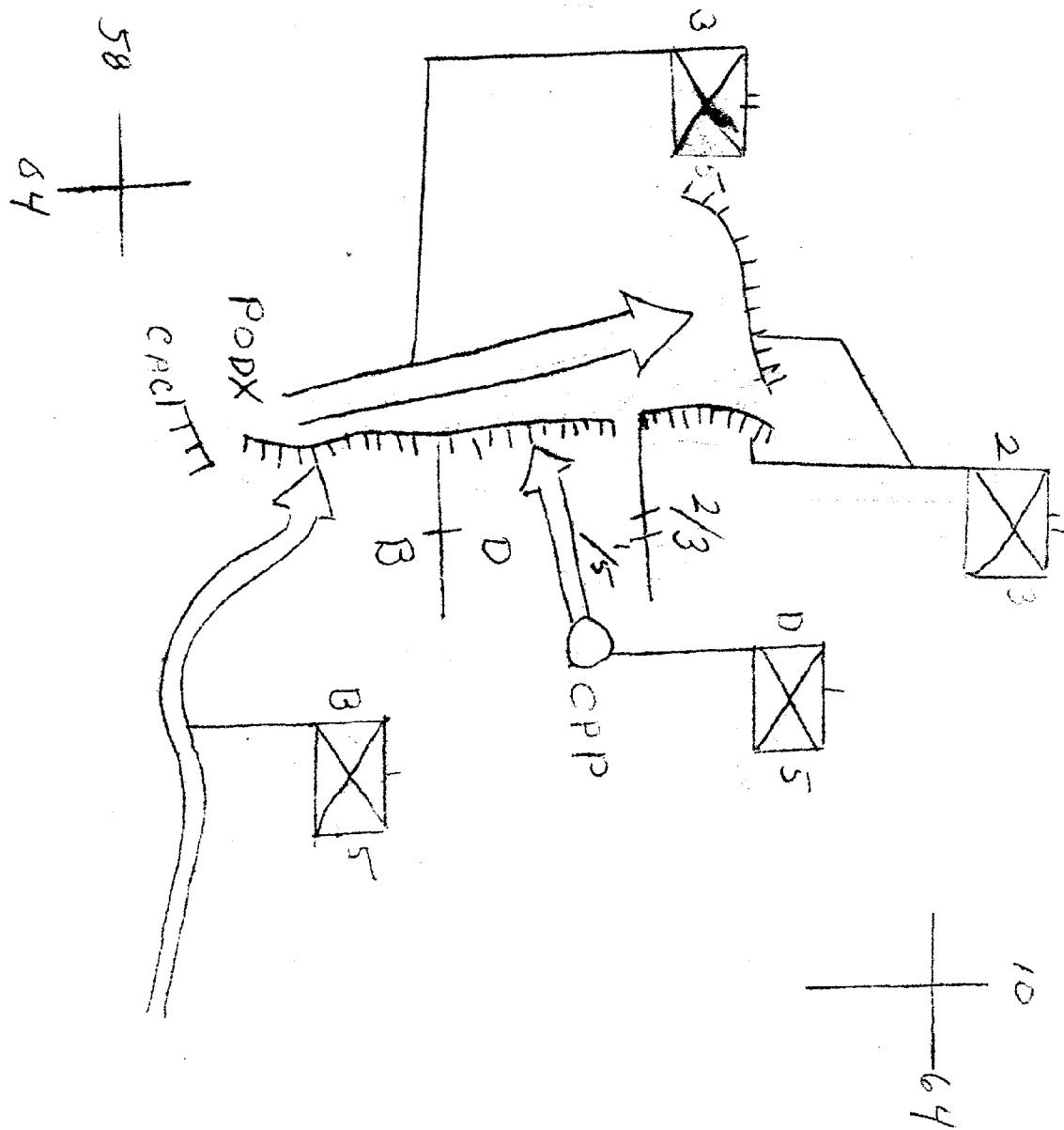
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 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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 16 December 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report; Operation "JUNCTION"

Ref: (a) DivO 3400.1A
 (b) 5th Marines Frag Order 70-67

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 105-67
 (2) Day Movement Day Activities Overlay
 (3) Day Movement Search and Cordon "Hole Hunting" Operation Overlay

1. Code Name

Operation "JUNCTION" (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation

From 140500H December 1967 to 141815H December 1967

3. Location 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "JUNCTION" in the south portion of Dien Ban District of Quang Nam Province within an area bounded on the west by Song Vinh Dien River, on the south by Route 538 and on the north by the 62 grid line and on the east by the 69 grid line.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

1st Bn, 5th Mar (-) (Rein)
 H&S Company, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company A, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company B, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company C, 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company D, 1stBn, 5thMar

LtCol. O. W. VAN DEN BENG
 Capt D. L. MCINTURF
 Capt T. B. BAGLEY
 Capt D. D. DROBNY
 Capt E. B. BURROW
 Capt R. H. KIPKATRICK

5. Task Organization

1 Bn, 5thMar (-) (Rein)
 Det, H&S Company (-) (Rein)
 Det, H&S Company (-)

LtCol O. W. VAN DEN BENG
 Capt D. L. MCINTURF

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Det, 81 Mortar Plt

Det, Comm Plt

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Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Company B (Rein) 1stBn, 5th Mar

Capt D. D. DROHNY

Company B

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

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

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plt (FO)

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Company D (Rein) 1stBn 5th Mar CAPT R. H. KELLY

Company D

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

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

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Sniper)

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plt

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

6. Supporting Forces

a. Air. The air utilized by the battalion during this operation was a team effort of two UH1E gunships against 3 VC sighted by Company D to the rear of their blocking position. The area was later searched. Results: 2 structures damaged, negative on no casualties noted.

b. Artillery. During Operation "JUNCTION" artillery support was provided the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by artillery from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery D, 2ndBn, 11thMar, was in direct support. Only one mission was fired. During the operation directed at the 3 VC sighted by Company D, the 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. Engineering support was provided by

Company F, 1st Engineer Battalion with an engineer team from each company, including the "Role Hunting" Oper. Unit, the engineers were assigned to destroy the following: 10 containers of rice buried in the ground containing approximately 200 pounds of rice.

a. Intelligence.

a. Enemy Situation. Prior to the commencement of operation "JUNCTION" enemy activity in the western sector of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR was characterized by numerous enemy initiated sniping and harrassing incidents. Those incidents were coupled with the periodic discovery of mine and booby trap plants. On at least three instances during the week prior to this operation, it was noted by Marine patrols in this area that unidentified hamlet residents in the vicinity of QUANG LOC DONG (BT 069609) were apparently signaling enemy sniper teams of the approach of Marine patrols by striking empty artillery shells hung by line from trees or hut frames. There were also improvements noted in trench and fighting holes in this hamlet.

b. Summary of Significant Intelligence Activities and Collections.

(1) There were no significant intelligence activities and or collections during the course of this Battalion's participation in "Operation JUNCTION" due to the fact that 1st Bn 5th Mar Companies were utilized solely as a blocking force.

(2) During the course of the Battalion's return to its assembly area a sweep was conducted of TAN MY (3) (BT 066600). During this sweep and subsequent check of hamlet residents two detainees, both females, were apprehended. One was a VC nurse, whose activities were revealed by fellow villagers to a Kit Carson Scout. The other detainee was a suspected VC sympathizer. Medical notes pertaining to the treatment of wounded were found concealed in the hut of the VC nurse.

(3) The debrief of Scouts attached for the operation revealed that B INH MINH (2) (BT 075606) in the trace of the Battalion return sweep appeared abandoned and structures heavily damaged. Fifteen (15) fighting holes spaced approximately 25 meters apart running from NE to SE (BT 075609)-(EL 078600) along the side of a foot path were also reported. A local Vietnamese from an adjacent hamlet revealed to a Kit Carson Scout the probability that the Hamlet BINH MINH (2) is heavily booby trapped. This has been confirmed by recent activities in that area.

c. Captured, Hidden Enemy Equipment and Material. None.

8. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) establishes a two-company blocking position to destroy or capture enemy personnel moving into designated killing zone.

9. Concept. Prior to H-Hour on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) moves to and establishes blocking position on east bank of Song Vinh Diem facing west from (BT 058618) to (BT 057588), linking up with 2d Bn, 3rd Mar at (BT 058618) holding blocking position. Upon 1st Battalion, 5th Marines being relieved of responsibility of blocking position, will conduct a night sweep and "Hole Hunting" operation sweep towns, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area.

10. Execution

a. 131700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 135-67 was promulgated (See Enclosure (1)).

b. D-Day 14 December 1967 (See Enclosure (2)).

(1) 140500H Company D(-) conducted a night tactical movement from company night patrol point to participate in operation "JUNCTION".

(2) 140552H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) moved 1st Battalion 5th Marines Assembly Area to participate in operation "JUNCTION" in accordance with reference (b).

(3) 140800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines outboard motor boat was launched in vicinity (BT 056587) with a squad of Marines and one M60 machine gun to patrol river staying abreast of 3rd Battalion 5th Marines as they commenced their sweep in a northerly direction.

(4) 140805H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) arrived in designated position and linked up with Company D and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines and established blocking position (See Enclosure (2)).

(5) 141025H Company D at (BT 059610) observed 3 VC one carrying a weapon running in a northerly direction at (BT 069614). Company D fired 3 60mm mortar rounds. Scout Sniper fired 3 rounds small arms fire. A UH1E gunship strafed the area. The area was searched by Company D upon being released from blocking position. Results: 2 structures destroyed, negative enemy casualties.

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(6) 141100H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines was picked up by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines outboard motor boat at (BT 056587) and brought to 1st Bn, 5th Mar CP at (BT 059601).

(7) 141120H Commanding Officer, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP by boat and returned to (BT 056587).

(8) 141220H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines released of responsibility of blocking force. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines requested and was granted permission by Commanding Officer, 5th Marines to conduct search and clear and "Hole Hunting" operation while enroute to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base (See Enclosure (3)).

(9) 141445H Platoon, Company A established a blocking position at (BT 083604) while Companies C and D conducted a search and clear and "Hole Hunting" operation at (BT 073605).

(10) 141510H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines units commenced detailed "Hole Hunt" at village located at (BT 078613), received no opposition and as is normally the case, no males were found or seen at this village.

(11) 141600H Company B at (BT 073606) apprehended 2 females, one with baby, whose statements conflicted with the statements of their fellow villagers. The detainees were forwarded to 13th ITT.

(12) 141630H Detailed "Hole Hunting" operation was terminated at village (BT 073605), (BT 078613). Results: 2 female detainees apprehended, 4 containers of rice buried in the ground containing approximately 200 pounds of rice were destroyed by engineers. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued sweep towards 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base.

(13) 141815H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Combat Base, terminating operation.

II. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. Initially 2 MCIs were carried by each individual for a one day period. A basic allowance of ammunition and three canteens were carried by each individual. In addition to individual weapons, machine guns, 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars were carried on the operation.

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b. Maintenance. Cleaning equipment for crew served weapons and individual weapons was carried by all units. No maintenance problems were encountered during the operation with weapons or equipment.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization. No casualties were sustained during this period.

d. Transportation. No transportation was used on this operation.

e. Communications. Operating units were in close proximity to each other throughout the operation with no significant problems encountered with communications.

f. Medical Evacuation. Each Corpsman carried sufficient medical supplies to provide adequate treatment of the wounded until medical evacuation could be effected.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. An outboard motor boat with a ~~squad~~ of Marines was used to patrol river. As swooping forces were moving through assigned area, the boat stayed abreast of leading company and observed both sides of river bank for any possible avenue of escape the VC might have leading into the river. No sightings were made by the boat party.

13. Commander's Analysis.

This battalion's participation in Operation "JUNCTION" was without incident. The movement to the blocking positions was completed uneventfully. The search and clear operation en route to the Battalion Assembly Area was without contact. Insufficient time prevented a detailed "Hole Hunt" however the sweep was deliberate. One company was left in the area of Binh Minh (2), (BT 072607) for further search of the area on the following morning. This company found one hole containing a Thompson sub-machine gun with 2 magazines and ammunition.

14. Recommendations. None.

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15. Results.a. Friendly Casualties.

KIA	0
WIA	0
WIA/ME	0
MIA	0
NGC	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. None.c. Enemy Casualties. None.d. Captured Enemy Weapons. None.e. Captured Enemy Equipment. None.f. Captured Enemy Ammunition. None.g. Destroyed Enemy Equipment. None.h. Destroyed Enemy Ordnance. None.

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V. I. An, RVN
13 December 1967

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(b) Regt Frag Order 70-67

CODE NAME: Operation Junction

Task Organization

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

Company B

CAPT DROBNY

Det, Co B, 1st EngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
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Company D

CAPT KIRKPATRICK

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 PAG Tm

1. SITUATION.

A. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPSB. Friendly. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).2. Mission: Commencing at H-Hour minus 6 hours, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines establishes a two company blocking position in designated area. See Annex A (Operations Overlay).

3. EXECUTION

A. Concept. Annex A (Operation Overlay).B. Company D.

(1) At H-Hour minus 4 hours conduct night tactical

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movement from company night patrol point to occupy blocking position as assigned. Insurapphysical contact with units from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines on right and Company B on left.

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

(3) Be prepared to withdraw from blocking position and continue company search and clear operation as directed.

C. Company B.

(1) At H-Hour minus 6 hours, conduct tactical movement to occupy blocking position as assigned.

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

(3) Be prepared to withdraw from blocking positions and return to the Battalion Assembly Area.

D. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0800, D-Day 14 December 1967.

(2) Blocking forces to be in position at H-Hour minus 2 hours.

(3) Be alert for mines and booby traps.

(4) Kill Zone is waterway only. No fire will be delivered on the west bank of the river.

(5) Commanders read and comply with reference C (Battalion Waterway Denial Plan). River to the front of blocking position is a "no boat" area at all times.

(6) Rules of engagement apply.

(7) Link-up points (See Operation Overlay).

(8) See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS In accordance with Battalion SOP

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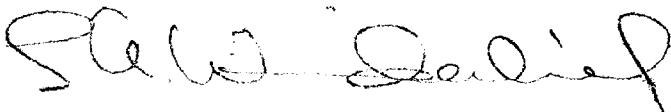
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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

