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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 July 1968
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(b) FMF PacO. 5750.8
(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

1 July 1968 to 31 July 1968

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	1st Lt. Col. R. H. THOMPSON 1-31 July 1968
H&S Company	1st Lt. J. K. TAUSIG 1-26 July 1968 1st Lt. R. N. WARR 27-31 July 1968
Company A	1st Lt. S. A. NELSON 1-31 July 1968
Company B	1st Lt. J. S. PEPKIN 1-31 July 1968
Company C	Capt. J. P. GANNAN 1-31 July 1968
Company D	Capt. M. C. HARRINGTON 1-14 July 1968 Capt. M. L. FRANDTNER 15-31 July 1968

2. LOCATIONS

1-31 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein)
located at Phu Bai, RVN.

1-9 July 1968 and 19-23 July 1968 1st Battalion,
5th Marines participated in Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV
in the southeast part of Huong Thut District and the north-
east part of Phu Loc District in Thua Thien Province.

10-18 July 1968 1st Battalion (-), 5th Marines were
OPCON to 5th Marines and participated in Operation
"MAMELUNE THRUST" in Quang Nam Province.

24-29 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated
in Operation "MAMELUNE THRUST" in the northeast part
of Nam Hoi District in Thua Thien Province.

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30-31 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "MAMELUKE TERROR" in Dai Lac District in Quang Nam Province.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH
1-31 July 1968

S-1 Officer

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD
1-31 July 1968

S-2 Officer

Cy Sgt J. A. WOODS
1-31 July 1968

S-3 Officer

Maj. C. E. OAKLEY
1-31 July 1968

S-4 Officer

Capt. E. R. BURROW
1-5 July 1968
1st Lt. J. INLAH
6-31 July 1968

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. D. V. SHEREN
1-31 July 1968

Medical Officer

1st Lt. C. E. CREAGH
1-31 July 1968

Supply Officer

1st Lt. L. MALL
1-31 July 1968

Motor Transport Officer

2nd Lt. R. M. MCDOWELL
1-31 July 1968

Communications Officer

Capt. L. E. MALBY
1-31 July 1968

Assistant Adjutant/Legal Officer

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD
1-9 July 1968
2nd Lt. R. F. WEBB
10-31 July 1968

Chaplain

1st Lt. J. W. PHILLIPS (USN)
1-31 July 1968

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. R. T. TAYLOR
1-31 July 1968

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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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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 30 officers and 989 enlisted. On 15 July the strength had changed to 29 Officers and 965 enlisted. By the end of July the strength was 28 officers and 997 enlisted. At this time there are no officers and 35 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 7 officers and 130 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. Three Summary Court-martials and three Special Court-martials were convened during July. This left one Summary and one Special Court-martial still to be processed. During July seven investigations were completed, one is pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were no detainees processed during the month.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During July two Navy Commendation Medals, 15 Purple Hearts and six Certificates signed by the Secretary of the Navy were forwarded to former members of this Command. Numerous recommendations for awards were submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

g. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

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2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Report attached hereto as Tab "A", "B", and "C".

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The Organization of the Battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of July.

(1) The following units were OPCON to the Battalion during the month:

(a) Det, Sentry Dog Team, 3rd MAB from 010001H July through 081200H July 1968.

(b) Det, Scout Dog Team, 3rd MAB from 010001H July through 191330H July 1968.

(c) Det, Scout Sniper Platoon, Hq Coy, 5th Marines from 010001H July through 191330H July 1968.

(d) Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from 010001H July through 081200H July 1968.

(e) Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines from 211600H July through 220559H July 1968.

(f) Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 291400H July through 301900H July 1968.

(2) The Battalion and units OPCON to the Battalion were OPCON to the organizations as follows:

(a) 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines OPCON to 7th Marines from 091155H July through 191330H July 1968.

(b) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 090800H July through 211600H July 1968.

(c) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 26th Marines from 251200H July through 291300H July 1968.

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b. Operations

(1) The Battalion continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV from 010001H July 1968 through 091157H July 1968 and again from 191331H July 1968 through 231200H July 1968. The Battalion conducted numerous small unit operations during this period. Also one Company (Rein) conducted a combined Search and Destroy Operation from 1 through 7 July 1968, in conjunction with three Regional Force Companies and three Popular Force platoons. The operation was characterized by light contact which consisted mostly of light enemy sniper and 60mm mortar fire.

(2) The Battalion participated in Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" under the operational control of the 7th Marines during the period of 091158H July through 191330H July 1968. The Battalion operated in Elephant Valley in the Quang Nam Province. No contact with the enemy was made during this period.

(3) The Battalion participated in Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" from 231201H July through 291300H July 1968. The Battalion was under the operational control of the 5th Marines from 231201H July through 251200H July 1968 and then under the operational control of 26th Marines from 251201H July through 291300H July 1968. The operation was characterized by light contact which consisted mostly of light sniper and 60mm mortar fire. Numerous weapons, munitions and misc equipment were captured through hole hunting patrols.

(4) The Battalion participated in Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" from 291300H through 312400H July 1968, which continued into the month of August 1968.

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c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

(2) Artillery. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

(3) Tanks. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tab "A".

(4) Ontos. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tab "A".

(5) LVT's. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tab "A".

(6) Engineers. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

(7) Shore Party (SE). This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, care and cleaning
- (3) Platoon Live Firing Exercises

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- (4) Mapping and Compass
- (5) Gun drill: 61mm; 60mm; 106mm's and M-60 MG
- (6) Tank Infantry assault
- (7) Ambushes & Patrolling

b. Replacement personnel received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

c. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month, 26 members of the Battalion attended schools in the Da Nang area and Okinawa.

5. LOGISTICS. This portion of the "Command Chronology" is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. During this reporting period the Battalion continued to treat people at MEDCAP's, also Health and Sanitation leaflets and soap were distributed. No permanent MEDCAP site has been constructed due to operational commitments and the constant movement of the units of this Battalion.

b. Contact whenever feasible was made with the local Vietnamese Government officials in the AO's, this has brought closer relationship between the local people and Marines in the AO's.

c. Over 600 people of Bai Dan 1, and 2, and Thanh Kuyen 3 in the Quang Nam Province, were treated at MEDCAP. A number of these people crossed the river from an area generally considered to be under enemy control.

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7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

a. The Battalion continued to hand-distribute "Rewards for Mines and Booby Traps Leaflets" in the AC. Aerial leaflet drops and broadcasts were also requested for the entire month.

b. An operation conducted by Companies A and B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on 31 July 1968, found the people of Ben Dau 1 and 2 and Thanh Xuyen (2) receptive and, if not overly friendly, at least not hostile. There were several indications that the people would support the government if the government could be counted on to support the people, primarily by providing permanent security.

The operation was successful in the following respects: First, in advertising a strong American presence in the area. Obviously, a one-day stand will not suffice, but it is a start; Secondly, the operation provided the atmosphere of security requisite to the re-establishment of a GVN presence in the area. The District officials, under the guidance of the District Senior Advisor, took advantage of this opportunity to go into the villages and speak with the people; Thirdly, the operation helped to establish a good working relationship between 5th Marines and the GVN/Advisory Team. PF soldiers provided useful guide services and acted as searchers in the cordon and search; District Policemen assisted in controlling the people, and District officials presented psychological and political lectures; Finally, the operation benefited the people directly. Over 600 people were treated at Med-Cap.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in the After Action Reports attached hereto as Tabs "A", "B" and "C".

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9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED;
VC CAPTURED

a. Friendly Casualties USMC. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

b. Enemy Casualties. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968.

a. Weapons Captured. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

b. Ordnance Captured. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TURRETS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968. See Tabs "A", "B" and "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Reports.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1-9 July and 19-23 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-)(Rein) continued to participate in Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV. See Tab "A" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Report.
2. 10-18 July 1968 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines(-)(Rein) participated in Operation "MAMELUNE THERAPY". See Tab "B" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Report.
3. 24-29 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-)(Rein) participated in Operation "MAMELUNE THERAPY". See Tab "C" to enclosure (1), Combat After Action Report.
4. 30-31 July 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines(-)(Rein) participated in Operation "MAMELUNE THERAPY" which continued into the month of August.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab "A" Combat After Action Report, Operation "HOUSTON"
Phase IV.
- ✓ Tab "B" Combat After Action Report, Operation "MAMELUKE
THREAT".
- ✓ Tab "C" Combat After Action Report, Operation "MAMELUKE
THRUST".

