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From: Commanding Officer,
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
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(c) DivO 5750.2B

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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1st Battalion, 5th Marines	MAJ R.H. THOMPSON 1-31 March 1968
H&S Company	CAPT E.B. BURROW 1-11 March 1968
	1STLT S.A. NELSON 12-31 March 1968
Company A	CAPT R.C. RICH 1-31 March 1968
Company B	CAPT F. JENNINGS JR 1-9 March 1968
	1STLT J.K. TAUSSIG 10-28 March 1968
	CAPT J.M. BEAUCHAMP 29-31 March 1968
Company C	1STLT S.A. NELSON 1-11 March 1968
	CAPT J.P. CAYNAK 12-31 March 1968
Company D	CAPT M.C. HARRINGTON 1-31 March 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar	1STLT J.W. OELSNER 1-31 March 1968
Det, 3rdPlt, Co B, 1stEngrBn	CPL R.L. BUNKLE 18-31 March 1968
1st Platoon, Co B, 1stSPBn	SSGT J.R. SHANE 5-17 March 1968
Det, 13th IFF	SSGT T.F. SINGLEY 1-26 March 1968

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Det, Scout Sniper Plt

LCPL C.G. DAVIS
1-24 March 1968

2. Locations.

1-4 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein)
participated in Operation "HUE CITY."5-31 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein)
participated in Operation "HOUSTON."1-31 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (rear)
located at Phu Bai, RVN (YD 879139).3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer

MAJ P.A. WILSON
1-31 March 1968

S-1 Officer/Adjutant

1STLT T.E. HOWARD
1-31 March 1968

S-2 Officer

1STLT G.L. ALVAREZ
1-31 March 1968

S-3 Officer

MAJ L.A. WUNDERLICH
1-31 March 1968

S-4 Officer

1STLT E.A. RAYMOND
1-11 March 1968CAPT E.B. BURROW
12-31 March 1968

S-5 Officer

CAPT D.D. DROBNY
1-11 March 19681STLT S.A. NELSON
12-31 March 1968

Medical Officer

1LT R.E. WORLEY (USNR)
1-31 March 1968

Supply Officer

1STLT L. MALL
1-31 March 1968

Communications Officer

1STLT L.E. FREIDHEIM
1-31 March 1968

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Motor Transport Officer	GYSGT J.B. CODY 1-31 March 1968
Assistant Adjutant/Legal Officer	1STLT R.C. YOUNG 1-31 March 1968
Chaplain	LT J.F. PHILLIPS 1-31 March 1968
Air Liaison Officer	1STLT C.A. CHASE 1-15 March 1968 CAPT O.E. JAMES 16-31 March 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
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a. Strength. Total strength at the beginning of the month was 37 Marine officers and 1259 Marine enlisted respectively. On the close of Operation "HUE CITY" the battalion's strength dropped slightly to 35 officers and 1255 enlisted. By mid-month the strength had again dropped to 32 officers and 1076 enlisted. This was due to large number of medevacs sustained during the operation that were evacuated out of country and dropped by service records. On 31 March the battalion's strength was 35 officers and 1093 enlisted, with 45 Marine enlisted hospitalized. Replacements and additions numbered 5 officers and 83 enlisted for the month of March.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. During the month of March one Special Court Martial and three Summary Courts Martial were convened leaving six Specials and two Summaries to be processed. One Article 32 Investigation was conducted and six investigations completed, leaving six investigations pending.

c. POW/Detainees. No POW were processed during the month of March.

d. Morale. Morale in the Battalion during the month remained parallel to the commendable high in which each officer and man of the Battalion experienced after Operation "HUE CITY."

e. Postal. Postal service has attained an all time high. Mail is received twice daily and distributed to the companies as soon as possible. Some difficulties were encountered delivering mail to the field but this has been analyzed and should prove no obstacle in the future. A new postal clerk was procured to give assistance to the present battalion mail orderly due to large influx of mail.

f. Awards. One Bronze Star, one Navy Commendation and two Navy Achievement medals were presented to personnel of this battalion during the month. Numerous recommendations for awards were submitted as a result of many heroic accomplishments during Operation "HUE CITY."

g. Interior Management. During the month, the S-1 section initiated new casualty reporting procedures, order writing and normal flow of administrative procedures thereby contributing significantly to the overall proficiency of Battalion Administration. With the Battalion Staff sections, Supply, Motor Transport, and Company Offices centrally located

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together and in the Regimental CP area, administration has steadily progressed.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN. During this period 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was committed to Operations "HUE CITY" and "HOUSTON". This portion of the command chronology will be included in the After Action Report to Operation "HOUSTON."

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS.

a. Organization. The organization of the battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of March. At 042400H Operation "HUE CITY" was terminated. The battalion returned to 5th Marines regimental area located at Phu Bai. On 5 March, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 5th Marines regimental area at Phu Bai to commence Operation "HOUSTON" which continued throughout the month of March. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was OPCON to Task Force X-Ray from 281600H to 300001H March 1968. Upon being dropped from Task Force X-Ray, the battalion continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON." The following units were OPCON to the battalion during the month:

- (1) Det, Scout Dog Team, 3rdMPBn
- (2) Det, Scout Sniper Plt, HqsCo, 5thMar
- (3) 1st Plt, Co B, 1stSPBn
- (4) Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn

Company A, 1stBn, 5thMar was OPCON to 3rdBn, 5thMar from 131130H to 171500H March 1968.

Company B, 1stBn, 5thMar was OPCON to 7th Marines from 210800H to 231330H March 1968.

Company M, 3rdBn, 5thMar was OPCON to 1stBn, 5thMar from 181400H to 231700H March 1968.

b. Operations.

(1) The battalion continued to participate in Operation "HUE CITY" from 1 March 1968 until 042400H March 1968.

(2) During the month the battalion commenced Operation Houston.

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"HOUSTON" at 051600H March 1968 which continued throughout the month and into April.

(3) The battalion conducted numerous small unit operations during both named operations and during the time the battalion was OPCON to Task Force X-Ray. The following activities were conducted:

(a) Day activities for period OPCON to Task Force X-Ray totalled 15 Fire Team activities, 20 Squad activities and 2 company operations.

(b) Night activities totaled 20 Fire Team activities and 2 company operations.

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air. During the period 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was committed to Operations "HUE CITY" and "HOUSTON" this portion of the command chronology was included in after action report to "HUE CITY" and the remainder of the month will be reported in the after action report to Operation "HOUSTON".

4. TRAINING.

a. From 1-4 March 1968 the battalion participated in Operation "HUE CITY" and from 5-31 March 1968 the battalion participated in Operation "HOUSTON". With the battalion actively committed to operations, training was limited to that given replacement personnel.

b. The battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month 24 members of the battalion attended schools in Dandong and Okinawa.

r. LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

Most of the month was spent on purification of stock records. Pending requisitions were reviewed for validity and then these pending documents were posted to 708 cards (stock records). Companies have also purified their outstanding requisitions with the battalion supply to insure the companies know what is on order for them.

A concentrated effort was placed on obtaining signatures for non-expendable/control items from the various companies and staff sections. This entailed a thorough inventory to determine those items that were lost as a result of Operation "HUE CITY".

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6. CIVIL AFFAIRS. None
7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. None
8. COMPROBABLE ACTIVITIES. Total money spent for the month was \$54,869.18 which leaves a balance of \$529.07.
9. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. The month opened with the successful termination of Operation "HUE CITY". 5th Marines assumed communications guard again with courier service established to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Commencing Operation "HOUSTON" standard CP communications were established at Hai Van Pass with an administrative rear guard at Phu Bai. Upon assuming control of Hai Van AO a radio relay (MRC-62) circuit was made permitting telephone communications to the Phu Bai rear and 5th Marines CP at Cau Doi. In addition a trunk line to the A Battery, 1st LAAM Battalion switchboard was established allowing telephone communications to the Danang area as well as facilitating an alternate route to the Phu Bai area and 5th Marines. Considerable interference was experienced on the MRC-62 radio relay circuit, Battalion TAC #2 and Company B TAC. The use of alternate frequencies alleviated most of this problem.

Of particular note was the use of Operation "HOUSTON" as a training period. Field expedient ground plane antennas were tested and proven successful with Company A enabling them to maintain good communications in steep, dense terrain. A brief but fruitful training of field radio operators was conducted with Company A and the 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon. Training was also being conducted at the Phu Bai area of the teletype technicians and the message center chief.

10. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED; VC CAPTURED.

- a. Friendly Casualties (USMC). None.
- b. Enemy Casualties. None.

11. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1966.

- a. Weapons captured. None.
- b. Ordnance captured. None.

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12. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1968. None.

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1968. None.

14. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED/DISCOVERED DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1968. None.

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- (1) 1-3 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HUE CITY." See Tab A to Enclosure (1).
- (2) 031200H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped from 1st Marines to 5th Marines.
- (3) 032235H Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to 1st Marines.
- (4) 4 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HUE CITY." See Tab A to Enclosure (1).
- (5) 040700H Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (6) 041100H Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to 1st Marines.
- (7) 041200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) chopped from 1st Marines to 5th Marines.
- (8) 041310H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group and Company A departed Hue Coliseum via truck convoy to 5th Marines Regimental Area located at Phu Bai.
- (9) 042400H Operation "HUE CITY" terminated.
- (10) 050930H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) commenced movement via convoy to Battalion Assembly Area at the top of Hai Van Pass at (AT 943918).
- (11) 051500H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relieved Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division of responsibility for Lang Co Bridge at (AT 887956).
- (12) 051600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) arrived at Battalion Assembly Area at (AT 885955) and received 5th Marines Operation Order 4-68.
- (13) 051600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) commenced Operation "HOUSTON" in accordance with 5th Marines Operation Order 4-68.

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- (14) 6 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (15) 7 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (16) 8 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (17) 9 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (18) 10 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (19) 11 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (20) 12 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (21) 13 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (22) 131130H Company A OPCOM to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (23) 14 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (24) 15 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (25) 16 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (26) 160800H The Executive Officer and assistant operations officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines rear assembly area via helicopter to join 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post (forward).
- (27) 17 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (28) 171500H Company A chopped to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (29) 18 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."

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- (30) 181400H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (31) 19 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (32) 20 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (33) 21 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (34) 210800H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 7th Marines.
- (35) 22 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (36) 23 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (37) 231330H Company B chopped to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (38) 231700H Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (39) 24 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (40) 25 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (41) 251300H Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines rear assembly area.
- (42) 26 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (43) 27 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (44) 270800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assistant operations officer departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post (forward) for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area (rear).
- (45) 271300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived at Phu Bai after being relieved of the responsibility for the Hai Van AO by 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

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- (46) 271600H Companies A and D returned to Phu Bai.
- (47) 271630H Company A relieved 1st Battalion, 1st Marines of bridges and OP responsibility in the Phu Bai AO.
- (48) 28 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."
- (49) 281200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed responsibility of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR. See Tab (b) to Enclosure (1).
- (50) 281310H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Operations Officer arrived at Phu Bai.
- (51) 281405H Company D assumed responsibility of Bald Eagle with the 1st Platoon assuming the Sparrowhawk mission.
- (52) 281405H 1st Platoon, Company D Sparrowhawk was alerted and departed to provide security for rocket survey team and returned at 281745H.
- (53) 281530H Companies B and C arrived Phu Bai.
- (54) 281600H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines chopped to Task Force X-Ray, temporarily terminating Operation "HOUSTON."
- (55) 282029H Company A Squad Patrol at (YD 952074) while in process of setting ambush received 1 incoming grenade from an estimated 2 to 3 VC. Returned 40-50 rounds small arms fire, assaulted enemy position and searched area with negative results. Ambush was relocated.
- (56) 290630H Company C Squad provided security for mine sweep team from Phu Bai to Truoi River Bridge.
- (57) 290800H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area to tour and inspect Company A's position on bridges at (YD 913117), (YD 926104) and (YD 949068).
- (58) 291300H 1st Platoon, Company C provided rough rider security for 1st Marines for 3 days and 2 nights.
- (59) 292245H Company A Fire Team(+) Ambush at (YD 930103) received one M-26 grenade. Returned 30 rounds small arms fire and relocated ambush. Area was searched at first light with negative results.

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- (60) 292315H Company A Platoon Security at (YD 926103) received 2 rounds 60mm mortar fire from (YD 928106) and 25-30 rounds small arms fire from (YD 929109). Returned 150-200 rounds small arms fire and 6 M-79 rounds. Enemy fire ceased. Area was searched at first light with negative results.
- (61) 30 March 1968 1st Platoon, Company C continued as rough rider security for 1st Marines.
- (62) 300001H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was chopped from Task Force X-Ray, returned OPCON to 5th Marines and relieved Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines of security responsibilities for Truoi River Bridge, and bridges six and seven.
- (63) 300001H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON" upon OPCON being transferred from Task Force X-Ray to 5th Marines.
- (64) 300001H Company D remained as Bald Eagle/Sparrowhawk company.
- (65) 300800H Company A displaced elements to relieve 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at Bridges five, six and seven at (YD 913117), (YD 926104) and (YD 949068).
- (66) 301030H 2nd Platoon, Company A relieved by H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines of responsibility of OP 1 and 2 at (YD 848086) and (YD 856133).
- (67) 301030H A 106mm recoilless rifle and 81mm mortar were dispatched as supporting arms to Hill 180 (YD 856133) and Hill 230 (YD 848086).
- (68) 301120H Marine with Company D while at rifle range, pulled slide of .45 caliber pistol to rear discharging weapon wounding another Marine in the wrist. An investigating officer was appointed to conduct an investigation. Results: 1 USMC NBCE.
- (69) 31 March 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-) (Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON."

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab A Combat After Action Report, Operation "HUE CITY"
- ✓ Tab B 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR

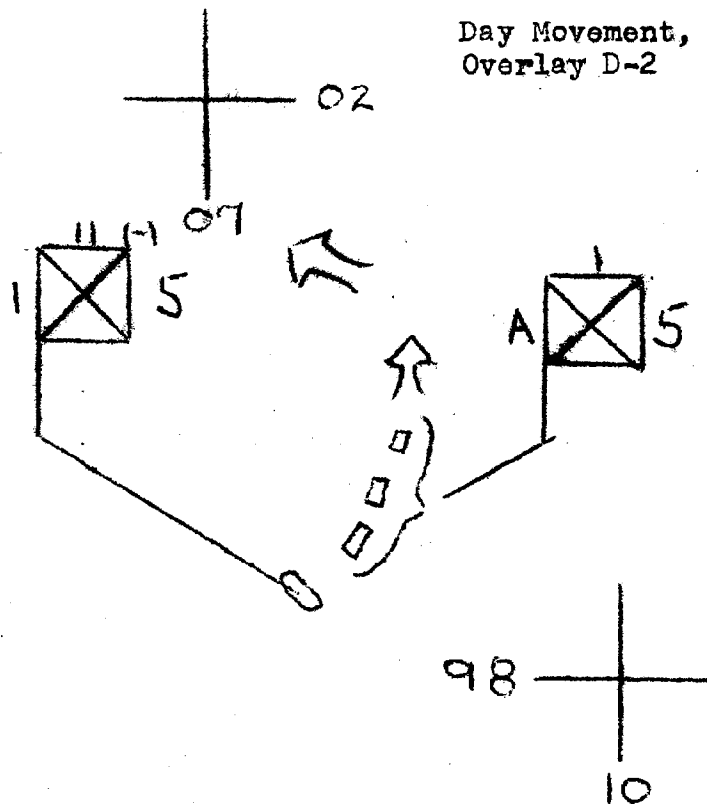
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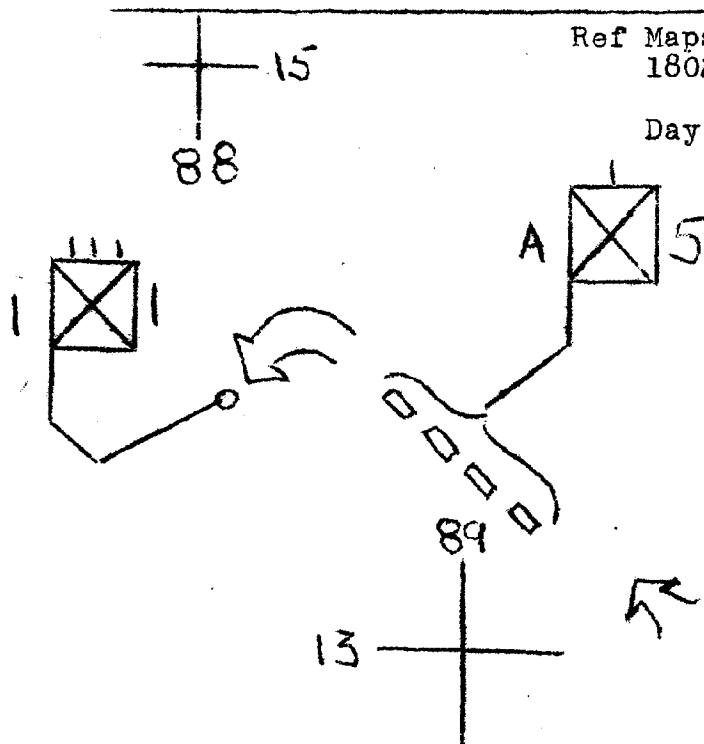
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Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines
Commanding General, Task Force K&R

Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation "WHITE CITY"

Ref: (a) DivC 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines Frag Order 12-68
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Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 6-68
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2nd Plt, Company C, 3rd Plt, Company B (-) D-1

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- ✓(52) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 28-68
- ✓(53) Day and night disposition, D+20
- ✓(54) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 29-68
- ✓(55) Day movement, D+21
- ✓(56) Day movement, D+21
- ✓(57) Day movement, D+21
- ✓(58) Day movement, D+21
- ✓(59) Day movement, D+21
- ✓(60) Night disposition, D+21

1. Code Name.

Operation "HUE CITY" (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation.

a. 121400H February 1968 to 012400H March 1968

3. Location. Company A initiated the Battalion's displacement on 10 February, becoming OPCON to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in Hue, RVN. On 10 February two platoons of Company B were transported to Phu Bai, RVN awaiting the arrival of the remainder of Company B and the Battalion Command Group on 11 February. At 111545H the Battalion Command Group and Company B departed Phu Bai, RVN arriving at Hue MACV compound at 111830H. Displacement of the Battalion rear to Phu Bai, RVN was initiated on 11 February and completed on 13 February. Companies C and D were helilifted to Hue, RVN on 12 and 13 February to link up with the Battalion's forward elements. Company D was OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 121410H to 140900H.

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	MAJ R.H. THOMPSON
1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)	MAJ P.A. WILSON
H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	CAPT E.B. BURROW
Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines	1STLT F.P. WILBOORNE
	CAPT J.J. BOWE
	2NDLT D.U. SHERRIN
	2NDLT P.D. POLK
	CAPT R.C. RICH

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Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CAPT F. JENNINGS JR
 Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines 1STLT S.A. NELSON
 Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CAPT M.C. HARRINGTON
 Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CAPT J.D. NIOTIS

5. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) MAJ R.H. THOMPSON

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) MAJ P.A. WILSON
 H&S Company (-), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company A (-), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company B (-), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company C (-), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company D (-), 1stBn, 5thMar

H&S Company (-) (Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT E.B. BURROW
 Det, H&S Company (-)
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 PACF
 Kit Carson Tm
 Det, 106mm RR Plt
 Det, Flame Sect
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, HqCo, 5thMar (Scout Snipers)

Company A (-) (Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar 1STLT F.P. WILBOURNE
 Company A (-), 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
 PAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company B (-) (Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar CAPT F. JENNINGS JR
 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

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FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

Company C(-)(Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company C(-), 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
 FAC Tm
 Kit Carson Tm

1STLT S.A. NELSON

Company D(-)(Rein), 1stBn, 5thMar
 Company D(-), 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
 FAC Tm

CAPT M. C. HARRINGTON

Company E(-)(Rein), 3rdBn, 5thMar
 Company E(-), 3rdBn, 5thMar
 Det, Co B, 1stEngrBn
 Det, Btry D, 2ndBn, 11thMar
 Det, H&S Company, 3rdBn, 5thMar
 Det, 81 Mortar Plt
 Det, Med Plt
 FAC Tm

CAPT J.D. NICHTIS

6. Supporting Forces.

a. Air.

(1) 14 February 1968. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-8s against fortified tower in vicinity (YD 763233). 2.75 inch rockets and napalm were employed. TACA later controlled 1 flight of A-1s against the tower employing cannisters of CS. Negligible damage was noted although all ordnance was dropped on target.

(2) 15 February 1968. TACA controlled 1 flight of A-1s working the south wall vicinity of the tower at (YD 763233). 500 and 250 pound bombs were employed.

(3) 21 February 1968. TACA controlled 1 flight of

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A-1s employing 250 pound bombs against enemy positions at (YD 765225).

(4) 22 February 1968. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-8s employing rockets, napalm and 250 pound bombs against enemy positions at (YD 767226).

(5) 23 February 1968. TACA controlled 1 flight of A-1s employing bombs and napalm against the eastern wall of the Imperial Palace at (YD 756227) to (YD 760223). Damage was not observed. Strike was not completed due to TACA being shot down by enemy gunners.

(6) 28 February 1968.

a. TACA controlled 1 flight of F100s with 750 pound bombs and 20mm against enemy trench lines at (YD 795246).

b. TACA controlled 1 flight of F8s utilizing rockets and 250 pound bombs against enemy trenches and fighting positions along river at (YD 792246).

c. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-4s employing bombs and napalm against extensive network of enemy trench lines at (YD 777241) through (YD 782241).

(7) 29 February 1968.

a. TACA controlled 1 flight of A-1s employing 250 pound bombs and napalm against enemy positions at (YD 788233).
TACA controlled 1 flight of F-8s against enemy positions at (YD 788233).

b. TACA controlled 1 flight of A-1s employing 250 pound bombs and napalm against enemy positions at (YD 788233).

c. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-8s against enemy positions at (YD 788233).

d. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-4s employing 250 pound bombs and napalm against enemy positions at (YD 788233).

(8) 1 March 1968.

a. TACA controlled 1 flight of F-4s employing bombs, rockets, D-7s and napalm against enemy positions at (YD 803247).

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b. TACA controlled 1 flight of A-4s against enemy positions at (YD 805248) employing 250 pound bombs and napalm resulting in 100 per cent destruction of target.

b. Artillery and Naval Gunfire.

(1) During Operation "HUE CITY" artillery type support was provided to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by artillery units of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 11th Marines, 1st FAG, 1st ARVN Division and by Naval Gunfire ships.

(a) Battery B (105mm Howitzers), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines fired 150 rounds from 12 February through 26 February 1968.

(b) Battery W (155mm Howitzers), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines fired 400 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 12 February through 24 February 1968.

(c) Battery W-A (4.2 inch mortars), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines fired 110 rounds, of which 100 were CS, in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 12 February through 24 February 1968.

(d) Battery D (105mm Howitzers), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines fired 140 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 12 February through 26 February 1968.

(e) An ARVN (105mm Howitzer) Battery of the 2nd ARVN Division fired approximately 75 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 18 February through 24 February 1968.

(f) Battery B (8-inch Howitzers), 1st FAG fired 360 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 12 February through 24 February 1968.

(g) Battery A (105mm Howitzers), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines fired 100 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 28 February through 4 March 1968.

(h) 5-inch/38, 5-inch/54 and 8-inch/55 Naval Guns fired approximately 200 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 12 February through 19 February and from 28 February through 4 March 1968.

(2) Saturation destruction missions were conducted with 155mm and 8-inch howitzers to eliminate NVA/VC fortified positions to the front of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines while operating within the walled portion of Hue.

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(3) Artillery fire was called in on the Battalion's exposed flanks to suppress sniper, 60mm and 82mm mortar and .50 caliber machine fire while the Battalion was operating within the walled portion of Hue.

(4) Preparatory fires and fire missions on targets of opportunity were employed when possible.

(5) H&I fires were used nightly within the walled section of the city until by 20 February the target area was too confined. Nightly H&I fires were resumed on 28 February when the Battalion pushed into the area to the northeast of Hue City proper.

(6) Direct Artillery support was coordinated and supervised by the Artillery Liaison Officer, who moved with the command group, and directed by the Artillery Forward Observers, who moved with the companies participating in the operation. The fires in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines had to be coordinated with units of 1st Marines and the 1st ARVN Division.

(7) Difficulties encountered with the employment and coordination of supporting arms were primarily attributed to the weather, location and size of supporting artillery within range, the lack of a centralized controlling/coordinating agency within the Citadel itself and the limited size of the Battalion's Zone of Action. The problem was further compounded by the lack of suitable observation points which necessitated employment of an air observer when weather permitted or the adjustment of fire missions by sound. The latter is considered to be very dangerous in a situation such as described. Further amplification of these problems is contained in paragraph 14.

c. Direct Fire Attachments.

(1) Tanks

(a) The 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion was attached to the Battalion upon arrival at the 1st ARVN Division Headquarters. These vehicles for the most part were employed in general supporting roles. The Platoon Commander, who was in direct contact with the attacking companies, coordinated the employment of all tracked vehicles from his position within the Battalion Command Post. This method of central control proved most practical in this situation. As a unit requested assistance of the tracked, direct-fire weapons the Platoon Commander directed a vehicle to report to the

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unit commander concerned. The tanks proved to be a most valuable asset in this type of fighting although restricted by the terrain. In many cases they were able to breach walls or reduce buildings from which heavy fire was being delivered although each of the vehicles were hit several times by B-40 and RPG fire, minimal damage resulted in almost every case to the vehicle itself. They were generally back in operation after a very short period. Personnel losses due to enemy fire were high and resulted in the "downing" of a vehicle on two occasions due to insufficient numbers of personnel. The 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion was attached to the Battalion during 28 through 29 February. They were utilized to deliver direct fires on enemy entrenched in fighting positions and holed up in buildings, however, their employment was restricted due to terrain made impassable by inadequate bridges and flooded rice paddies.

(2) Ontos.

(a) A light section of Ontos were attached to the Battalion on the 19th of February and remained with the unit until the 21st. They were placed under the operational control of the tank commander and employment was coordinated from his position at the Battalion Command Post. These vehicles too, proved very effective particularly against the heavy walls to the west.

(3) Engineers.

(a) Engineering support was provided by the 1st Engineer Battalion via 1st Marines as attached engineers were returned to parent organization when the Battalion displaced from Phu Loc. Engineers were employed principally to destroy fighting positions and enemy bunkers. In addition they were called upon to destroy duds and captured enemy ammunition. On 2 and 3 March 1968, approximately 400 pounds of C4 were utilized to destroy approximately 100 enemy positions and several hundred feet of enemy trenchline.

7. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of NVA/VC Strength, Location and Disposition in the Collective Area.

(1) Intelligence reports from 1st Marines via Task Force X-Ray on 8 February 1968 identified elements of the following enemy units operating in Hue:

- (a) 11th and 12th Cos of the 304th Bn
- (b) 302nd Bn (AKA K-2)

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- (c) KLB Bn
- (d) K500 Bn of Worksite 5
- (e) C-2 and C-3 Cos
- (f) 1stBn, 1st NVA Regt
- (g) K1 Bn
- (h) 3rdBn, 5th NVA Regt
- (i) U/I Co of Sappers, K200 Bn
- (j) Hue City Sapper Bn

(2) In addition MACV Intelligence in Hue reported the following agencies in Hue and its vicinity:

- (a) NVA 6th Regiment northwest of the Perfume River
- (b) NVA 4th Regiment southeast of Hue
- (c) An U/I Regiment reported located to the southwest of the city

(3) Due to the urgency with which this battalion was committed to the Hue area of operations, no definite estimate was prepared prior to the Battalion's deployment. Intelligence briefing of unit commanders and Battalion staff was conducted based on data compiled on D-1. This intelligence was derived from multiple sources and agencies immediately available at Hue area of operations.

b. Enemy Strength and Disposition Actually Determined During the Operation.

(1) Based on information derived from POW, enemy documents recovered and nature of enemy contacts encountered through DM, enemy strength was estimated at three reinforced companies. From the onset of operations enemy elements of squad and platoon size were reportedly encountered in well prepared positions and bunkers dug in built up areas of the Old City and along the Citadel and Imperial Palace walls. Despite repeated heavy contact coupled with successive artillery mortar preparation, and limited air strikes, the enemy strength by D+9 was that of an estimated reinforced company. Since the enemy through D+10 maintained control of areas adjacent to the Battalion's Zone of Action, it is most probable that until all avenues of resupply were finally sealed, the enemy continued to shift replacements from adjacent areas to the Battalion's Zone of Action. This capability tended to cloud concurrent estimates made at the time.

c. NVA/VC Units Identified.

- (1) Examination of documents recovered by Company D

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on 19 February 1968 indicated the identity of an enemy unit engaged in their zone of action as the 2nd Platoon, 4th Company, 390th Battalion, Unit 32.

(2) Examination of documents removed from an enemy KIA on 18 February revealed that Company D had contact in its zone of action with troops of the 12th Company with attachments of the 13th Company, K200 Battalion. On the evening of 18 February an enemy WIA captured by Company D was received at the Battalion Aid Station. He had a serious head wound and could not be questioned. He was tentatively identified as a member of the C-12 based on documentation found on his person.

(3) Examination of documents removed from an enemy squad leader KIA on 19 February revealed that Company E had contact in its zone of action with troops of the 13th Company, KM6 Battalion.

(4) Interrogation of an enemy POW captured by Company C on 21 February 1968 revealed the identity of unit engaged as the 11th Company, H16th Battalion, this battalion being composed of three infantry companies (11th, 12th and 14th) and 1 heavy weapons company (15th).

(5) Interrogation of an enemy POW captured by Company C on 24 February 1968 revealed the identity of a unit in that area as the 3rd Company 13th Battalion. The 13th Battalion consists of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th (H&S) Companies.

d. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) Order of Battle. The following additional information was obtained concerning the units identified in Paragraph 7c:

(a) The 2nd Platoon, 4th Company, 390th Battalion, Unit 32 reportedly departed NVN 24 November 1967, entered Laos 30 December 1967, arrived border NVN 1 January 1968, and arrived border Laos and SVN 20 January 1968 and entered SVN on 21 January 1968.

(b) The 12th Company with attachments of the 13th Company, K200 Battalion and/or unit LBN 41143FQ reportedly departed Laos for SVN 15 January 1968 and arrived Thua Thien Province 2 February 1968 after contact with friendly forces near Quang Tri on an unknown date.

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(c) No further information concerning the 13th Company, KM6 Battalion, was obtained.

(d) The 416th Battalion is reportedly composed of 3 infantry and 1 heavy weapons (82mm mortar) companies. The 11th Infantry Company (AKA T1) had a strength of 105 men as of 21 February 1968. The strength of this unit was reportedly reduced to 51 effectives of which 15 were wounded. Weapons; 18 AK-47s, 9 B 40 rocket launchers, 3 60mm mortars and an unknown number of K44 and SKS rifles. Ammunition: 200 rounds 60mm, 20 rounds B40 rockets, 400 rounds per AK-47, 200 rounds per K44 and SKS rifles. The heavy weapons Company had 3 82mm mortars and an unknown number of B50 (RPG-7) rocket launchers. There are 2 radios per company for communication. One radio is battery operated and the other radio field phone is utilized with wire.

(e) The 13th Battalion is composed of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th (H&S) companies. Each company has 2 60mm mortars and 9 B-40 rocket launchers. Each man carries 5 B-40 rockets. The 3rd Company consists of 3 platoons of 3 squads each with 3 SKS and 4 AK-47s per squad. Estimated strength of the company was 20 men but had been reduced to 50 men on 20 February.

Battalion CO, Capt Nguyen Phuc Hong
 Battalion XO, (FNU) Lothawa Hong
 1st Co CO, 1stLt Kham
 3rd Co CO, 1stLt Lang Hiep

(2) Defensive positions. The enemy deployed his forces in fighting holes and trenches in depth in well built up areas along back streets and intersections with interlocking fires. Bomb shelters were constructed in houses to their rear to afford them adequate cover and concealment from air attacks. Interrogation of Pvt Nguyen Quang Kham of the 11th Company, 416th Battalion revealed that his company was not prepared for general withdrawal from the Citadel. After first contact with U.S. forces, subject's company on order commenced a series of holding engagements which were designed to make this battalion's advance as costly as possible pending the dispatch of fresh enemy reinforcements from outside the city.

(3) Tactics. The enemy fought a repeated delaying action using B-40 rocket launchers, grenades, automatic and semi-automatic weapons with 82mm and 60mm mortars in support. During withdrawals, snipers and B-40 rocket teams as well as grenadiers were left interspersed in the area to kill and

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harass friendly troops as they pressed enemy withdrawal.

(4) Other. The Vietnamese populace was conspicuously absent from the objective area upon the commencement of operations. Later, as sectors were uncovered, increased numbers attempted to return to their homes and places of business. This activity had to be curtailed by the use of Battalion reserve and Vietnamese security forces when the suggestion of LOCs threatened to hamper the conduct of operations. Substantial information was derived through the interrogation of refugees intercepted fleeing the objective areas, especially during the later stages of the operation when increasing numbers of indigenous personnel were encountered, who claimed to have been held as hostages throughout the period of the enemy occupation of the city.

e. Terrain.