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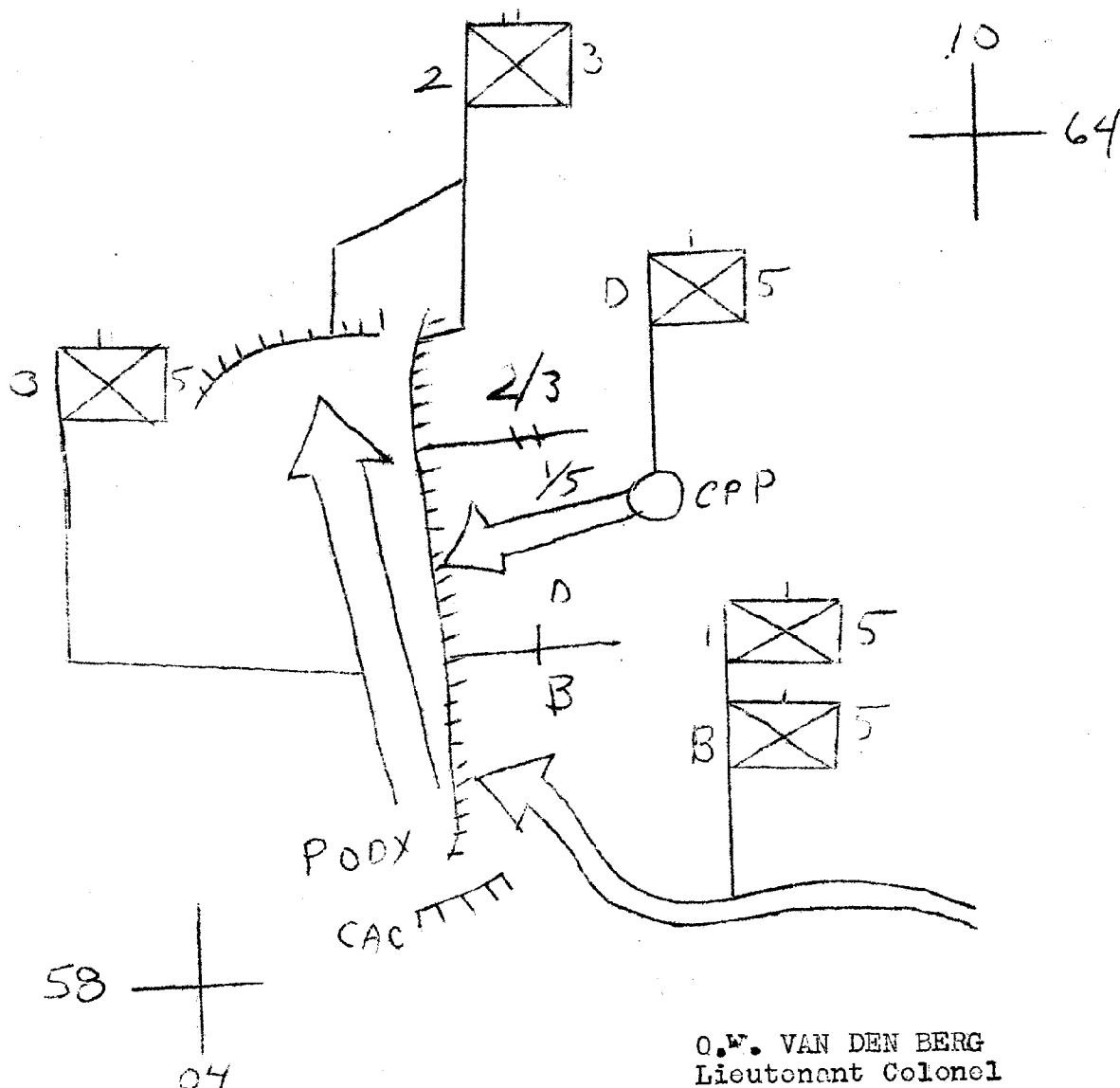
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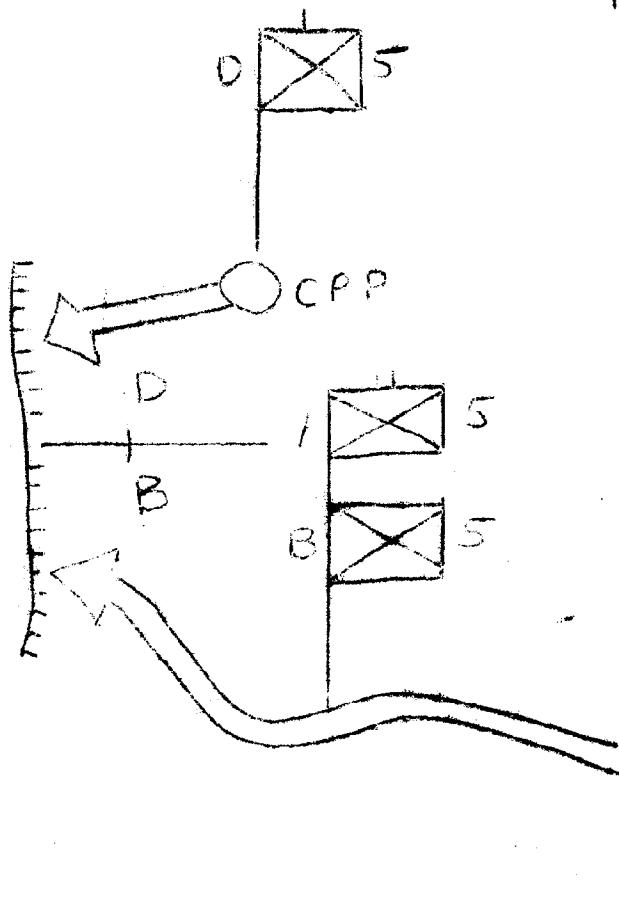
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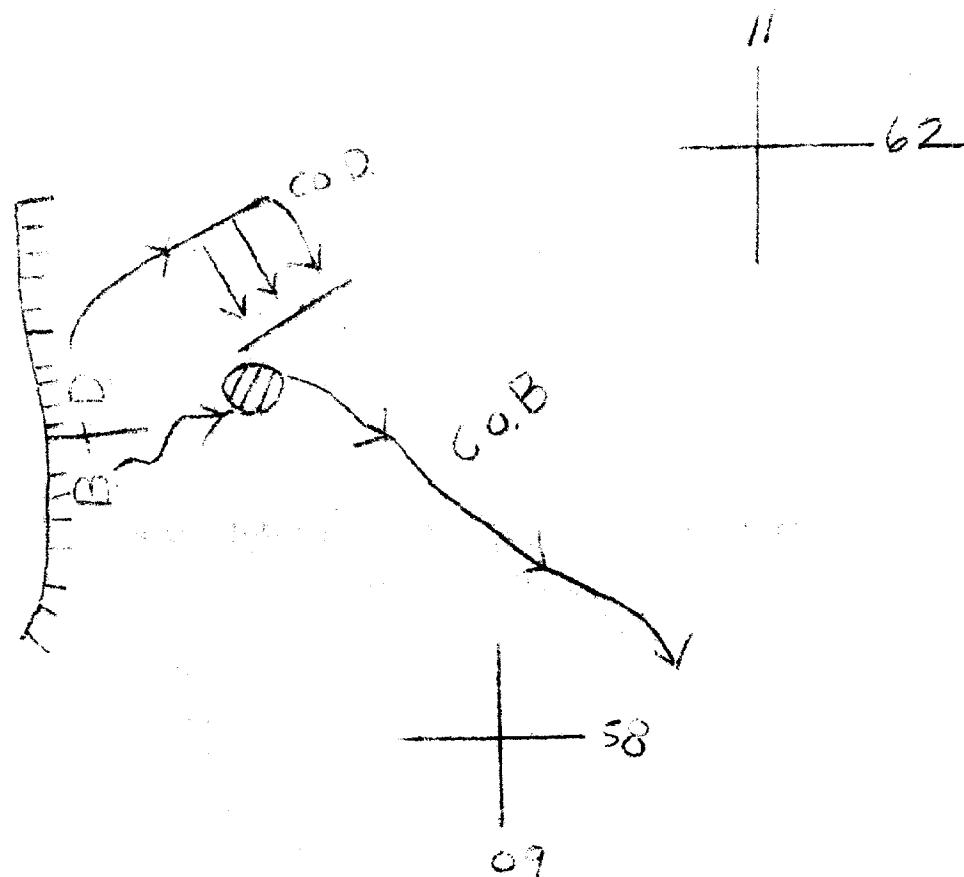
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Day Movement Search and Cordon "Hole Hunting" Operation Overlay
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Hoi An, RVN
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Frag Order 136-67

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(b) Regimental Frag Order 71-67Task Organization

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

Company B (Rein)

CAPT DROBNY

Company B
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt (FO)
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm
 Det, 3rdMPBn (Scout Dog Tm)

Company A (Rein)

CAPT BAGLEY

Company A
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm
 Det, 3rdMPBn (Scout Dog Tm)

H&S Company(-) (Rein)

CAPT MCINTURFF

H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, 106 RR Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
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 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, HqBn, 1stMarDiv (13th TTT)

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CAPT KIRKPATRICK

Company D(-)
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

1. SITUATION

A. Enemy.

- (1) Reference (b).
- (2) See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.