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10 July 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report Operation HOUSTON Phase IV

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines Frag Order 61-68
(c) 5th Marines Frag Order 62-68

Encl: ✓(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 85-68
✓(2) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 86-68

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV (Search and Destroy)

2. Dates of Operation. From 010001H July to 090800H July, and from 191331H to 231200H July 1968.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV in the southeast part of Huong Thuy District and the northeast part of Phu Loc District in the Thua Thien Province.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

5th Mar(-)(Rein) 1st Mar Div (Rein) Colonel P. G. GRAHAM

5. Reporting Officer

1st Battalion, 5th Mar(-)(Rein) Lt. Col. R. H. THOMPSON

TAB A to ENCLOSURE (1)

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6. Task Organization

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

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH

H&S Company (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company A (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company B (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company C (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company D (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

H&S Company (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. J. K. TAUBSIG

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

Comm Plat (-)

106mm RR Plat

Flame Section

TACP

Kit Carson Tm

Det, Med Plat

S-2 Scout

Company A (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. S. A. NELSON

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

Company B (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. J. S. PIPKIN

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

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10. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts operation to accomplish assigned mission with companies operating in assigned areas of operation along and adjacent to route # 1, to deny enemy access to MSR and to provide bridge security. Units conduct limited deep operations to seek out and destroy the enemy, his weapons, equipment and fortifications in the Battalion and Regimental AO. Units conduct saturation ambushes and combat patrols by night, patrols and offensive operations by day.

11. Execution

D-Day 01 July 1968.

(1) 011040H - Company D at (YD 913200) received 20 rounds sniper fire from approximately 4 VC at (YD 910202). Fired 75x5.56mm; 80x7.62mm. Searched area, negative results.

(2) 011720H, - Company D at (YD 922207). Marine tripped booby trapped M-26 grenade. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

(3) 012030H - Company D CP at (YD 928200) received 20 rounds sniper fire from unknown number enemy at (YD 928197) and (YD 934198). Fired 90x5.56mm; 6x60mm Illum; 13x60mm HE; 9xM-79. Gunships (HU-1E) strafed suspected enemy location with 7.62mm rounds. Searched area at first light, negative results.

(4) 012035H - Company D Platoon at (YD 934208) received 45 rounds small arms from unknown number enemy at (YD 929207). Fired 150x5.56mm; 11xM-79; 15x105mm Illum. Received HU-1E gunship for support. Searched area at first light, negative results.

(5) 012120H - Company L Platoon at (YD 950069) observed enemy movement at (YD 951067) when Illum was fired. Fired 80x5.56mm; 6x60mm Illum. Searched area at first light, negative results.

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(6) 012135H - Company C squad ambush at (YD 960042) observed 2 enemy move into killing zone. Fired 30x5.56mm; 15xM-79; searched area. Results: 2 VC KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle, serial number 11082801; 1 cartridge belt; 1 AK-47 magazine; 1 pack; misc documents captured.

(7) 012250H - Company D Platoon at (YD 928203) received 10 rounds sniper fire from unknown number of enemy at (YD 927203). Fired 75x5.56mm; 13xM-79. Searched area at first light, negative results.

D+1 02 July 1968.

(1) 020800H - Company D at (YD 935195) received 30 rounds enemy sniper fire from approximately 4 enemy at (YD 930205). Fired 3x90mm HE. Searched area, negative results.

(2) 022130H - Company A Platoon on Bridge # 1 at (YD 914116) observed 2 Vietnamese males at (YD 913115). Fired 150x7.62mm; 1x60mm Illum. Searched area, negative results.

(3) 022310H - Company A squad ambush at (YD 903094) observed 3 VC at (YD 907095) moving south. Fired 35x81mm HE; 26x105mm HE; 8x105mm VT; 200x5.56mm; 3xClaymores. Received 1 Chi Com grenade. Observed 2 enemy fall. Searched area found a blood pool. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+2 03 July 1968.

(1) 030505H - Company E Platoon at (YD 953058) received 3 incoming enemy grenades from 4-5 enemy at (YD 954057). Fired 15xM-79; 350x5.56mm; Searched area at first light, negative results. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

(2) 032020H - Company D CP at (YD 967164) received 2x81mm rounds; 20 rounds sniper fire from (YD 967168). Fired 13x105mm HE; 23x81mm HE. Searched area at first light, negative results.

(3) 032100H - Company A squad at (YD 914097) observed 4-5 VC with weapons at (YD 913096) moving NW. Fired 2xClaymores; 3xM-33 grenades; 37x81mm HE; 23x105mm VT; 100x5.56mm; 6xM-79. Searched area at first light, negative results.

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(4) 032255H - Company D CP at (YD 967165) received 10-15 rounds and 3x60mm HE from unknown number of enemy at (YD 952172). Fired 8x90mm HE. Searched area at first light with negative results.

(5) 032257H - Company D Platoon at (YD 960170) received 5x60mm enemy mortars from enemy at (YD 952172). Fired 18x105mm VT. Searched area at first light, negative results.

D+3 04 July 1968.

(1) 042005H - Company D Platoon at (YD 975147) received 3x60mm enemy mortars from unknown number of enemy at (YD 954144). Fired 14x105mm HE. Searched area at first light with negative results.

(2) 042345H - Marine from Company B at (ZD 064006) went to check claymore in front of ambush position. An unknown type explosive device detonated, wounding the Marine severely. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+4 05 July 1968.

(1) 051050H - Company D Platoon security for mechanized patrol at (YD 901228) received 10x60mm enemy mortars at (YD 925208). Fired 34x5.56mm; 300x7.62 linked. Searched area and found 1 Anti-tank mine. Blown in place.

D+5 06 July 1968.

(1) 062335H - 5th Marines Frag Order 61-68 received. See reference (b).

(2) 062345H - Company A squad at (YD 899108) observed 3 VC with weapons at (YD 898108). Fired 2xClaymores; 4xM-26 grenades; 34x5.56mm; 64x81mm HE; 20x105mm HE. Searched area and found 3 VC KIA and 3 weapons captured.

(3) 062345H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 85-68 promulgated. See Enclosure (1).

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- (1) 070800H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 86-68 promulgated. See enclosure (2).
- (2) 070900H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived at Phu Bai.
- (3) 071400H - 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines in positions within the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR. Relief to be effected on 8 July 1968.
- (4) 072243H - Company L platoon at (YD 943064) observed 1 VC at (YD 943064). Fired 1x Claymore; 30x5.56mm; 8x81mm Illum; 6x105mm HE. Searched area at first light, negative results.
- (5) 072355H - Company A squad at (YD 904096) observed 4 VC at (YD 903096) moving along hedgerow. Fired 1x Claymore; 40x5.56mm; 3x81mm Illum; 41x81mm HE; 16x105mm HE. Searched area, found 2 VC KIA and 2 AK-47's captured.

D+7 08 July 1968.

- (1) 081200H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relieved of Phu Bai AO by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and CHOPPED Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines back to parent organization. See reference (b).
- (2) 081230H - 5th Marines Frag Order 62-68 received. See reference (c).
- (4) 081400H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines completed move to Camp HOCHMUTH, Phu Bai.

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(1) 090800H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines.

(2) 090800H - 1st Battalion(-)(Rein), 5th Marines departed Camp HOCHMUTH, Phu Bai for 7th Marines. See reference (c).

(3) 091157H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines discontinued Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV.

(4) 091158H - 1st Battalion(-)(Rein), 5th Marines OPCON to Task Force X-Ray, then to 7th Marines.

D+18 19 July 1968.

(1) 191331H - Continued Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV.

D+19 20 July 1968.

(1) No contact this date.

D+20 21 July 1968.

(1) No contact this date.

D+21 22 July 1968.

(1) 221300H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon patrol at (YD 943986) found several holes covered with brush. Results: 9 ChiCom Sub MG's; 1 .45 Cal Burp Gun; Food; clothing; and misc records captured.

(2) 221500H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad patrol at (YD 942985) found hole. Results: 2 ChiCom Claymores and misc clothing captured.

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D+22 23 July 1968.

(1) 230955H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (YD 948989) Search and Destroy mission found enemy base camp and misc. equipment which included: 200lbs. rice; 3 ID Cards; medical supplies; one US carbine; 33 B-40 rounds; and 17 82mm rounds.

(2) 231101H - Company D platoon at (YD 942989) Search and Destroy mission found 1 US carbine; 450 lbs. rice; 8 B-40's; 8 tail fins; 1 drum 7.62mm gun ammo; 4000 rounds AK-47 ammo and one pack w/misc documents.

(3) 231159H - Discontinued Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV.