(1) The Battalion's primary objective area, the southeast sector of the Citadel of the Imperial City of Hue consisted of a built up area of private homes, public buildings and commercial sectors. Structures were from one to two stories high grouped closely together and interspersed with coconut and palm trees and scattered foliage 10 to 15 feet high. Avenues of approach limited vehicular movement to the streets. Foot movement between structures was restricted and hampered by narrow paths, barbed wire fences, spider holes and bunkers adjacent to and within buildings.

(2) Key terrain features consisted of the Perfume River which was located northeast and southeast of the objective area and ran adjacent to the old city's wall. This river was the primary source of water supply for the canals, moats and numerous other waterways which interdict the city's interior. Through D-10 the Perfume River was consistently interdicted by enemy forces operating in areas adjacent to its northeast and northwest banks. This activity seriously hampered waterborne resupply traffic especially when air resupply to friendly forces within the Citadel was restricted by adverse weather conditions.

(3) Key man-made structures dominated the left and right flanks of the objective area, the Citadel wall and Imperial Palace outer wall respectively. Two towers located on the northeast and southeast Citadel wall, in particular, provided the enemy with excellent vantage points for observation, flanking and enfilade fire. All structures in the objective area were utilized by the enemy as integral parts of

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his defense in depth. Each structure and every street and intersection were critical objectives to be taken in order to clear the battalion's zone of action of enemy forces.

f. Weather. Throughout the operation the weather was cool to mild with light to moderate precipitation coupled with low overcast. Ground operations were consistently affected by adverse weather conditions which hampered the battalion's capability to utilize air support when required. Adverse weather conditions in general reduced visibility to zero during night hours and further minimized effects of artificial illumination.

8. Mission. 5th Marines alerted the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to be prepared to participate in Operation "HUE CITY" to conduct Search and Destroy operations north of the Song Huong River in vicinity from (YD 762218) to (YD 772228), in coordination with GVN forces to locate and destroy enemy forces and restore control of northern Hue to the GVN.

9. Concept of Operation.

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumes OPCON of Headquarters Platoon, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion on arrival 1st ARVN Division Command Post in northern Hue.

(2) On arrival LCM transportation to Hue LCU ramp, complete displacement to 1st ARVN Division Command Post of Headquarters and remaining units.

(3) At H-Hour on D-Day commence Search and Destroy operation within assigned Zone of Action.

10. Execution.

a. D-3. 9 February 1968

(1) 092258H Received 5th Marines Frag Order 12-68. See Reference (b).

(2) 092350H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 6-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (1).

b. D-2. 10 February 1968.

(1) 100700H Company A(-)(Rein) departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area at Phu Loc, RVN

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(20 076985) via convoy for 5th Marines Regimental Area at Phu Bai, RVN (YD 839139). See Enclosure (2).

(2) 100800H Company A(-)(Rein) arrived at 5th Marines Regimental Command Post at Phu Bai. See Enclosure (2).

(3) 101715H Company B, 1st and 2nd Platoons, departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area at Phu Loc via convoy for 5th Marines Regimental area at Phu Bai. See Enclosure (3).

(4) 101800H Company B, 1st and 2nd Platoons, arrived 5th Marines Regimental Area at Phu Bai. See Enclosure (3).

c. D-1. 11 February 1968.

(1) 110845H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group and 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Platoon, Company D and 2nd Platoon, Company C departed 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area at Phu Loc via convoy for 5th Marines Regimental Area at Phu Bai. See Enclosure (4).

(2) 111030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group, 1st Platoon, Company D, 2nd Platoon, Company C and 3rd Platoon, Company B arrived 5th Marines Regimental Area at Phu Bai. See Enclosure (4).

(3) 111045H Company B(-)(Rein) helilifted from 5th Marines Regimental Area at Phu Bai to 1st ARVN Division compound in Hue. See Enclosure (5).

(4) 111100H Company A OPCOM to 5th Marines.

(5) 111100H 3rd Platoon, Company B, while en route to 1st ARVN Division compound, received heavy small arms fire wounding helicopter pilot forcing helicopter to return to Regimental area at Phu Bai. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. See Enclosure (6).

(6) 111600H Command Group and 3rd Platoon, Company B departed 5th Marines Command Post via convoy to 1st Marines Regimental Command Post (forward) located at Hue. See Enclosure (7).

(7) 111800H Command Group and 3rd Platoon, Company B arrived 1st Marines Command Post (forward) at Hue. Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and S-3 Operations Officer attended briefing held at Regimental Command Post. Personnel were billeted for the night in the vicinity of the 1st Marines Command Post. See Enclosure (7). ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

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d. D-Day. 12 February 1968.

(1) 120730H 1st and 3rd Platoons, Company C departed Lang Co Bridge by helicopter en route to 5th Marines Command Post. See Enclosure (8).

(2) 120750H 1st and 3rd Platoons, Company C arrived at 5th Marines Regimental Area via helicopter. See Enclosure (8).

(3) 120805H 2nd and 3rd Platoon, Company D departed Phu Gia Fire Base via helicopter en route to 5th Marines Regimental Command Post. See Enclosure (9).

(4) 120820H 2nd and 3rd Platoon, Company D arrived 5th Marines Regimental Area via helicopter. See Enclosure (9).

(5) 120845H 1st Marines Frag Order 19-68 promulgated. See Reference (c).

(6) 120900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 7-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (10).

(7) 120920H Command Group and 3rd Platoon, Company B arrived at LCU ramp for transportation by LCU to northern sector of Hue City. See Enclosure (11).

(8) 121030H Companies C and D departed 5th Marines Regimental Area via convoy for 1st Marines Command Post (forward in Hue). Company C departed 1st Marines Command Post at 121415H and arrived LCU ramp at 121500H joining 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group. See Enclosure (12).

(9) 121215H Companies C and D arrived 1st Marines Command Post. See Enclosure (12).

(10) 121410H Company D OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(11) 121445H 1st Marines Frag Order 20-68 promulgated. See Reference (d).

(12) 121615H Command Group, 3rd Platoon, Company B and Company C arrived 1st ARVN Division compound in the City of Hue at (YD 751240).

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(13) 121835H 1st Marines message promulgated to all Commanding Officers to advise 1st Marine Command Post via spot report on all incidents of civilian or ARVN looting or vandalism.

(14) 122115H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 3-66 promulgated. See Enclosure (13).

(15) 122015H Message to 1st Marines from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Commanding Officer: "Unless directed otherwise, intend to commence attack at 130800H as directed by Regimental Frag Order 19-68. Two Battalions Vietnamese Marines assigned to conduct Search and Destroy operations in northern sector of Hue on right flank of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines have not arrived and their TOA is unknown. LCU departed Bao-Binh ramp prior to its unloading and considered mandatory they return immediately so unloading can continue.

e. D+1. 13 February 1968. See Enclosure (14).

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) commenced attack in the city of Hue. See Enclosure (10).

(2) 130815H Company A at (YD 758235) received a approximately 17 B-40 rocket rounds, 12 to 15 fragmentation grenades and 700-800 rounds small arms fire from an unknown size NVA force. Company A returned 1500-2000 rounds small arms fire, called for and received 4 106mm recoilless rifle rounds and 5 rounds 90mm HE. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 33 USMC WIAE.

(3) 131255H Company C at (YD 760229) began to receive automatic weapons fire, grenades and B-40 rocket fire while advancing in zone of action. Company C continued to push through heavily built-up enemy positions. Results: Continued to press attack

(4) 131300H Tanks in support of Company B at (YD 761233) received B-40 and B-50 rocket rounds from (YD 762232). Tanks pulled back to determine damage. One tank suffered damage to gunner's sight and another had lost communications.

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(5) 131315H Company B at (YD 762233), upon assuming Company A's mission, advanced 300 meters and received 100-150 rounds small arms and automatic weapons fire from steeple at (YD 763232). Company B returned 200-250 rounds small arms fire, 3 LAAWs and called for and received tanks which unleashed a volley of 200 rounds .50 caliber fire and 4 90mm HE rounds. Area was not searched. Negative casualties sustained.

(6) 131455H Message from 1st Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines: "With situation as exists at present, hold positions, reorganize and prepare plans for continued attack utilizing maximum fire support. Submit plans for continuing attack indicating type fire support deemed necessary and desirable."

(7) 131500H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines answer to 1st Marines message 131455H: Present plans are to continue to attack upon completion of prep fires, walking artillery in front of advancing troops. Fire support element necessary and desirable; artillery 8-inch and 155mm, fixed wing with zuni rockets to be used on the wall. Utilization CS on citadel area."

(8) 131530H Company B at (YD 762233) while searching area, received 10 rounds small arms fire from (YD 763232). Company B returned 175 rounds small arms fire, 12 M-79 rounds and called for and received artillery mission of 24 rounds 155mm HE. Area could not be searched. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(9) 131605H Company C at (YD 758229) received 1 B-40 rocket round from across the street. Returned 75-100 rounds small arms fire and 3 rounds 3.5-inch HE. Area was not searched. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(10) 131705H Plans for night, 13 February. To consolidate present positions and prepare to continue attack on 14 February. Requested Company D to be chopped to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines as soon as possible. Have not been able to move on left flank. Plan to work left flank extensively with artillery.

(11) 132030H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 8A-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (15).

f. D+2. 14 February 1968. See Enclosure (16).

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(1) 140900H Company D chopped from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 141000H Company C patrol at (YD 750242) apprehended VC suspect walking northwest on Hieu Street. Detainee forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation which revealed detainee had knowledge of current situation. Detainee was forwarded to 1st ARVN Division headquarters for further interrogation as detainee's knowledge pertained to ARVN areas of operation. Results: 1 detainee.

(3) 141200H Company B at (YD 757228) observed 3 enemy armed with a B-40 rocket launcher. Enemy had fired 1 rocket round at tank. Scout sniper attached to Company B fired 3 rounds 7.62mm observing two enemy fall and the third fleeing. Results: 2VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) 141345H Company C at (YD 757223) observed numerous enemy at (YD 759225) walking behind what was believed to have been an enemy rocket position. Tank fired 3 rounds 90mm HE destroying rocket position. Company C called for and received 81mm mortar mission on 28 rounds HE observing secondary explosion. Results: 6 NVA KIA confirmed and 1 rocket position and ammunition dump destroyed.

(5) 141400H Company B at (YD 761233) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire from (YD 761232). Returned 25 rounds small arms fire. Area searched as Company B later moved through, with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(6) 141630H Company B at (YD 762233) while moving to make contact with enemy, received spontaneous sniper fire from (YD 763232). Returned 450 rounds small arms fire and 8-9 rounds 90mm cannon fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIAE.

(7) 141953H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines received 1st Marines Frag Order 21-68. See reference (e).

(8) 142000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 9-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (17).

(9) 142130H Company C at (YD 751231) were unable to recover 2 USMC KIA from 13 February. Will continue attempt to recover bodies. Results: 2 USMC KIA previously reported.

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g. D+3. 15 February 1968. (See Enclosure 18).

(1) 150500H Company C patrol received 1 frag grenade from enemy who fled immediately. Patrol returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire and searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIA/NE.

(2) 150800H Company D machinegun team at (YD 7585-2340) observed movement at (YD 75852345) in early morning prior to first light. Company D team fired 20 rounds small arms fire and threw one frag grenade. At first light, Vietnamese civilians were observed carrying away one enemy KIA and 3 WIA. Results: 1 VC/NVA confirmed and 3 VC/NVA WIA.

(3) 150815H Company D, while set in a defensive position at (YD 761234), received 50-75 rounds automatic weapons fire from (YD 762235). Returned 75-100 rounds small arms fire and 3 3.5-inch rounds. Unable to recover enemy weapon due to water barrier. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) 150935H Company D at (YD 761233), while occupying defensive position, received one short 155mm round from prep fires. Results: 1 USMC WIA/NE.

(5) 151040H Company D at (YD 76082333) received 2 B-40 rocket rounds from (YD 76352360). Returned 60mm and 81mm mortar fire totalling 62 rounds ME. Results: 2 USMC WIA/NE.

(6) 151230H Upon completion of air strikes and artillery prep fires, Companies C and D commenced assault on entrenched enemy stronghold with Companies A and B in Battalion reserve.

(7) 151330H to 151900H At approximately 151400H Company D came into contact with enemy rocketeers, automatic weapons positions, snipers and grenadiers on the left flank. Company C came into contact with well-emplaced enemy snipers at 151415H in the center of the zone of action. Company B, committed from its battalion reserve position received heavy automatic weapons and rocket fire as they attempted to cross the road at (YD 761231). Resistance continued in all areas until 151830H although slackening on the right flank after 1700H. Company A received approximately

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20 rounds mortar fire from suspected position at (YD 758224) at 151630H. Company D was able to secure archway and bridge after heavy close contact from 151400H to 151630H. Action required extensive use of small arms, automatic weapons, 106mm recoilless rifles, tanks, 3.5-inch rocket launchers, LAAGs, M-79s, grenades and 60mm mortars. Further efforts to exploit gains on the left flank were met with heavy fire from the left flank across the river and from the right front. Company C was able to quickly overcome resistance on the right flank by utilizing organic and attached weapons including 90mm and 106mm recoilless rifles. Company B overcame heavy resistance in the center of the zone at about 151800H, after extensive use of organic weapons, 90mm fire from tanks and 106mm recoilless rifles. Positions were consolidated throughout the zone at 151830H and night positions were established. Cumulative results: 6 USMC KIA, 33 USMC WIAE, 18 USMC WIAE, 24 VC/NVA KIA confirmed; 2 AK-47s and 1 SRB captured.

(8) 152000H 1st Marines Frag Order 22-68 was promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (f).

h. Dtd. 16 February 1968. (See Enclosure 19)

(1) 160640H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 10-68 promulgated. See enclosure (20).

(2) 160655H Companies B and D at (YD 761231) and (YD 763232) received B-40 and small arms fire from (YD 7615-2305) and (YD 766233). Returned fire with organic weapons and called for and received 81mm mortar mission of 68 rounds HL. Enemy fire subsided. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIAE.

(3) 160800H to 161900H Attacking units came into contact with enemy almost immediately upon crossing LCD with first contact being made by Company D on the left flank with grenadiers, rocket men and automatic riflemen at close range on the wall to their left and to their front. Company B had the heaviest contact in the center of the zone where they met a well-emplaced enemy in a heavily built-up area. Enemy weapons included automatic weapons, rockets, and grenades. Company C had sporadic contact on the right flank with the tempo increasing in the late afternoon. Their T.O. weapons included rockets, automatic weapons, snipers and grenades. Company D quickly overcame resistance on the left and was able to move on their flank with comparative rapidity

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placing themselves in a position to support Company B in the center. Maximum utilization of organic weapons plus attached direct fire weapons were responsible for the success on this flank. Company B overcame enemy resistance after extensive close contact with enemy entrenched in spider holes near the buildings in the area in the center of the zone of action. Company C moved ~~west~~ against relatively little contact until late in the afternoon when they suddenly met with heavy resistance in the vicinity of (YD 759228) and (YD 759229). All units consolidated at limit of day's advance at 161900H. Cumulative results: 7 USMC KIA, 34 USMC WIAE, 13 USMC WIANE, 63 VC/NVA KIA confirmed; 33 individual weapons, 2 60mm mortar, 11 B-40 rocket launchers and assorted 782 gear captured.

(4) 161115H 81mm mortar platoon at (YD 765245) while conducting fire mission, received 3 rounds small arms fire from an unobserved enemy sniper. Sent outpost detail to locate sniper with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(5) 161130H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Communications Officer and Radio Operator at (YD 759233) received one B-40 rocket round while en route to Company D's position to repair a radio. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(6) 161200H 3rd Platoon, Company A at (YD 759232) received 5-7 rounds B-40 rocket fire from (YD 759232). Returned heavy volume of small arms fire, 4 LAAW's and searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(7) 162150H Message from 1st Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines: "Message intercepted from enemy radio message stating the commander of the enemy force inside Hue to his superior states that original commander of the force inside Hue had been killed and that many others had either been killed or wounded. He recommended to withdraw. Senior officer ordered new commander of the force in Hue to remain in position and fight."

(8) 162235H Regimental Frag Order 23-68 promulgated. See Reference (g).

(9) 162300H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 11-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (21).

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i. D+5. 17 February 1968. (See Enclosure 22).

(1) 170430H Company D at (YD 764231) received an undetermined amount of mortar fire from positions across the river to the east. Also received rockets, small arms fire and grenades from a position immediately to the front. Company D returned fire with small arms, LAWs and M-79s and called for and received 8-inch artillery mission and 61mm mortar mission. Enemy fire ceased and enemy broke contact. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIAE and 2 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(2) 170700H to 171900H After the early morning contact on the left flank of the zone of action, heavy contact was made periodically throughout the day. Initially Company D had the first contact after jumping off with enemy entrenched along the left flank of the zone. The enemy utilized automatic weapons and rockets. The contact on the left flank had just terminated when Company C came into contact with an estimated well-entrenched squad in the right center of the zone of action. Company C was forced to commit its reserve to consolidate the position and overcome the enemy positions. Shortly after this contact, the right flank of Company C was taken under intense enemy fire from positions within the Palace wall to the southwest. An estimated six automatic weapons and several B-40 rocket launchers were utilized. About 171600H all attacking companies came into contact near the limits of day's advance almost simultaneously with the heaviest action on the left flank near the wall. Again the enemy was in well prepared camouflaged positions and utilized his automatic weapons, rockets and grenades effectively. Company D was able to overcome enemy resistance rapidly on first contact, after jumping off. Progress was made on the left flank and the left center portion of the zone with relative ease. Two heavy contacts on the right made movement nearly impossible on the right flanks where Company C was employed. The enemy fire from the east wall of the palace was quelled by utilizing artillery, however, as soon as the fire lifted, the enemy returned to his positions and resumed firing his weapons. The area was bypassed and a holding force employed to provide security for the right flank in order that the advance could be continued. Company D again came into contact with an estimated enemy platoon at the southern limit of the day's advance vicinity (YD 764230) at approximately 171630H. Shortly thereafter both Company B and Company C were in contact to Company D's right. This contact continued until dusk when contact was broken and positions consolidated for the night. Cumulative results:

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12 USMC KIA, 55 USMC WIAE, 15 USMC WIANE, 28 VC/NVA KIA confirmed; 14 miscellaneous small arms, 1 machine gun, 1 AN/PRC-25 (freq 61.30), 1 c/w transmitter and miscellaneous 782 gear captured.

(3) 171750H 1st Marines Frag Order 24-68 promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (h).

(4) 172250H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 12-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (23).

1. D+6. 18 February 1968. (See Enclosure 24).

(1) 180015H to 180400H Company D at (YD 765229) observed enemy moving across wall in Citadel from the east in groups of 2 and 3. Company D took enemy under fire with small arms and 60mm and 81mm mortar missions. Area was visually inspected at first light. Results: 8 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(2) 180815H Company A at (YD 755229) received small arms and rocket fire from enemy holding position on left flank of zone of action at (YD 75802275). Company A returned fire utilizing organic weapons and called for and received one tank and two Ontos for supporting fires. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIANE and 2 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(3) 181130H Company C probing patrol at (YD 762226) received small arms fire from (YD 761226). Patrol returned a heavy volume of small arms and supporting organic weapons fire. Patrol broke contact and completed mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(4) 181145H Company D at (YD 765228) observed one enemy moving across street to the south at (YD 765227). Fired two rounds small arms fire killing enemy. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(5) 181230H While tanks were at resupply area at (YD 759228), one tank received several B-40 rounds as tanks were departing area. Returned .30 and .50 caliber machine gun fire and continued to rejoin infantry units. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(6) 181300H Company C at (YD 761227) observed enemy moving around buildings along wall at (YD 761228). Company utilized Scout snipers, M-79 fire and called for 60mm mortar

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mission on enemy positions. Enemy returned small arms and B-40 rocket fire, which was soon subdued as friendly fire increased. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE and 10 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(7) 181305H Company C FO at (YD 761227) observed enemy movement inside of Palace walls at (YD 758226). Eight enemy moved into a building. Ontos fired several 106mm recoilless rifle rounds completely destroying building. An 81mm mortar mission was called for and received. Two enemy were observed killed as a result of mortar mission. Results: 10 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(8) 181400H to 181830H Company D squad probing patrol established contact with an estimated 6 to 8 enemy at (YD 765229). Enemy was entrenched with automatic weapons and rockets. 60mm mortars and organic weapons were employed against enemy with support from tanks. The squad maneuvered and overcame enemy resistance. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIANE 4 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA WIAE, and 2 Soviet light machine guns, 2 AK-47s and 1 SKS captured.

(9) 181430H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at (YD 761230) found Catholic Chaplain from MACV, Father McFonigal, who had been missing since 172100H. He had shrapnel wounds in the back of his head. Results: 1 USA KIA.

(10) 181430H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post at (YD 760229) received 6-8 rounds sniper fire from top of palm tree at (YD 759226). An Ontos was maneuvered to a firing position and raked the tree with a volley of 60-90 rounds .30 caliber machine gun fire. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(11) 181450H Company A at (YD 755229) received 5 rounds 60mm mortar fire from Citadel. Company A at that time took cover. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(12) 181530H Company A at (YD 759229) received two rocket rounds from northeast corner of Citadel at (YD 758228). Fire was returned with organic weapons. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

(13) 181730H Medevac mechanized mule missed front line position of Company C en route to pick up medevac. Driver drove through enemy position and was taken under fire with automatic weapons. Company C fired suppressing fire enabling one Marine to return to friendly lines. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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(14) 181800H Company B at (YD 762227) received one grenade from enemy position 50 meters to the south. Returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire. Area was not searched due to insufficient light. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(15) 182045H 1st Marines Frag Order 25-68 was promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (2).

(16) 182100H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 13-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (25).

1. D+7. 19 February 1968. See Enclosure (26).

(1) 190830H Company B Platoon Patrol at (YD 762226) received heavy small arms fire and 3 B-40 rocket rounds from an estimated 3-4 enemy at (YD 76302281). Platoon returned 100 rounds small arms fire, 3 LAAMs and 5 M-79 rounds. Enemy broke contact. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

(2) 190900H Company C at (YD 762227) received 5-7 small arms rounds from (YD 762270). Company C returned 50-75 rounds small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(3) 191145H Company B at (YD 760227) received 10-15 rounds small arms fire and 1 grenade. 3 Marines were sent to flush enemy utilizing grenades and small arms fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed and 1 AK-47 rifle captured.

(4) 191215H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines forward supply point at (YD 761232) received 3 rounds 82mm mortar fire from vicinity of Imperial Palace. Requested ARVN fire mission to suppress enemy fire. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

(5) 191300H Company A, while searching area of previous day's action at (YD 760229), unearthed 6 NVA KIA and 2 SKS carbines with miscellaneous 782 gear. Captured items were forwarded to Battalion S-2. Results: 2 NVA KIA confirmed and 2 SKS carbines captured.

(6) 191308H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines commenced attack in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 23-68.

(7) 191345H Company D at (YD 76432285) while moving in the attack received enemy mortar, rocket and small arms fire from (YD 76542282). Maneuvered against enemy elements but could not accurately pinpoint enemy locations. 1st Platoon was pinned down on left flank by automatic weapons fire. 3rd Platoon moved forward and linked up with Company B.

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Supporting fires were brought to bear upon suspected enemy positions suppressing enemy fire. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed and 4 detainees apprehended.

(8) 191415H Tank from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post, while en route to reinforce Company D in the attack, received 3 B-40 rocket rounds. Tank returned fire with 2 90mm rounds and 750 rounds .50 caliber machine gun fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(9) 191420H Company C at (YD 762226) received 3 rocket rounds from (YD 763227). Scout snipers were employed and an 81mm fire mission was requested and received. Scout snipers accounted for 5 VC/NVA kills. Results: 5 VC/NVA confirmed and 1 ChiCom light machine gun captured.

(10) 191500H Company B, while sweeping area at (YD 762224), found 1 French light machine gun with 25 rounds linked ammunition and 1 heavily damaged B-40 rocket launcher. Captured items forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(11) 191630H Company B at (YD 763227) found 50 rounds .30 caliber machine gun ammunition, 12 M1 carbine magazines, 1 .38 caliber pistol, 15-20 rounds 5.56mm, 2 ARVN utility belts and 10 Vietnamese civilians, two of whom were females age 35-43, the remainder of whom were minors. Vietnamese were determined innocent civilians upon interrogation and released. Captured items were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(12) 191800H 1st Marines Frag Order 26-68 promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (j).

(13) 191900H Company B, while establishing night positions at (YD 764228), observed 6 enemy running across road at (YD 76422780). Company B fired 100-150 rounds small arms fire killing 3 enemy. Results: 3 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(14) 191945H Company B in night position at (YD 763228) received 4 frag grenades. Returned 3 M26 grenades. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

(15) 192000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 14-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (27).

k. D+8. 20 February 1968. See Enclosure (28).

(1) 200700H Company B at (YD 764228) observed 2

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enemy attempting to cross road at (YD 76352275). Enemy were taken under fire with small arms. Results: 2 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(2) 200800H Company C at (YD 762226) observed enemy sniper shooting from bunker at (YD 762225). Sniper was taken under fire with small arms. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(3) 201105H Company B at (YD 76422279) received one round of artillery fire, apparently 8-inch. Round was fired on (YD 767227). A check fire was issued. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(4) 201430H Company B at (YD 76402271) found assorted medical supplies which were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(5) 201530H Company C at (YD 761227), while sweeping area received 1 82mm mortar round from unknown enemy position. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(6) 201530H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at (YD 763228), while searching area, uncovered four enemy who had been killed the previous day by 106mm recoilless rifle fire. Results: 4 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 2 SKS carbines and miscellaneous 782 gear captured and forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(7) 201545H 1st Marines Reg Order 27-od promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (k).

(8) 201545H 106mm recoilless rifle team from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at (YD 760228) observed 4 enemy moving within Palace wall at (YD 758226). Fired one 106mm round which struck directly in front of enemy. Results: 4 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(9) 201620H Commanding General, 1st ARVN Division visited Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the city of Hue.

(10) 201700H Company C at (YD 762226) observed 1 enemy hiding behind a truck. Company C fired 5-10 rounds small arms fire killing enemy. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(11) 202130H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group at (YD 763223), while in night position, received 3 82mm mortar rounds from vicinity of the Imperial Palace. No counter mortar was fired due to an ARVN fire mission already

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being conducted. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(12) 202200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 15-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (29).

1. 0+9. 21 February 1968. See Enclosure (30).

(1) 210330H 2nd Platoon, Company A commenced Platoon Patrol to search and clear area in Hue.

(2) 210600H 2nd Platoon, Company A secured buildings on either side of (YD 76252260) for use as an observation post. No resistance was encountered. Three Vietnamese civilians, one elderly man and two children were apprehended, interrogated and released as innocent civilians.

(3) 210745H Company D at (YD 76402285) received one short 60mm mortar round. Lot number from which round was fired was set aside for investigation. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

(4) 210750H Company D at (YD 76452300) received one round 60mm mortar fire from unknown position. Results: 7 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

(5) 210800H 2nd Platoon, Company A at platoon outpost at (YD 762226) observed numerous enemy at (YD 761225) and (YD 764227). Opened fire on enemy and in turn, received 6 rocket rounds and heavy small arms fire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 15 enemy KIA confirmed.

(6) 210900H 2nd Platoon, Company A at (YD 76252260) observed enemy movement at (YD 76332237) and (YD 762225). Took enemy under fire with small arms resulting in 4 VC/NVA KIA. Results: 4 VC/NVA KIA confirmed.

(7) 211110H The enemy defended the ground within the zone of action with tenacity. His positions were well selected and prepared. He utilized automatic weapons, rockets, grenades and mortars which dropped sporadically throughout the area. There was no significantly heavy contact except that Company D still found it impossible to move along the east wall. At least 12 weapons positions were observed when the position at (YD 766228) was probed. Near the end of the day, heavy volumes of fire were delivered on Company C's advancing elements from the southeast wall. Company A remained in reserve throughout the attack. Company C and Company B jumped off in the attack at 211110H. Company C initially had

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contact, however, Company B was in contact minutes thereafter. Progress through the area was exceptionally slow due to heavy foliage and dense built up areas. The area was honeycombed with spider traps and sniping positions which the enemy hit from and fell back to. Utilization of supporting arms was limited to direct fire weapons and one flight of two A-4s. Cumulative results: 3 USMC KIA, 14 USMC WIAE, 3 USMC WIANE, 16 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA POW; 5 individual weapons and miscellaneous 782 gear captured and forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(8) 211200H Company A Command Post at (YD 76322276) received 12-15 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Marines immediately shut the window shutters. Results: 2 USMC WIANE.

(9) 211415H Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines arrived at Hue becoming OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at that time.

(10) 211750H 1st Marines Frag Order 28-68 promulgated. See reference (1).

(11) 211800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 16-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (31).

m. D-10, 22 February 1968. See Enclosure (32)

(1) 220330H Companies B and C at (YD 76402255) and (YD 764227) received 20-25 rounds 82mm mortar fire from unknown enemy position. A counter-mortar mission was fired on suspected enemy position. Surveillance was not made due to insufficient light. Results: 4 USMC KIA, and 4 USMC WIAE.

(2) 220930H to 221800H Enemy contact on the 22nd of February was lighter than any previous offensive day. The enemy utilized sniping tactics only to delay the securing of the southeast wall once secured in this area again. Upon Company L's being placed in the attack, they came into contact with several pockets of resistance the first being an automatic weapons position at the southeast corner of the Palace, another across the bridge at (YD 765222) and another with 5 or 6 snipers in a building at (YD 769228). Otherwise, enemy contact was limited to individual sniping incidents. Friendly movement through the last uncleared area in the southeast corner was surprisingly easy with only sniping/delaying contact. Utilization of supporting arms was restricted to organic weapons and direct fire attachments in the zone and artillery flanking fires. Four flights of fixed wing were

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utilized during this period. They provided excellent coverage. Company L secured their area at approximately 1800H. Cumulative results: 3 USMC KIA, 29 USMC WIA/E, 1 USMC WIA/E, 23 VC/NVA KIA confirmed; 30 individual weapons, 4 crew-served weapons, miscellaneous 702 gear and assorted ordnance captured.

(3) 221000H Company C at (YD 760226) received sporadic small arms fire from right flank. Observed 3 NVA moving in vicinity of (YD 761226). Area was neutralized by tank and Ontos and organic fire. Initial search of area revealed 1 enemy KIA who had been dead for 2 to 3 days, packs, canteens TNT grenades, Ch3Com grenades and 1 RPG rocket round. Ordnance was destroyed and remainder of 702 gear was forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(4) 221000H Company A at (YD 761226), while sweeping area, received 1 round 82mm mortar fire. Company A continued to advance. Results: 1 USMC WIA/E.

(5) 221200H Company B chopped from 1st Marines to 5th Marines.

(6) 221300H Company A at (YD 76652280) succeeded in attaining Hue Redoubt of the southeast wall of the Citadel of Hue whereupon an element of this unit hoisted our National Ensign.

(7) 221850H 1st Marines Frag Order 29-63 promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (m).

(8) 221900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 17-60 promulgated. See Enclosure (33).

a. D+11. 23 February 1968. See Enclosure (34).

(1) 230800H Company D at (YD 76602250) encountered sporadic small arms fire after finding 1 NVA KIA and 2 M2 carbines. Returned organic weapons fire and continued on search and clear mission. Results: 2 USMC WIA/E, 1 NVA KIA confirmed; 2 M2 carbines with ammunition captured and forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(2) 230945H Tank in support of Company L received 1 rocket round. Tank returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post to evacuate casualties. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA/E.

(3) 231015H Tank at (YD 762226), preparing to pull back after firing, received rocket round from Palace wall at

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(YD 759223). Tank pulled back to evacuate casualties.
Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

(4) 231015H Company A at (YD 76252280) received 3 60mm mortar rounds from unknown enemy location. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIANE.

(5) 231016H Tank at (YD 762226) received 3 B-40 rocket rounds. Tank took cover and called medevac. As tank moved back it ran over a Marine from Company L. Results: 1 USMC KIA, and 6 USMC WIAE.

(6) 231020H Company A at (YD 76202284) received 3 rounds 60mm mortar fire from inside Palace walls. Company A took cover and called medevac vehicle. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

(7) 232130H Commencing at approximately 231200H, units were withdrawn and a systematic series of artillery missions were fired on the yet uncleared section of the Battalion ZOA to the southwest. At approximately 1800H units were moved up to areas adjacent to the uncleared area in anticipation of activities to secure this area. Company L came into contact with several enemy with automatic weapons, a 57mm recoilless rifle and grenades at 1830H. This contact broke off suddenly at 1915H. Results of this contact: 4 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE and 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed. Search of area at first light revealed three additional NVA KIA confirmed as a result of the late evening contact of 23 February.