B. Friendly.

- (1) Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at Phase Line Apple on order Regimental Commander.
- (2) Company H, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at Phase Line Orange on order Regimental Commander.
- (3) 1st Armored LVT Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Direct Support.
- (4) First MAW provides three CH-46 helicopters for initial troop lift of one company into Landing Zone Pelican, gunships on station and other rotary and fixed wing aircraft on request.
- (5) See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

2. MISSICK. Commencing D-Day at L&H Hours, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a Battalion sweep operation in cordoned area of operations to kill, capture or destroy enemy personnel, weapons and equipment located therein. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

3. EXECUTION

A. Concept. Commencing at L&H Hours on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a Battalion sweep operation from south to north in the area of operations. Sweep to be conducted initially with two companies abreast with later addition of two companies to the sweeping force as blocking forces

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- (3) Be prepared to commence sweep in zone on order.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (5) Be prepared to return to OPCON parent unit on order.

F. H&S Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Move boat team with Company B to rendezvous with 7th Marines CP.
- (3) Move to Area of Operations as last element of helilift.
- (4) Follow in general trace of Company A.
- (5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

G. Company D (-).

- (1) Regimental Reserve.
- (2) Be prepared to move two platoons (Rein) and company CP group by helicopter to area of operations on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume mission of sweeping companies on order.
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

H. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) D-Day: 18 December 1967.
- (3) L-Hour: 0720
- (4) H-Hour: 0815
- (5) LOD - Route Four.
- (6) Limit of Advance: South bank Song La Tho
- (7) Sweeping forces to be on LOD prior to H-Hour.
- (8) Approximate length of operation: Seven hours.
- (9) Boundaries: Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (10) Report arrival at Phase Lines. Continue sweep on order only.
- (11) Be alert for mines and booby traps.
- (12) Rules of engagement apply.
- (13) Sweep to be slow and deliberate covering approximately one-half kilometer per hour.
- (14) Contact from left to right.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. In accordance with Battalion SOP.

B. One MCI per man, except Company B to carry 3 MCIs per man in light pack to be left at night perimeter position and picked up upon securing of operation.

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are uncovered at Phase Lines Apple and Orange. Positioning of sweep forces to be accomplished prior to H-Hour by movement of one company on foot, to assigned position on LOD and one company and Battalion Command Group by helicopter to Landing Zone Pelican, thence to assigned position on LOD. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

B. Company B.

- (1) At 1400 on D-Day minus one, commence move by truck to 7th Marines Regimental CP, establish night perimeter in area to be assigned by Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Regiment and under OPCON 5th Marines S-3A.
- (2) At H-Hour minus two hours, 15 minutes on D-Day, on order Regimental S-3A conduct tactical march as lead company to assigned position on LOD.
- (3) Be prepared to commence sweep of area of operations in zone on order.
- (4) Be prepared to shift forces to the right at Phase Line Orange on order. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (5) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

C. Company A.

- (1) Commencing at L-Hour, on D-Day, conduct heli-lift to LZ Pelican. Upon landing, secure LZ and commence move to assigned position on LOD on order.
- (2) Be prepared to commence sweep of area of operations in zone on order.
- (3) Be prepared to shift forces to the left at Phase Line Apple as indicated. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (4) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

D. Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

- (1) Be prepared on order of Regimental Commander to displace from blocking position and move to occupy sweeping position at Phase Line Apple as assigned. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Be prepared to commence sweep in zone on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.
- (4) Be prepared to return to OPCON parent unit on order.

E. Company H, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

- (1) Be prepared to provide a platoon to sweeping force vicinity Phase Line Apple on order of Regimental Commander.
- (2) Be prepared on order of Regimental Commander to displace remainder of company from blocking position and move to occupy sweeping position at Phase Line Orange as assigned. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

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C. Each man carry poncho and extra pair of socks.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Command. Battalion CP to the rear of Company A.

B. Communications.

- (1) Communications in accordance with Annex B (Comm-Elect), DevO p02000.1C and Regt.CEOI.
- (2) Nets to be activated at H-2.
- (3) Battalion Rear Guard Bn Tac 2 Primary.
- (4) Bn Tac 2 Secondary for units in rear. Bn rear is NCS.
- (5) Radio operators carry one spare battery.
- (6) Bn Rear Guard Regimental Tactical Net #2 (Secondary).
- (7) TACP be prepared to operate HF and UHF.
- (8) D Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines guard Bn Tac Net #2.

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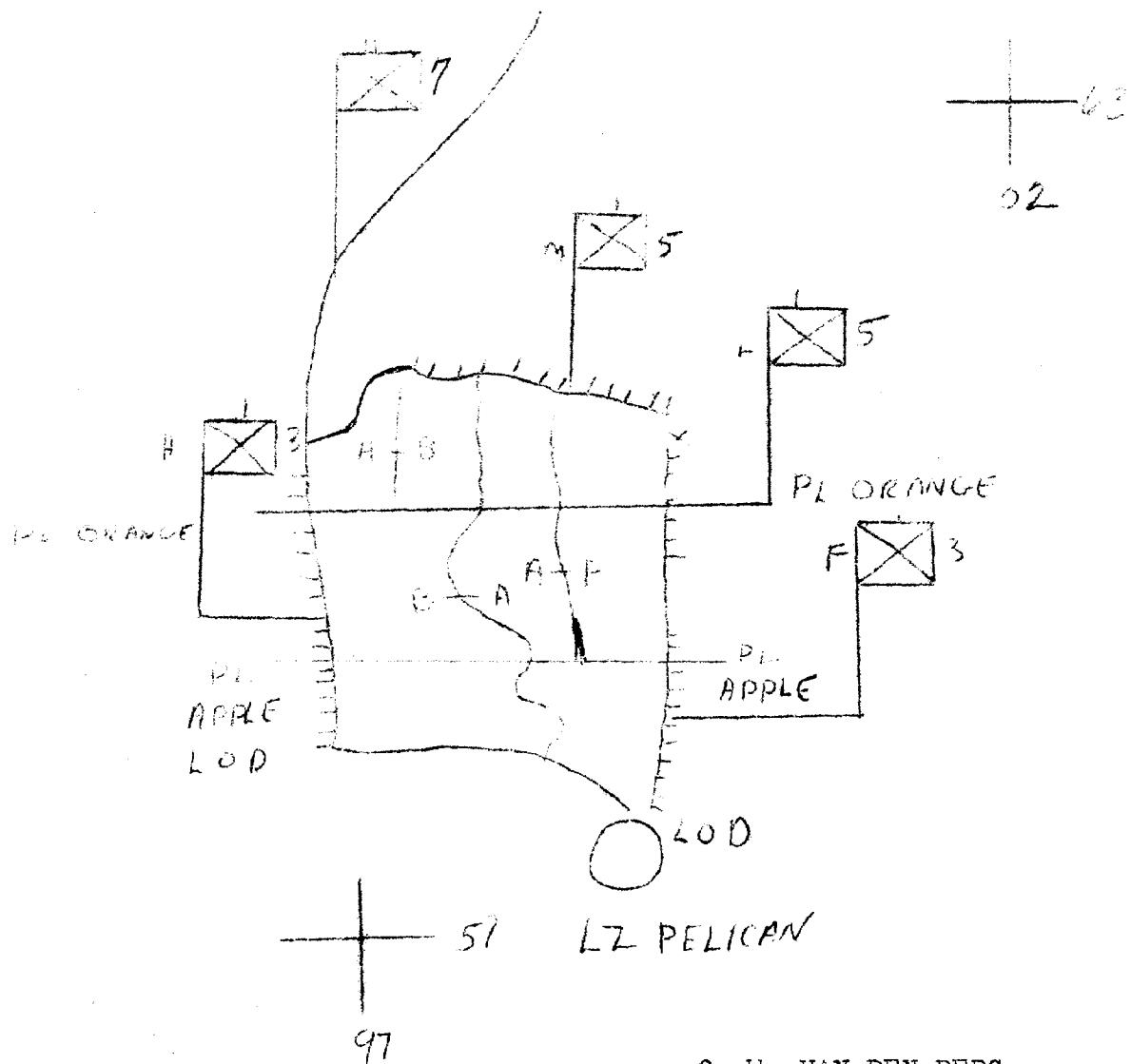
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 3480.1A
 20 December 1967