12. Results

a. Friendly Casualties:

KIA	0
WIAE	6
WIANE	0
NBC	3
DOW	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. None.

c. Enemy Casualties:

KIA	NVA	0	VC	7	TOTAL	7
DETAINEES	IC	0	CD	0	TOTAL	0
POW		0			TOTAL	0
CHIEU HOI		0			TOTAL	0

d. Captured Ordnance:

10 ChiCom 7.62mm SMG Type 43
3 M-2 Carbinos
1 NV Model 7.62mm SMG Type 50

1 Burp Gun .45 Cal
4 AK 47's

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions:

1 Anti-Tank mine
4000 rounds AK-47 ammo
8 82mm Mortar Tail Fins

41 B-40 Rocket rounds
2 ChiCom Claymore mines
17 82mm Motar Rounds

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f. Captured equipment:

1 cartridge belt	3 ID Cards
2 AK-47 magazines	Misc Medical Supplies
2 packs	

g. Captured Food Stores: 650 lbs. rice.h. Captured Documents: (Misc documents)13. Administration Matters

a. Supply. The primary means of resupply was by wheeled vehicle, supplemented by boat and helicopter. No serious supply problems have occurred during this operation to impair the logistical support to the Battalion.

b. Maintenance. No maintenance problems were encountered with weapons or equipment during the operation.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization. During Operation "HOUSTON" Phase IV, medical capabilities included the complement of company corpsmen, the forward BAS located at the Battalion Forward CP, and the rear BAS in Phu Bai.

Casualties in the field were treated and evacuated by helicopters to 1st Med Bn or 3rd Med Bn. Minor casualties were evacuated to the rear BAS for evaluation and treatment.

d. Transportation. Wheeled vehicles were the primary means of transportation during the operation.

e. Communications. Normal established communications were successfully maintained throughout the operation.

f. Medical Evaluation. Medical treatment and evacuation has been provided for in a satisfactory manner during this period.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

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15. Commanders Analysis:

a. Phase IV was marked by a slight increase of enemy activity in the Battalion AO in the form of probes and harassing friendly positions.

b. Intelligence sources indicate the enemy is completing his reorganization and directing his activities to small probes, mining of roads and harassing friendly positions.

c. During the first week of Phase IV, one company continued operations in Phu Thu District in conjunction with three regional Force Companies and several Popular Forces Platoons. These units were placed under the operational direction of the Marine company, but continued to operate under the control of the District Chief. Problems in coordination continued to be solved by keeping a liaison team at the District Headquarters and interpreters and liaison personnel with the Regional Force Companies.

16. Recommendations. None.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report (MAMELUKE THRUST)

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines Frag Order 62-68
(c) 7th Marines Frag Order 27-68
(d) 7th Marines Frag Order 30-68

Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 87-68
(2) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-68
(3) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 89-68

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation
MAMELUKE THRUST (Search and Destroy).

2. Dates of Operation. From 091158H July 1968 to 191330H
July 1968.

3. Location. RVN, Elephant Valley in the Quang Nam
Province.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

7th Mar(-)(Rein) 1st MarDiv(Rein) Colonel R. M. HALL

5. Reporting Officer

1st Bn, 5th Mar(-)(Rein)

Lt. Col. R. H. THOMPSON

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6. Task Organization

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

H&S Company(-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. J. K. TAUSSIG

81mm Mortar Plat(-)

Comm Plat(-)

106mm RR Plat

Flame Section

TACP

Med Plat(-)

Kit Carson Tm

Company A(-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. S. A. NELSON

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

Company B(-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. J. S. PIPKIN

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

Company C(-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar Capt. J. P. CAYNAK

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

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The following was OPCON to the Battalion during Operation
MAMELUKE THRUST:

Det, HqCo, 5th Marines (Scout Snipers)

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7. Supporting Forces

a. Air. 1st MAW provided fixed wing and helicopter support. During this period 9 missions were flown by Marine TACA/AO Teams for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Controlling 6 flights of fixed wing and providing valuable aerial observation in support of the Battalion's mission. Other missions completed included 8 visual reconnaissance missions, 79 medevacs, and 1 flareship.

b. Artillery.

(1) Delta Btry, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. General support fires were supplied by the 11th Marines.

(2) Delta Btry, fired a total of 21 missions in support of the maneuver elements.

(3) Artillery support was primarily of the unobserved type mission on suspected enemy targets.

(4) An average of 35 H&I fires were fired daily on likely enemy locations. The 7th Marines FSOC also supplemented these H&I's with an average of 20 H&I's in the Battalion AO.

c. Engineers. Engineers were employed principally to clear landing zones.

d. Shore Party (HST). HST provided excellent support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and medevacs.

8. Intelligence

a. Estimate of NVA/VC strength, location and disposition in the objective area.

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(1) Intelligence reports received from 7th Marine Regiment Order of Battle on 9 July 1968, identified elements of the following enemy unit, operating in or near the vicinity of the Battalion's area of operation.

(a) Quan Hoa Vang (Elephant Valley AO)

<u>Conf Units</u>	<u>Est Strength</u>	<u>Last Rpt Loc</u>	<u>Date</u>
T-87 Sapper Bn	350	AT 8287	19 May
Local Force VC	140	AT 904817	8 Jul

(b) Enemy Units adjacent to Battalion's AO

<u>Conf Units</u>	<u>Est Strength</u>	<u>Last Rpt Loc</u>	<u>Date</u>
K5 Bn NVA	250	YC 8993	30 Jun

b. Enemy strength and disposition actually determined during operations. NONE

c. NVA/VC Unit Identified. NONE

d. Significant Intelligence Gained

(1) During the Battalion operation in the AO there were no signs of well-utilized trails, prepared positions, camp and harbor sights of any sizeable enemy force.

(2) Numerous streams indicated on map as possible water points were dried up. Good water was found at AT 892868. Water was scarce in following grids: AT 8486; AT 8487; AT 8488. Numerous water points were found to be adequate for Company size units in the following grids: AT 8287; AT 8288; and AT 8489.

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e. Terrain. The AO terrain was characterized by rugged mountains, heavy canopy and with the Song Du De river running through the center of the Battalion AO. Key terrain as follows:

(1) Dong Den hill #868 (AT 837828) is the most prominent terrain feature in the area of operation. It provides an unobstructed view of the majority of the area of operation. Its occupation by OP and radio relay teams materially enhances a units' ability to detect and to report any large scale infiltration of enemy units.

(2) The Ti Tou hill # 444 (AT 889863) and hill # 506 (AT 897878) command the eastern portion of the AO.

(3) Hill 612 (AT 847876) and hill 822 (AT 856896) command the western portion of the AO.

(4) Hill # 44 (AT 859798) provide good observation of lowlands and draws in the southwestern portion of the AO.

(5) The Song Du De river runs west to east throughout the entire center of the Battalion AO.

f. Weather. Throughout the operation the weather was warm to hot during day light hours and mild to cool at night. The moon was in its first quarter and illumination was adequate for night movement. On two occasions thunderstorms with gusty winds occurred which would have hampered air operations.

9. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, conducts operations in AO to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, material and installations.

10. Concept. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attack at H-hour, D-day, with two companies along dual axes of advance and conduct heliborne assault at L-hour with one company into LZ BLUEJAY (Vic ZC 190866) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, material and installations. On order, battalion conducts heliborne assault with two companies into LZ OWL (Vic ZC 190866) and with one company into LZ CARDINAL (Vic AT 814850) and attacks along axis of advance toward Objective X (ZC 207812). Recon inserts maintain surveillance over routes of ingress/egress in AO to detect and report movements of enemy forces.

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11. ExecutionD-2 Day 08 July 1968.

(1) 081230H - Received 5th Marines Frag Order 62-68. See reference (b).

(2) 081231H - 7th Marines Frag Order 27-68 received. See reference (c).

(3) 081300H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 87-68 promulgated. See enclosure (1).

D-1 Day 09 July 1968.

(1) 090800H - Chopped Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to 5th Marines.

(2) 090800H - 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines departed Camp HOCHMUTH, Phu Bai, by wheeled vehicles and helicopter for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines position.

(3) 091158H - 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines OPCON to 7th Marines.

(4) 091530H - 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines arrived at forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vic AT 939783).

D-Day 10 July 1968.

(1) 100100H - 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines departed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines area for Elephant Valley to commence operations.

D+1 11 July 1968.

No contacts 0800-1400.

D+2 12 July 1968.

(1) 121600H - Received 7th Marines Frag Order 30-68. See reference (d). Frag Order cancelled Phase II operation and promulgated New Phase II as outlined in 7th Marines Frag Order 27-68.

(2) 122000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 88-68 promulgated. See enclosure (2).

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D+3 13 July 1968.