(8) 231615H 1st Marines Frag Order 30-68 promulgated to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. See reference (m).

(9) 232000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 18-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (35).

o. D+12. 24 February 1968. See Enclosure (36).

(1) 241030H Company A runner at (YD 76252276), while delivering message was hit by shrapnel from enemy mortar unknown position. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

(2) 241145H Company L at (YD 76102245) and (YD 76252265) found 3 NVA KIA and 15 ChiCom grenades which were a result of previous night's activities. Results: 3 NVA KIA confirmed and 15 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

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(3) Company L at (YD 75952255) found 14 NVA bodies which had been killed approximately 2 days earlier in fighting. Area had not previously been searched. Results: 14 NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) 221530H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group, while visiting units at (YD 754223) and (YD 766225) observed ARVN forces breaking into stores and looting along business side of street. There were no controlling personnel in evidence. Items being taken included television sets, refrigerators etc. ARVN trucks were being utilized to transport personnel and booty away from stores.

(5) Company D at (YD 764223) observed one enemy trying to sneak along moat wall at (YD 764222). Company D fired 5-10 rounds small arms fire killing enemy. Search of area revealed not only the enemy KIA but a .50 caliber machine gun and an SKS rifle. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 .50 caliber machine gun and one SKS rifle captured. Captured items forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(6) 241800H Company L at (YD 760227) while searching area not previously searched, found 8 enemy KIA. Results: 8 NVA KIA confirmed.

(7) 241800H 1st Marines Frag Order 31-68 promulgated. See reference (c).

(8) 241900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 19-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (37).

p. D+13. 251200H. See Enclosure (38).

(1) 251030H 1st Marines Frag Order 32 promulgated. See reference (p).

(2) 251230H Commanding Officer, 1st Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post and toured city of Hue within the Battalion's Zone of Action and the Imperial Palace, departing at 251345H.

(3) 251245H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 20-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (39)

q. D+14. 26 February. See Enclosure (40).

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* * (1) 260800H Commanding Officer, 1st Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post (Hue) as the Battalion was awaiting relief by ARVN units. Upon completion of relief, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will commence move across river and await further instructions. Commanding Officer, 1st Marines departed at 260820H.

(2) 261030H 1st Marines Frag Order 33-68 promulgated. See reference (q).

(3) 261045H Company A patrol at (YD 765229) located enemy and took them under fire with small arms. Results: 7 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 LAAW, 2 B-40 rockets, 400 rounds 7.62mm linked, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 M26 grenade and 20 pounds of TNT captured and destroyed.

(4) 261050H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 23-68 promulgated. (See Enclosure 41).

(5) 261100H to 261245H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed northern portion of Hue (YD 763228) being relieved by ARVN forces and commenced movement to southern area of Hue crossing Song Huong River by LCM-8 then occupying Assembly Area.

(6) 261245H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and S-3 Operations Officer departed Assembly Area for briefing at 1st Marines Command Post and returned at 261445H.

(7) 261500H Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and S-3 Operations Officer departed Assembly Area to reconnoiter area in which operations will be conducted on 27 February in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 33-68. Commanding Officer and S-3 Officer returned at 261600H.

(8) 261515H All line companies completed river crossing and arrived at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Assembly Area.

(9) 261730H 1st Marines Frag Order 34-68 promulgated. See reference (r).

(10) 261800H Commanding Officer, 1st Marines visited 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to attend Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines briefing to Company Commanders.

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(11) 261800H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 22-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (41A).

r. (D+15) 27 February. See Enclosure (42).

(1) 270700H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) departed Assembly Area and proceeded to LOD to commence attack in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 34-68. See Reference (r).

(2) 271015H Company D at (YD 76482025) found 1 .50 caliber machine gun, 2 .30 caliber light machine guns, 1 Browning Automatic Rifle and 1 M-2 Carbine. All weapons were damaged and were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(3) 271325H 1st Marines Frag Order 35-68 promulgated. See reference (q).

(4) 271400H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 23-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (43).

(5) 272000H Company A chopped to 1st Marines.

(6) 272000H 1st Marines Operation Order 3-68 promulgated. See reference (t).

(7) 272000H Change 1 to 1st Marines Operation Order 3-68 promulgated. See reference (u).

s. D+16. 28 February. See Enclosure (44).

(1) 281000H Company I at (YD 776235) received 12 rounds 60mm mortar fire and 10-15 rounds small arms fire from unknown enemy position. Called medevac and continued mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

(2) 281100H Company I while clearing road from (YD 775235) to (YD 775239) received 12 rounds 60mm mortar fire, 2 rocket rounds and 5-10 small arms rounds from (YD 775-240). Tank was employed to suppress sniper fire as Company I continued mission, clearing road and destroying 2 booby traps. Results: 3 NVA KIA confirmed and 3 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

(3) 281300H Company C at (YD 786230) received 2 rocket rounds and automatic weapons fire from an estimated 8-9 enemy at (YD 786229). Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm mortars. Enemy broke contact. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIAE and 2 mechanical mules and 2 106mm recoilless rifles totally destroyed.

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(4) 283430H Company L at (YD 776239) apprehended 15 detainees who were forwarded to Battalion S-2, interrogated and later released as innocent civilians.

(5) 281500H Company L holding platoon at (YD 779239) observed 3 enemy at (YD 780241). Platoon fired 3 LAAWs, 20 M-79 rounds and 150-200 rounds small arms fire, unable to search area due to mission as holding force.

(6) 281800H Company L platoon at (YD 778241) received 100 rounds small arms fire from across river at (YD 778242). Returned suppressing fire of 200 rounds small arms fire, 7 M-79 rounds, 50 81mm mortar rounds and 36 155mm rounds. Negative casualties incurred. Enemy fire ceased.

(7) 281825H 1st Marines Frag Order 36-68 promulgated. See reference (4).

(8) 281900H Company L platoon at (YD 778241) received 1 rocket round from unobserved enemy location. Adjusted artillery mission on possible enemy position. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

(9) 281930H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 24-68 promulgated. (See Enclosure 45).

t. D-17. 29 February. See Enclosure (46).

(1) 290400H Company L Platoon Ambush at (YD 777241) found one M-1 carbine and 1 M3A1 sub-machine gun which were forwarded to Battalion S-2.

(2) 290730H Company L at (YD 787241) observed 2 groups of enemy digging in at (YD 777242) and (YD 777243). Each group was taken under fire with small arms. Results: 4 TO/EVA KIA confirmed.

(3) 290800H Company C at (YD 777226) received automatic weapons fire from an estimated 2-4 enemy at (YD 788228). Company C returned small arms fire and called 81mm and 4.2-inch mortar missions. One short mortar round was received in Company C's area. Results: 3 USMC KIA.

(4) 291000H Company L Platoon Patrol at (YD 777241) observed 3 enemy running into underbrush at (YD 778242). Scout snipers fired 3 rounds 7.62mm. Results: 1 enemy KIA.

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(5) 291130H to 291945H Enemy contact was limited to area vicinity (YD 777242) where approximately 20 to 25 NVA/VC were operating as delaying force to Battalion's advance. Throughout the area of the day's operation, extensive trenchlines and covered fighting positions were found. Negative enemy contact was noted except in area described above. Evidence of enemy activity earlier in the day was to be found in all positions. Company C and Company L commenced the attack at 291130H. Company L came into contact immediately and was able to overcome the resistance after approximately 2 hours of contact. Negative contact was noted by other units, however, three NVA bodies, probably the result of morning air strikes, were found during Search and Destroy operations to the east to HOA. Additionally, blood trails were found leading from the area to the north and to the east. Cumulative results: 10 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 4 individual weapons, extensive medical supplies (two mule loads), miscellaneous small arms ammunition, 10 60mm rounds and assorted 782 gear captured.

(6) 292125H 1st Marines Frag Order 37-68 promulgated. See reference (4).

(7) 292200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 25-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (47).

u. D418. 1 March. See Enclosure (48).

(1) 010800H to 012000H Enemy activity was limited to the eastern portion of the day's area of operation. Company L came into contact with an estimated 25-30 man enemy force at (YD 801251). At 1630H Company C came into contact with a small enemy force with automatic weapons and rockets at (YD 800246). Upon completion of air strikes in that vicinity, units moved out to the east. After advancing 400 meters, Company L came under heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire from a position across river to the south from (YD 804247) to (YD 807247). On first contact Company L maneuvered unit into position to support unit pinned down. Two flights of F4U gunships were received. One gunship was hit and downed in Company D's area. Ship was later extracted. Gunships caused enemy to break contact and flee to the east. Company C returned fire on contact and also received two fixed wing flights. Air strikes reduced enemy opposition. Company L returned fire with organic weapons, called for and received artillery support

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and HULE gunships which allowed unit to break contact and effect movebacks. Enemy was not pursued due to water obstacles and oncoming darkness. Total Results: 5 USMC KIA, 21 USMC WIAE, 24 VC/NVA KIA confirmed, 7 individual weapons, miscellaneous 782 gear, grenades, small arms ammunition and medical gear captured.

(2) 011315H 1st Marines Frag Order 38-68 promulgated. See reference (w).

(3) 011200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 39-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (49).

v. D419. 2 March. See Enclosure (50).

(1) 020245H 1st Marines Frag Order 39-68 promulgated. See reference (x).

(2) 020530H to 021900H Enemy contact was limited to action in the eastern portion of the zone of action and occurred late in the day in the vicinity of (YD 804247) where 8-10 VC were sighted. Companies C and L commenced the day's activities with a coordinated pre-dawn attack to the eastern limit of the zone. Negative contact was noted. The remainder of the day was utilized to destroy enemy fighting holes and fortifications. The sole contact at the end of the day was initiated by Company L at a range of 150 meters. The unit delivered a large amount of small arms fire and supporting organic weapons fire. Results: 1 USMC KIAE, 7 VC/NVA KIA confirmed; 4 individual weapons, 782 gear, small arms ammunition and medical supplies captured. 90 bunkers and 100 feet of trenchline were destroyed utilizing approximately 400 pounds of explosives.

(3) 021130H OPCCN of Company A returned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(4) 021245H 1st Marines Frag Order 40-68 promulgated. See reference (y).

(5) 021330H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 41-68 promulgated. (See Enclosure 51)

(6) 021845H 1st Marines Frag Order 41-68 promulgated. See reference (z)

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(7) 022000H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 23-68 promulgated. (See Enclosure 52).

W. D+20. 3 March. See Enclosure (53).

(1) 030745H Company L Platoon Search and Clear - at (YD 805245) observed man watching unit's movement from treeing at (YD 807248). Fired 2 rounds small arms fire killing man. Results: 1 VC/KIA confirmed.

(2) 030810H Company A Platoon Search and Clear at (YD 787230) received 1 B-40 rocket round from unknown enemy position. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

(3) 030815H 1st Marines Frag Order 42-68 promulgated. See reference (44).

(4) 030900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 29-68 promulgated (See Enclosure 54).

(5) 030910H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-3 Officer departed Battalion Command Post to establish liaison with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 42-68. See reference (4).

(6) 031200H Companies C and E chopped from 1st Marines to 5th Marines.

(7) 032235H Company G OPCON to 1st Marines.

(8) 032240H Company I Designated Regimental reserve. Section Ontos, heavy section tanks detached.

W. D+21. 4 March. See Enclosure (45)

(1) 040700H Company I chopped to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) 040900H 1st Marines Frag Order 43-68 promulgated. See reference (45).

(3) 041035H Commanding Officer, 1st Marines, Col. S. S. EUGENE talked to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Group and Company A prior to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departing.

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(4) 041100H Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
chopped to 1st Marines at 041100H.

(5) 041130H CPGON Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th
Marines Chopped to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at 041130H.

(6) 041200H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Chopped
to 5th Marines at 041200H. See Enclosure (56-60).

(7) 041310H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command
Group and Company A departed Hue Solidum vicinity at 041310H.

(8) 042400H Operation "HUE CITY" terminated.

11. Results:

a. Friendly Casualties.

KIA	57 64
WIAE	219 320
WIAE	120 23
POW	1
MDC	15

b. Friendly Equipment Losses.

.45 Cal Pistol	3	60mm Mortar	1
M-16 Rifles	23	Binoculars	1
M-60 M.G.	3	Compasses	77
		M-70's	5

c. Enemy Casualties.

KIA confirmed	32 352
POW	2 4
Detainees	33

d. Captured Ordnance.

1 60mm Mortar
2 B-40 Rocket Launchers
10 RPG Rocket Launchers

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2 Machine guns (U/I)**UNCLASSIFIED****5 Crew-Served Weapons (U/I)**

1 French Machine Gun

1 ChiCom Machine Gun

2 .50 caliber Machine Guns

1 LAAG

2 .30 caliber Machine Guns

122 Small Arms including AK-47s, AK-50s, SKS, M-16 rifles, .30 caliber carbines and rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns.

c. Captured/Destroyed Munitions.

7 cans M-1 thickener (napalm)

22 time incendiaries

29 M7A2 gas CS

29 ChiCom grenades

3 Electric blasting caps

7 B-40 rocket rounds

10 60mm mortar rounds

In addition an unknown quantity of the following munitions were captured/destroyed:

5.56mm rounds

7.62mm rounds

.30 caliber rounds

B-40 rocket boosters

RPG rockets and boosters

TNT

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M-26 grenades

Grenades (U/I)

M16COW grenades

Detonators (U/I)

5. General Equipment

2 Field phones

1 AN/PRC-25

1 Flexible tape case for AN/PRC-25

1 C/W transmitter

1 Gas mask

75 rolls of 50 ft detonation cord

40 rolls friction tape

6 1/2-pint cans safety fuse seal compound

15 boxes, 10 each, M1 type pull type firing devices
with trip wire

15 boxes, 4 each, mouse trap firing devices

20 boxes, 10 each, M1 type firing devices.

20 cannisters, 10 each, non-electric caps

3 Claymore mine firing devices

1 Claymore mine testing device.

1 U/I electrical detonator

5 gallons gasoline with US water can

1 pair file

6 pair crimpers

1 ammunition box with assorted tools

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1. All type pickups

In addition an unknown quantity of small arms ammunition drums and magazines were captured. Large quantities of NVA and US type 762 gear and medical supplies were captured.

g. Cave/Tunnel Complexes Destroyed (Structures, Fighting Holes, Fortified Positions, Dwellings Etc.)

90 bunkers destroyed

100 feet of trench line destroyed

In addition all structures in the objective area were utilized by the enemy as integral parts of his defense in depth. Barbed wire, fighting holes and bunkers were located adjacent to and within the structures. These were all destroyed or damaged while clearing the Battalion's ZOA of enemy forces.

12. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply.

(1) During operations within the city of Hue, a Battalion LSA and aid station were established in a relatively secure area within the 1st ARVN Division compound. In addition, a forward supply point and medovac clearing station were established in close proximity to the Battalion Command Group and displaced as the Command Group did.

(2) Resupply of all items was extremely difficult and at times reached a critical stage due to unavailability of aerial resupply to the Battalion LSA. Resupply via Landing craft and the Perfume River was unreliable due to enemy controlled river banks and the lack of air coverage for the Landing craft. The weather appeared to be the limiting factor where air was concerned.

(3) Radio communication was maintained between the forward supply point and the Battalion LSA through the use of the HST Net. The Battalion TAC Net was also monitored by the forward supply point. All supplies and materials were requested through the 1st Marines which had operational control of the Battalion.

(4) The employment of a forward supply point/clearing station and a rear supply point/aid station worked extremely

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well and precluded the forward supply point from having to carry a large amount of supplies which would have seriously impaired its mobility. Although the forward supply point did not stock a large amount of supplies, sufficient supplies were available for delivery to the companies within minutes of the receipt of an emergency request and timely delivery of routine supplies.

b. Maintenance.

(1) Cleaning equipment for crew-served and individual weapons was carried by all units. Attached heavy sections carried cleaning equipment and maintenance equipment with each vehicle. Repairs were made during the nights thus enabling vehicles to provide maximum support for companies in the attack during daylight hours. No major maintenance difficulties were incurred.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Casualties were initially treated by eight Corpsmen attached to each rifle company, then routed through a forward aid station manned by two Corpsmen moving with the Battalion Command Group. Casualties were evacuated from the field by trucks and mechanized mules to the Battalion Aid Station located adjacent to the LSA at the ARVN 1st Division compound. The BAS at that point served as a collecting and clearing point as well as a holding station for those not requiring further evacuation. This clearing point was manned by a doctor and 4 Corpsmen.

(2) Evacuation of casualties was effected from the collecting and clearing point by helicopter. Casualties were transported from that point to C Company, 1st Med Battalion in Phu Bai and 3rd Med Battalion also located in Phu Bai. Casualty overloads at these points resulted in further processing and transfer to NSA Hospital Facility and hospital ships located in the DaNang area.

d. Transportation.

(1) Initial transportation of the Battalion from Phu Loc to Hue was accomplished with the utilization of both helicopters and trucks. Landing craft were employed to displace elements of the Battalion from the southern to the northern portions of Hue for commencement of the attack. Organic vehicles were employed both as resupply and medevac transpor-

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tation as required. It was found that the mechanical mule became invaluable as a mode of vehicle for its ability to negotiate the narrow streets of Hue with a minimum amount of time.

e. Communications.

(1) The primary means of communication within the Battalion was radio and proved to be very reliable. The Battalion Command Post was constantly very close to the attacking companies hence utilization of messengers to augment the radio, particularly for administrative traffic, was utilized and found to be expedient. Internal wire was utilized to a limited degree as the tactical situation allowed.

(2) Communications with higher headquarters and with Battalion rear was considered to be good at all times. No significant difficulties were encountered except on the fire support net where a crowded net presented difficulties. In addition to normal communications, the presence of an MRC-109 vehicle made a covered net available. This capability was utilized extensively throughout the operation and proved invaluable. Wire was laid to 1st Marines Command Post (forward) when the tactical situation made this feasible.

(3) The only difficulties encountered were in the areas of excessive administrative traffic on the Battalion Tac Net initially and the early lack of an adequate back-up of UHF radios.

f. Medical Evacuation.

(1) Each field Corpsman carried sufficient medical supplies to provide adequate treatment of the wounded in the field.

(2) Casualties were evacuated by helicopter. During the first five days of the operation, helicopter evacuation was timely and efficient, however, during the remaining 10 days of operation, helicopter arrival was unpredictable, erratic and frequently unobtainable for emergencies. During this latter period, Army helicopters were utilized for the bulk of evacuees removed from the LSA in the ARVN compound.

(3) Three cases of combat neurosis were encountered and evacuated. It was felt that this number is quite complementary to the Marines involved, because the nature of the conflict was such that many more such casualties were expected.

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13. Special Equipment and Techniques.

(1) Two Chemical Employment Teams (CET) were formed and trained by the Battalion NDC NCO in the field on 15 February 1968. Teams were then attached to the 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Company C. On 20 February elements of the 3rd Platoon, Company C came under heavy fire from an estimated NVA squad 50 to 75 meters to the platoon's direct front. The Platoon laid down a base of fire while the CET rushed into the front yard of a home with a dining table (which was used as a field expedient for elevation to overcome obstacles in the line of fire) and one E8 launcher. The E8 launcher was activated, subsequently flushing 9 NVA soldiers from their positions. 6 of the 9 enemy were killed with small arms fire as they fled in panic.

(2) On 21 February elements of the 2nd Platoon, Company C came under heavy small arms and rocket fire while assaulting an objective. Two men were wounded by a rocket and lay partially exposed to enemy fire in the front yard of a home. The CET attached to the platoon rushed into the yard, activated an E8 launcher and with the assistance of one of the squad leaders, moved the two casualties into a building where one of the wounded men died. Four additional E8 launchers were fired and the assault was completed without additional friendly casualties. With the exception of sporadic sniper fire from an estimated two enemy snipers, resistance was quelled and one wandering NVA soldier was captured. No enemy contact was met as the next city block was taken. Numerous E-23 cartridges were found lying well dispersed throughout the objective area.

(3) 4.2 inch CS mortar rounds and air-delivered E-158 clusters were employed with no significant effects upon the enemy observed.

(4) Night Techniques. On several occasions during Operation "HUE CITY" small units were moved, under the cover of darkness, to points that were considered critical. These positions, generally large buildings, had proven to be heavily defended during the day and would have undoubtedly resulted in needless casualties if assaulted during daylight. In each case units found that they were able to move undetected in the early morning hours prior to dawn. Positions occupied provided excellent observation and sniping positions and are considered to have been instrumental in breaking the enemy's defensive positions. Each unit's successful movement indicated that the enemy was not very security conscious at night as units were able to move through positions that were heavily contested before nightfall.

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14. Commander's Analysis. That portion of the operation which took part within the walls of the Citadel presented a completely new type of tactical situation to the Battalion. New areas of difficulty which had to be and were coped with were commonplace. First, the area over which the battle was fought, as described in paragraph 7, was an extremely dense built-up area certainly favoring the defender in that it restricted the maneuverability and concentration of firepower of the battalion. In addition to the problems presented by the heavy terrain, the high walls to the east, south and west of the battalion's Zone of Action, were a constant source of difficulty. Initially the wall on the east presented a problem in that the enemy was able to deliver a heavy volume of fire from this position. It also offered excellent positions of observation within the zone. The enemy clung to those positions tenaciously. Although the walled positions were of great value to him, they proved nearly untenable from a friendly use standpoint. Movement on or along the wall was subject to sniper and automatic weapons fire from the battalion's unsecured left flank. The wall was utilized to return sniper type fire and for forward observation positions in the adjustment of artillery. The wall to the west which formed the right boundary of the battalion Zone of Operation was also a problem as it too offered excellent firing positions on the right flank element. A restriction of delivery of Marine supporting arms into the Palace itself made it necessary to create a buffer zone of one block between right flank elements and the wall. This zone was later cleared after the battalion had cleared the remainder of the zone by attacking to the west. This move undoubtedly reduced the number of friendly casualties.

The enemy, it was soon learned, was determined to fight to the death. He was well entrenched and willing to wait until lead elements were nearly on top of him prior to opening fire and disclosing his position. He was extremely well armed utilizing principally AK-47s, B-40 and RPG-7 rocket launchers, 60mm and 82mm mortars and machine guns. He seemed to be unlimited in his supply of ammunition. Existent, also, were unusual problems in employing supporting arms, both direct fire weapons and indirect artillery and Naval gunfire weapons. This difficulty was primarily caused by the small area within which the battalion was operating and the size, range and position of the guns. At the onset the battalion was assigned a zone of action which was approximately 800 meters square with the northern two-thirds of the zone only within the range of 155mm howitzers and 8-inch howitzers. These were both positioned to the south of the walled city consequently their fires were fired directly into the battalion's attacking elements as they moved to the southeast. This

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eventually required all fires within the zone of action to be shifted to the flanks even though the ground to the front was still heavily contested.

Another problem encountered with artillery support was the lack of a central fire support coordination agency inside the Citadel. Continual check fires were experienced making it almost impossible to obtain a sustained fire mission.

The direct fire weapons, Ontos, tanks and mule-mounted 106mm recoilless rifles were restricted by the dense, heavily foliated built-up area and extremely narrow streets. These factors seriously limited their observation and fields of fire and also made it necessary to expose them to enemy rocket fire in order to be used effectively at all. Normally it was necessary to move a direct fire unit to within thirty meters of a target in order to successfully engage it. It was found that under these circumstances the best employment was to task organize a light section of one tank and one Ontos or mule-mounted 106mm recoilless rifle with a mission of general support of the battalion. Targets were selected and identified by the front line units and relayed to the tank platoon commander who served as a task force commander for all direct fire support weapons. He in turn thoroughly briefed the crews as to the target location, approach and retirement routes. The sections would then move up quickly with the tank in the lead, fire rapidly and then retire. Every tank received an average of four or five B-40 and RPG hits and while sustaining considerable personnel casualties, material damage was light. With maintenance being performed during the night and the replacement of crew members normally four of the five tanks were kept operational at all times during the day. Ontos were not hit.

The unavailability of close air support due to restrictive weather was sorely felt by the battalion. Casualties could have undoubtedly been reduced considerably had additional air support been available for use to effectively cover the area negated due to the loss of artillery support as explained previously. Due to the enemy dug-in positions, their close proximity to friendly troops and the cover provided by well constructed cement buildings, napalm was found to be by far the most effective ordnance.

It was necessary on two different occasions to defer continuing the attack due to a lack of direct fire support ammunition. The entire resupply problem was hinged around the weather and its effect on the ability of air to operate in the area. Not only was it impossible on several occasions, to be resupplied by helicopter due to the low ceiling, but the necessary air cover for the LCVs and LCHs was also grounded for the same reason. Thus planned continuance of the attack was put off until sufficient ammunition became available on those two occasions.

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The heavily foliaged terrain coupled with the dense built-up area completely eliminated the possibility of medevacs being completed near the front. The mechanical mule proved to be invaluable in extracting casualties from the areas of heavy contact and speeding them to trucks waiting near the Battalion Command Post. The casualties were then rushed to a secure LZ located in the 1st ARVN Division compound. The mule also was utilized most beneficially to resupply the units as required.

The Battalion's employment outside of the Citadel was much more "normal" than the early fighting. The terrain to the northeast of the Citadel was much like the Battalion has operated in continuously for the past six months. One point however, was quite noticeable. In this area the enemy had employed vast labor sources to completely entrench the area of operations. In addition to fighting holes and shelters, trench lines that literally extended to the east for several miles were noted. These were defended only in isolated instances, but were hotly contested when the enemy chose to make a stand.

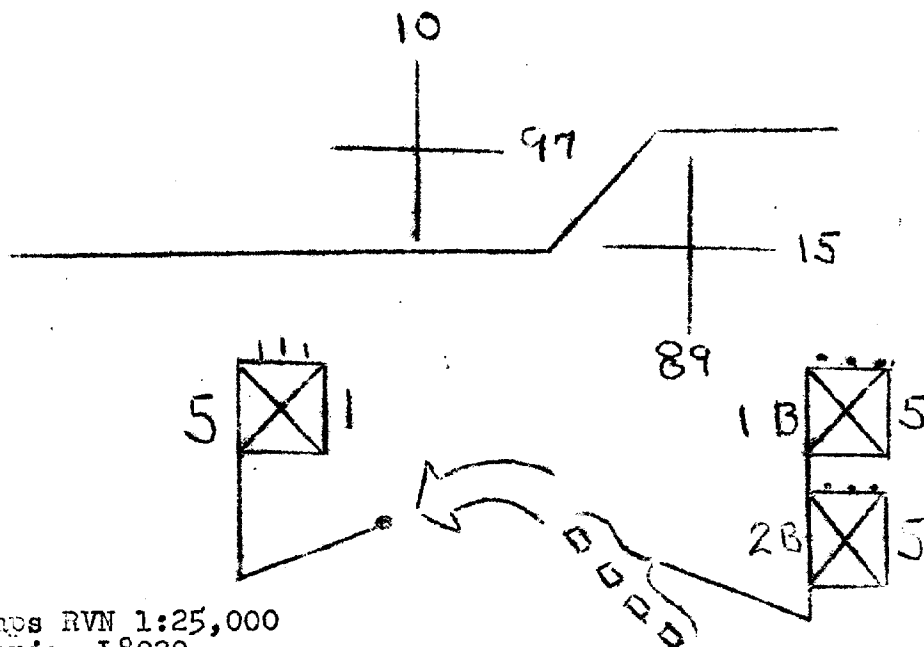
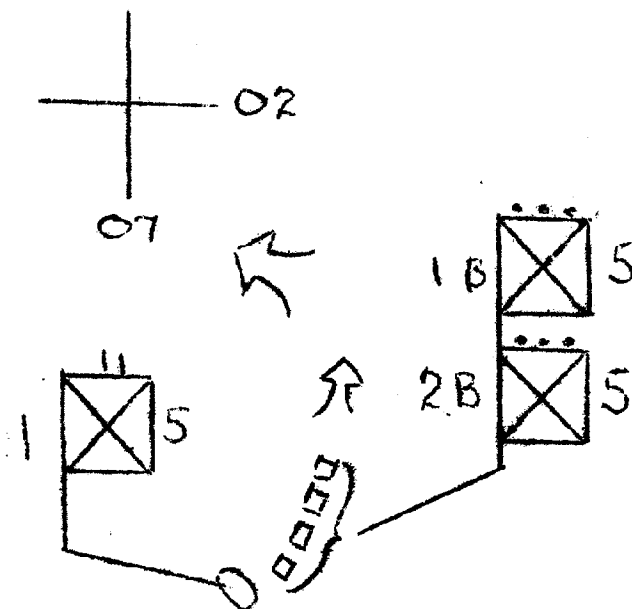
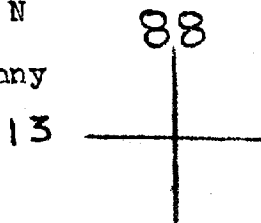
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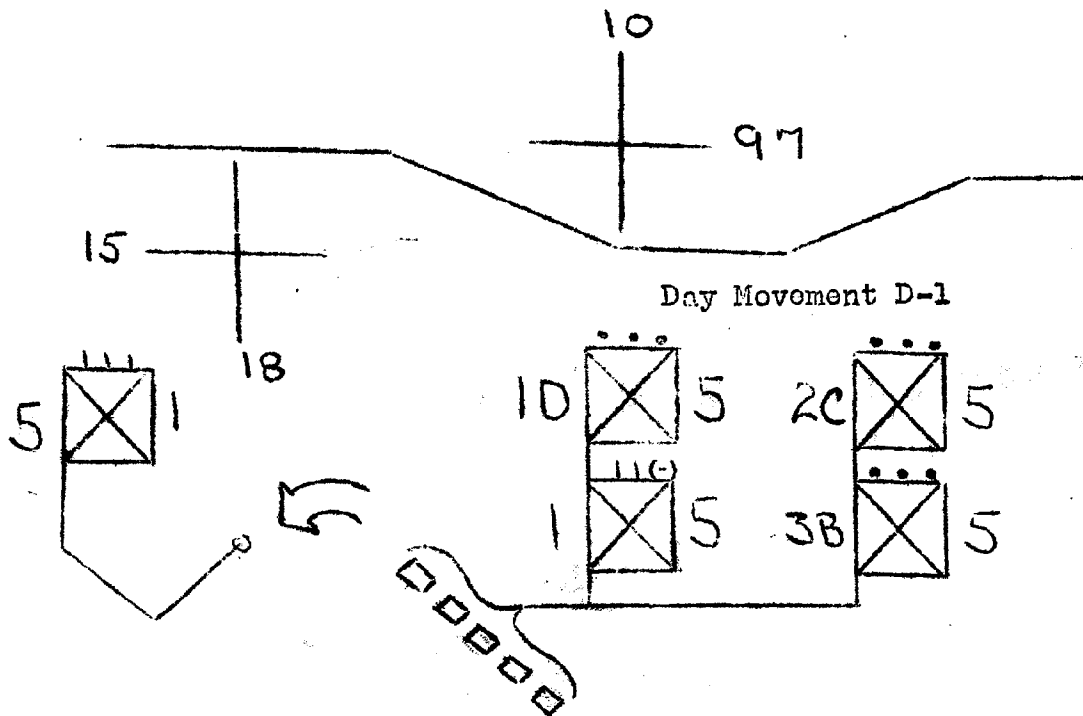
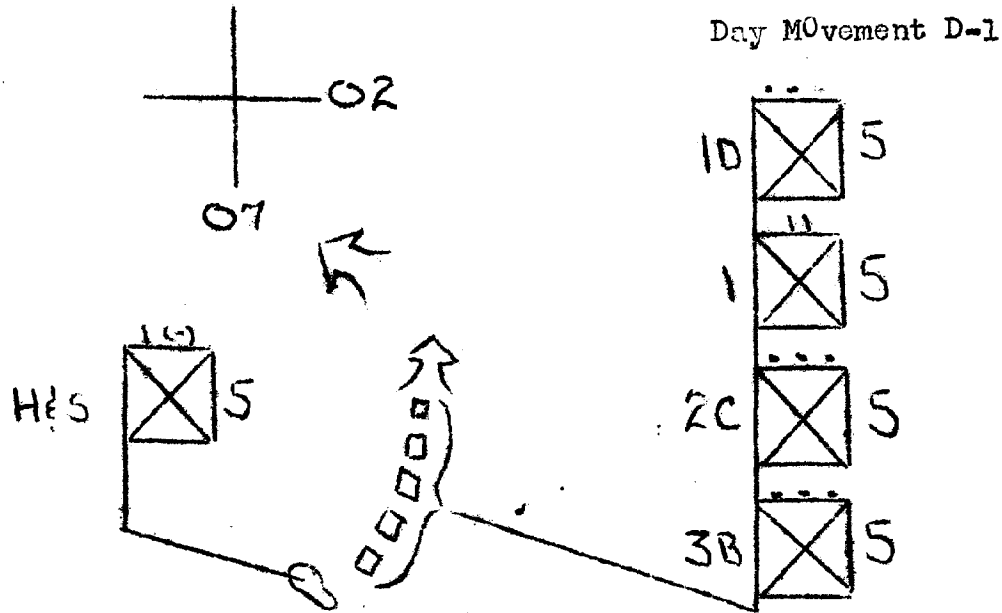
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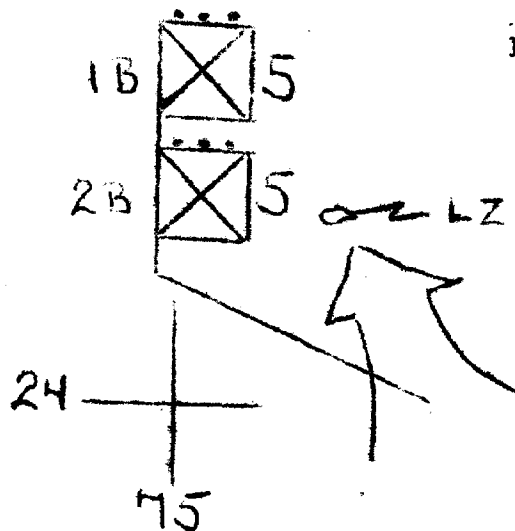
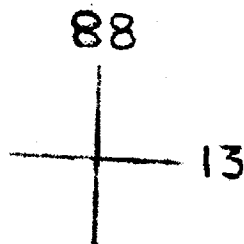
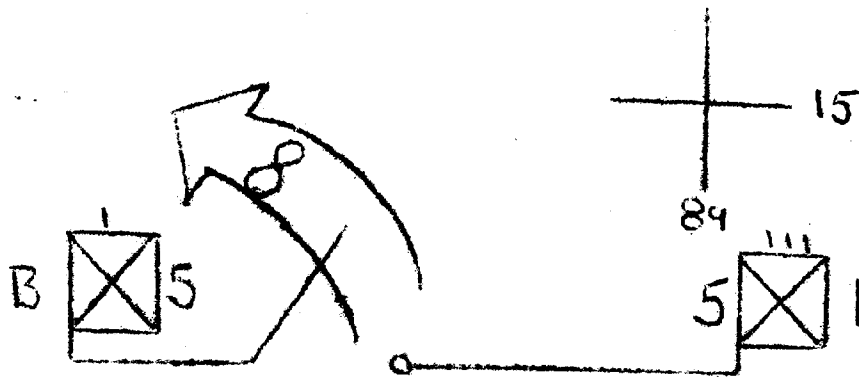
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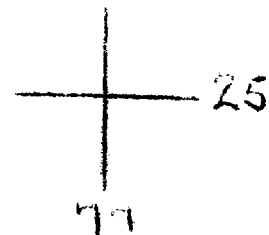
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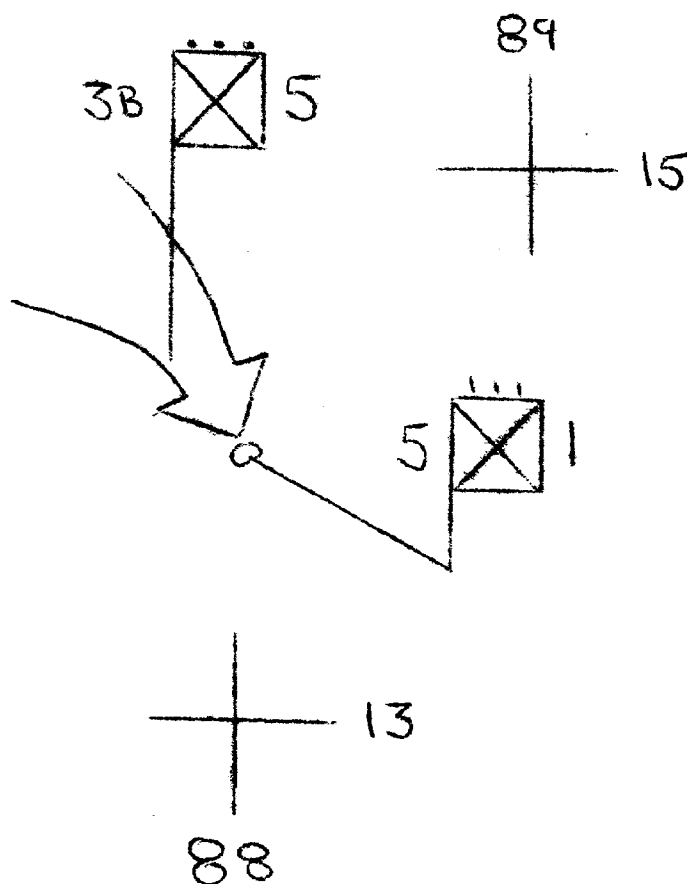
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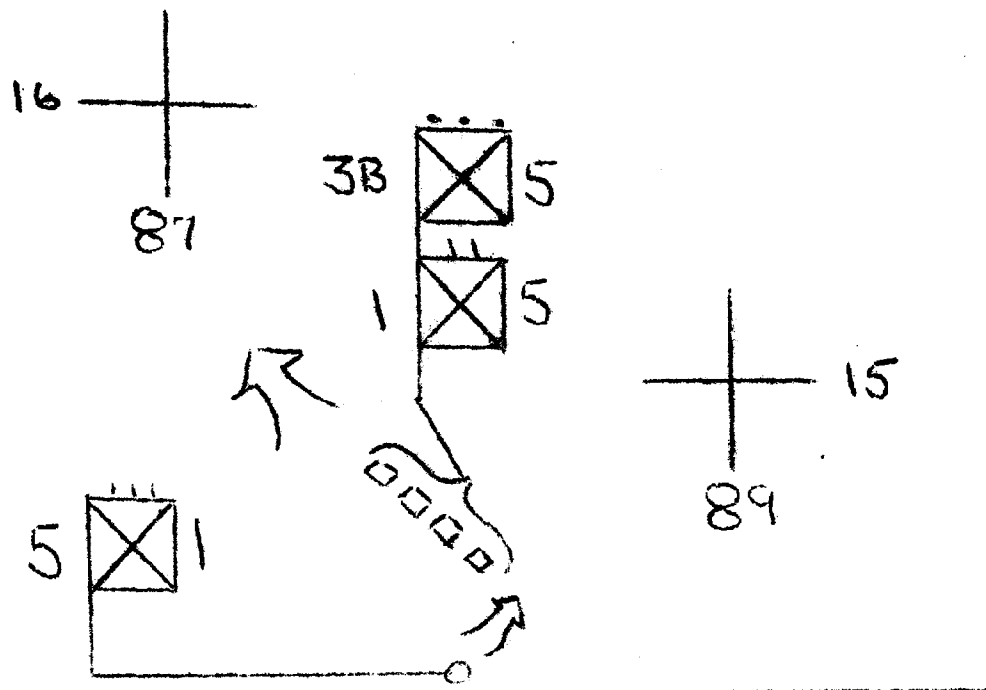