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report; Unnamed Operation of 18
 December 1967

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
 (b) 5th Marines Frag order 71-67

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67

1. Code Name.

Unnamed (Search and Clear)

2. Dates of Operation.

From 180500H December 1967

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in
 "Unnamed Operation" in the west central portion of Dien
 Ban District of Quang Nam Province within an area as de-
 scribed in Reference (b).

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	LTCOL O.W. VAN DEN BEE
H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Mar.	CAPT D.L. MCINTURFF
Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT T.B. BAGLEY
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1st Battalion, 5th Mar, (-) (Rein): LTCOL O.W. VAN DEN BERG

H&S Company (-) (Rein) 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT D.E. MCINTURFF

Det, H&S Co (-)

Det, 81 Mortar Plt

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

TACP

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11th Mar

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Company B (Rein), 1st Bn, 5th Mar CAPT D.D. DROBNY

Company B, 1stBn, 5thMar

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Snipers)

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plt

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Company A (Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT T.B. BAGLEY

Company A, 1stBn, 5thMar

Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar

Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Snipers)

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Det, H&S Company

Det, 81 Mortar Plt

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Det, 3rd MPBn (Scout Dog Tm)

Company H (Rein), 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CAPT R.R. GREEN

Company H, 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar

Det, Btry B, 1st Bn, 12 Mar

Det, H&S Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FAC Tm

Scout Sniper

Det, 3rd MPBn (Scout Dog Tm)

Company F, (Rein), 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar CAPT W.R. SMITH

Company F, 2nd Bn, 3rd Mar

Det H&S Co 2nd Bn 3rd Mar

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FAC Tm

Scout Sniper

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6. Supporting Forces.

a. Air. Three CH-46's were utilized to lift 225 personnel from LZ 411 to LZ Pelican on D-Day. The lift was completed in five waves. Two medevac missions were called for and received during the course of the sweep. The first mission received automatic weapons fire forcing the pilot to leave the zone prior to pick-up. The area was then secured and another chopper made the pick-up 20 minutes later. The first helicopter was forced to land at 7th Marines Command Post helipad. The second medevac was completed routinely.

b. Artillery. During this operation, artillery was used to a very limited extent due to the close proximity of the units involved and the lack of suitable targets. Landing Zone Pelican and the southeast blocking positions were prepped prior to the arrival of helicopters. One on-call mission was fired during the course of the sweep.

c. Engineers. Engineer support was provided by a detachment of Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion with an engineer team assigned to each company. Their employment was restricted to destroying enemy bunkers located during the sweep.

7. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of Enemy Strength, Location and Disposition in the Objective Area. Early in the month of December, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines encountered contacts within the area of operations as large as a platoon. A total of thirty-five contacts were recorded. The majority of incidents recorded occurred in the North and Southeast quadrant of the area of operations. In addition repeated reports were received from other agencies which indicated that the 41st Draftee Battalion in conjunction with company size elements of the V25 and R20 MF Battalion were operating in and around the area of operations.

b. Enemy Strength Actually Determined During the Operation During the course of this Battalion's sweep of the area of operations an estimated total of 25-30 VC were observed or engaged. When encountered the average unit was comprised of two to three VC. Snipers were prevalent.

d. Weather. The weather during the course of this one day operation was clear, with partial cloudiness, humidity 70%. The conduct of operations was not adversely affected or limited to any significant degree.

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8. Mission. Commencing D-Day at L and H Hours, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a Battalion sweep operation in cordoned area of operations to kill, capture, or destroy enemy personnel, weapons and equipment located therein. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

9. Concept. Commencing at L and H Hours on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts a Battalion sweep operation from south to north in the area of operations. Sweep to be conducted initially with two companies abreast with later addition of two companies to the sweeping force as blocking forces are uncovered at Phase lines Apple and Orange. Positioning of sweep forces to be accomplished prior to H-Hour by movement of one company on foot to assigned position on LOD and one company and Battalion Command Group by helicopter to Landing Zone Pelican, thence to assigned position on LOD. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

10. Execution.

(1) 171400H Company B OPCON to 5th Marines (Offspring X-Ray).

(2) 180720H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) commenced helilift to objective area to commence Search and Clear "Hole Hunting" operation in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67. See Enclosure (1).

(3) 180855H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) completed helilift to objective area in accordance with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-67. See Enclosure (1).

(4) 180900H Company B OPCON returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(5) 181015H Company B, 3rd Platoon at (BT 976588) received heavy automatic and small arms fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 976589). Platoon returned 250 rounds small arms fire, 6 M-79 rounds, 2 LAAW's and searched the area with negative results.

(6) 181030H Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines at (BT 971592) observed 2 VC moving in a westerly direction one with a weapon at (BT 972593). Company F fired 100 rounds small arms fire hitting on VC. The other VC assisted the wounded VC into dense vegetation. The area was searched and a heavy blood trail was found and followed with negative results. Results 1 VC KIA probable.

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(7) 181205H Company F at (BT 973593) found 1 carbine serial number unknown, 1 ChiCom grenade and a heavy blood trail which was followed with negative results. Results; 1 VC KIA probable.

(8) 181230H Company B at (BT 975594) received 3-4 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved sniper at (BT 974595). Company B returned 50-125 rounds small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.

(9) 181330H Company B at (BT 976597) received heavy automatic weapons fire from an undetermined number of VC at (BT 982599). Company B returned 230 rounds small arms fire, 9 M-79 rounds, 5 rounds 60mm and requested a Medevac helicopter. Medevac helicopter received heavy automatic weapons fire and was forced to land at 7th Marines Helipad. The area was searched by an H&S Company CP security squad. Squad observed one sniper at (BT 976599) and fired 10 rounds small arms fire hitting the VC. The area was searched, squad found 1 M14 rifle, serial number 622531, one M14 magazine, 18 rounds 7.62mm ammunition. Medevac was completed at 181425H. Results of incident; 2 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA probable.

(10) 181340H Company H, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines at (BT 993596) observed 1 VC at (BT 997595) and fired 110 rounds small arms fire. VC returned 50-60 rounds automatic weapons fire. Company H returned heavy volume of M-60 and M-79 fire. The area was not searched as it was outside of zone of action and mission required continuation of the sweep.

(11) 181400H Company B at (BT 977605) observed 1 VC with grenade jump into a spider hole. Marine dropped 2 M-26 grenades into spider hole. Results; 1 VC KIA confirmed and 1 M-26 grenade captured.

(12) 181517H Company A at (BT 976609) observed one of 4 VC throw a hand grenade and attempt to flee. Company A killed 3 VC with small arms fire and captured 4th VC and one M-26 grenade. Results; 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAE, 3 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC with one M-26 captured.

(13) 181600H H&S Company at (BT 968604) apprehended 1 male who admittedly lied about VC activities. Local villagers identified the detainee as the father of a VC. The detainee was forwarded to 13th ITT.