(1) 130820H - Company B platoon at (AT 884887) uncovered two graves, 2 weeks old, containing 2 NVA bodies.

D+4 14 July 1968.

No contacts this date.

D+5 15 July 1968.

No contacts this date.

D+6 16 July 1968.

No contacts this date.

D+7 17 July 1968.

(1) 170800H - 7th Marines verbal Frag Order received, to terminate operations on 181000H.

(2) 171800H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 89-68 promulgated. See enclosure (2).

D+8 18 July 1968.

(1) 181030H - Company C platoon on trucks in the vicinity of hill 190 hit a mine, causing damage to truck and wounding 20 Marines.

(2) 181100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed Elephant Valley for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CP.

(3) 181700H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived location of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CP.

D+9 19 July 1968.

(1) 190800H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines departed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CP.

(2) 191330H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines arrived at Phu Bai and Chopped from 7th Marines to 5th Marines.

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~~SECRET~~12. Resultsa. Friendly Casualties:

KIA	0
WIAE	20
WIANE	0
NBC	59

b. Friendly Equipment Losses: Nonec. Enemy Casualties: 2 NVA KIA.d. Captured Ordnance: Nonee. Captured/Destroyed munitions: Nonef. Captured Equipment: Noneg. Captured Food Stores: None13. Administration Matters

a. Supply. Resupply was exclusively by air. Nearly all supplies were drawn through FLC located at the LSA on Hill 55, with very little being issued from Battalion supply in Phu Bai. No serious supply problems occurred during this operation to impair the logistical support of the Battalion.

b. Maintenance. No maintenance problems were encountered with weapons or equipment during the operation.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization. Casualties on Operation "AMELUKE THRUST", dates 9 July to 19 July, were a total of 59 non-battle casualties which required routine medical evacuation. These were taken by helicopter to Hill 55 and given treatment by the medical facility there. Most of the casualties were foot and leg problems or heat exhaustion. The reason for the high number of non-battle casualties was related to the high terrain and high temperature.

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The casualties were evacuated promptly on most occasions. There was one occasion when emergency med-evac was called for but did not arrive until one hour later. The evacuation was effected. The emergency and most of the priority medical evacuees were taken to NSA Hospital.

d. Transportation. The primary means of transportation was by wheeled vehicle, with the exception of replacement troops being transported back to units operating in the field by helicopter.

e. Communications. The primary means of communications for this operation was radio. No wire communications was established. The battalion operated its normal radio nets to higher headquarters and to subordinate and supporting units. Difficult terrain rendered normal station to station communications impossible, so a retransmission/manual relay capability was set up on Dong Den Mountain. The retransmission consisted of feeding FM signals into separate channels on a TRC-27 Radio Relay. This system was installed by parent regiment and was quite successful. The capability for manual relay was maintained in the event that the retransmission failed. Both systems were utilized as necessary.

Very few major problems developed. The obvious problem of signaling through the jungle canopy was alleviated somewhat by using the 292 Antenna. The 292 seemed to emit a better vertical signal which made it ideal for signaling the relay site high on Dong Den Mountain. As far as horizontal signaling was concerned there was little improvement over the whip antenna. The 292 proved best, however, in signaling out of deep ravines.

Excessive heat caused the radios to deteriorate faster. It was found that shading a radio with "C" ration cardboard or any other substance improved its chances of survival.

f. Medical Evaluation. All phases of the operation concerning the medical aspects were conducted and carried out in an extremely efficient manner.

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15. Commanders Analysis: Although the operation was unproductive in terms of enemy contact, it served to acquaint the battalion with canopy type operations and as a training vehicle was extremely useful. The battalion staff in particular benefited from the experience, seeing first-hand the problems peculiar to canopy operations and then applying the solutions, both in the planning and execution phases.

16. Recommendations. None.


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From: Commanding Officer
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Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Commanding General, Task Force E-Ray
Subj: Combat After Action Report (MANEUVER THRUST)
Ref: (a) Divo 3480.1A

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation
"MANEUVER THRUST NORTH" (Search and Destroy).

2. Date of Operation. From 231200H July 1968 to
291200H July 1968.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in
Operation "MANEUVER THRUST" on the slopes of Troui
Mountain (73 945968) in the southeast part of Nam Hoa
District in the Thua Thien Province.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

5th Mar(-)(Rein) 1st MarDiv (Rein) Colonel P. G. GRAYM
231200H July 1968 through 251200H
July 1968

MMF 26th Mar(-)(Rein) Colonel B. F. HEWERS
251201H July 1968 through 291200H
July 1968

5. Reporting Officer

1st Battalion, 5th Mar(-)(Rein) Lt. Col. R. E. THOMPSON

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6. Task Organization

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

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear) Maj. L. A. WUNDERLICH

Company (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company A (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company B (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company C (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

Company D (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar

HQS Company (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. R. W. WARR

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

Comm Plat (-)

106mm Plat

Flame Section

TACP

Kit Carson Tm

Det, Med Plat

S-2 Scout

Company A (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. S. A. NELSON

Det, HQS Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

FAC Tm

Kit Carson Tm

S-2 Scout

Company B (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar 1st Lt. J. S. PIPKIN

Det, HQS Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

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Company C(-)(Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar Capt. J. P. CAYMAK

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

Company D(-)(Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar Capt. M. L. BRANDNER

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

2. Supporting Arms

a. Air. 1st MAW provided helicopter support. During this period 8 visual reconnaissance missions and 1 Flame ship were used to support the battalion.

b. Artillery

(1) Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. A platoon of 155 guns from 1st 155 Gun Battery, 11th Marines also provided support.

(2) Battery F fired a total of 40 missions in support of the maneuver elements.

(3) Artillery support during this period was primarily unobserved missions such as S-2 Targets, Blocking Fires and Harassing & Interdiction Fires.

(4) An average of 35 H&I fires were delivered daily on likely enemy targets.

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c. Engineers. Engineers were employed principally to destroy captured ammunition and fortifications.

d. Shore Party (EST). EST provided good support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and medevac.

8. Intelligence

a. Estimate of NVA/VC Strength, location and disposition in the Objective Area: Ta Trach and Thon Mu Kham areas. The most current order of battle holdings credit the following enemy units as operational within and adjacent areas to the Ta Trach and Thon Mu Kham areas. All units indicated are considered subordinate to the Hq's Tré Thien Military Region, (XD 3722). Two Regimental Hq's, the 5th NVA Regiment (XD 7801) and the 4th NVA Regiment (ZC 0298) provide the enemy with command and control of these units. Listed is a compilation of each major enemy unit.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Est Str</u>	<u>Last Rpt Loc</u>	<u>Date</u>
5th NVA Regt				
Hq Bn	NVA	250	Phu Thu (D)	19 July
K 10 Bn	LF	300	XD 8403	19 July
K 15 Bn	NVA	300	Base Area 115	19 July
MMU	NVA	170	Base Area 115	19 July
12th Sapper Bn	UNK	UNK	Base Area 115	19 July
K 32 Bn	UNK	UNK	Base Area 115	19 July
K 5 Bn	UNK	UNK	AT 8892	19 July
4th NVA Regt				
K 4a Bn	MF	135	Phu Loc (D)	19 July
K 4b Bn	MF	200	ZC 1896	19 July
K 4c Bn	NVA	260	KC 9295	19 July

b. Enemy Strength and disposition actually determined during operation. Although contact with the enemy consisted mostly of light sniper and 60mm mortar fire, the number of shelters, bunkers, trench lines and the amount of ordnance, munitions, and equipment captured would determine the strength of a Regiment plus, in the AO.

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c. NVA/VC Unit Identified. The location of the

d. Significant Intelligence Gained. Due to the amount of ordnance, munitions, and equipment captured within the AO and only light contacts during this period indicates that the enemy is still making an earnest effort to complete the refitting and replenishment of his forces and avoiding any large scale contacts.

9. Mission. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, conduct operations to seek, locate, and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions in assigned AO.

10. Concept. At H-Hour on D-Day conduct operations on northern slopes of Truong Mountain to search for, locate, and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions.

11. Execution

D-Day 23 July 1968.

(1) 231235H - Company D platoon patrol at (YD 942982) found 5 booby-traps on trail. Destroyed in place.

(2) 231451H - Company C platoon at (YD 943986) Search and Destroy mission found 20-30 sticks dynamite, destroyed in place.

D+1 24 July 1968.

(1) 240945H - Company C squad patrol at (YD 939987) found two graves approximately two weeks old. Graves dug up, two NVA bodies were found.