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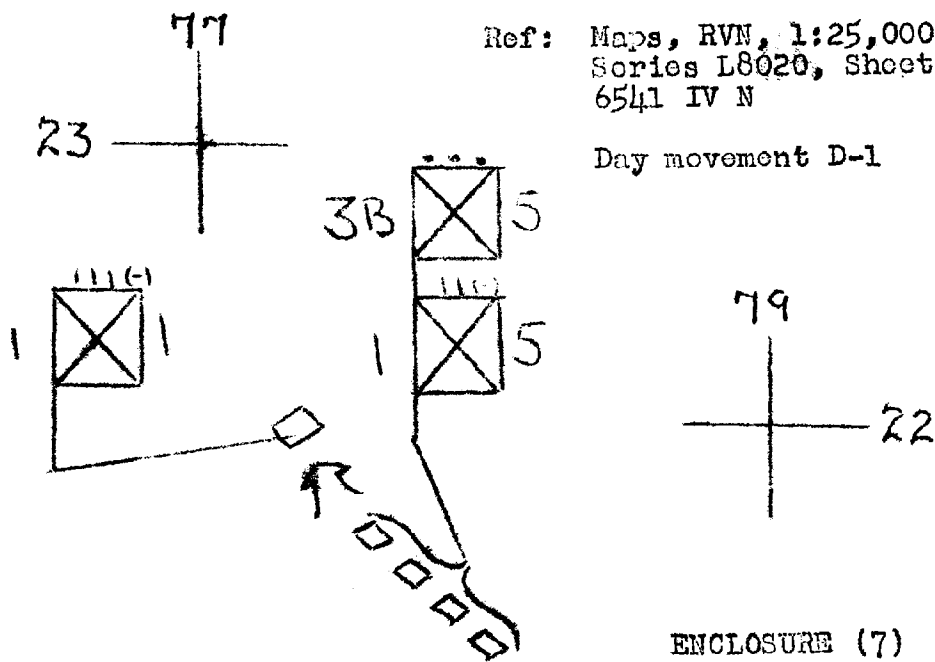
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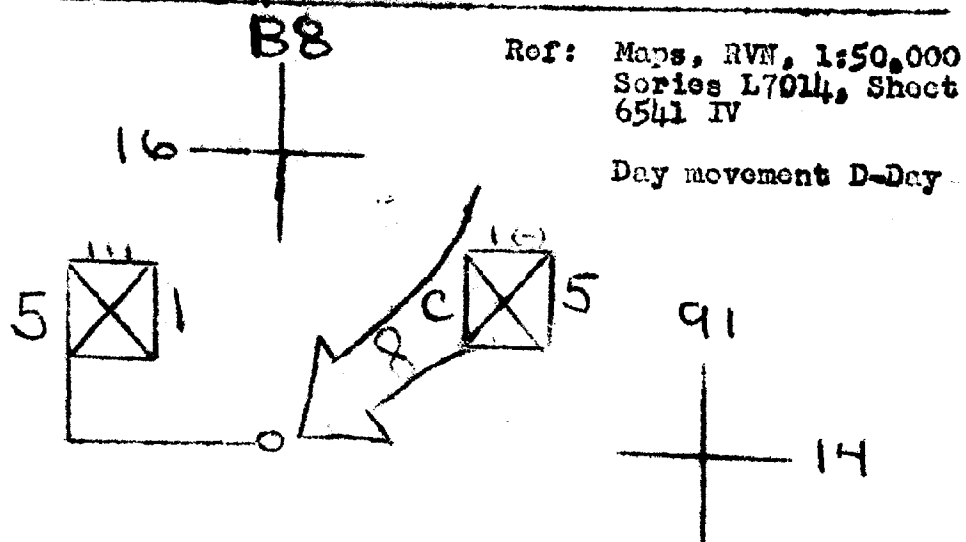
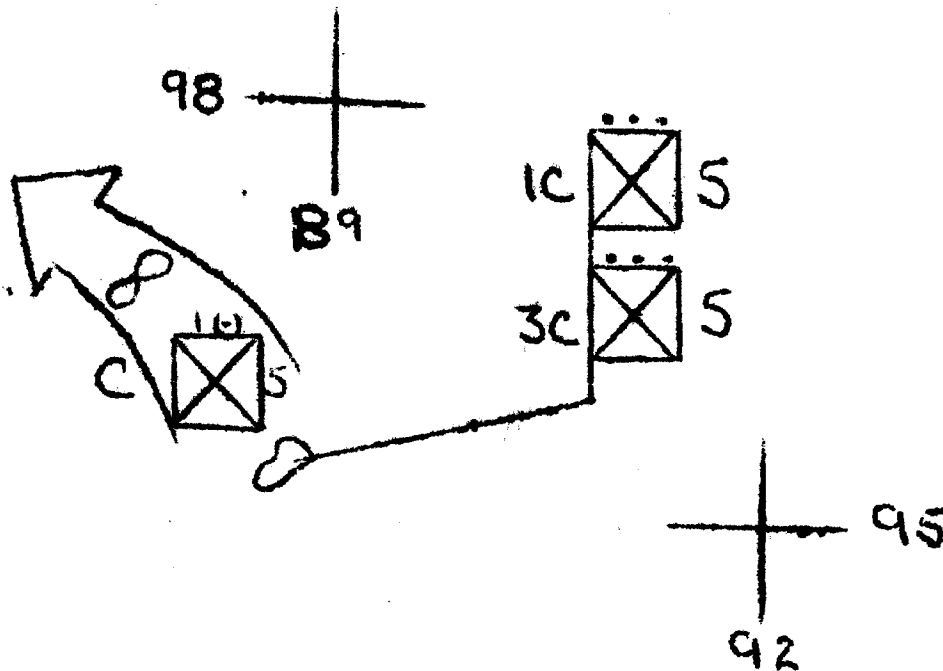


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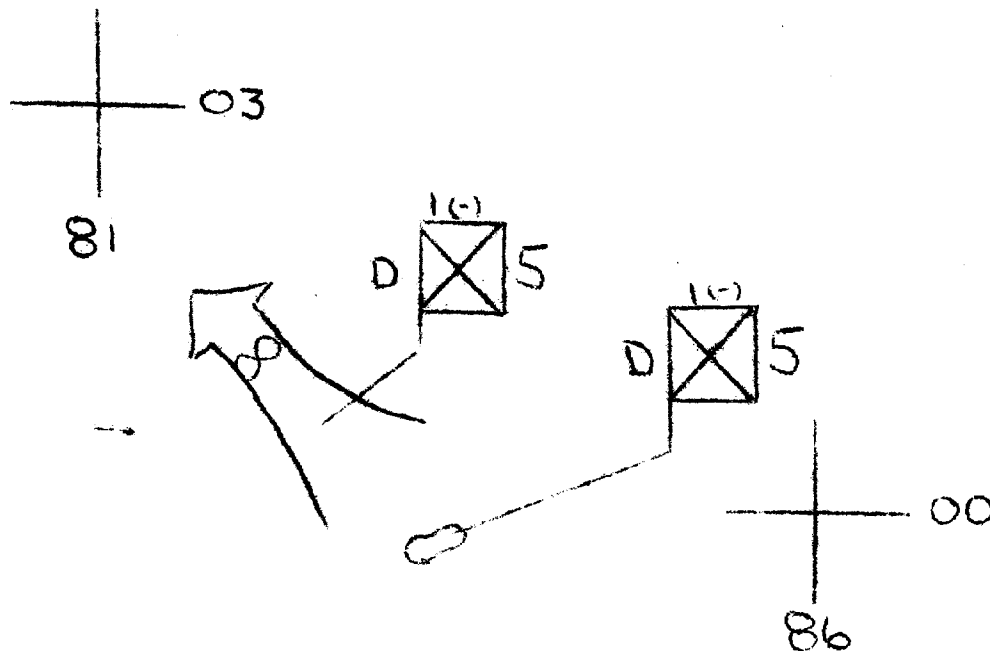
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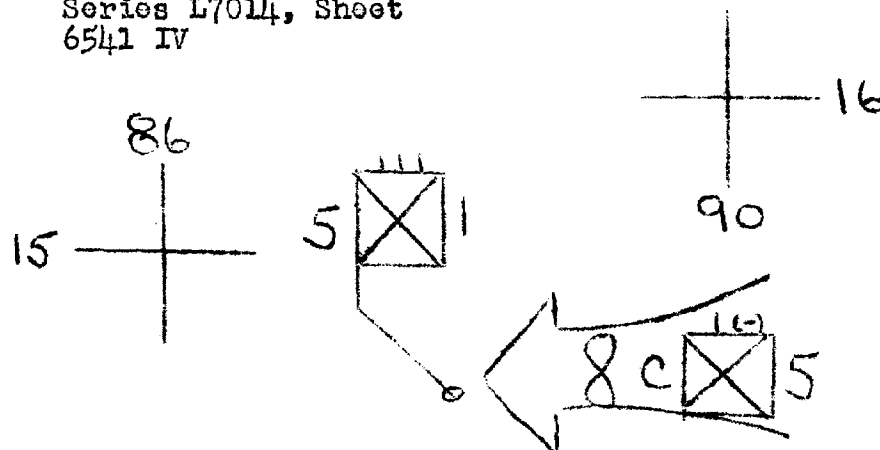
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Hue, RVN
12 February 1968

Frag Order 7-68

Ref: (a) Maps, RVN, 1:12,500, Series L909

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. Current ISUMS and PERINTREPSb. Friendly.

(1) 1st Battalion, 1st Marines conducts S&D operations south of Song Huong River and maintains security on bridges vital to the Hue/Phu Bai MSR.

(2) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines conducts S&D operations south of Song Huong and Song Dam Cam Rivers to eject NVA/VC forces from southern sector of Hue City.

(3) Two battalions of Vietnamese Marines conduct S&D operations in northern sector of Hue City on right flank of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(4) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines direct support.

(5) 1st MAG general support.

c. Attachments/Detachments.

(1) Hq Plt, Co A, 1st Tank Bn will be OPCOM 1st, Battalion, 5th Marines upon arrival 1st ARVN Division CP.

2. MISSION. Upon arrival LCM transportation to Hue at LCU ramp complete displacement to 1st ARVN Division CP. Conduct S&D operations north of the Song Huong in coordination with GVN forces fix and destroy enemy forces and restore control of northern Hue to GVN.

3. EXECUTION.

a. At H-Hour on D-Day commence S&D operation within zone of action from LOD with 2 companies abreast attacking southeast.

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b. Company A.

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

(1) On order at H-Hour commence movement from 1st ARVN Division CP to the LOD.

(2) On order attack in area of operations from northwest to southeast to fix and destroy enemy forces.

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

c. Company C.

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

(1) On order at H-Hour commence movement from 1st ARVN Division CP to the LOD in trace of Company A.

(2) On order attack in area of operations from northwest to southeast with Company A on right flank to fix and destroy enemy forces.

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

d. Det, H&S Company.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) Provide CP security.
- (3) Move in trace of Company C.

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e. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company B(-) (Rein)

(a) Be prepared to reinforce, on order, either of the attacking companies.

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Zone of Action - Area bounded by (YD 756230) to (YD 763234) to (YD 768228) to (YD 763222).

(2) D-Day - 12 February 1968

(3) H-Hour - 1400H

(4) Thrust Points

(a)	Whisky	7425
(b)	Candy	7626
(c)	Flower	7422
(d)	City	7521
(e)	Automobile	7823

(5) Reference Time - 1300H

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Prescribed load and basic allowance.

b. 3 MCIs, full canteens, protective mask.

c. Resupply as required. LSA established 1st ARVN Division compound. Moved by truck from ZOA to LSA 1st ARVN Division compound.

5. COMINT AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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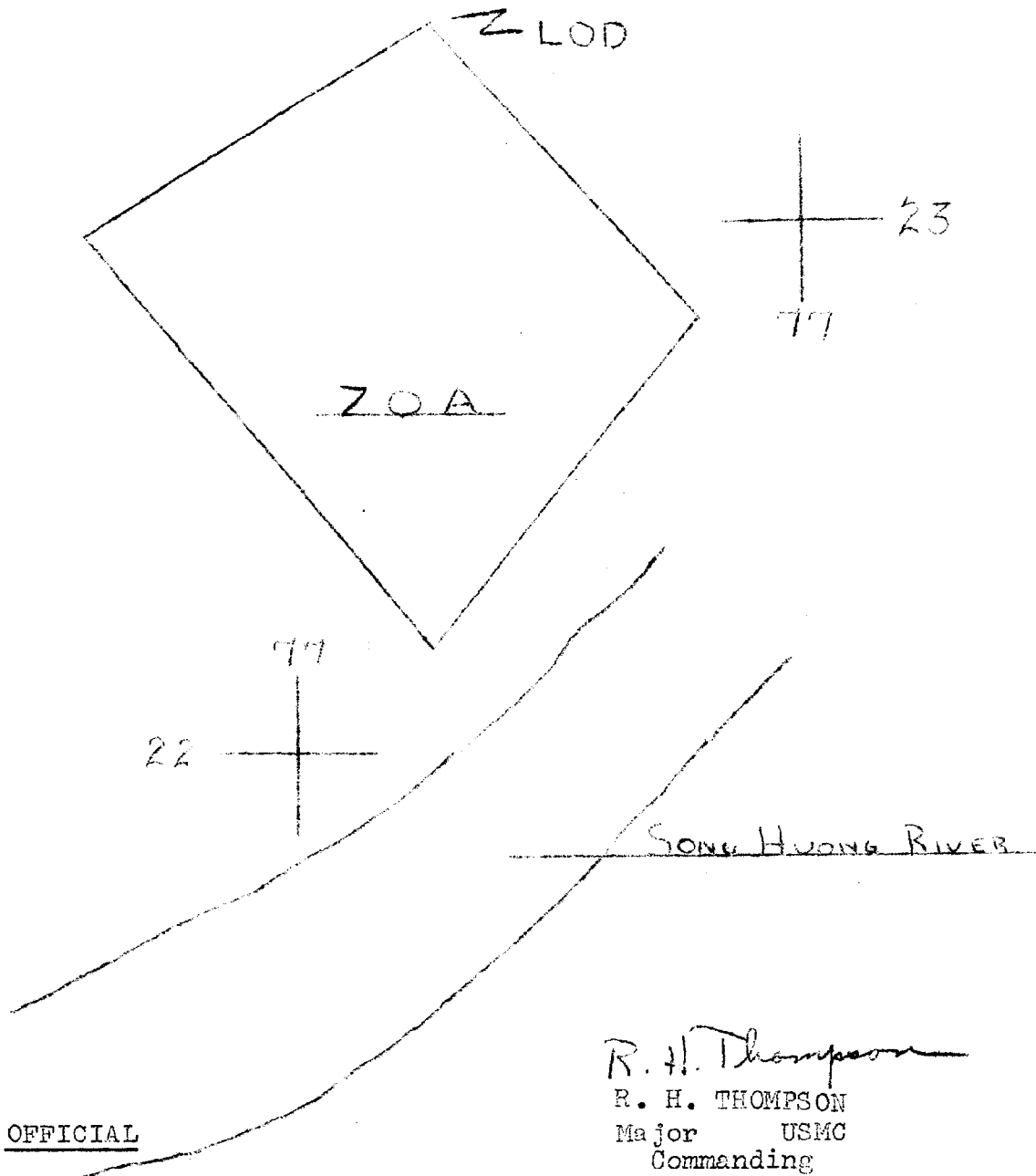
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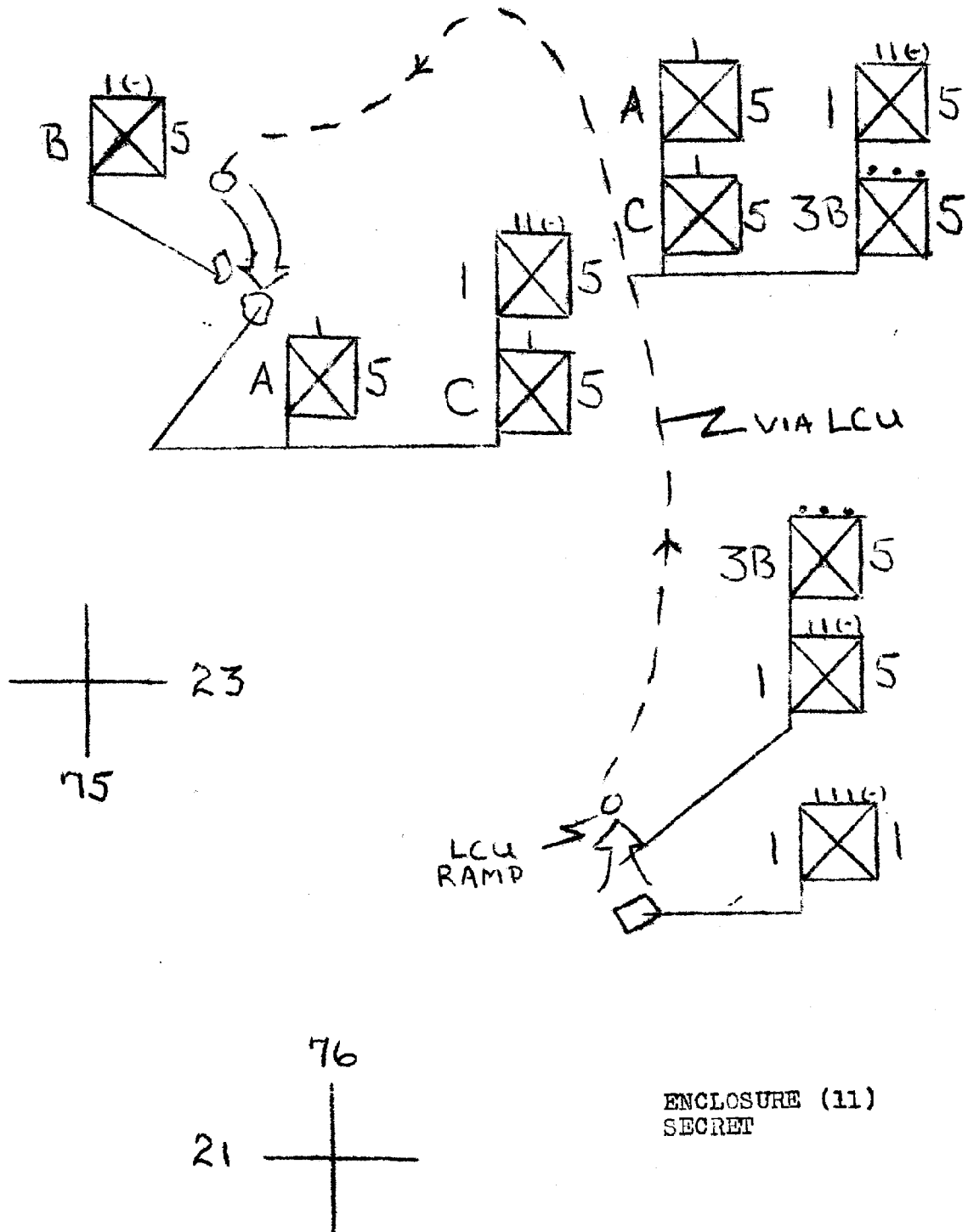
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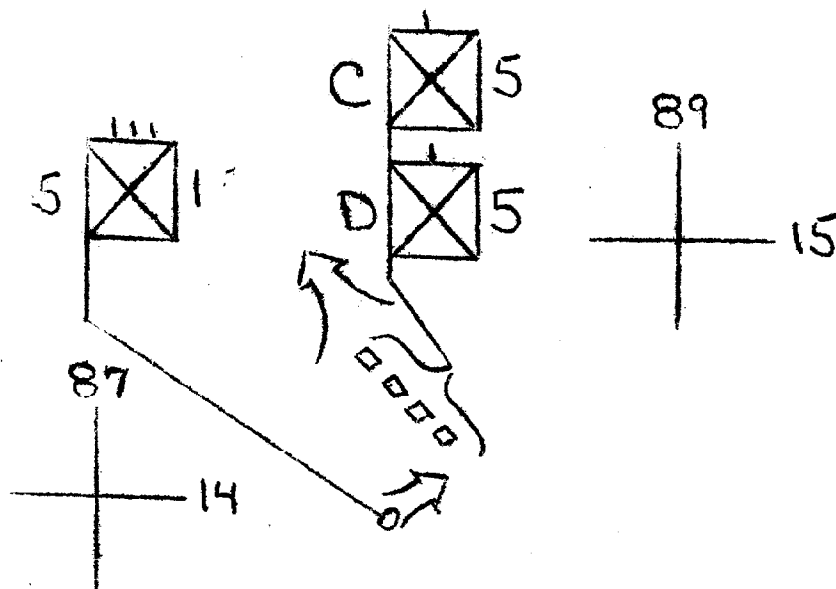


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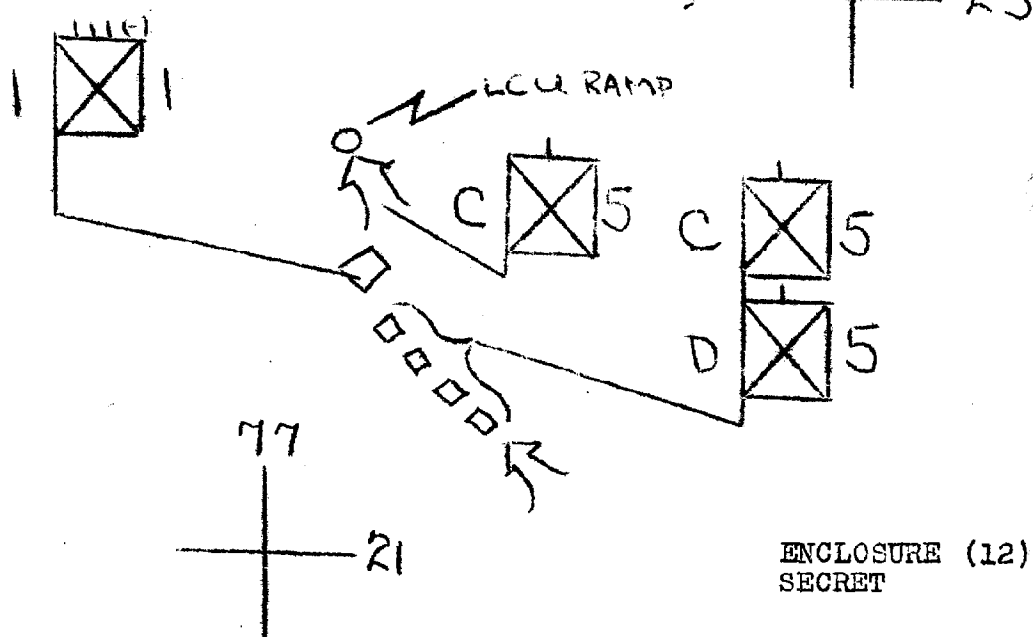
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Hue, RVN
13 February 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS
- b. Friendly.

(1) 1st Marines (Rein) continues S&D operations in Hue City north and south of Huong River and area of operations south of Phu Cam River.

(2) Detach Company D to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. No change.
- b. Company B(-) (Rein) assume mission of Company A.
- c. Company C. No change.
- d. Det. H&S Company. No change.
- e. Battalion Reserve.

(1) Company A

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

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

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Make maximum utilization of air, artillery and CS to prep fire assault.

(2) Air observers on station.

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- (3) ~~Time~~ station for call.
- (4) Air delivered CS as requested.
- (5) Submit enemy and friendly casualty reports as soon as possible. Indicate friendly non-medevacs.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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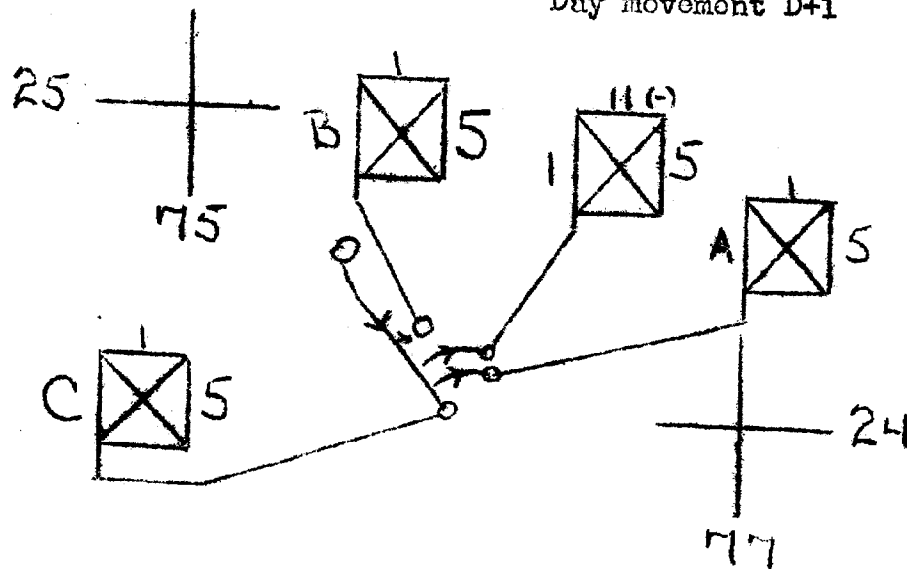
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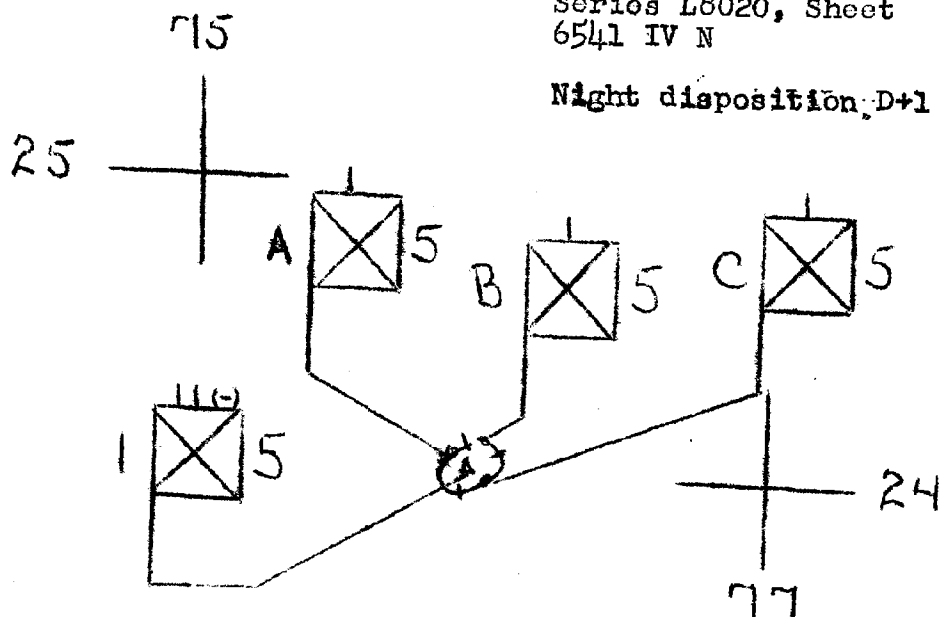
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13 February 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. No Change.b. Friendly. No Change.2. MISSION. No Change.3. EXECUTION. No Change.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No Change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No Change.