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(14) 181600H Company B at (BT 973606) was informed by AO that a VC was near their position. The area was searched and 1 VC female KIA, age approx 62, without ID card was found. Results; 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(15) 181630H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines river boat patrol at (BT 981610) observed 2 armed VC hiding in dense vegetation. Patrol fired 20 rounds small arms fire killing the VC and searched the area. Results; 2 VC KIA confirmed and 1 Thompson sub-machine gun serial number 641925, 1 M-26 grenade. Weapons and equipment forwarded to 5th Marines S-2.

(16) 181715H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines truck convoy at (BT 050603) received 15-20 rounds small arms fire from an estimated 2 VC at (BT 044605). 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned 500-600 rounds small arms fire. The area was searched by a local CAP unit with negative results.

(17) 181815H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area terminating Search and Destroy operation in accordance with Battalion Frag Order 136-67.

11. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply. Supply was limited to the initial basic load carried by the individual Marine with emphasis on lightness. In addition to individual weapons, machine-guns, 60mm and 81mm mortars were carried on the operation.

b. Maintenance. Cleaning equipment for individual and crew served weapons was carried by all units. No maintenance problems were encountered.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation. The Battalion sustained four casualties requiring evacuation. Evacuation was completed by H-34 helicopter.

d. Transportation. Eight M-35 trucks were utilized to pre-position a company at the 7th Marine Regiment CP on D-Day minus one. In addition, sixteen M-35's were standing by at the same position to return the battalion's two organic companies to the Battalion Assembly Area upon termination of the operation. One company was helilifted into Landing Zone Polican just prior to H-Hour by three CH-46's.

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e. Communications. Except for initial difficulties in contacting one of the companies blocking the area of operation, no difficulties were encountered.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. Scout dogs were employed during the sweep of the area of operations. No significant incidents developed as a result of their employment.

b. A boat team consisting of 9 men was employed to patrol the banks of the Song La Tho upon completion of the sweep. As a result of this patrol, two VC were located along the south bank of the river and were both killed by small arms. A search of the area resulted in the capture of one Thompson sub-machine gun and several M-26 grenades.

13. Commander's Analysis. The operation moved smoothly once the sweep elements positioned themselves along the LOD. There was some delay in getting into the Landing Zone apparently due to the necessity for further preparation fires on the terrain surrounding the LZ. This resulted in a delay in crossing the LOD which required the sweep to move a little faster than is considered most desirable for terrain such as was found in the Area of Operations. In addition to the casualties inflicted and weapons and POW captured, the unexpected gathering of 130 refugees from the area is considered to be significant. The results obtained by the boat team indicate the value of such employment along the heavily foliaged banks of rivers. Maximum security along both banks is a necessity.

14. Recommendations. None.

15. Results.

a. Friendly Casualties.

KIA	0
WIA	4
WIA/ME	1
MIA	0
NBC	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. None.

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* c. Enemy Casualties.

KIA (C)	7
KIA (P)	0
Detainees	1
POW	1

d. Captured Enemy Weapons.

1 Thompson Submachine Gun Serial Number 641925, Cal, 45.
1 Rifle, M14, 7,62, Serial Number 622531.

e. Captured Enemy Equipment.

1 Cartridge belt
1 U.S. Government Flashlight

e. Captured Enemy Ammunition.

13 rounds 7.62
20 rounds .45 Cal.
1 Magazine .45 Cal.
1 Magazine (M14)

g. Destroyed Enemy Equipment. None

h. Destroyed Enemy Ordnance.

1 M26 Grenade.
1 ChiCom Grenade.

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 6541 III, 6541 IV, 6541 IV
 (b) 1st Marine Division CMOI

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

A. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)B. Friendly Forces.

(1) 5th Marine Regiment conducts operations within Regimental TAOR.

(2) 7th Marine Regiment conducts operations adjacent to the battalion TAOR to the south.

(3) Artillery.

(a) Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Direct Support.

(b) Field Artillery Group, General Support.

(4) Air. 1st MAW provides rotary and fixed wing support on request.

(5) Naval Gunfire support as available on request.

C. Attachments - Annex A (Task Organization)D. Assumptions(1) That the battalion will normally have one company operating from a Company Assembly Area at GC AT 833990 and three companies operating from the Battalion Assembly Area.

(2) That units organic to the regiment will be made available to the battalion for battalion (Rein) operations.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines establishes and maintains continuous control of assigned TAOR and included waterways. Insure

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uninterrupted use of Route 1 through the TAOR, search out, kill or capture the enemy and his weapons, destroy his equipment and supplies. These type operations will be directed toward defeating Main Force units and fragmenting the local VC infrastructure, denying his freedom of movement and reducing his control of the population.

3. EXECUTION.

A. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts operations as outlined below in coordination with maximum effective employment of supporting arms. Sequential operations will progress from emphasis on coastal regions of high density population and food production to inland areas affording assembly, training and supply storage gained through infiltration from the north.

- (1) Provide assigned forces in support of contingency plans promulgated by higher headquarters.
- (2) Conduct Battalion (-) (Rein) operations of varying duration.
- (3) Company size search and clear operations.
- (4) Continuous aggressive day and night fire team, squad and platoon patrols and waterway denial activities.
- (5) Security for critical areas along Route #1 as required.

B. Organic Rifle Companies.

- (1) Be prepared to participate in Battalion (-) (Rein) operations on order.
- (2) Conduct company size operations as directed.
- (3) Conduct aggressive small unit patrols and ambushes.
- (4) Be prepared to provide BALD EAGLE and Rough Rider units when assigned.
- (5) Be prepared to provide elements OPCON to higher echelon units as required.
- (6) Be prepared to assume other missions on order.

C. H&S Company.

- (1) General support.

D. 1st Engineer Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion.

- (1) General support.

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(2) Be prepared to conduct engineer assignments within capability as directed.

E. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Daily activities will be coordinated and assigned by the Battalion S-3.

(2) Annex G (TAOR Overlay).

(3) This plan effective on order.

(4) Emphasize EEIs.

(5) All patrols to be debriefed by Battalion S-2.

(6) Companies operating from a company patrol perimeter submit daily activities to this headquarters (Attn: S-3) for review and approval.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. Administration Plan 1-67.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Reference (b).

B. Communications SOP.

C. Command Post.

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (ZC 077985).

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ANNEX A (Task Organization) to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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Time Zone: H

Task Organization

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

Company A (Rein) CAPT T. B. BAGLEY

Company A
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, H&S Company
Det, FO Tm
Det, Med Plt
FAC Tm
Kit Carson Tm

Company B (Rein) CAPT D. D. DROBNY

Company B
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
Det, Hqs Co, 5thMar (Sniper Tm)
Det, H&S Company
Det, FO Tm
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt
FAC Tm
Kit Carson Tm

Company C (Rein) CAPT E. B. BURROW

Company C
Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
Det, H&S Company
Det, FO Tm
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt
FAC Tm
Kit Carson Tm

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Company D (Rein)

CAPT R. H. KIRKPATRICK

Company D
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, FO Tm
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

H&S Company (Rein)

CAPT D. L. MCINTURFF

H&S Company
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Co, 5thMar (Sniper Tm)
 Det, H&S Co, 5thMar (Dog Tm)

3rd Plt (Rein), Co A, 1stATBn

2NDLT B. C. MORTON

1st Plt, Co C, 1st Motors

CPL T. J. OBERMAN

2nd Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn

1STLT C. B. KEPFORD

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO OPERATION PLAN 3-67

Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 3-67

Reference: Maps, AMS Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheets 6541 I, II, III, IV and 6641 III, IV.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Enemy Units.