(2) 241210H - Company C while searching an enemy base camp at (YD 936987) found two additional base camps in the same area. A search of the base camps revealed the following: 2x60mm Mortar tubes; one 60mm Mortar base plate; one detached 60mm sight (22130); 1 M-16 rifle (856390); 1 M1 carbine; 1 SKS rifle; 2 LMG's; 6 RPG Boosters; 21 packs containing clothes and uniforms; 100 blankets; misc medical gear and documents.

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(3) 241350H - Company C squad patrol at (YD 938930) observed 5 VC moving NW wearing black rain suits and carrying 3 weapons. Pursued enemy fleeing to NW. Fired approximately 15M-16 and 3M-79. Searched area with negative results.

(4) 241631H - Company C platoon patrolling area at (YD 939987) found enemy base camp. A detailed search revealed the following items: 50 packs containing, blasting caps, misc clothing, satchel charges, 1 60mm Mortar base plate, 1 gas mask, assorted medical gear, 16 E-Tools, 6 VC Claymores; 26 concussion grenades, 12 frag grenades, 80 plastic sheets 10'x8', 20 ponchos, 120 shirts, 108 trousers, 23 pair socks, 9 hammocks, 21 bed rolls, 10 helmets, 2500M-47 rounds, 15 gas masks, 350 lbs of rice and two chain link cutters, and 100 friction blasting caps.

(5) 241740H - Company D platoon security. Marine observed one VC digging hole at distance of 100 meters. VC was taken under fire with 30x5.62 rounds. VC escaped to SW. A search of area where VC was digging revealed 8x62mm rounds and 18x60mm rounds.

(6) 241804H - Company C platoon patrol at (YD 940986) found ammo cache containing following items: 1x60mm mortar tube and baseplate; 1 SRS; 48x3-40 rounds; 40 RPG rounds; 11 Anti-tank mines; 9 cans mortar increments; 5 cans 82mm fuses; 19 loose 82mm fuses; 30x82mm charges; 3000 linked rounds 7.62mm; 175 RPG Boosters; 1 new type rocket round; 1 75mm round; 1000M-47 rounds; 2 bangalore torpedoes; 3 boxes B-40 fuses; 12 concussion charges; 1500 sticks dynamite; 400 rounds 82mm and 100 rounds 60mm.

D+2 25 July 1966.

(1) 251053H - Company C squad patrol at (YD 936985) received approximately 25 rounds small arms from sniper. Returned fire with 200x5.56mm; 300x7.62mm linked. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

(2) 251101H - Company B squad patrol at (YD 941933) found 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA with hole in head. Results 1 VC KIA.

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(3) 251245H - Company C squad patrol at (YD 935986) received approximately 300 rounds enemy small arms fire from (YD 935985). Returned fire with small arms and fired 103mm mortar. Searched area, negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

(4) 251137H - Company A platoon patrol at (YD 949982) searching area found the following: 3x82mm rounds; 12 rounds B-40; 12 Rocket boosters 6" long; 8 Rocket boosters 12" long; 8 rounds AAA; 50 lbs TNT.

(5) 251731H - Company C platoon Search and Destroy mission discovered cache of enemy equipment which included the following items: 14 morphine injections; misc vitamin tablets; 3,600,000 units penicillin; misc medical gear; 250 lbs rice and 3 picks and shovels.

D+3 26 July 1968.

(1) 261145H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP squad on a combat patrol found 44 inch charges at (YD 940983). Destroyed in place.

(2) 261235H - Company B squad patrol at (YD 945986) found bunker containing 2 French Sub LC's.

(3) 261345H - Company C Search and Destroy mission at (YD 935987) observed 2 enemy carrying SAM Rifles. Took enemy under fire. Enemy returned fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 VC KIA.

(4) 261525H - Company B platoon patrol at (YD 947983) received auto/wnps fire from estimated squad at (YD 947983). Returned fire and pursued enemy. Results 1 USMC KIA.

D+4 27 July 1968.

(1) 270900H - Company C platoon at (YD 935985) while attacking to NW encountered 3 VC. Fired approximately 500 rounds small arms. Enemy fled. Negative results.

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(2) 271215H - Company C Search and Destroy mission at (YD 934965) received 8-10 rounds enemy 82mm mortar fire from (YD 934977). Called artillery mission on suspected enemy firing positions. Called medevac chopper. While medevac chopper was setting down, received additional 3-4 rounds 82mm mortars. Results: 6 USMC KIA.

(3) 272130H - Company B while setting up night defensive position a tree fell striking Marine in head causing brain hemorrhage. Results: 1 USMC WBC DOW.

D+5 28 July 1968.

(1) 281201H - Company B platoon patrol at (YD 948983) received small arms fire from 1 VC. Returned 20 rounds small arms. Searched area with negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA.

(2) 281315H - Company A squad patrol at (YD 962905) observed 3-5 VC carrying weapons and wearing utilities. Enemy fled. Checked area negative results.

12. Results

a. Friendly Casualties:

KIA	3
WIAE	7
WIADE	1
WBC	70
WBD	1
DOW	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses: (None)

c. Enemy Casualties:

KIA	NVA	3	VC	2	TOTAL	5
DETAINEES	IC	0	CD	0	TOTAL	0
POW		0			TOTAL	0
CHELSEY MOI		0			TOTAL	0

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~~SECRET~~d. Captured Ordnance:

3	60mm Mortar Base Plate
3	60mm Mortar Tubes
3	60mm Mortar sights (Ser # 22130)
1	M-16 Rifle (Ser # 856390)
1	M1 Carbine
2	S&S Rifles
2	MG's
1	AK-47
2	French Sub-MG's

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions:

6	ChiCom Claymores
26	Concussion Grenades
12	Frag Grenades
3500	Rounds AK-47 Ammo
62	B-40 rounds
30	82mm Charges
1	New Type Rocket Round
189	RPG Boosters
134	60mm rounds
118	82mm rounds
100	Blasting Caps (Friction type)
40	RPG Rounds
5	Cans 82mm Fuses
3000	Rounds 7.62mm Linked
5	Booby traps
1525	Sticks dynamite (1-lb. each)
60	Satchel Charges
1	75mm RR round
2	Bangalore torpedoes
3	Boxes B-40 fuses
12	Concussion Charges
50	lb. TNT
11	Anti-tank mines
9	Cans Mortar increments
18	RPG Boosters

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f. Captured Equipment

3 picks
 3 shovels
 16 E-tools
 71 Packs
 100 Blankets
 misc med supplies
 120 Shirts
 108 Pair trousers
 Misc Clothing
 80 Plastic Sheets 10'x8'
 21 Bed rolls
 10 Helmets
 9 hammocks
 20 ponchos
 2 Chain Link cutters
 23 pair socks
 15 gas masks

g. Captured Food Stores: 600 lbs. riceh. Captured Documents: Misc Documentsi. Captured Medical Supplies: Misc

j. Base Camps Destroyed: 6 base camps containing:
 1 underground bunker 12'x5'x50'; 1 underground bunker 10'x
 5'x20'; classroom houthes; Messhall houthes; numerous
 living houthes; numerous short 10'20' long trenches;
 numerous fighting holes and numerous small storage holes
 covered with brush. All were destroyed.

13 Administration Matters

a. Supply. Resupply was exclusively by air. No
 problems encountered.

b. Maintenance. No maintenance problems were encountered
 with weapons or equipment during the operation.

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c. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization. During this operation medical capabilities included the complement of company corpsman and Bn Surgeon.

Casualties in the field were treated and evacuated by helicopter to 1st Med Bn or 3rd Med Bn. Minor casualties were evacuated to the rear BAS at Phu Bai for evaluation and treatment.

The reason for the high number of non-battle casualties was related to the high temperatures and rough terrain. Most received routine field medical treatment and short rest periods, and returned to duty.

d. Medical Evaluation. All phases of the operation concerning the medical aspects were conducted and carried out in an efficient manner.

e. Transportation. Transportation to and from the AO was by helicopter.

f. Communications. Normal established communications were successfully maintained throughout the operation.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. (None)

15. Commanders Analysis

a. This period of MAMELUKE THREAT was productive in capturing and destroying some of the enemy's base camps which contained ordnance, munitions, misc medical supplies, misc food stores and living quarters as well as fighting bunkers and trench lines.

b. The light contact encountered with the enemy seems to indicate that he is still making an earnest effort to complete the refitting and replenishing of his force and is avoiding all contact with large forces until this is accomplished.

16. Recommendations. (None).

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Ref: (a) Maps RVN AMS, Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheets 6541 I-IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Light Contact in Phu Thu SOA during past week with local force and NVA. No contact with units larger than squad.

b. Friendly Forces. Detachments 2nd Plat, Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, 2nd Platoon, Company A (AT) 1st Tank Battalion, and 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Amtrack Battalion, operating with Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Will return to Gia Le Base 07 July 1968.