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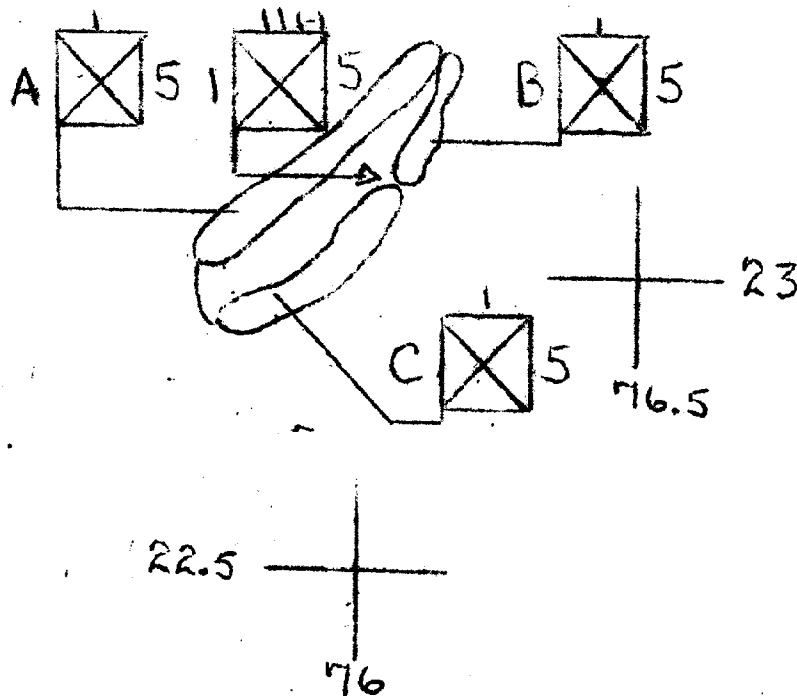
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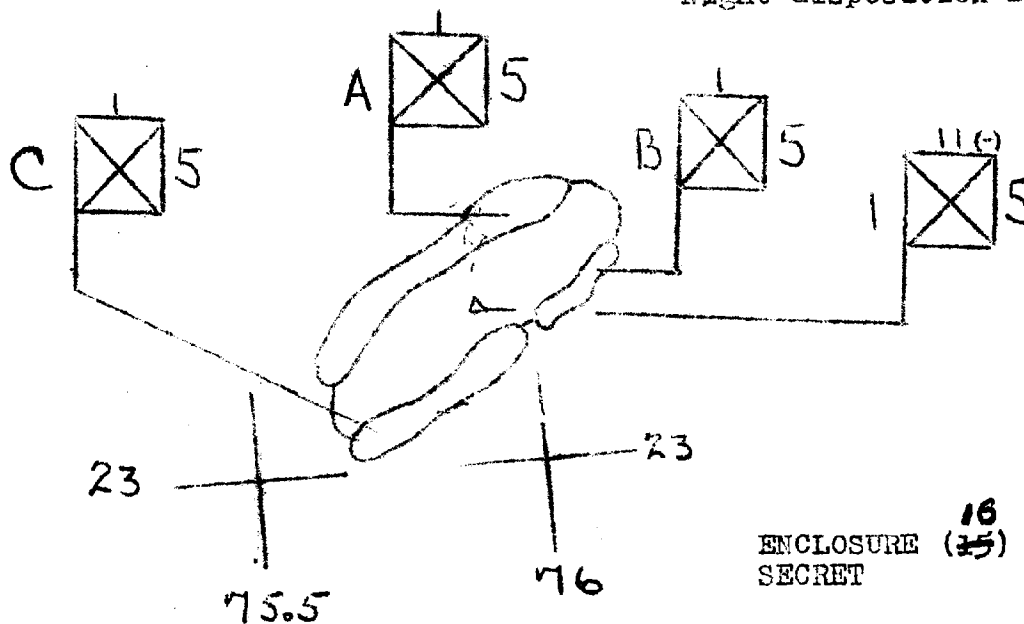
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Hue, RVN
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

(1) Company D chopped from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continues to attack in zone of action with three companies abreast attacking to the southeast.

b. Company B.

(1) Continue attack to southeast in center portion on Battalion ZOA.

c. Company C.

(1) Continue attack to southeast on right portion of Battalion ZOA.

d. Company D.

(1) Continue attack to southeast on left portion of Battalion ZOA.

e. Det, H&S Company. No change.

f. Battalion Reserve. No change.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AO on station at 150730H.

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(2) TAC(A) for Naval gunfire on station at 150730H.

(3) Fixed wing with CAS on call.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMBAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

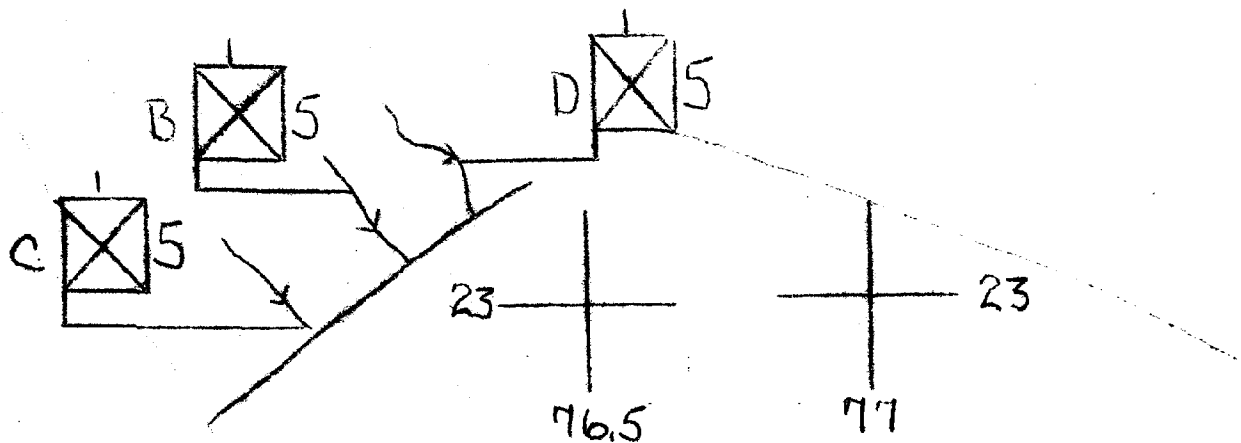
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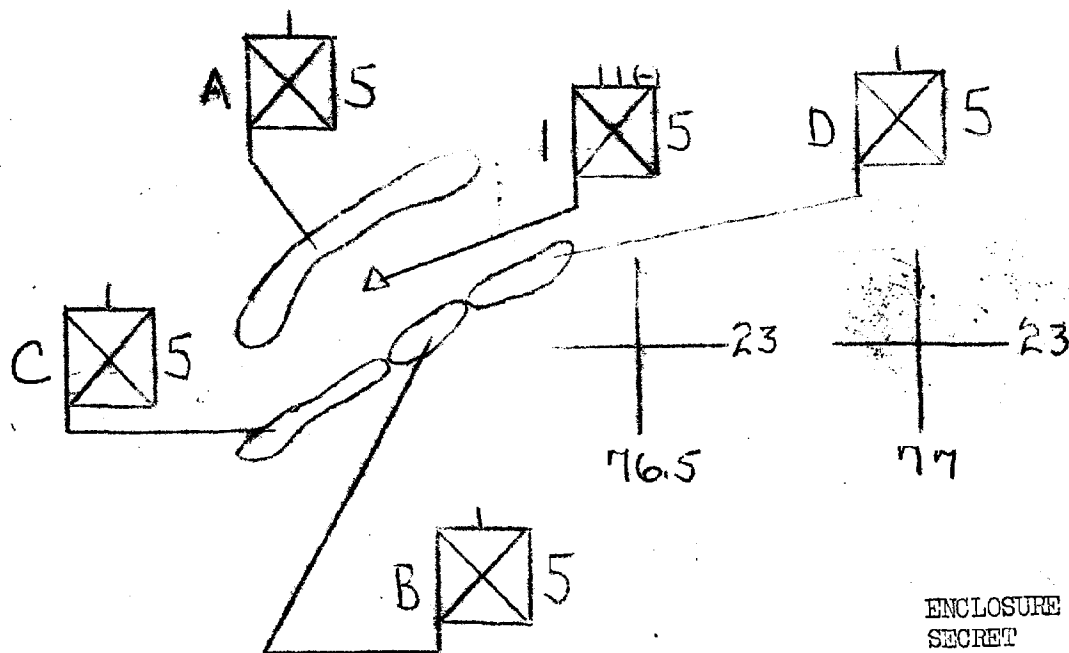
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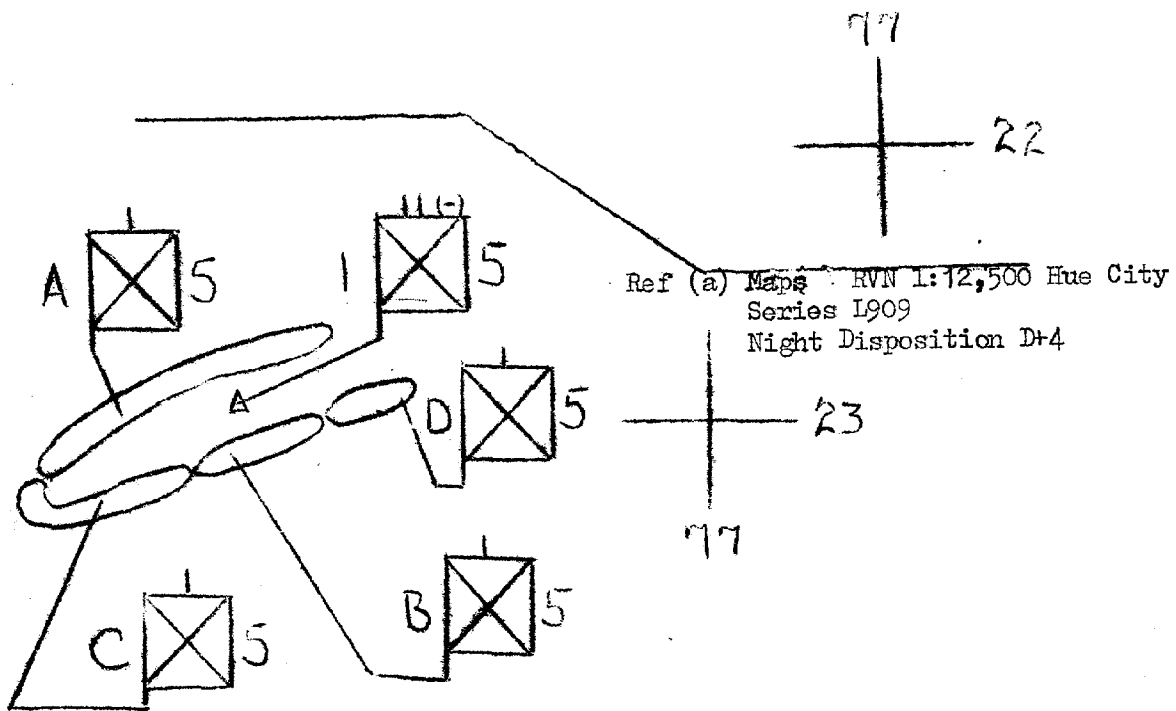
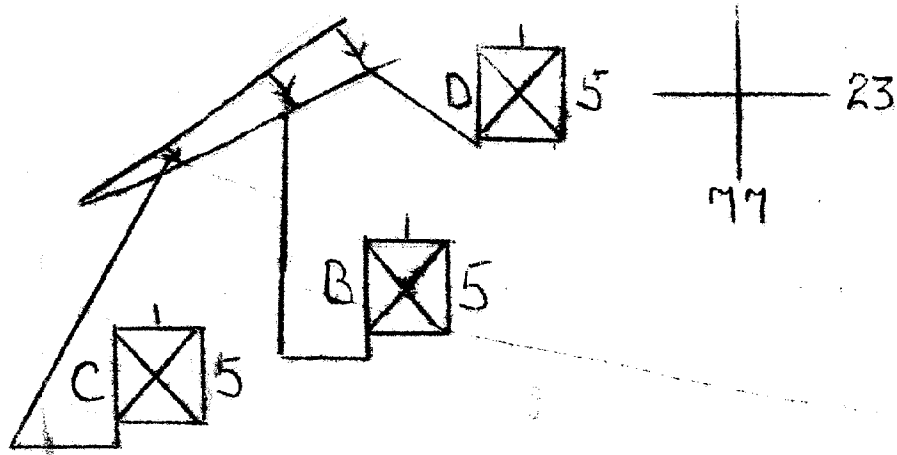
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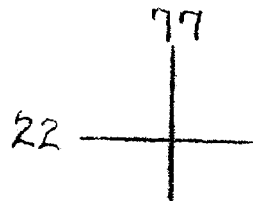
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. Consolidate night defenses prior to darkness. At first light continue attack to southeast to locate and destroy enemy forces.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. No change.
- b. Company B.
 - (1) Consolidate present position for night defense.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack at first light.
- c. Company C.
 - (1) Consolidate present position for night defense.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack at first light.
- d. Company D.
 - (1) Consolidate present position for night defense.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack at first light.
- e. Hq Plt, A Co, 1st Tanks.
 - (1) One tank in direct support of Companies B and D.
 - (2) Two tanks in direct support of Company C.
- f. Det, H&S Company. No change.

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g. Battalion Reserve.(1) Company A. No changeh. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AO on station at 160730H

(2) Priority of fires to Company D.

(3) Naval gunfire, air and artillery will be used extensively as available.

(4) Contact from right to left.

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

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Hue, RVN
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(1) AO on station 0730H

(2) Fixed wing on call.

(3) Submit position reports every hour.

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

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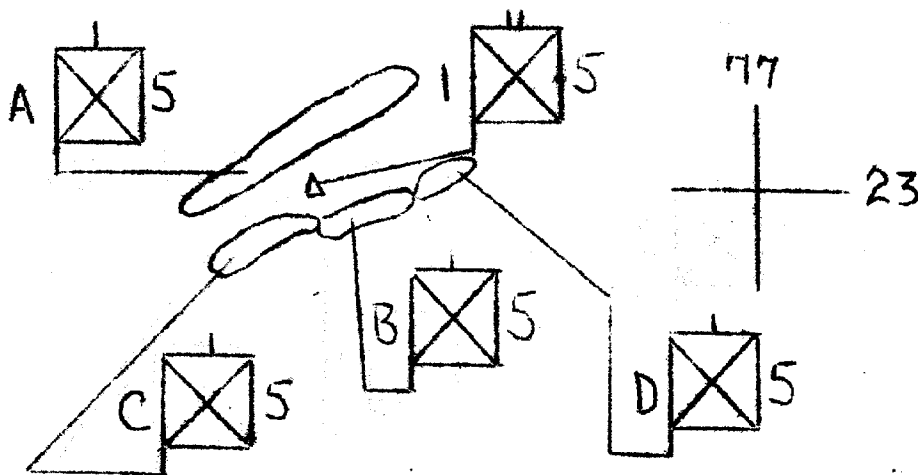
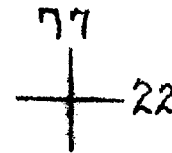
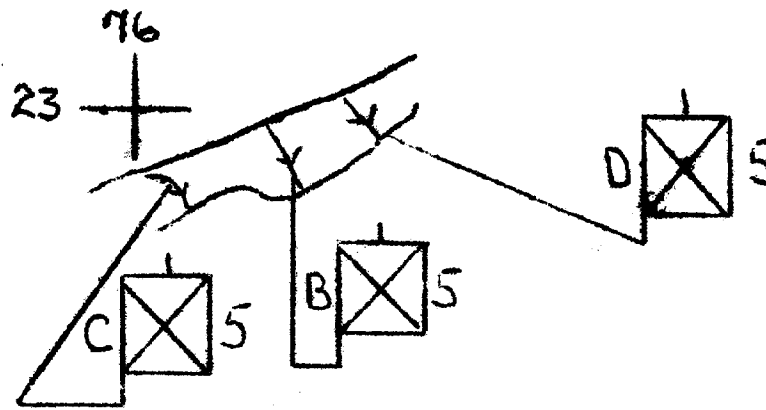
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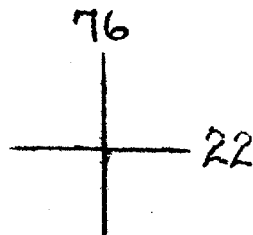
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Hue, RVN
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Time zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. At first light continue to attack to southeast to seize, occupy and defend that portion of the Citadel wall within zone of action.

b. Attacking companies. No change.

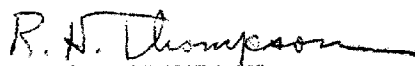
c. Battalion Reserve. No change.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Maximum air support with napalm, and rockets.

(2) All logistic support including medevacs will go through 1st Battalion, 5th Marines S-4.

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


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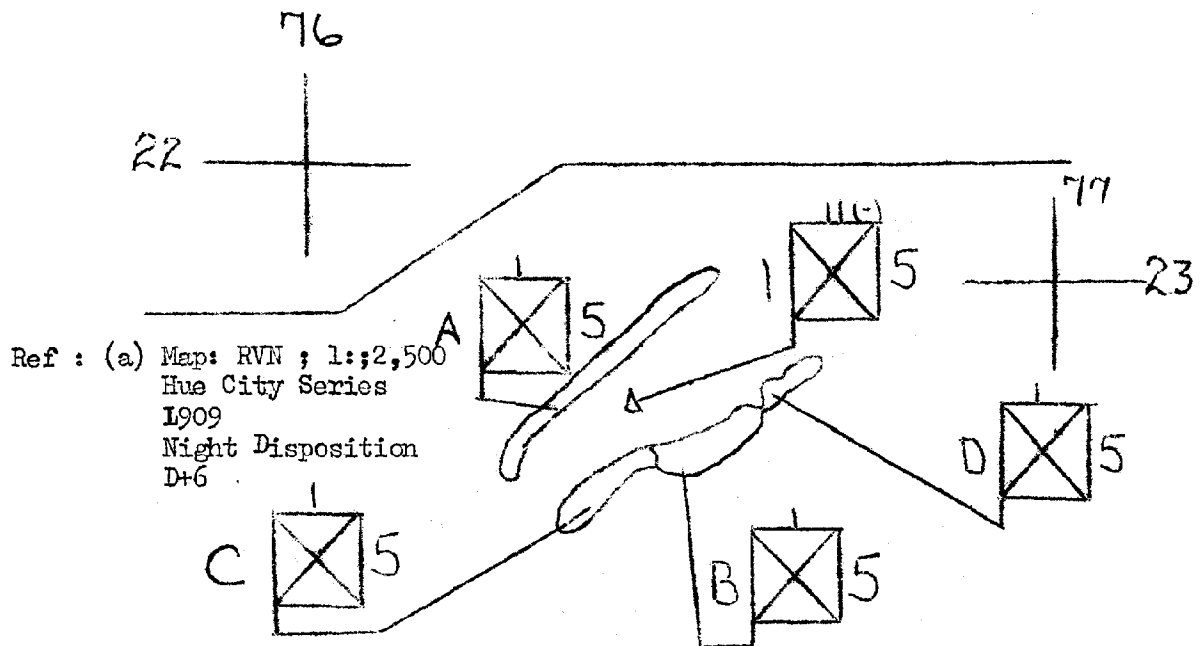
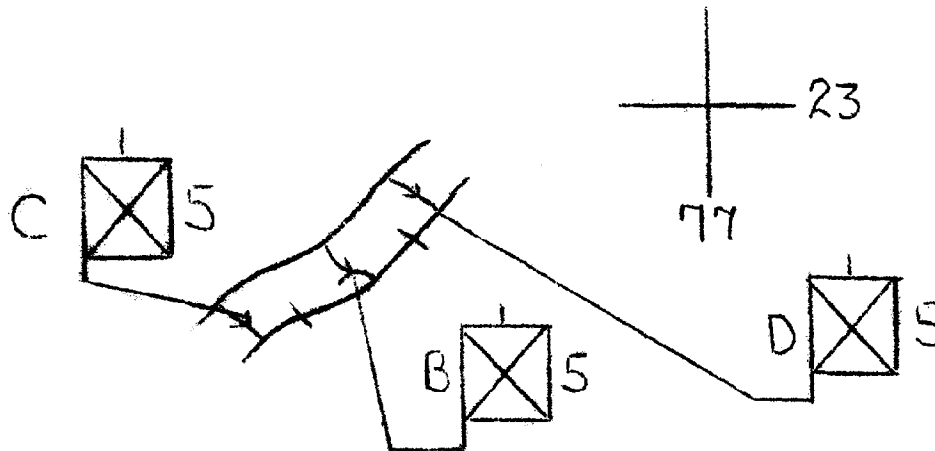
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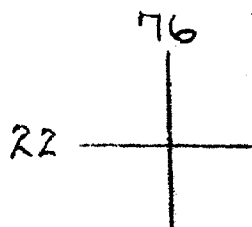
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Time Zone: H

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2. MISSION. No change
3. EXECUTION. No change.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
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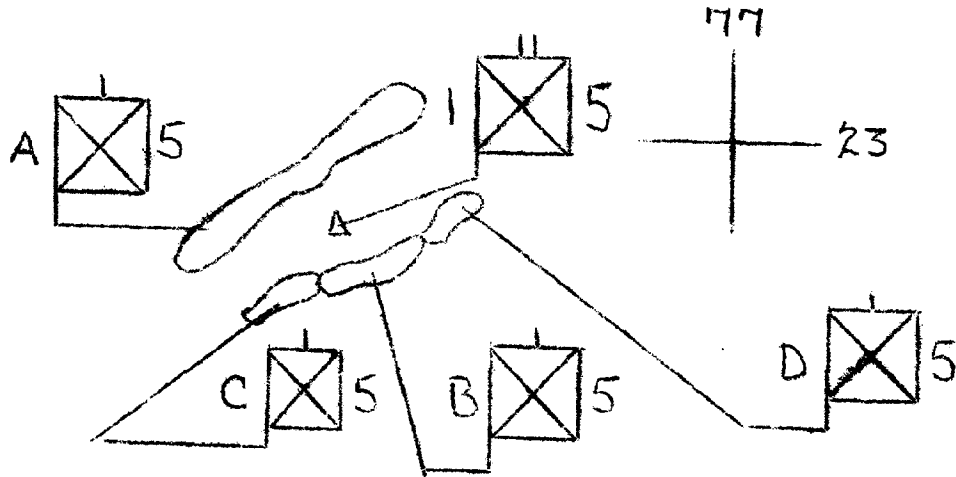
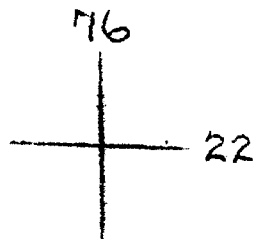
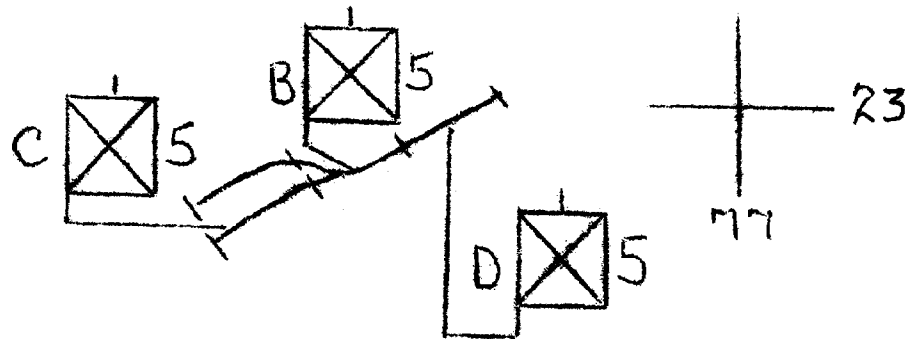
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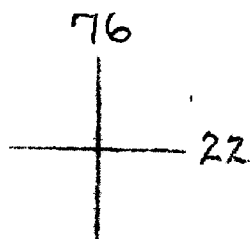
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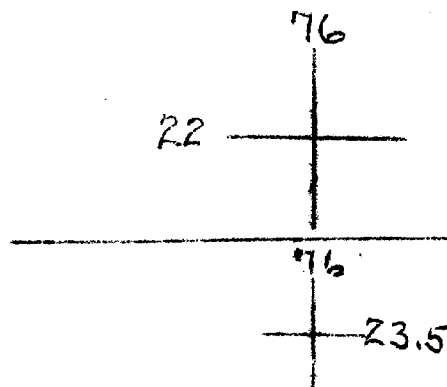
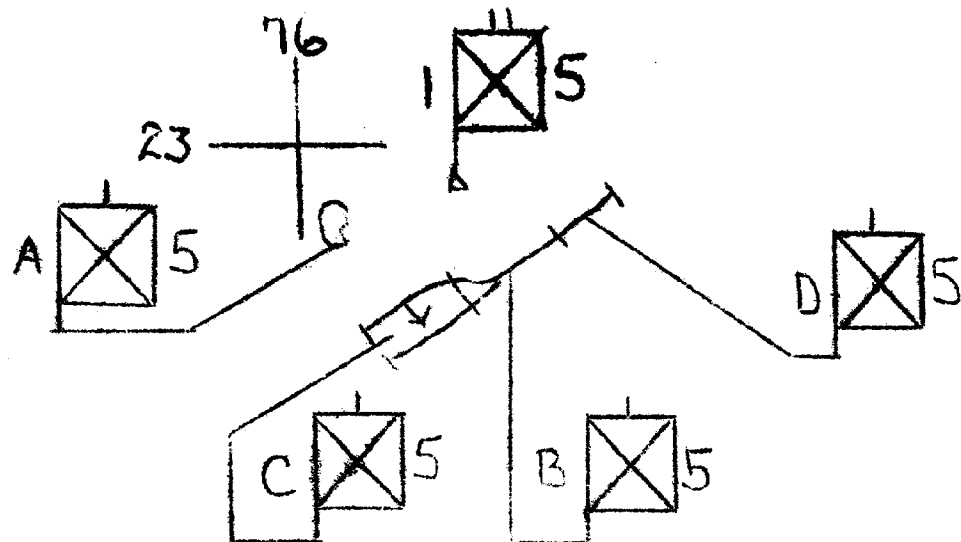
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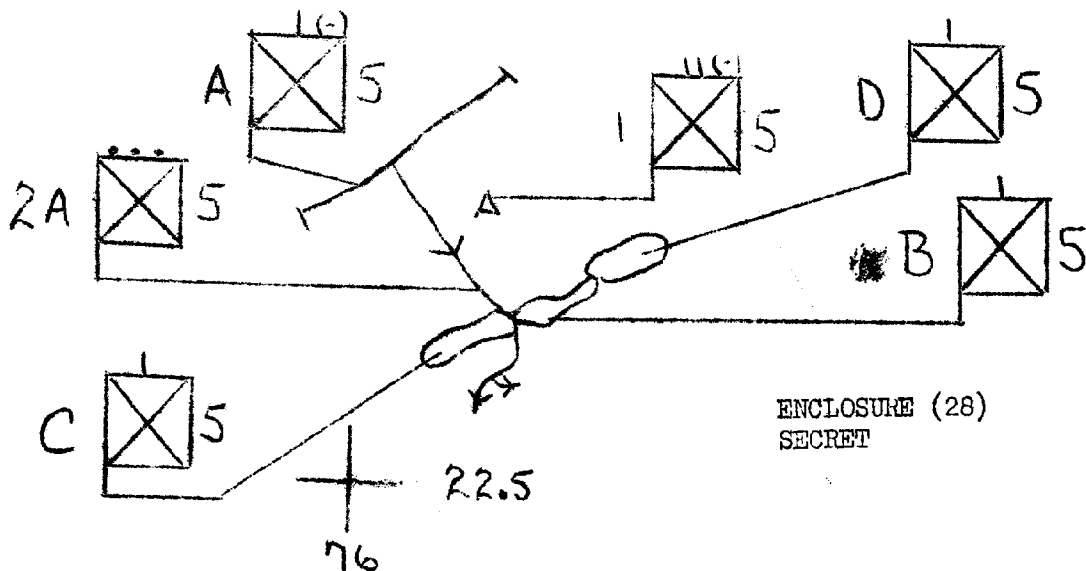
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Hue, RVN
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. No change.
- b. Attacking companies. No change.
- c. Battalion Reserve. No change.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Flareship on station at 202000H.
- (2) AG on station 210800H.
- (3) Naval gunfire ship on station.
- (4) Position reports every hour.

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

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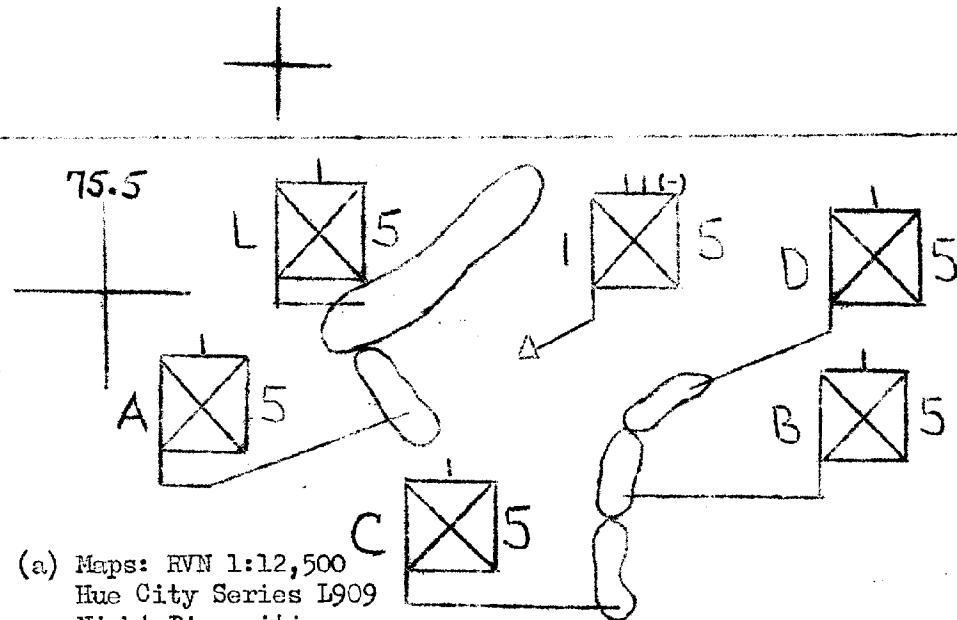
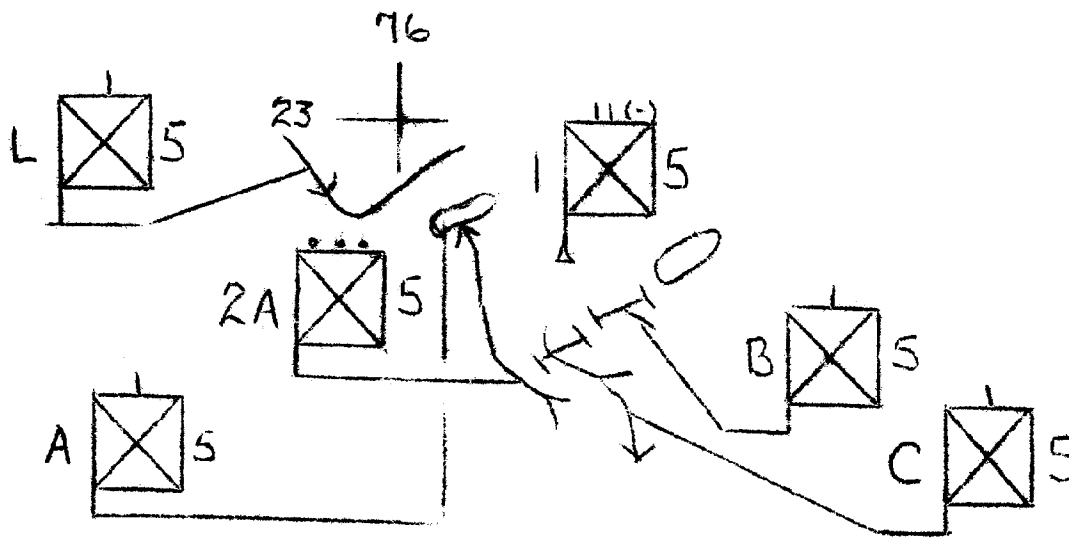
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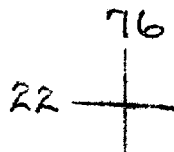
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Hue RVN
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Time Zone H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) attacks within area of operation from east to west with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on the left and 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on the right.

c. Attachments. Det, Co A, 1st Tank Bn
Det, Co A, Ontos 1st AtBn.
Det, Co A, 1st Engrs Bn

2. MISSION. Commence Search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Area of Operations to sieze Objectives A, B, C, D, and E.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. (Operation Overlay)

b. Company C

(1) On order attack on the right to sieze objective B.