(1) At the present time, there are two Main Force Battalions (804th and K4B), one Local Force Company (C-118) and one unidentified Engineer Company operating within the area of operations. The current mission of these units is rice collection, interdiction of highway #1, control of the populace and the destruction of the Rural Development program by conducting small scale harassing attacks against small or isolated USMC and ARVN Forces. Attacks of company size or larger with supporting arms (82mm mortars, recoilless rifles, etc.) can be expected against CAP units, PHU BAI and PHU LOC Assembly Areas.

b. Enemy Probable Courses of Action.

(1) Against USMC operations in the lowland area the enemy can be expected to evade direct contact with superior forces and resort to small unit actions, to include mining and booby traps, harassment and ambushes in an effort to inflict maximum casualties and to decimate small units operating beyond effective supporting or reinforcing distances.

(2) Against USMC operations in the low lands and mountainous area the enemy can be expected to:

(a) Defend at a time and place of their choosing.

(b) Attack any target within the area with elements of at least one battalion augmented by one Local Force company and one Engineer company while conducting harassment, terrorism and sabotage throughout the area.

(3) Should USMC operations seriously threaten to penetrate his vital area he can be expected to reinforce with elements of an additional Battalion, three Local Force Companies and one Sapper company within 15-24 hours after operations commence.

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a. Determine the location and condition of all roads, trails, critical fords, bridges, traversing or connecting within 5,000 meter radius of the PHU LOC Assembly Area and Route #1, especially those concealed from aerial observation and having covered entry and withdrawal routes.

b. Other Intelligence Requirements.

(1) Determine the location, availability and suitability of potential helicopter landing sites within the 1/5 TAOR to include locations of areas suitable for air drops.

(2) Determine the location of all areas likely to serve as guerrilla bases or hideouts.

(3) Determine the location of all likely guerrilla or counter-guerrilla ambush sites within 5,000 meters radius of the PHU LOC Assembly Area.

(4) Determine the status of current relationships between guerrilla forces and civil population.

(5) Determine the potential effect of civil population control measures such as relocation, search and seizure, movement restrictions, food control and curfews.

(6) Determine guerrilla force methods of operation.

(7) Determine location of all small hamlets and individual dwellings in and near suspected guerrilla areas.

(8) Determine feasibility of use of tracked vehicles.

3. Intelligence Acquisition Tasks.

a. Orders to attached and subordinate units.

(1) All units.

(a) Report as obtained.

1 Status of construction of fortified positions, mine and booby traps encountered.

2 Number, size, composition, direction of movement of enemy activity and time it was observed, type of weapons and description of uniforms.

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3 The presence of enemy troops carrying protective masks and/or wearing protective clothing.

4 Information on fordability of streams encountered within the TAOR.

5 Difficulty of cross country movement into areas assigned.

6 Any location in the Battalion A. O. from which civilians have been evacuated, terrorist activity or kidnappings have occurred.

7 Preparation of emplacements suitable for and presence of equipment appropriate to rockets, artillery and heavy mortars.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent and cooperating units.

(1) Fifth Marines is requested to provide:

(a) As obtained.

1 Location, size and type of all enemy activity in peripheral area North and Northeast of 1/5 A. O., with special attention to Highway #1, south from PHU BAI.

2 Location, size and type of all enemy movement known or suspected in peripheral areas adjacent to west and southwest perimeters of 1/5 A. O. with special attention to avenues of approach providing entry and withdrawal routes to LAOTIAN Frontier.

3 The presence of enemy troops carrying protective masks and/or wearing protective clothing within Regimental AOR.

4 All CB supply movement and dumping in Regimental AOR.

(2) Seventh Marines is requested to provide:

(a) As obtained.

1 Location, size and type of all enemy activity in peripheral areas adjacent to southern perimeter of 1/5 AO with special attention to HAI VAN Pass approaches.

4. Measures for Handling Personnel, Documents and Material.

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a. Prisoners of War, Deserters, Repatriates, Inhabitants and other persons.

(1) See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D)

(2) Special attention is invited to Para 4.b-c, Battalion SOP for Intelligence.

b. Captured Documents. See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D)

c. Captured Material. See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D)

5. Documents and/or Equipment Required.

a. Maps. SOP distribution of map AMS Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheets 6541 I, II and 6641 III, IV.

b. Photography. Annotated aerial photography will be distributed automatically as available.

6. Counterintelligence. See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D)

7. Reports and Distribution.

a. See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D)

b. Special Reports.

(1) The following special reports shall be made to the Battalion
S-2:

(a) Communications Officer. Report immediately:

1 Any evidence of wire tapping, cutting or tampering.

2 Receipt of false messages and jamming activity by
Insurgent Forces.

3 All violations of communications security noted.

(b) Medical Officer. Report number and identification of
enemy wounded processed daily. Negative reports are not required.

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(c) Military Police Detail. Report the number of Detainees processed daily. In addition provide an accumulative weekly count of Detainees by 1200, Saturday to S-1 (FO 3461.2A applies).

(d) All Units. Report by spot report full details of "Reward Funds" payments made.

c. Routine Reports.

(1) Shell/Mortar Reports. See Battalion SOP for Intelligence (BnO P3800.1D).

(2) Mine and Booby Trap Reports.

(a) All units will report by spot report all instances in which mines or booby traps are encountered (unwittingly detonated or discovered). See RO 3820.1.

(3) Patrol Debriefing Reports. All units assigned patrol activities will arrange for patrol debriefing as soon as practicable after the return of patrols to their commands. When operating from Battalion Assembly Area, Patrol Leaders shall submit prepared debriefing report in person to S-2. When operating from Company/Platoon Patrol Point the attached S-2 Scout shall be provided with Patrol Leader's Debriefing report for expeditious forwarding to S-2.

8. Miscellaneous Instructions.

a. Auxiliary Agencies.

(1) Interpreter-Translator Team. This battalion has available an operational sub-team of the 13th ITT. This sub-team supports the battalion tactical needs in the conduct of interrogations of all detainees and initial examination/translation of enemy documents.

(a) Tactical Employment. Normally, interrogators supporting field operations will accompany the Battalion Command Group or remain at the established Battalion POW collection point. Field interrogations will seek to extract only information of immediate tactical value. Prisoners must be forwarded to higher headquarters as soon as possible for detail examination.

(2) RVN Army Interpreters. This battalion has four Vietnamese Interpreters assigned. These interpreters will support the Battalion's tactical needs in the conduct of field translations.

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(a) Tactical employment. Normally one interpreter will accompany the Battalion Command Group during field operations. The remainder will be available for use at the company level. Priority for assignment of an interpreter will be given to those units assigned a company patrol point area for an extended duration. All requests for use of Vietnamese Interpreters will be submitted to S-2 for action.

(3) Kit Carson Scouts. This battalion has six Kit Carson Scouts assigned. These Scouts are provided for the Battalion Commander's use by higher headquarters because of the KCS familiarity with the terrain, civilian population and the VC operating in the battalion's AOR.

(a) Tactical Employment. Normally, 1 KCS will be assigned to act as part of a S-2 Scout Team. This team will participate in all Company/Platoon deployments to assist in:

1 Search operations for the detection of VC by facial recognition.

2 Search operations for VC equipment and supplies.

3 The control and identification of the population.

4 The identification of enemy dead and wounded.

5 The exploitation of other returnees, "ralliers" under the CHIEU HOI program.

b. Weather Reports. Daily 24 hour forecast reports will be promulgated by S-2 during daily scheduled battalion staff briefings and/or upon request of interested unit commanders. Daily and five day weather forecast are posted on a continuous basis in the Battalion CUC.