2. MISSION. Terminate operations in the Phu Thu SOA.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and supporting elements terminate operations in Phu Thu SOA by 070900H July 1968. Tracked vehicles motor march to Gia Le Base via road from (YD 935194) to (YD 898186) to (YD 775249) and south on route # 1 to Gia Le Base.

b. Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Provide 1 Rifle Platoon and attached engineer mine sweep team to track vehicles for security of motor march. Remainder of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines helilift from (YD 970147) to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear at Phu Bai. Helilift commences 070845H July 1968.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See SOP.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Command. No Change.
- b. Communications. Mechanized unit will guard 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Tactical Net. 5th Marines will also guard Battalion Tactical Net to assist or relay for tracked vehicle security.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly

(1) Air. Elements MAG 36 provides rotary wing support.

(2) Motor Transport. Elements First Motor Transport Battalion provides transportation.

(3) Artillery

(a) Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines remains direct support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and remains vicinity (YD 928072) Shift direct support to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on Day two at 1200H.

(b) Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines co-locates with Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines on Day one and remains direct support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines until 1200H on Day two at which time 1st Battalion, 5th Marines displaces. Then Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines shifts to direct support 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and remains in place.

(4) Tanks/Ontos. Elements of Company A, 1st Tank Battalion and Company A, 1st AT's, 1st Tank Battalion remains in Phu Bai AO. Shift support to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at 1200H on day two when 1st Battalion, 5th Marines displaces.

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c. Attachments and Detachments. On relief of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on Day two at 1200H, Company L of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CHOPS from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to its parent organization.

2. MISSION. Effect the transfer of responsibility for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on Day two at 1200H.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. On Day one 1st Battalion, 5th Marines be prepared to receive 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines units displacing from Camp HOCHMUTH to holding positions, CP's and OP's within 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO and on day two be prepared to be relieved in place by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at 1200H. All 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines units will arrive by motor transport except that unit from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines displacing to OP # 1. It will arrive by helicopter.

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

(1) On Day one H&S Company 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines plus CP will displace from Camp HOCHMUTH at 071030H to co-locate with H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. On day two at 1200H H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will assume responsibility of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines perimeter and AO. H&S Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will be trucked to Camp HOCHMUTH commencing at 1200H on Day two.

(2) On Day one, H&S Company 81 and 106 Sections from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will displace by helo at 0730H to OP# 1 (YD 849086). H&S Company 106 and 81 sections 1st Battalion, 5th Marines exclusive of representatives will displace to Camp HOCHMUTH. On Day two at 1200H remaining 1st Battalion, 5th Marines personnel on OP # 1 displace to Camp HOCHMUTH by helo and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assume responsibility for OP # 1.

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(3) On Day one H&S Company 81 and 106 Sections from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will displace by truck at 0800H to OP # 2 (YD 855137). H&S Company 106 and 81 sections on OP # 2 exclusive of representatives will displace by truck to Camp HOCHMUTH. On Day two at 1200H remaining personnel from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will displace to Camp HOCHMUTH by truck and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assume responsibility for OP # 2.

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

(1) On Day one Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will displace at 071130H from Camp HOCHMUTH by truck to bridge # 1 (YD 913118) and Bridge # 2 (YD 927103) to co-locate with Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in order to conduct familiarization activities with the outgoing units in preparation for relief in place.

(2) On Day two at 1200H Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines will relinquish responsibility of their portion of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO to Company M, 3rd Battalion, and displace by truck to Camp HOCHMUTH.

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

(1) On Day one Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will displace at 0800H from Phu Bai by truck to (ZD 050027) to co-locate with Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in order to conduct familiarization activities with the outgoing units in preparation for their relief in place.

(2) On Day two at 1200H Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relinquishes responsibility of their portion of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and displaces to Phu Bai via truck.

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

(1) On Day one Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will displace from Camp HOCHMUTH to bridge # 5 (YD 966053), Bridge # 6 (YD 980052) and Bridge 7 (YD 985048) to co-locate with Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in order to conduct familiarization activities with the outgoing units in preparation for their relief in place.

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(2) On Day two at 1200H Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relinquishes responsibility of their portion of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and displace to Phu Bai via trucks.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Day one 07 July 1968

(2) Day two 08 July 1968

(3) Direct liaison authorized

(4) Be prepared to deploy by truck (less one company) to conduct operations in Quan Nam Province on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. At 081200H administrative transfer conducted according to SOP.

b. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Aid Station displaces to Phu Bai at 1200H on Day two. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Aid Station assumes responsibility on day two at 1200H.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command. At about 081200H Battalion Command Group and Companies will displace to Phu Bai on order.

b. Communications. Battalion Tactical Net will be used to control the movement to Phu Bai.

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Ref: (a) Maps RVN AMS, Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheets 6541 II
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(b) 5th Marines Frag Order 62-68

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. See Annex B (Enemy Situation).

b. Friendly

(1) Air. Elements of 1st MAF provide fixed wing and helicopter support, and aerial reconnaissance. See Annex C (Air Support).

(2) Artillery. Battery D, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines provides direct support. Other elements of 11th Marines and 1st FAG provide general support. See Annex D (Artillery Support)

(3) Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion provides engineer detachment in direct support.

(4) Reconnaissance. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion provides direct reconnaissance support.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Attachments. None

(2) Detachments. Effective 090800H Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CHOPS OPCON 5th Marines for an indefinite period.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, conducts operations in AO to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materiel and installations.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines attacks at H-hour, D-day, with two companies along dual axes of advance and conducts heliborne assault at L-hour with one company into LZ BLUEJAY (Vic ZC 190866) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materiel and installations. On order, battalion conducts heliborne assault with two companies into LZ OWL (Vic ZC 190866) and with one company into LZ CARDINAL (Vic AT 814850) and attacks along axis of advance toward Objective X (ZC 207812). Recon inserts maintain surveillance over routes of ingress/egress in AO to detect and report movements of enemy forces. (See Operations Overlay).

b. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein)

(1) Commencing at 0800 on D-1, move by motor march from Camp HOCHIMUT, Phu Bai, to Forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vic AT 939783).

(2) Upon arrival at destination, prepare for operations in Elephant Valley AO.

(3) On order, conduct night approach march to cross LD at H-hour on D-day, and continue the attack along the southern axis of advance toward LZ BLUEJAY, to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materiel and installations.

(4) Be prepared to conduct heliborne assault into LZ OWL (Vic ZC 190866) and continue operation in AO.

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

(1) Commencing at 0800 on D-1, move by motor march from Camp HOCHIMUT, Phu Bai, to Forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vic AT 939783).

(2) Upon arrival at destination, prepare for operations in Elephant Valley AO.

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(3) On order, conduct night approach march to cross LD at H-hour on D-day, and continue the attack along the northern axis of advance toward LZ BLUEJAY, to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materiel and installation.

(4) Be prepared to conduct heliborne assault into LZ OWL (Vic ZC 190866) and continue operation in A0.

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

(1) Commencing at 0800 on D-1, move by motor march from Camp HOCHMUTH, Phu Bai, to Forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vic AT 939873).

(2) Upon arrival at destination, prepare for operations in Elephant Valley A0.

(3) At L-hour, on D-day, land by heliborne assault in LZ BLUEJAY and attack north along dual directions of attack to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materiel and installations.

(4) Be prepared to conduct heliborne assault into LZ CARDINAL (Vic AT 814850) and attack along axis of advance toward Objective X (ZC 207812).

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

(1) Commencing at 0800 on D-1, move by motor march from Camp HOCHMUTH, Phu Bai, to Forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vic AT 939783).

(2) Upon arrival at destination, prepare for operations in Elephant Valley A0.

(3) On order, conduct night approach march to cross LD at H-hour on D-day, and provide CP security for Battalion CP group in movement along the southern axis of advance.

(4) Be prepared to assume the role of a rifle company.

(5) Be prepared to conduct heliborne assault into LZ OWL (Vic ZC 190866) and continue the attack toward Objective X.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-hour, D-day 101600H July 1968
- (2) Be loaded on trucks by 090745H
- (3) Be prepared to operate independently in canopy for extended period, with helicopter resupply and evacuation
- (4) Be alert for mines and booby traps
- (5) Rules of engagement do not apply
- (6) LD - Route # 1 See Annex A (Operations Overlay)
- (7) Search out all trails and exploit contacts.
- (8) Use maximum of supporting fires
- (9) For motor march, retain tactical integrity. Each movement echelon is commanded by the leader of the unit which forms the echelon.
- (10) See Appendix 1 (Embarkation Plan) of Annex E (Logistics) for order of march

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration

(1) Reports

(a) Situation - Submit 1200, 1800, 2400, 0600 daily over Battalion tactical net in following format:

- 1 Paragraph 1 - Spell out in full
- 2 Paragraph 2 - Give brief narrative.
- 3 Paragraph 3 - Contact numbers no need to spell out. Reference Spot Reports.
- 4 Paragraph 4 - Brief narrative
- 5 Paragraph 5 - Spell out in full

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(b) Spot Reports. In accordance with SOP.