(2) On order continue attack to sieze objective A.

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

c. Company D.

(1) Attack on left to sieze objective C.

(2) Be prepared to continue the attack to Objectives D and E.

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

d. Det, Co A, 1st Tank Bn.

(1) General support

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Hue, RVN
21 February 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.
- c. Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. ~~opcon to 1st~~
Battalion 5th Marines.
- d. B Company chopped to 5th Marines.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. Conduct a night attack then continue attack to southeast to west bank of Song Huong River.
- b. Company A(-) (Roin).
 - (1) With one platoon, conduct night attack on buildings at (YD 762226).
 - (2) Upon securing objective, assume Battalion reserve.
- c. Company D.
 - (1) Continue attack in area of operation to southeast to west bank of Song Huong River.
- d. Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
 - (1) Continue attack in area of operation to southeast
- e. Det, H&S Company. No change.
- f. Battalion Reserve.
 - (1) Company C

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

(b) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking companies.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Flareship on station 212000H.

(2) LC on station 220800H.

(3) Fixed wing on call.

(4) Position reports every hour.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

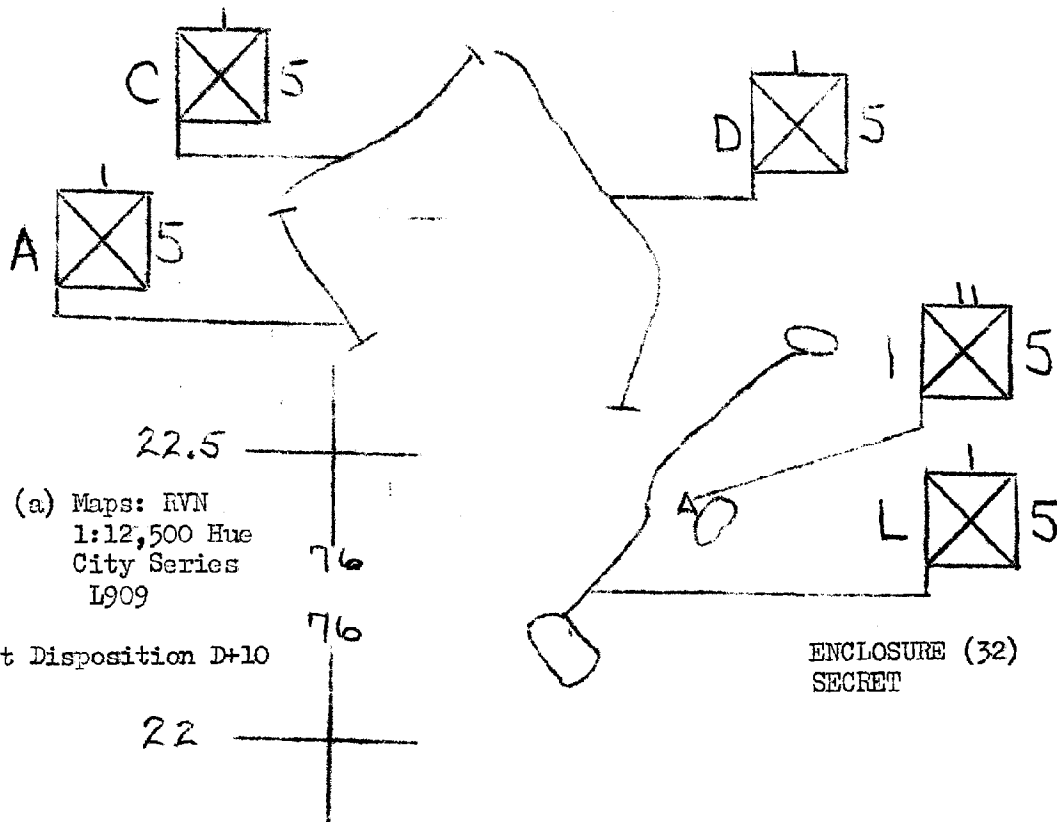
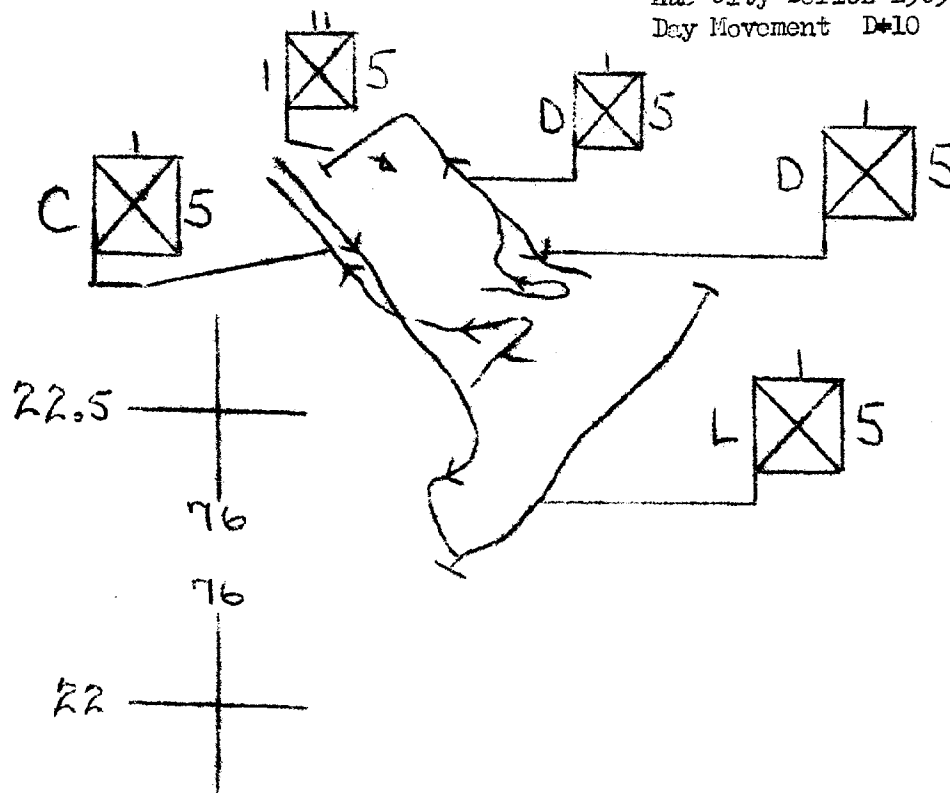
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. No change.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly. No change.

c. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION

a. Continue attack in Zone of Action, due west to clear remaining NVA/VC held terrain within zone with three companies abreast.

b. Company A

(1) Attack due west in center of battalion zone of action.

c. Company C

(1) Attack due west on right of battalion zone of action.

d. Company L

(1) Attack due west on left of battalion zone of action.

e. Det H&S No changef. Reserve.(1) Company D.

(a) Be prepared to assume mission of attacking companies.

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

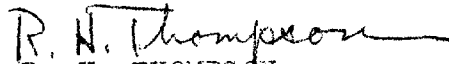
g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Flare ship on station 222000H.

(2) Fixed wing on request.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

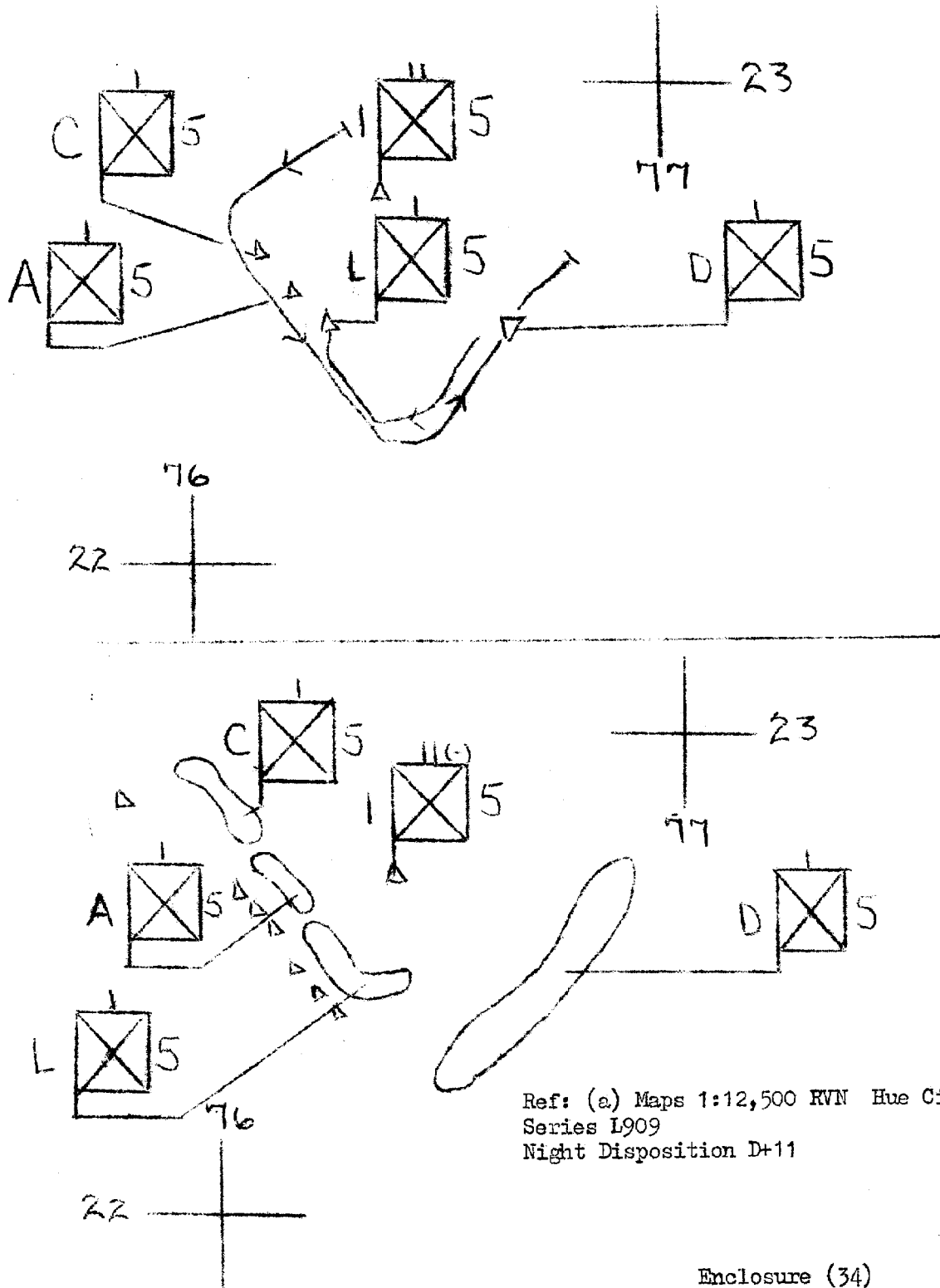

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Tue, RVN
23 February 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly. No change2. MISSION. Continue attack by supporting arms against western/south western portion of zone of action.3. EXECUTION.

a. Continue the attack with three companies abreast to the western and southwestern portion zone of action.

b. Attacking companies.

(1) Continue attack to west and southwest in area of operation.

(2) On order continue attack to west to complete search and destroy mission within zone.

(3) Conduct search of zone to police enemy weapons and equipment, report locations of enemy casualties.

c. Det H&S Company. No changed. Battalion Reserve. No change.e. Coordinating Instructions. No change4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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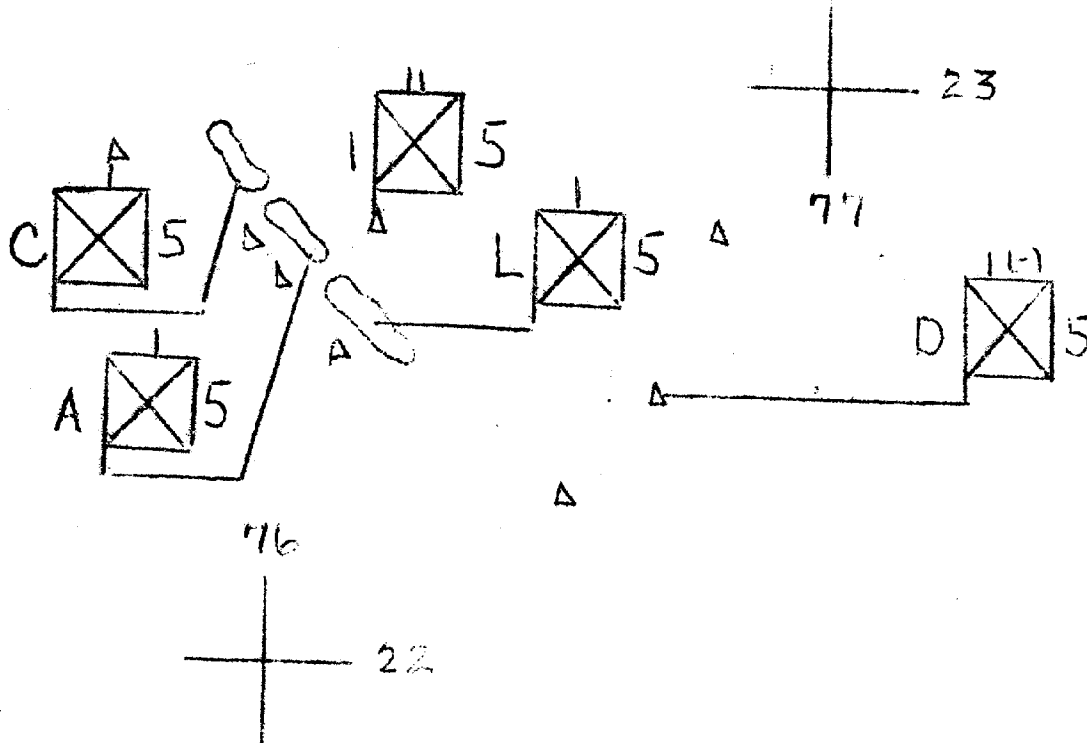
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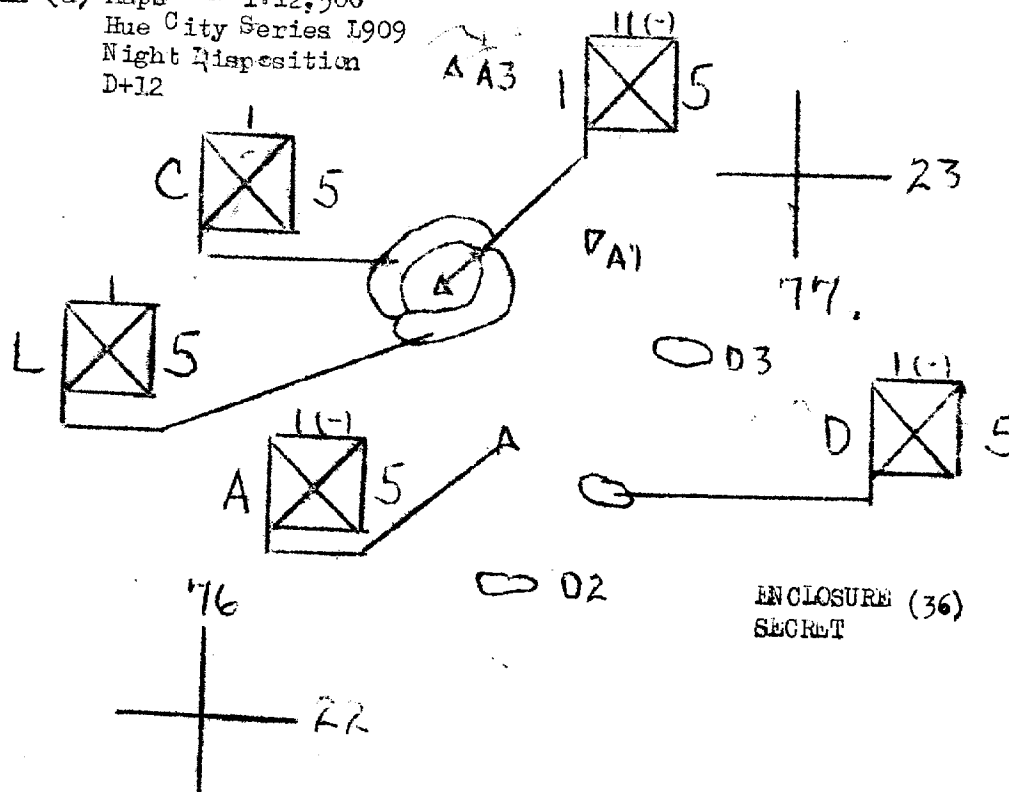
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1st Battalion, 5th Marines
Hue, RVN
24 February 1968

Frag Order 19-68

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. Mission. Occupy position in assigned zone of action to provide security to Hue City within zone against counter attack/infiltration.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. (Operation Overlay).
- b. Company: A, D, C, & L

(1) Provide security within area against counter attack infiltration.

(2) Be prepared to conduct further offensive operations.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Flareship on station 242000H.
- (2) Priority of fires to 2nd Battalion 5th Marines.
- (3) AO on station 250800H.
- (4) Fixed wing on call.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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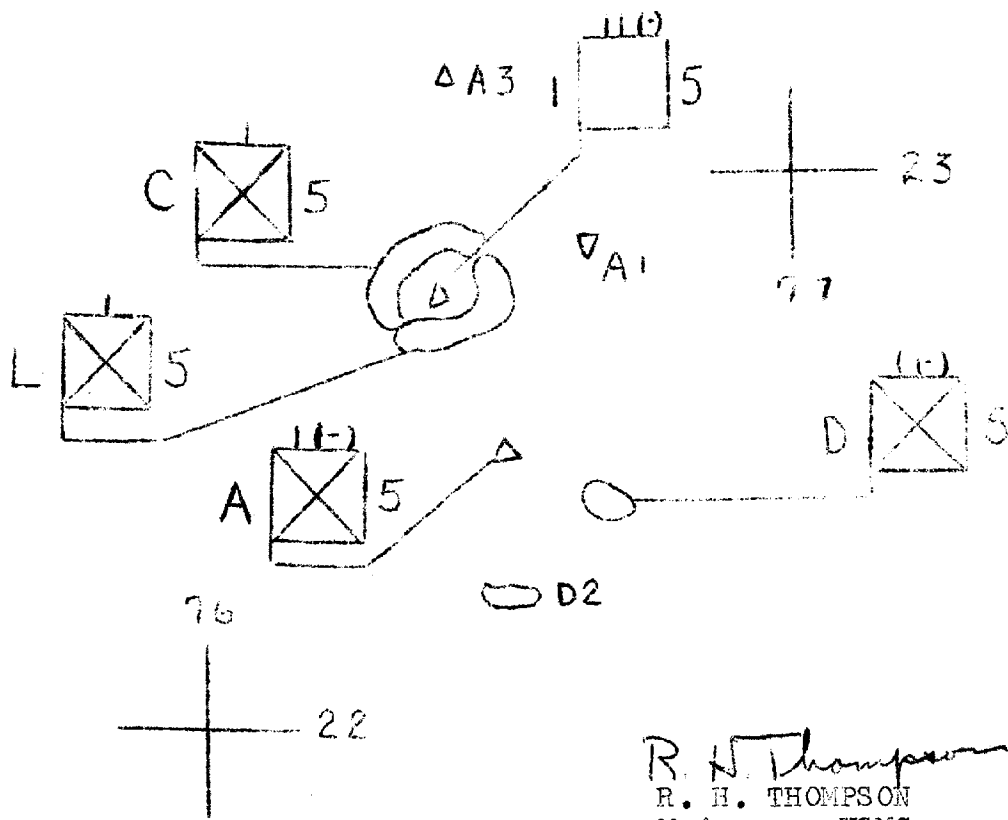
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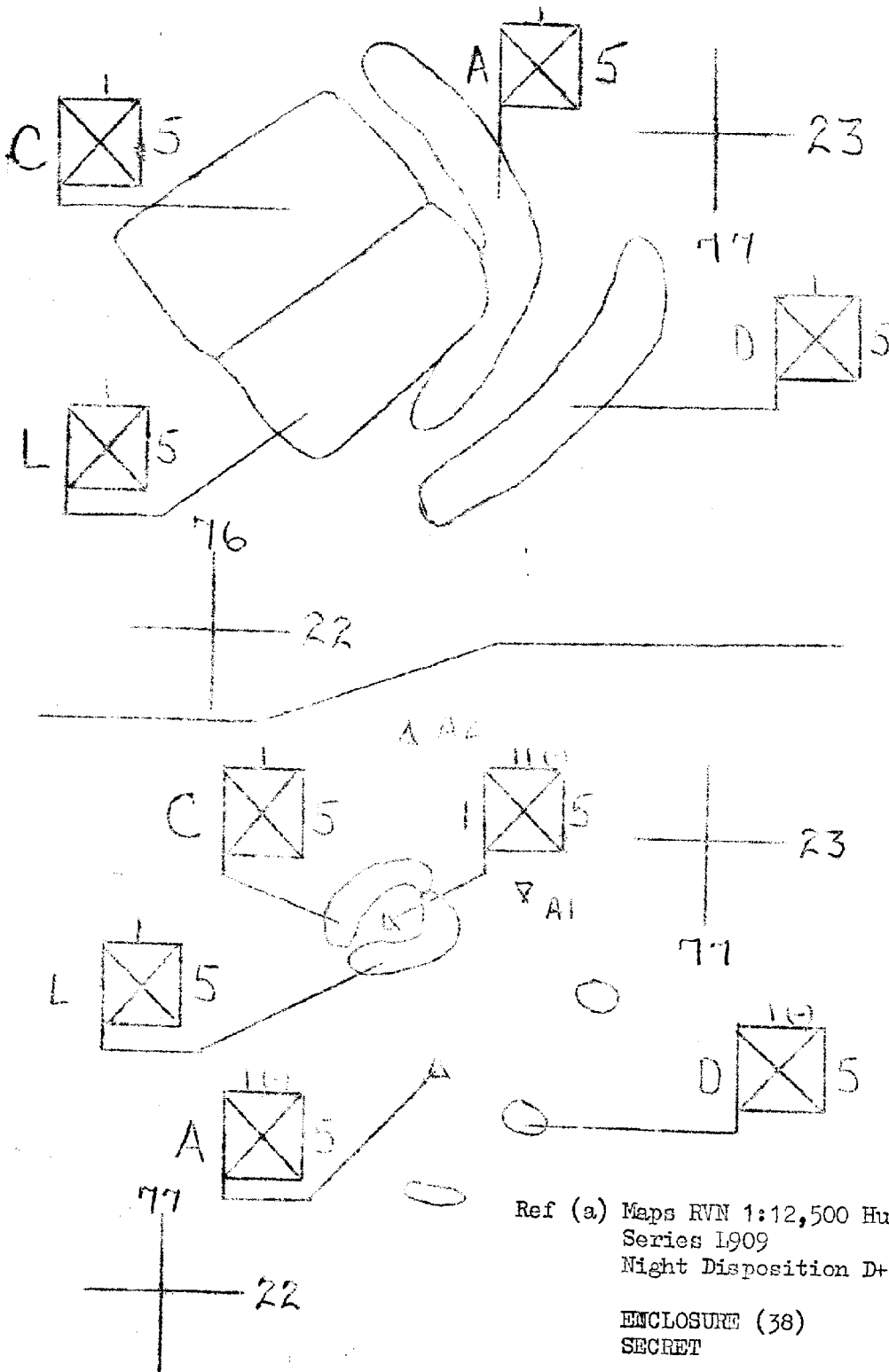
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Tue, RVN
15 January 1968

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Time Zone : H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINPREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.
- c. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.3. EXECUTION. No change.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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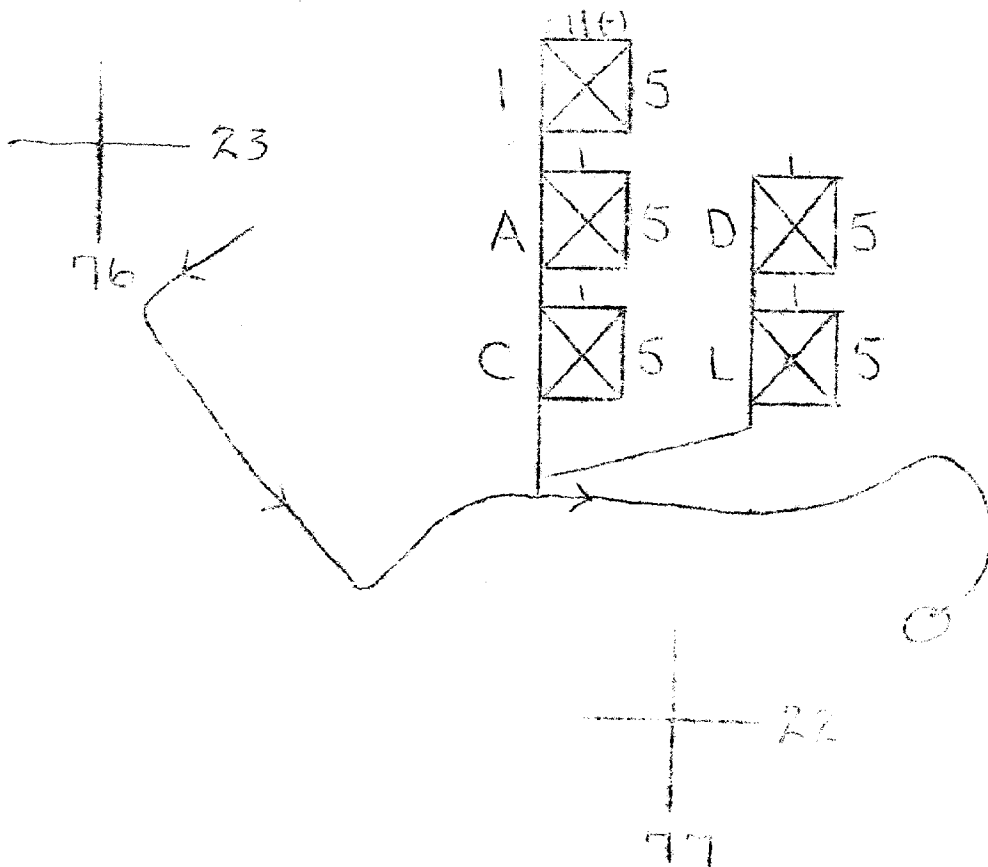
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Hue RVN
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Time Zone H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly. No change.2. MISSION. Effect relief of lines in sector and displace to Assembly Area in Southern area of Hue City.3. EXECUTION.a. Concept

(1) Effect relief of lines with GVN Leatherneck units.

(2) On completion of relief displace via LCM 8 to Southern Area Hue City and occupy Assembly Area in vicinity (YD 775221).

(3) Be prepared to commence Search and Destroy operation North of Song Van Duong.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Area of operations will be area bounded by Song Huong on west, river on south, north by river extending from (YD 768262) to (YD 796255) to (YD 877977) and on east by 80 North South Grid Line, to Song Van Duong.

(2) Order for attack to be issued at Assembly Area.

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

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- e. Det, Co A, Ontos
 - (1) General support
- f. Det, H&S Co
 - (1) Battalion Command Group Security
 - (2) Follow in trace of Company D
- g. Reserve
 - (1) Company A (-)(Rein) and Company L
 - (a) Follow in trace of Company D
 - (b) Be prepared, on order, to assume mission of attacking companies
 - (c) Be prepared to assume other missions on order
- h. Coordinating instructions
 - (1) Report front line position hourly
 - (2) Report seizure of Objectives ASAP
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No Change.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No Change.

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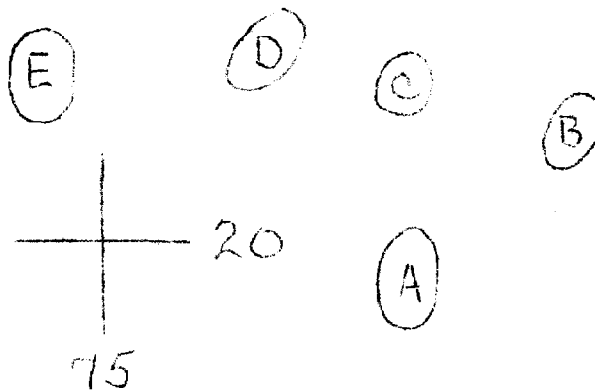
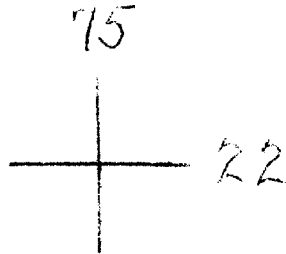
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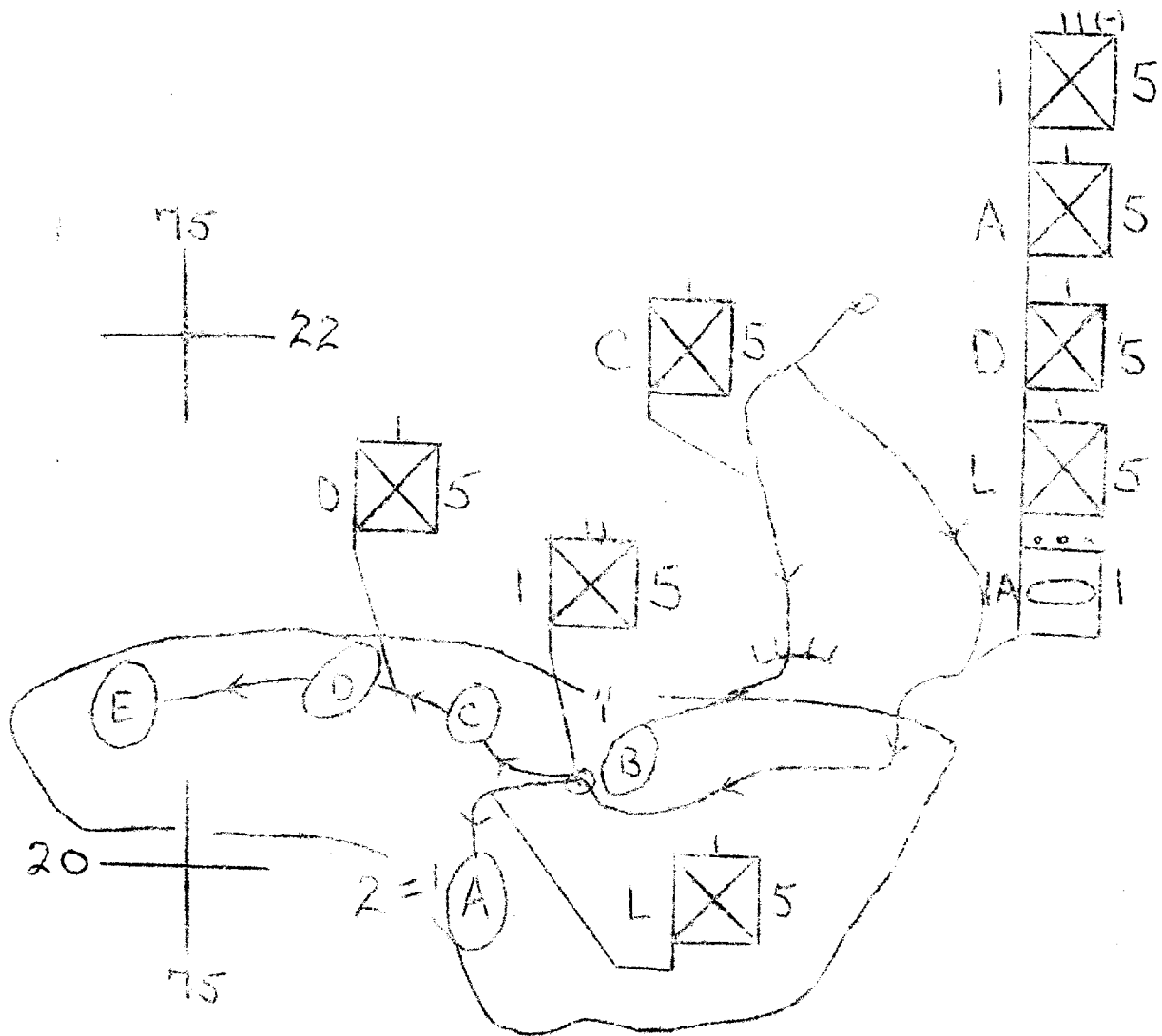
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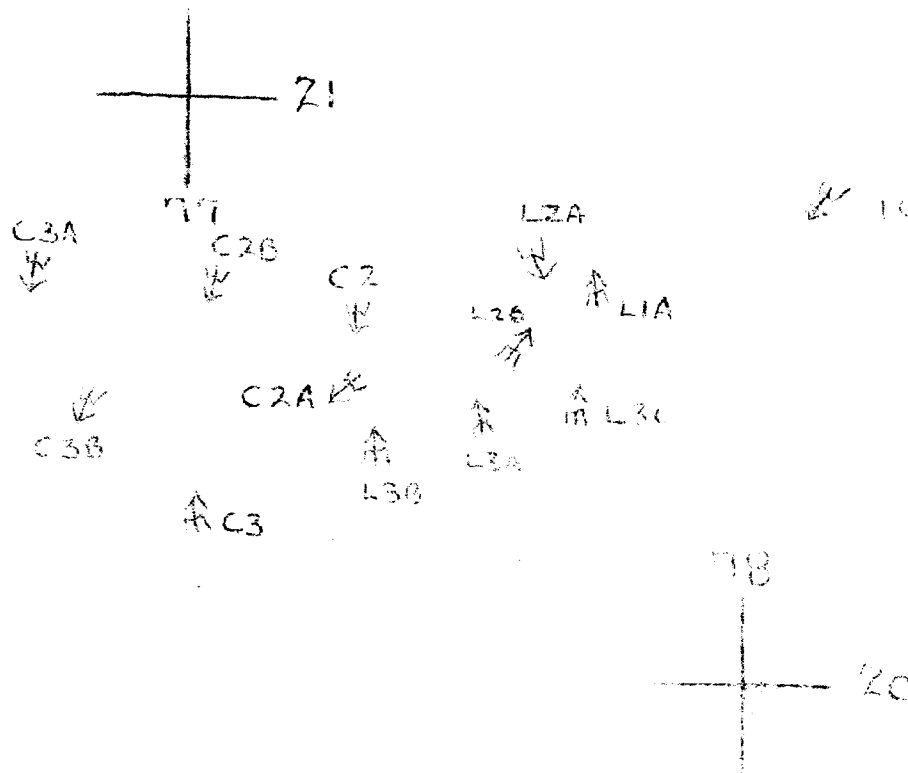
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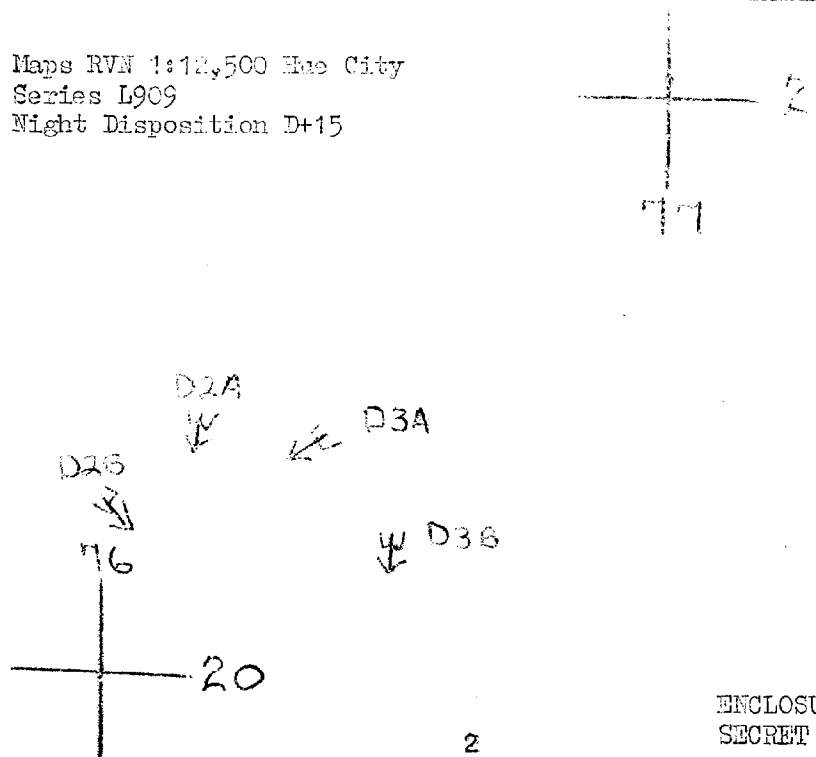
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Time Zone E

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINPREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.
- c. Attachments. No change.