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ENEMY SITUATION

1. Strength - composition.

a. 804th MF Battalion. The 804th Battalion is located west of PHU LOC Assembly Area, vicinity YC9597 and is composed of a headquarters element, 3 infantry companies and 1 combat support company (350 men). Weapons: 2x82MM Mortars, 6x60MM Mortars, 4xAA Machine Guns, 4xRecoilless Rifles, 1xB10 and 1xB90.

b. K.4B Battalion. The K.4B Battalion is composed of a headquarters element, 3 infantry companies and 1 combat support company. In addition this unit is believed to have attached 2 companies of Sappers. Weapons: 1x82MM Mortars, 12x60MM Mortars, 2x57MM Recoilless Rifles, 6xB10, 6xAA Guns, 1xRPD (LMG) and an unknown number of AK-47. Strength (Estimated 350).

c. C-118 Local Force Company. The C-118 Company is composed of 3 infantry platoons. Weapons: Unknown number of AR's, Unknown number of K-44's and Unknown number of K-50's.

d. U/I Engineer Company. An unidentified Engineer Company is located within the area of interest and is believed to be composed of 3 platoons.

2. Location and Dispositions.

a. The headquarters of the 804th Battalion is located in the TRUOI Mountains area, vicinity YC9597. The operating area of the 804th Battalion extends from the TRUOI Mountain area through southern HUONG THUY District and PHU LOC District into the Southern and central position of the PHU THUA District.

b. The K.4B Battalion is located to the East of the PHU LOC Assembly Area, vicinity ZC1698. This unit's last known activity was an attack staged against an ARVN post in PHU LOC in early October 1967. Three days prior to its attack it was known to have received 50 replacements, who infiltrated into SVN with elements of the 323rd Bn (NVA) in late September 1967. These replacements joined the K.4B Bn at a receiving station at an undetermined location in the THUA THIEN jungle area.

c. The C-118 Company is located to the Northwest of the PHU LOC Assembly Area, ZD0402. This company normally operates along Highway #1 to the West and South of the PHU LOC District Headquarters.

d. The unidentified Engineer Company normally operates along Highway #1 west of the PHU LOC District and as far North as the PHU BAI Assembly Area. This unit has the sole mission of interdiction of Highway #1 by blowing culverts and bridges.

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DECEMBER WEATHER BRIEF

1. General Climatic Brief.

a. During the month of December, the RVN is completely under the influence of the northeast monsoon. However, compared with the May to October southwest monsoon, the northeast monsoon is relatively cool and dry.

b. During the northeast monsoon, most frequent cloudiness and precipitation occurs on the windward slopes of the ANNAMITE CHAIN, and along the east coast of the RVN. Locations in these regions average 8-20 inches of precipitation falling during a 10 to 20 day period, and as much as 50 inches in one month and 12 inches in one day are recorded.

c. North Vietnam and the east coast of the RVN have typically poor overall weather. There are many days with light rain or drizzle, low cloudiness, and poor visibility generally referred to as "Crachin" weather.

2. Precipitation.

a. The mean rainfall amounts continue to decrease over the I CTZ. Most precipitation falls as afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms; drizzle falls from "Crachin" stratus along the coastal areas of the RVN. Showers are generally intense, but of short duration.

b. The principal factor influencing precipitation amounts is exposure to the moist wind flow. Coastal regions exposed to onshore flow, especially those backed by mountain ranges, have the majority of rainy days and the larger rainfalls.

c. The mean number of days with precipitation is 15 to 20 days. The mean precipitation amount is highest along the coast within the I CTZ. The highest mean value is 41 inches at BA NA, 30 miles south of HUE.

d. Maximum December rainfall is 20 to 30 inches from southern QUANG NGAI (F) to the DMZ.

e. Minimum precipitation amounts for the month are less than one inch along the coast in the I CTZ.

f. Maximum 24 hour rainfall varies in the I CTZ from 6-18 inches. DANANG has recorded a one day rainfall of 13 inches.

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a. In December, there is an increase in mean cloudiness, particularly below 5,000 feet in the I CTZ area.

b. During surges of the northeast monsoon "Crachin" cloudiness, ceilings below 2,000 feet can also be expected. These early morning clouds usually break up by midmorning to become scattered to broken cumulus, with bases 3,000 to 4,000 feet during the afternoon. These may reform and lower at night.

c. Cloudiness in the I CTZ increases and reaches an annual maximum during December. "Crachin" stratus occurs along the coast on 3 to 7 days. Mean cloudiness is between 70% to 82% at DANANG. The mean number of days with total cloud cover equal to or less than 3/10 is five days along the coastal area.

4. Visibility. The poorest visibility occurs in fog and drizzle along the coast of the I CTZ during fresh surges of the northeast monsoon. In general, surface visibility is best between 0800 and 1100 LST; but when "Crachin" weather occurs, visibility in affected areas can be restricted to five miles after 1000 LST.

5. Fog.

a. Fog forms during pre-dawn hours and dissipates rapidly after sunrise. It is normally light and nonpersistent except in the deeper valleys where it may form earlier and persist through the morning.

b. Most locations in the I CTZ observe fog on five days or less.

6. Temperatures. During December, mean maximum and minimum temperatures are at or near the annual low. In general, the decrease in temperature from November ranges from five to eight degrees Fahrenheit in the I CTZ. Mean daily maximum temperatures range from 74° to 80°F along the coastal regions while daily minimums range from 65° to 70°F.

7. Relative Humidity. During December the mean relative humidity remains essentially the same as in November and ranges from 80% to 90%.

8. Astronomical Data. BMCF occurs 23 minutes prior to sunrise, and EECT occurs 23 minutes after sunset.

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1. Topography. The area of operations is divided into three distinct areas, the coastal lowlands generally east of National Route #1, the piedmont region, west of National Route #1 and east of the Mountainous area in the western portion of the area. The dominant terrain features in the area are the Bach Ma Mountain (1408 meters) located at ZCC39901, Truoi Mountain (1170 meters) located at YC945968; the Song Truoi River running generally on a north to south axis in the valley between Bach Ma and Truoi Mountains; the Song Nong River, running generally on a north to south axis to the west of Truoi Mountains; the Song Ta Trach-Song Huong River running generally on a northwest to southwest axis in the northwestern quadrant of the area; and the Song Toi-Nong-Dai Giang Ha Te-Cong Quen River which delimits the northern boundary of the area of operations; and National Route #1 which bisects the area on a northwest to southeast axis.

2. Trafficability. The onset of the northeast monsoon season, and the heavy rains resulting therefrom have effectively reduced trafficability east of National Route #1 to foot traffic which at best is extremely poor. Trafficability in the area west of Route #1 and east of the mountainous areas rates as good for foot mobility to fair for vehicular traffic in dry weather. Mobility in this area deteriorates rapidly with the onset of rain. As the fringes of the mountainous area is approached mobility and trafficability becomes arduous for foot troops due to secondary growth under the canopy.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>% of Illumination</u>
1	0659	1813	0618	1748	New	1
2	0659	1813	0726	1847		0
3	0700	1814	0834	1956		3
4	0700	1814	0937	2055		8
5	0701	1814	1034	2157		15
6	0701	1814	1123	2256		23
7	0702	1815	1207	2350		33
8	0702	1815	1245		First Quarter	43
9	0703	1815	1320	0040		52
10	0704	1811	1353	0128		62
11	0704	1816	1425	0215		71
12	0705	1816	1458	0301		79
13	0706	1817	1534	0348		86
14	0706	1817	1612	0437		92
15	0707	1818	1654	0529		96
16	0707	1818	1740	0622		99
17	0708	1819	1831	0716	Full Phase	100
18	0708	1819	1926	0811		99
19	0709	1820	2023	0904		96
20	0709	1820	2120	0953		91
21	0710	1821	2217	1039		84
22	0710	1821	2312	1121		75
23	0711	1822		1201		66
24	0711	1822	0007	1239	Last Quarter	55
25	0712	1823	0102	1218		44
26	0712	1823	0158	1359		33
27	0713	1824	0258	1446		22
28	0713	1824	0358	1533		13
29	0714	1825	0504	1628		5
30	0714	1825	0610	1729		2
31	0715	1825	0716	1833		0

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