(c) Strength Reports. Daily by 0400H. Show field strength.

(d) Casualty Reports. (ZULU's) as usual. Also have special report for evacuees: HST reports who is on helicopter once it is airborne, giving last 3 digits of serial number and man's initials.

(e) Position Reports. Hourly, for all platoons and company CP's, 15 minutes before the hour.

b. Logistics. See Annex E (Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CHOPS OPCOM to 7th Marines upon arrival 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CP.

(2) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Forward CP located with H&S Company CP during operation. Follows in trace of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during initial motor march. Follows in trace of Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines subsequent to H-hour during the initial attacks.

b. Communications. See Annex F (Communications).

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A Operation Overlay
- ✓ B Enemy Situation
- ✓ C Air Support
- ✓ D Artillery Support
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Annex B (Enemy Situation) to Frag Order 87-68

Ref: (a) Maps: RVN AMS 1:50,000 Series L7014 Sheets 6541 II
6641 III
(b) SOP for Intelligence, RegtO P3800.1E

Time Zone: H

1. Summary of Enemy Situation

a. Enemy Forces. The most current order of battle holdings credit the following enemy units as operational within and adjacent to the area of operation.

(1) Quan Hoa Vang (Elephant Valley AO)

<u>Conf. Units</u>	<u>Est Strength</u>	<u>Last Rpt Loc</u>	<u>Date</u>
T-87 Sapper Bn	350	AT 8287	19May68
Local Force VC	140	AT 904817	8Jul68

(2) Enemy Units Adjacent to Battalion's AO

<u>Conf. Units</u>	<u>Est Strength</u>	<u>Last Rpt Loc</u>	<u>Date</u>
K5 Bn NVA	250	YC 8993	30Jun68

b. Terrain. The AO terrain is characterized by rugged mountains, heavy canopy with the Song Du De river running through the center of the Bn AO.

(1) Key Terrain

(a) Dong Den hill # 868 (AT 837828) is the most prominent terrain feature in the area of operation. It provides an unobstructed view of the majority of the area of operation. Its occupation by OP and radio relay teams will materially enhance our ability to detect any large scale infiltration of enemy troops.

(b) The Ti Tou hill # 444 (AT 889863) and hill # 506 (AT 897878) command the eastern portion of the AO.

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(b) Hill 612 (AT 847846) and hill 825 (AT 856996) command the western portion of the AO.

(d) Hill # 44 (AT 859798) provides good observation of lowlands and draws in the southwestern portion of the AO.

(e) The Song Cu Do river runs west to east through the center of the Battalion AO.

c. Probable Courses of Action. The enemy is credited with the capability of adopting the following probable courses of action during the course of this operation.

(1) Delay when base areas and logistics points are threatened to allow time for the withdrawal of personnel and material.

(2) Withdraw or evade in the face of superior forces.

(3) Attack in battalion strength should the situation indicate that terrain and strength of force are in his favor, especially during the hours of darkness and poor visibility.

2. Other intelligence requirements

(a) Will the enemy attempt to delay when base areas are discovered? If so, how will he organize the ground; what routes will he utilize to extract personnel and material.

(b) Will the enemy defend terrain held or controlled by his forces? If so, when, where, in what strengths and with what forces?

(c) Will the enemy employ chemical agents? If so, what agents, when, how and where?

3. Intelligence Acquisition Tasks

a. Orders to Attached and Subordinate Units

(1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

Co A, Co B, Co C, Co D and H&S Co

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(a) Report as obtained:

1 Status of Construction of defensive positions.

2 The location of critical fords and bridges

3 The location of trails which approach or connect with critical fords or bridges

4. All units

a. Report as obtained:

(1) The location of all enemy camp sites, assembly areas and harbor sites discovered. Special note nature of concealment from aerial reconnaissance.

(2) The location and description of all VC warning signs discovered.

(3) The nature and method of any unusual enemy camouflage techniques discovered.

(4) Any information related to the method and type of communication equipment/devices utilized by the enemy. Special note frequencies and modulation.

(5) Any information related to special intelligence and counter-intelligence techniques utilized by the enemy.

(6) All enemy sighting and contacts to include estimated strength, weapons, disposition and activities.

(7) Size, location, orientation, dimensions and construction of all fortifications discovered.

(8) Size, location, and direction of all enemy movements.

(9) Results of supporting arms employment, to include damage to enemy emplacements and secondary explosions noted.

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(10) Map corrections to include trace and description of unmapped trails, fords and bridges.

(11) The presence of enemy troops carrying protective masks and or wearing protective clothing.

4. Measures for Handling Personnel, Documents and Material

a. Prisoners of War, Deserters, Detainees, Rallyors, and other persons. All Detainees and POW's will be forwarded to 7th Marines S-2 for processing.

b. Captured Documents, Equipment and Materials. All documents, equipment and materials of enemy origin will be evacuated to 7th Marines S-2.

5. Weather Service Plan. 7th Marines will supply weather reports daily to all participating units.

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ANNEX: C (Air Support) to Frag Order 87-68

Ref: (a) FMFM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)
(b) FMFM 7-3 (Air Support)
(c) FMFM 3-3 (Helicopterborne Operations)

Time Zone: H

1. PROCEDURES

a. General

(1) Tactical air operations coordination responsibilities and procedures conform to existing doctrine contained in references (a) through (c).

(2) Day/Night visual air strikes within Regimental AO must be under the positive control (targets that can be observed) of a TACP or TAC(A).

(3) Air activities outside MAMELUKE THRUST AO are in accordance with existing rules of engagement.

b. Execution

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day one company of 1st Battalion will be helicopter lifted into LZ BLUEJAY. Fixed wing aircraft provide LZ preparation and air cover from H-Hour minus 1.

(2) Helicopter resupply for MAMELUKE THRUST will be provided on a daily basis due to terrain and climatic conditions. A C&C/DS helicopter package (CH-46's) will be available for MAMELUKE THRUST. Routine and Priority requests for the C&C/DS aircraft must reach the Battalion Air Officer by 1400H daily for consolidation and scheduling on the basis of mission priority. Routine and Priority requirements submitted subsequent to the above time frame will either be delayed or supported only at the expense of earlier acknowledged requirements of a lower priority. Requests for pre-planned tactical helicopterborne operations involving units of company strength and larger must reach the Division Air Officer 48 hours prior to L-Hour. Such requests should reach the Battalion Air Officer 72 hours prior to L-Hour to allow for coordination.

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and message preparation and transmission. Specific requirements for helicopter support involving units smaller than company strength (e.g. Plat insertions/ extractions requiring UH-1E gunships), requests for sizable administrative lifts (e.g. CO or BN from secure LZ to secure LZ), and requests requiring special aircraft (e.g. UH-1E) VR's, CH-53's to lift artillery pieces, etc.) must reach the Battalion Air Officer by 0900H the day preceding the day the support is required.

(3) Fixed wing air requests will be submitted via normal TACP nets and relayed to the Division Air Officer. Fixed wing air requests fall into three categories: PREPLANNED, STANDARD FRAG, and ON CALL. PREPLANNED fixed wing air requests must reach the Battalion Air Officer by 1300H on the day preceding the day the strike is to be executed. STANDARD FRAG fixed wing air strikes operate as follows: each week a specified number of sorties with preassigned ordnance loads and Times on Target are allocated for utilization by Regiment at its discretion. Requests for STANDARD FRAG air strikes, and modification of their ordnance loads and Times on Target must reach the Battalion Air Officer a minimum of 8 hours prior to scheduled launch time (approximately 2400H on the day preceding the day the strike is to be executed). ON CALL (scramble) missions may be requested at any time on an emergency basis (E.G. troops in contact, to cover emergency helicopterborne troop insertions/extractions and emergency resupply). Requestor should expect 30-40 minute delay from time of request to aircraft arrival on station.

(4) Emergency air requests of any nature are submitted at any time through normal TACP nets or any net available. Complete justification for the emergency classification is included in each request.