2. MISSION. Establish positions to protect southern approached to southern sector of Hue City from enemy counter attack/infiltration.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Establish patrolling and night ambushes in area of operation south of Phu Cam from YD 762205 to YD782207.

b. Company C

(1) Conduct extensive ambush activities in vicinity of objectives A and B.

c. Company D

(1) Conduct extensive ambush activities in vicinity of objectives E and D.

d. Company L

(1) Conduct extensive ambush activities in vicinity of Objective C.

e. Coordinating instructions

(1) Flare ship on station 272000H

(2) Report patrol routes by thrust points

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Thrust point Boy 7721.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION. No change.

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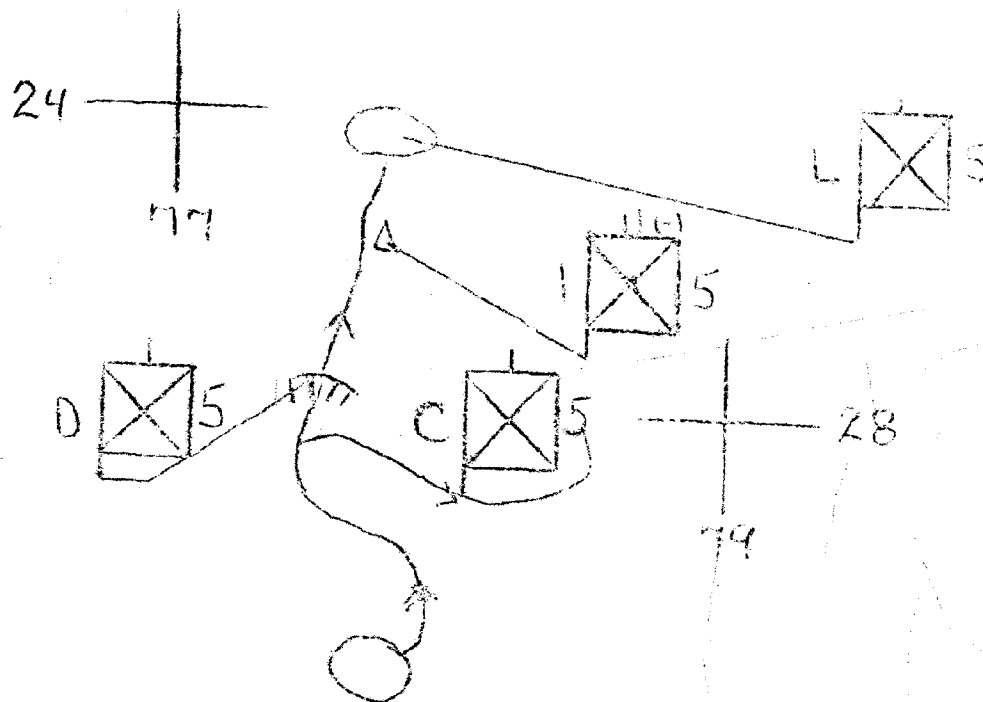
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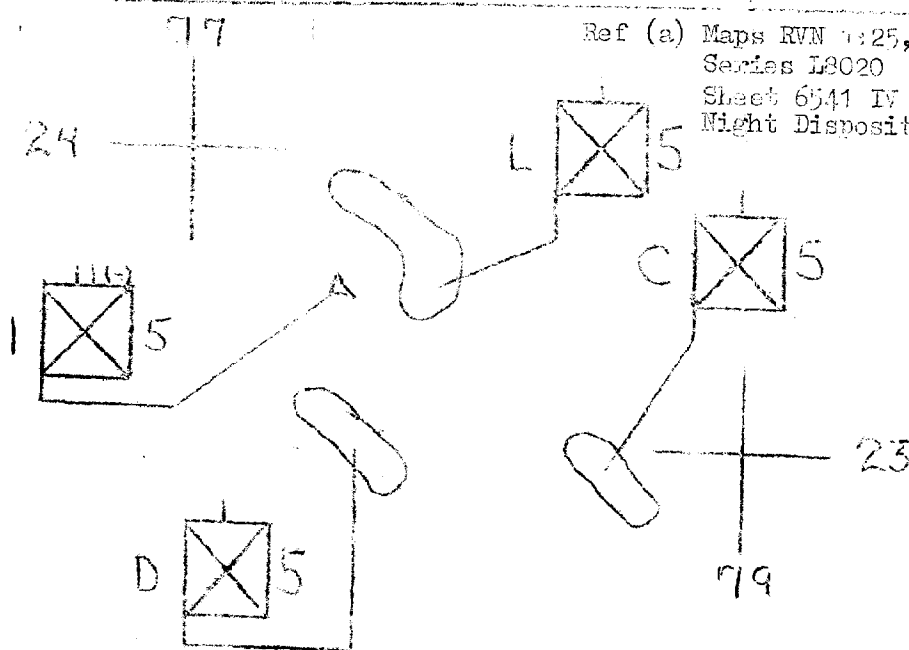
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Hue RVN
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Time Zone H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Friendly. Current ISUMS and PERINTREPS
- b. Enemy. No change
- c. Attachments. No change

(1) Det Co A, 1st Tank Bn

(2) Det, Co A, 2nd Plt, Ontos

2. MISSION. At H-Hour on D-Day Cross LOD, pass through Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, establishing enlarged bridgehead from YD 788229 to YD 775235. Provide direct fire support for 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines river crossing. Continue attack to north within assigned sector. On order continue attack across phase line LOU in sector to conduct search and destroy operations north to Phase Line BOB. Upon arrival Phase Line BOB and on order, assume mission of Regimental reserve.

3. EXECUTION.

(a) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will establish an enlarged bridgehead with two companies. On order ATTACK to Phase Line LOU.

(b) Company L

(1) With light section of tanks in direct support cross LOD at H-Hour. Pass through Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines vicinity of Check Point #5.

(2) Search and Destroy built-up area to Check Point # 2.

(3) Be prepared, on order, to continue attack to north on order.

(4) With Sweep team, sweep Route #1 551.

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c. Company C

(1) With 106RR Platoon attached follow in trace of Company L. After crossing LOD, turn right and pass through Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

(2) Search and destroy built up area north of river and establish bridgehead vicinity 788229.

(3) Support 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines river crossing with direct fire.

(4) On order continue attack north through built up area on right side of Battalion ZOA.

d. 81mm Mortar Platoon

(1) General Support from Present position

(2) Be prepared, on order, to displace by echelon.

e. Scout Snipers

(1) General Support

f. Battalion Reserve

(1) Company D

(a) With sweep team attached occupy assembly area vicinity stadium (YD 778221).

(b) Be prepared, on order, to assume mission of either attack company.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Report arrival at Check Points and Phase Lines.

(2) Contact left to right

(3) D-Day 28 Feb 68

(4) H-Hour 1000H

(5) Report CP locations hourly

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Basic allowance of ammo
- b. Two meals per man
- c. Battalion BAS and LSA at stadium initially
- d. Submit supply requests to Battalion S-4 not later than 1800 daily.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. Communications remains the same
- b. Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines frequency 55.90 or 56.00.
- c. Battalion Commander will be in vicinity of LOD initially.

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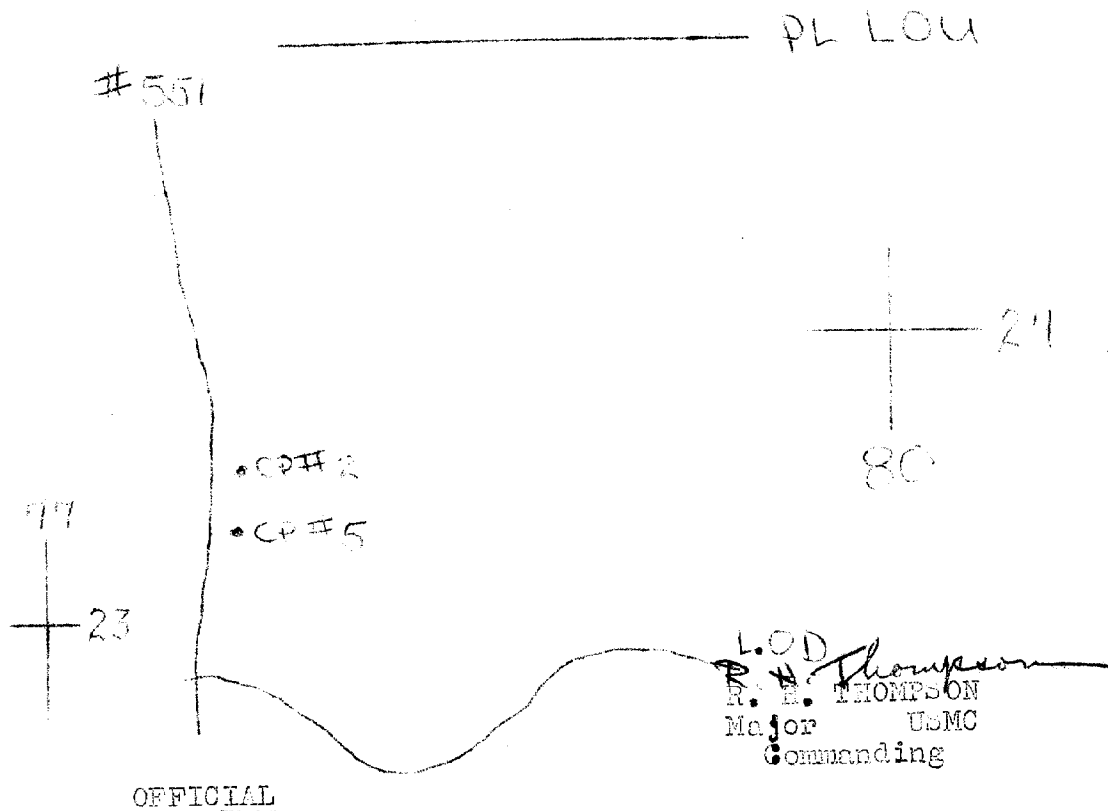
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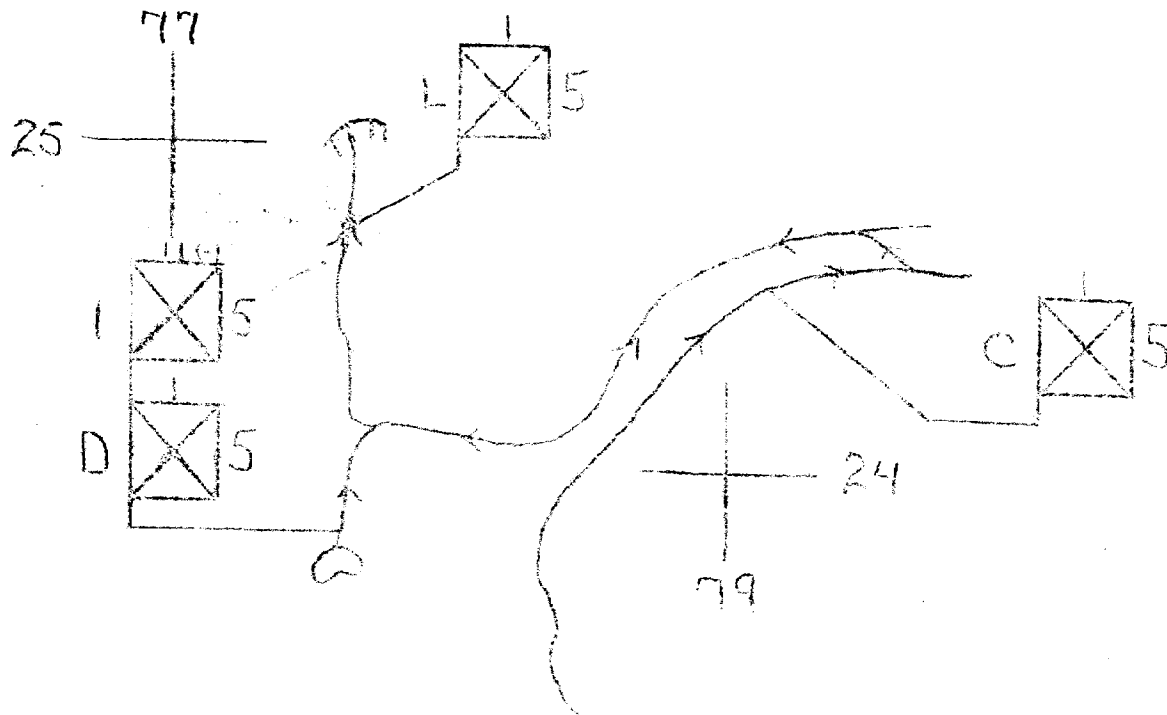


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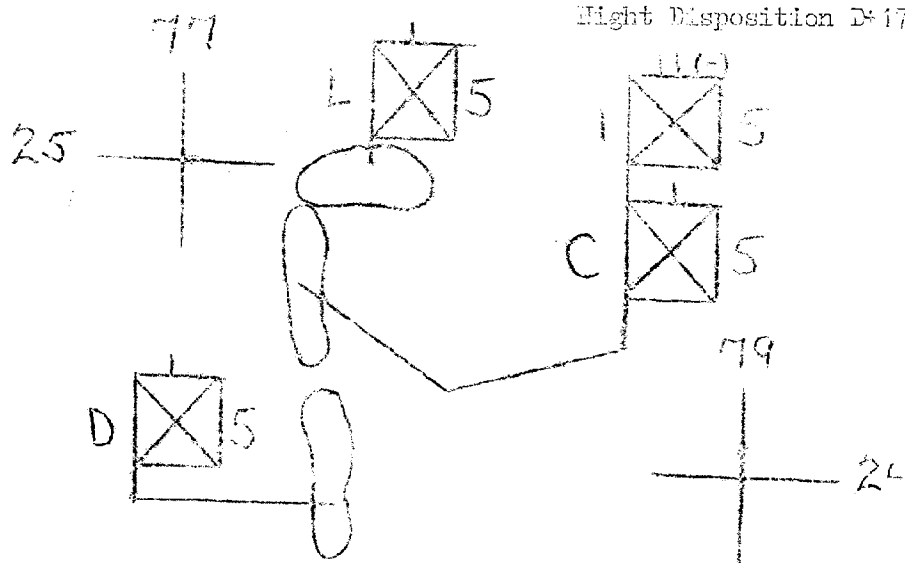
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Hue, RVN
1 March 1968

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly.

(1) 1st Battalion, 1st Marines passes through 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and continues to attack across Phase Line Lou to Phase Line Bob in western zone of action on order.

(2) 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continues attack across Phase Line Lou towards Phase Line Bob commencing at 010700H in eastern portion of Regimental Zone of Action.

(3) Det, A Co, 1stTankBn chopped at first light.

(4) Det, 2nd Plt, Co A, 1stATBn chopped at first light.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines reverts to Regimental Reserve on order at 010800H. Conducts detailed search of area of operations day of 29 February and prepares to assume mission of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines or 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on order.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts company sized detailed searches of area of operations of 29 February to uncover hidden enemy, his weapons and equipment and to destroy his fortifications.

b. Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(1) On order at 010800H commence detailed search of area bounded by (YD 786250) to (YD 797250) to (YD 800246) to (YD 788241) along river.

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(2) Be prepared to return to area of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post on order.

c. Company D.

(1) On order at 010800H commence detailed search of area by (YD 778251) along road to (YD 778242) along stream to (YD 788241) to (YD 786250).

(2) Be prepared to return to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post on order.

d. Company C.

(1) On order at 010800H commence detailed search of area bounded by (YD 773250) along road to (YD 778242) along road to (YD 775239).

(2) Be prepared to return to area of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post on order.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Destroy enemy bunkers within assigned areas.

(2) Be alert for hiding enemy, weapons and equipment caches.

(3) Detain suspicious persons and forward to Battalion S-2.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Carry maximum load of demolition materials.

b. Leave packs in company assembly areas with minimum security.

c. Carry basic allowance of ammunition.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

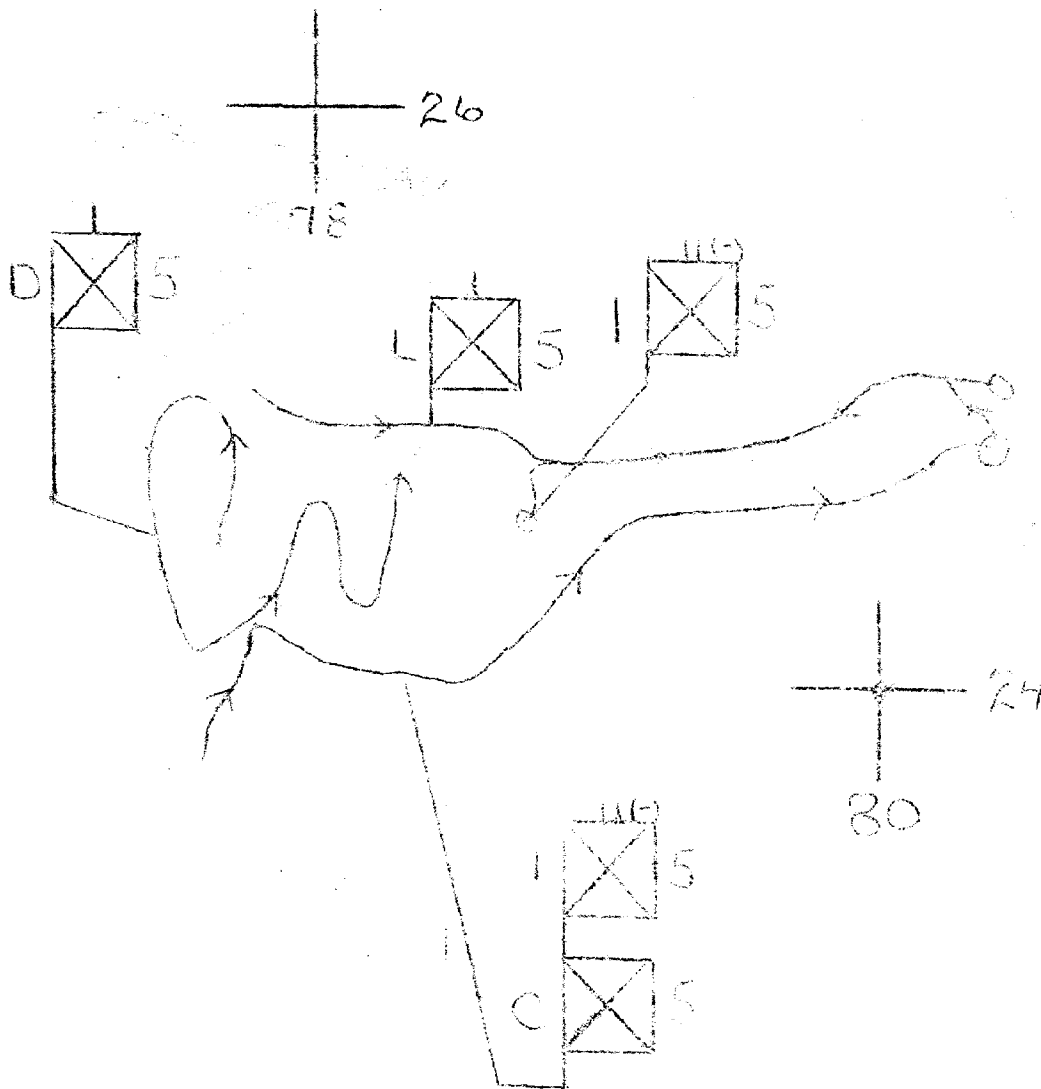
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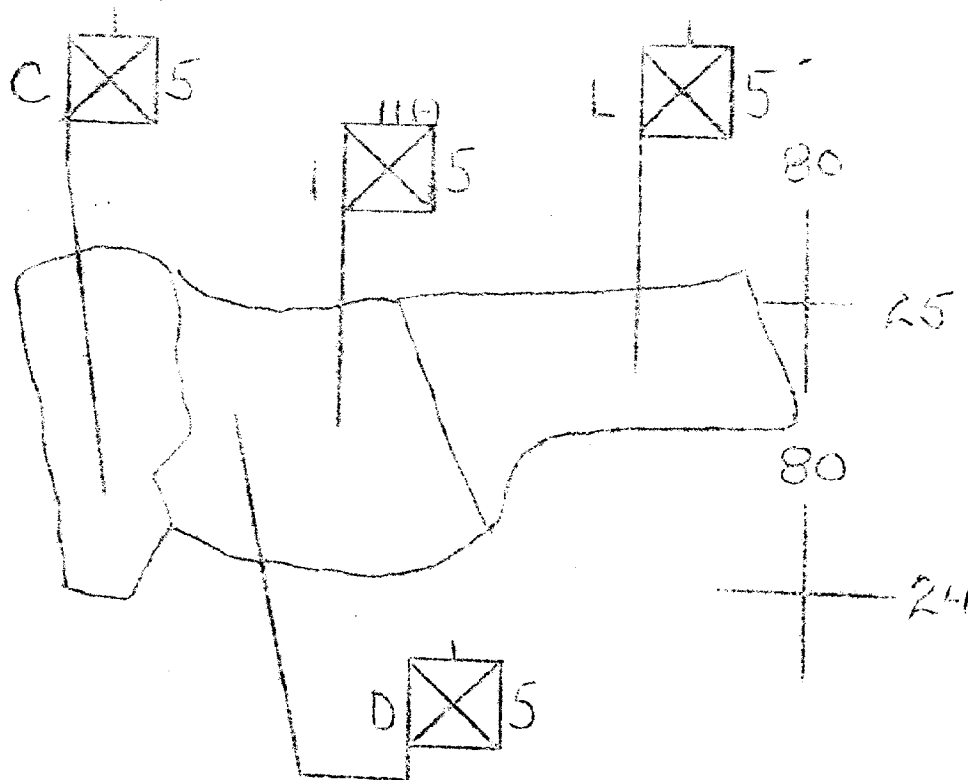
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Time Zone: E

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See Current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. Continue presently assigned mission to search area south of Phase Line Lou to stream east to vicinity (YD 804247). Conduct combat patrols through hamlets located vicinity (YD 815265), (YD 807271), and (YD 802263). Occupy night positions general vicinity of (YD 790246). Conduct night patrols/ambush operations in area bounded by (YD 781258) along highway 552 to (YD 800252) to stream at (YD 802246).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion 5th Marines remains Regimental Reserve and continues to conduct patrolling in area of operations day of 29 February. Be prepared to assume mission of attacking battalion.

- b. Companies L, D, and C.

(1) Continue search and destroy operations in same area of operations

- c. Coordinating Instructions. No change.

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

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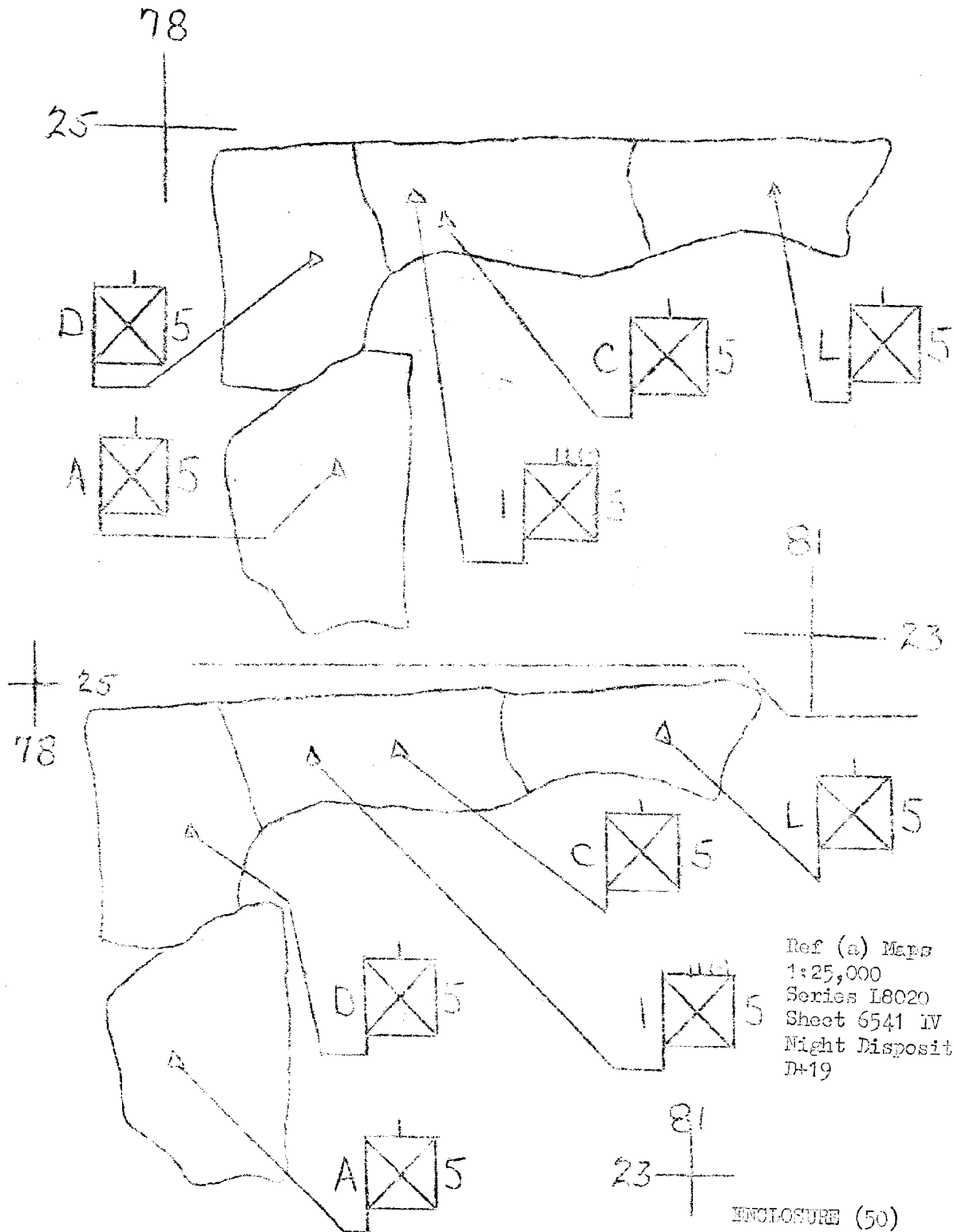
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy. See Current ISUMS and MERINFILPS.
- b. Friendly. No Change
- c. Attachments.

(1) Resume OPCON of Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at 021200H.

2. MISSION. Continue to Search and Destroy operations within zone east to 81 North-South Grid Line. Be prepared on 03Mar68 to chop to task force x-ray and displace to Phu Bai.

3. EXECUTION

a. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts sweep at first light in area of operations and continues to conduct extensive search and destroy of enemy fortifications therein.

b. Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

(1) Move to East, North of H'way 551 to attack position in vicinity (YD 804250). Predawn movement.

(2) Continue to conduct search and destroy operations in area (operations overlay)

(3) Be prepared to support Company F, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines movement south of River.

c. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

(1) Move under cover of darkness to vicinity of Check Point 20. Be ready to sweep to east or support Company L, sweeping to the south.

(2) Continue to conduct search and destroy operations in area (Operations Overlay).

(3) Be prepared to support Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines movement south of river.

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1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. On completion of Search and Destroy operations, occupy night positions vicinity (YD 790246) and (YD 787237) and maintain units east to vicinity (YD 810247). Conduct operations east of 78 north/south grid line north to route 552. Effective 031200H chop to 5th Marines and displace to location as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completes search and destroy operation and conducts night patrol/ambush activities in A0 (Operation overlay).

b. Companies L, C, D and A.

(1) Complete search and destroy operations.

(2) Conduct night patrol/ambush activities in A0 (Operation Overlay).

(3) Be prepared to chop to 5th Marines

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Situation reports every six hours.

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

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d. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

(1) Initially Battalion Reserve Assembly vicinity 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post. Be prepared, on order, to relieve/reinforce or assume other missions.

(2) Be prepared to conduct Search & Destroy operations in Area (Operation Overlay)

(3) Be prepared to support Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines movement south of river.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) AO on station.

(2) Fixed wing on call.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No Change.

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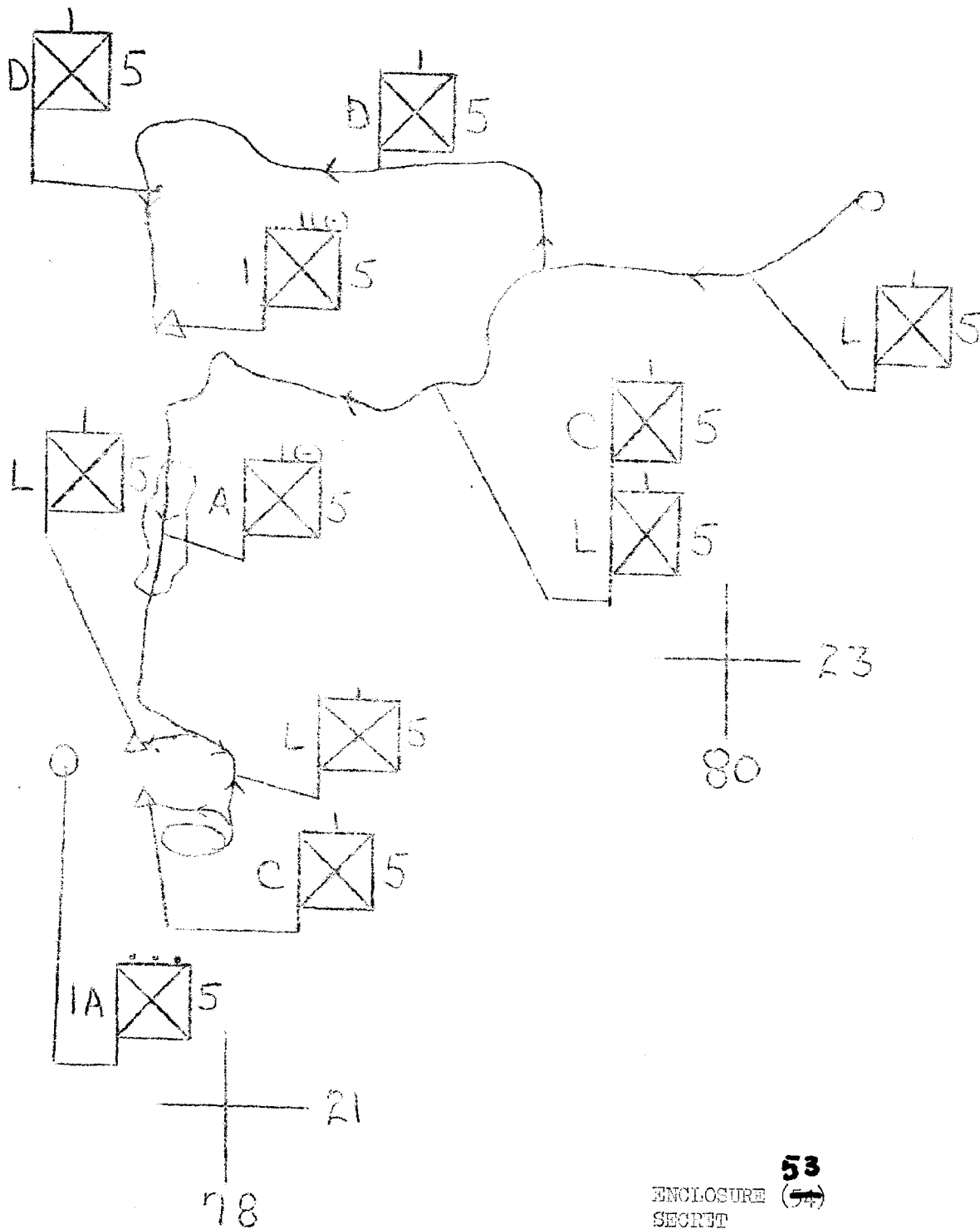
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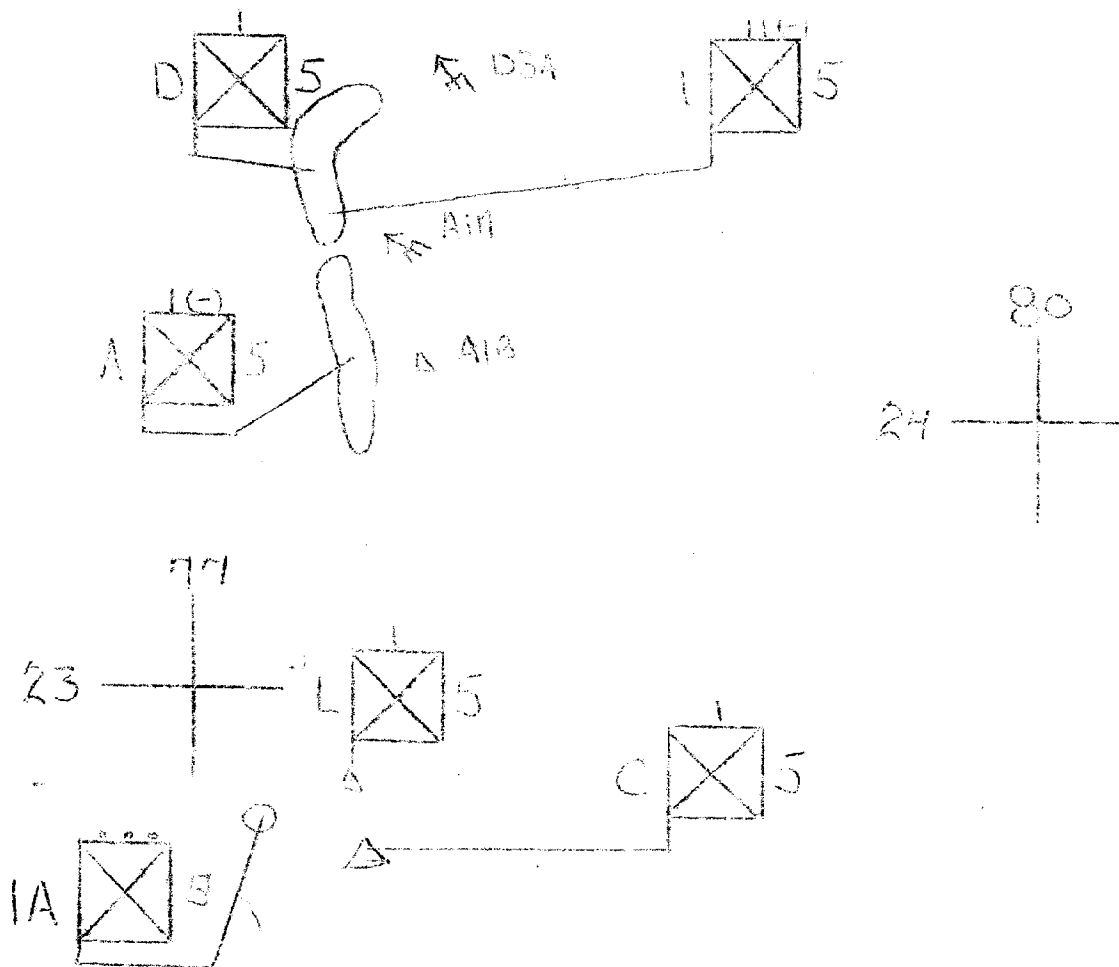


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1. SITUATION.a. Enemy. See current ISUMS and PERINTREPS.b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION. Effective 031200H chop Companies C and L to Phu Bai and Phu Loc respectively on return vehicles displacing 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. At 030700H provide security for Route 551, adjacent fuel line and MCB 8 upgrade operations. Provide security for LCU ramp. Be prepared to chop to 5th Marines 041200H.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will chop Companies C and L to Phu Bai and Phu Loc and provide security for Highway 551 from (YD 775228) to (YD 810295) adjacent fuel line and MCB 8 operations adjacent thereto. Also provide security for LCU ramp.

b. Companies L and C.

(1) Prepare to load on transportation at 031200H and proceed to Phu Loc and Phu Bai respectively.

c. Company D.

(1) Provide security for Route 551 and adjacent fuel line.

(2) Prepare to chop to 5th Marines at 041200H.

d. Company A.

(1) One platoon provide security for LCU ramp.

(2) Two platoons provide security for Route 551 adjacent fuel line and MCB 8 upgrade operations adjacent thereto.

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(3) Prepare to chop to 5th Marines at 041200H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. No change.

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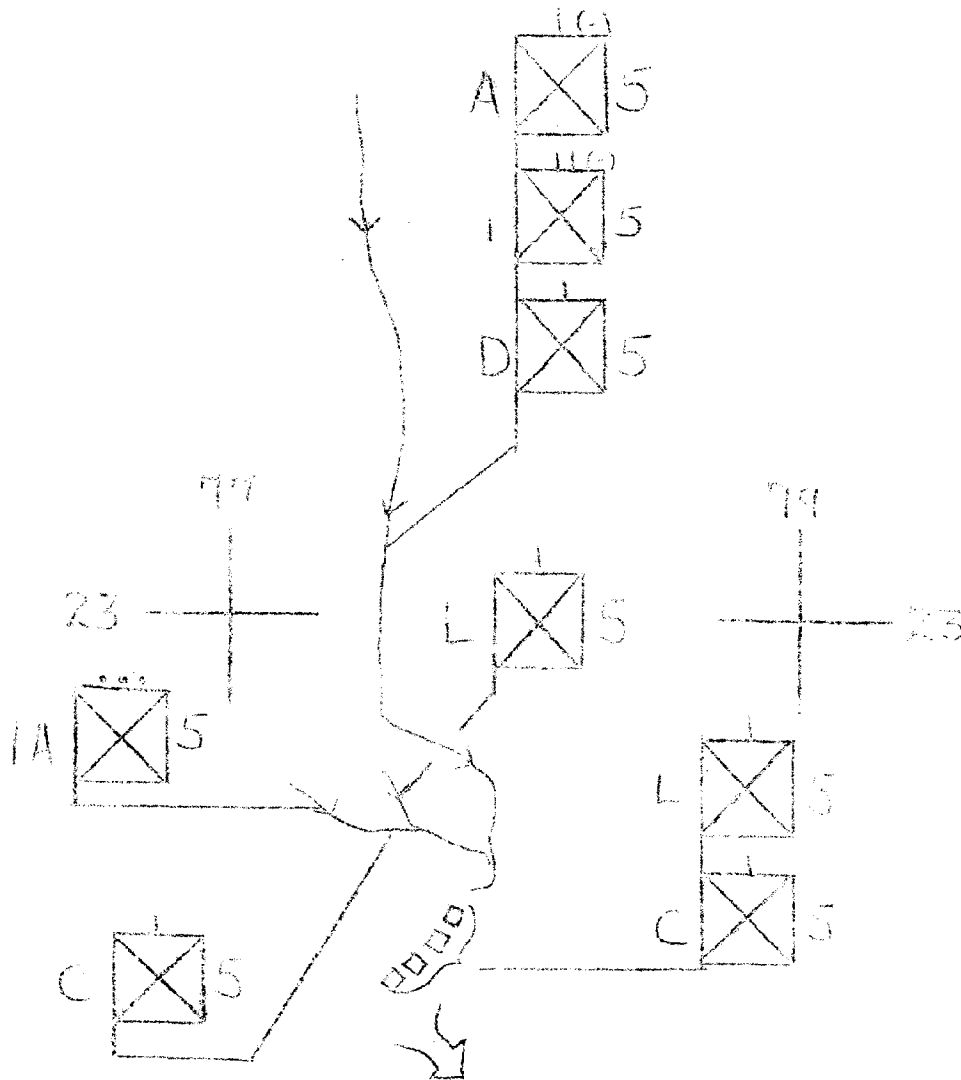
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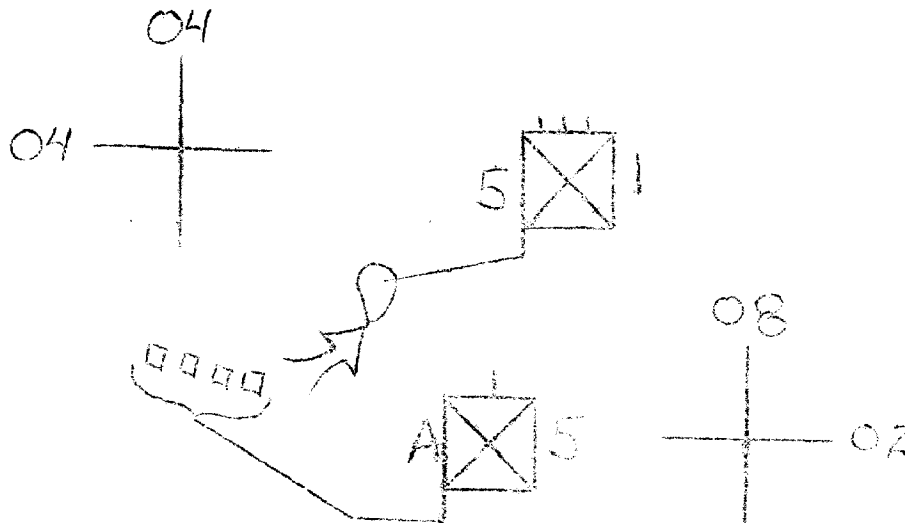
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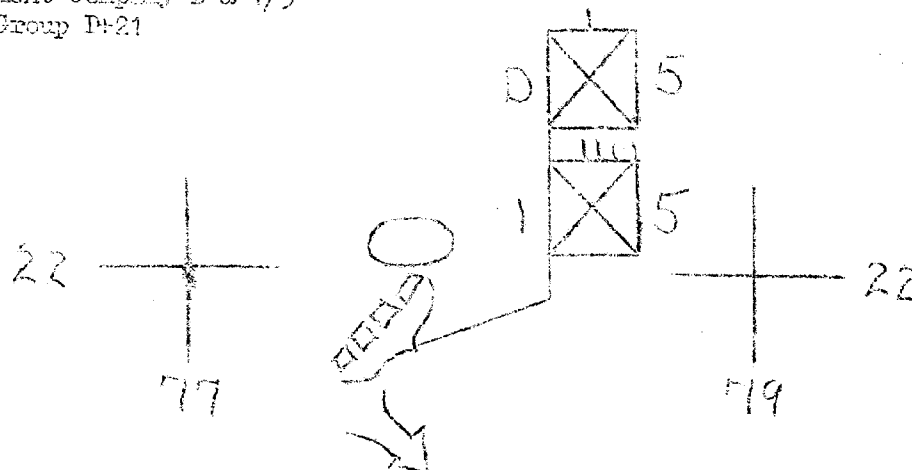
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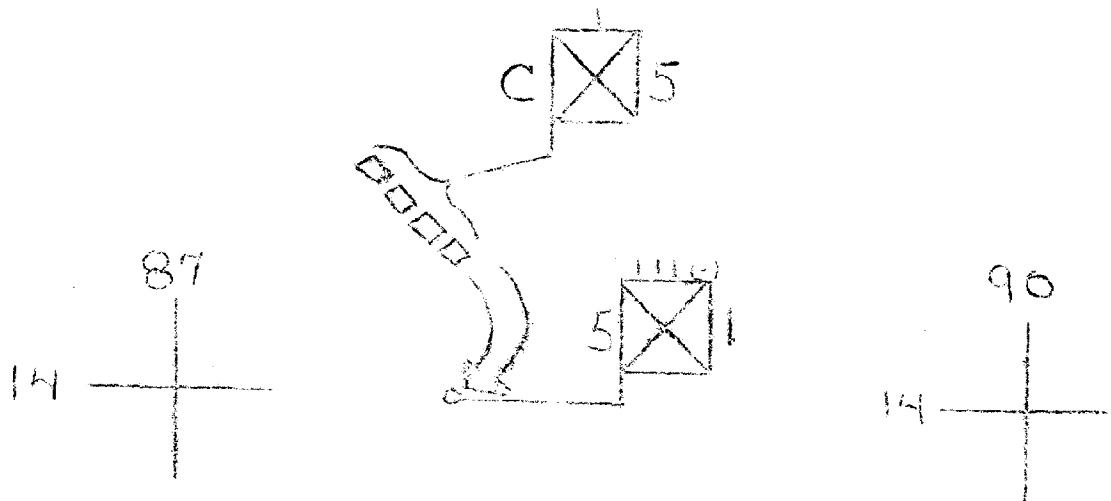
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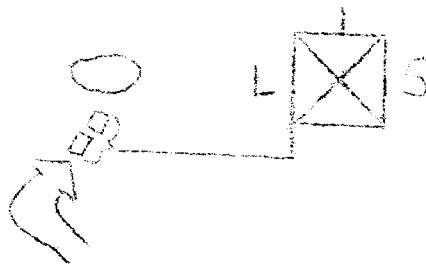
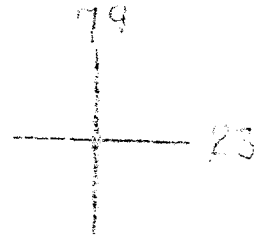
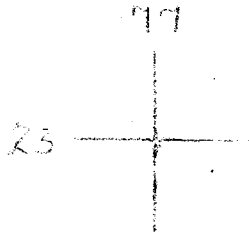
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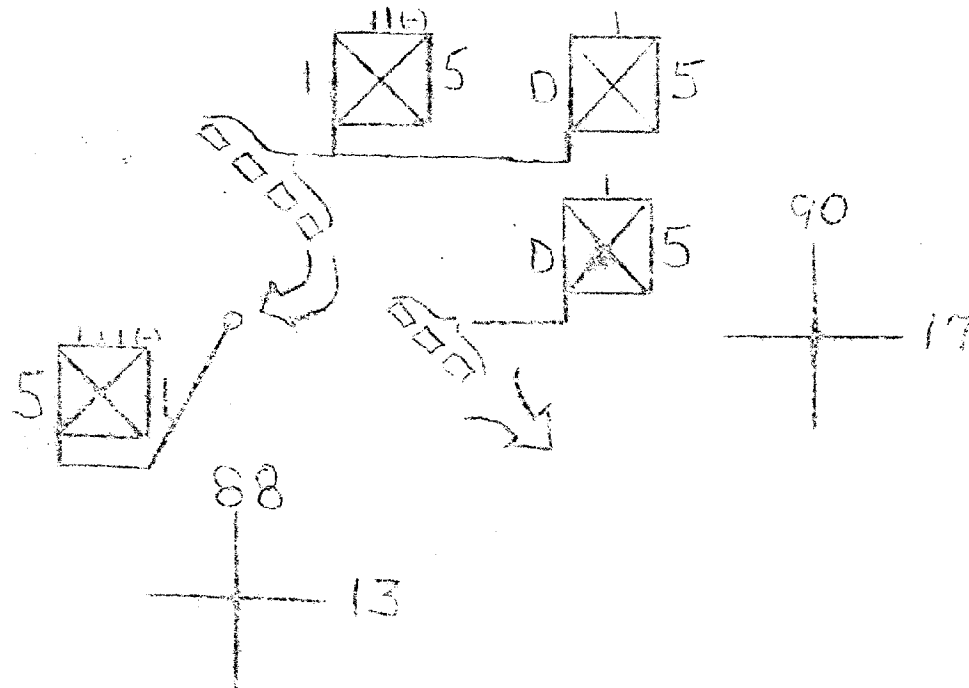
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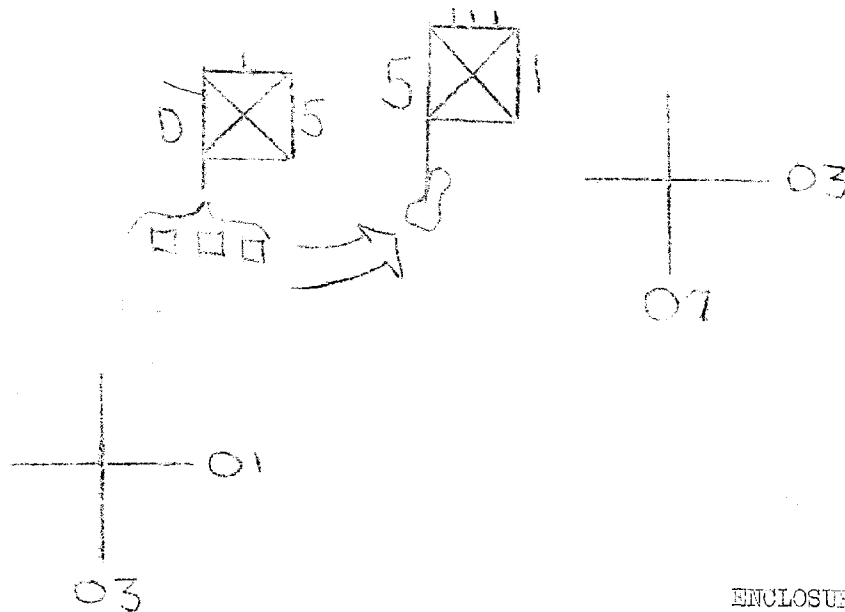
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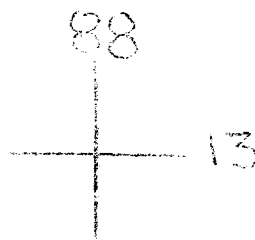
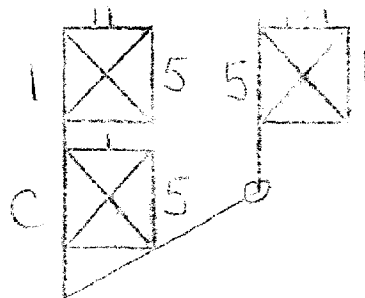
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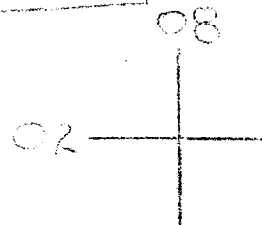
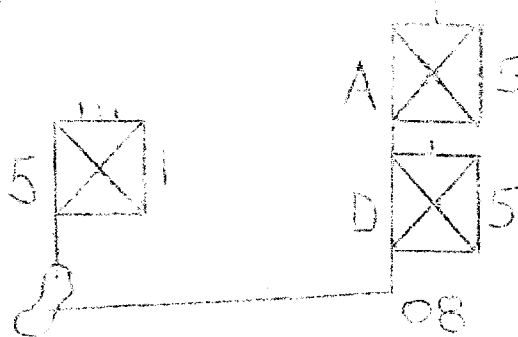
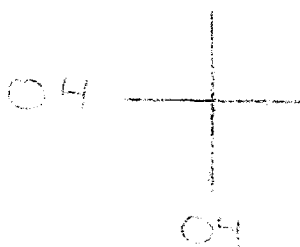
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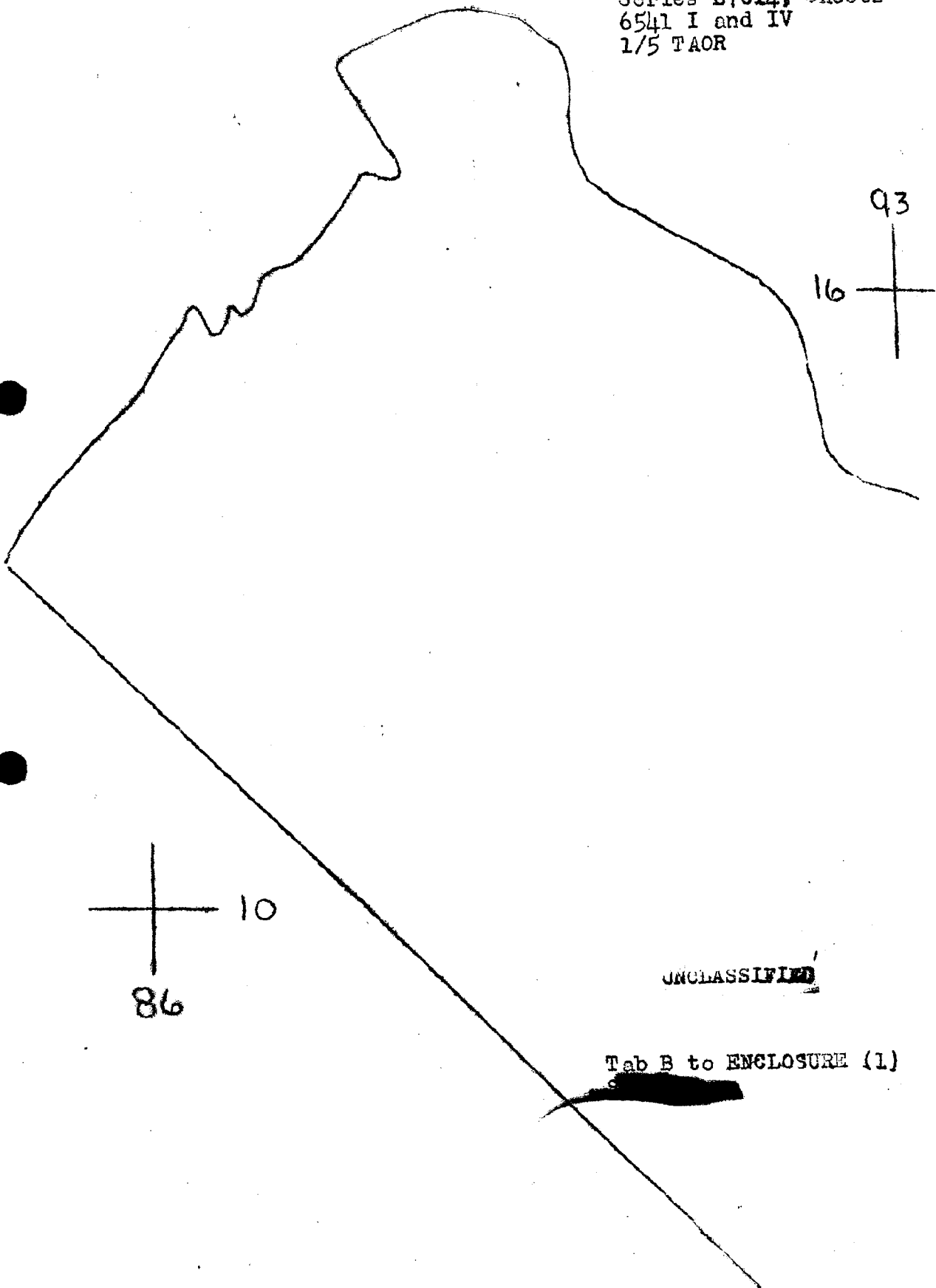
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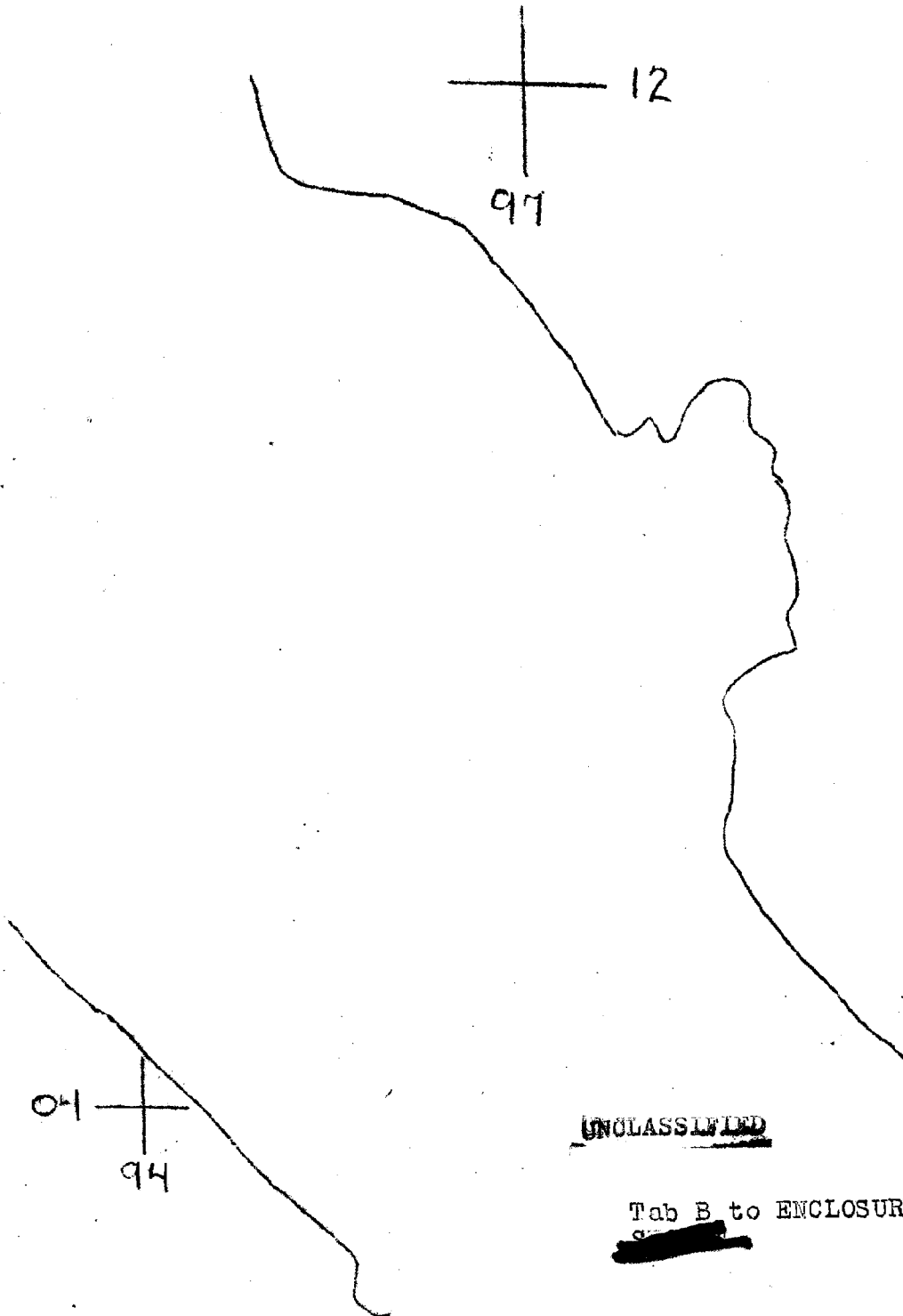
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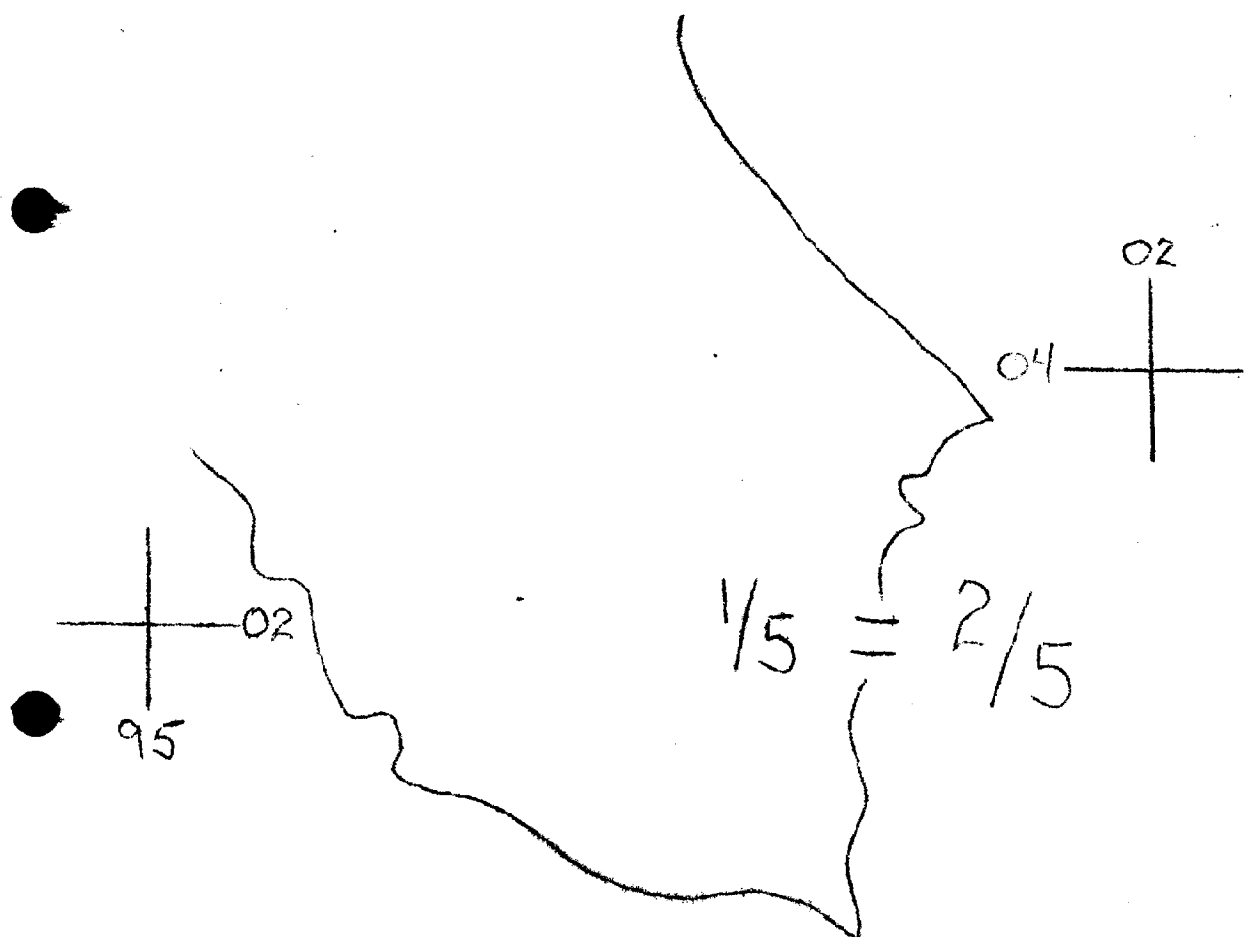


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