(5) On-call missions may be scheduled in support of a particular operation. Aircraft so scheduled are not normally available for missions other than those for which specifically scheduled. Such missions should be utilized or released as early as possible so as not to tie up assets unduly.

(6) In keeping with the doctrine outlined in reference (b) maximum utilization of the FAC with assault units is desired to achieve maximum air support effectiveness.

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2. RESOURCES AND CONSIDERATIONS

a. Resources

(1) Fixed wing tactical air support may be provided from either Marine Corps, Navy, or Air Force air groups. Standard Marine Corps close air support doctrine applies.

(2) Overall coordination of assigned air resources rests with the Regimental Air Officer.

(3) On call support

(a) MEDEVAC. A medevac package with UH-1E gun escorts is available on Condition III (15 minutes) alert in the Da Nang area. Requests will normally be submitted through the TACP nets but may be submitted by any available means. In the objective area 30 minutes is optimum time from initiation of request to MEDEVAC arrival on station.

(b) SPARROW HAWK AND BALD EAGLE. Two CH-46 and two UH-1E gun escort aircraft (SPARROW HAWK) on Condition III (15 minutes) alert are available in the Da Nang area during daylight hours for lifting of a reinforced rifle squad. Four CH-46 and two UH-1E gun escort aircraft (BALD EAGLE) are on Condition V (1 Hour) alert in the Phu Bai area for lifting a company force. Both flights will be reconstituted from available helicopter assets in the Phu Bai area as soon as possible. The time delay is dependent on the disposition of aircraft.

(c) FAST REACTION GUNSHIPS. UH-1E gunships on Condition III (15 minutes) are in the Da Nang area. They are normally in support of Recon teams or Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle, but may be obtained independently for priority missions.

(d) AERIAL OBSERVER. One visual reconnaissance observation aircraft is scheduled to be airborne in the Da Nang area from 0700H to 1930H daily. Priority service is provided in the following order: troops in contact, G-2 priority missions, ammo convoys, pre-arranged air strikes, VR for ground units, and artillery registration. Currently these assets are severely limited.

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(e) FLARESHIPS. One aircraft is airborne in I Corps throughout the hours of darkness. Priority service is provided to units in contact. Expect 30 minutes delay for arrival on station. A second aircraft is on 1 hour standby at DA NANG, CHU LAI, and PHU BAI air bases as back up in the event enemy contact is established at a second point. Expect a minimum 1 hour delay for this aircraft to be launched and arrive on station.

(f) FIREFLY. A UH-1E package of lightship and gunship aircraft is available through normal air request channels.

(g) AERIAL DELIVERED RIOT CONTROL AGENTS (CS). Are available for use by ground forces through III MAF normal request channels. Normal lead time must be given when requesting RCA.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. MAMELUKE THRUST helicopter operations will be initiated on TACP # 1 (M-1056). TACP # 2 (M-734) will be utilized when directed. Moveable 14 will provide general coordination and Bn 14's provide specific instructions.

b. Fixed wing aircraft will be controlled on UHF frequencies TAN or LIME as directed by PHU BAI DASC.

c. At LSA moveable TEAM (HST) will coordinate operations on M-118 (LZ COMMON). HST's will control helicopter resupply operations in assigned LZ's on M-118.

d. Moveable 14 will coordinate SAV-A-PLANE information in the Regimental AO.

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ANNEX: D (Artillery Support) to Frag Order 87-68

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex (b).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Direct Support. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, will be in direct support of 1st Battalion (-), 5th Marines.

(2) General Support/Reinforcing

(a) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

(b) 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

2. MISSION. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines will be direct support for operations of 1st Battalion (-), 5th Marines.

3. EXECUTION

a. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, will provide direct fire support for offensive operations of 1st Battalion (-), 5th Marines.

b. General Support/Reinforcing fires will be provided by 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Those fires will be requested by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines FSCC through the direct support battery.

c. All fire missions will be cleared through the Battalion FSCC.

d. H&I fires will be cleared through the Battalion FSCC.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See (Annex E).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

a. Battalion FSCC will be located with Battalion CP.

b. Battalion Conduct of Fire Net will be M4 (45.35).
Alternate MSA (6085).

c. 7th Marines FSCC liaison net will be M1137 (36.90).

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APPENDICES:

- ✓1 Artillery Fire Support March
- ✓2 Fire Prep Schedule
- ✓3 Target List (On calls)

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Appendix I (Artillery Fire Support Motor March) to Annex D
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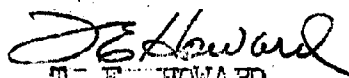
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Between Check Point I and 7 - Beechnut FOXTROT - Freq. 45.85

Between Check Point 7 and 11- Beechnut ECHO - Freq. 58.05

Between Check Point 11 and 18 - Terripan BRAVO - Freq. 64.15

From rest of motor march - Offspring(11th Marines) - Freq. 43.20


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Appendix 2 (Fire Prep Schedule) to Annex D (Artillery Support)
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LZ BLUEJAY - L hour-1
15 minute prep - 100 rounds
Grid 858862 to 863862


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Appendix 3 (Target List (On calls)) to Annex D (Artillery Support) to Frag Order 87-68

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<u>TARGET NUMBER</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
SD 51	898878	Hill 506
SD 52	894886	Hilltop
SD 53	889886	Hill 444
SD 54	886851	Saddle
SD 55	881881	Hilltop
SD 56	879858	Saddle
SD 57	870888	Finger
SD 58	869874	Ridge
SD 59	857896	Hill 822
SD 60	856874	Ridge


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ANNEX: E (Logistics) to Frag Order 87-68

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A. PRESCRIBED LOAD - INITIAL DEPLOYMENT

- (1) 4 Long Range patrol rations per man
- (2) 3 canteens per man
- (3) 2 days supply of halizone and 16 salt tablets per man
- (4) Each man wear helmet (no flak jackets unless individual desires to do so)
- (5) 1 Field Protective Mask per man
- (6) Insect repellent as required
- (7) Foot powder as required
- (8) Basic allowance of ammunition
- (9) Following supply and equipment per rifle squad:
 - (a) 1 air panel
 - (b) 6 yellow/green smoke
 - (c) 3 LAAW's
 - (d) 2 hand illumination
 - (e) 2 green star clusters
 - (f) 2 M-33 Fragmentation grenades (per man)
 - (g) 5 CS Grenades
 - (h) 100 feet of nylon rope

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- (i) 1 pencil flare
- (j) 3 machetes
- (k) 2 claymore mines
- (10) Special Equipment
 - (a) 1 light weight (nylon) litter per platoon
 - (b) 1 chain saw per company
 - (c) Each company carry 2 demolition kits for engineer team (4 men)
 - (d) 2 strobe lights per company

B. RESUPPLY

- (1) All resupply will be by air
- (2) All resupply will be run from the LSA at Hill 55
- (3) Resupply will be on a daily basis
- (4) Try to refrain from water resupply requests due to the difficulties involved (use natural resources as much as possible)
- (5) Resupply requests will be submitted one day prior to day resupplying needed, through HST to Battalion teams.

C. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- (1) Helicopter evacuation by UH-34D; helicopter support teams attached.
- (2) Equipment will not be evacuated with casualty to hospital. Hold equipment until it can be transported to the LSA at Hill 55 where S-4 will control it. Send escort with equipment.
- (3) Minor wounds will be evacuated to Hill 55 for recuperation. Equipment can be sent with this type of evacuation.

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(1) Thirty 6x6 trucks to arrive at LZ 405 (Phu Bai) at 0800 on D-1 for transportation to debarkation point, located at coordinates (AT 939783), 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines area. Convoy to return one day later to Phu Bai providing own security.

(2) Trucks will be dispatched from 11th Motors.

(3) Twelve 6x6 trucks; 6 - 151's; and 1 wrecker will rendezvous with motor column at H+20 minutes at intersection of route 545 and Highway # 1 at coordinates 937077 and proceed with column in designated spot in column. These trucks are from Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

E. UNIT COMMANDERS WILL:

(1) Ensure all weapons are cleaned and inspected daily.

(2) Supervise consumption of salt tablets and use of halizone and malaria pills.


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✓ 1 Embarkation Plan

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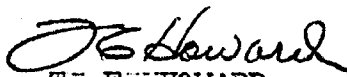
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VEHICLE ASSIGNMENTS AND ORDER OF MARCH

1st Echelon - Company B	1-7
2nd Echelon - H&S Company	8-16
3rd Echelon - Company A	17-23
4th Echelon - Delta Btry, 2d Bn, 11th Mar	19 Vehicles
5th Echelon - Company C	24-30


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ANNEX: F (Communications/Electronics) to Frag Order 87-68

Ref: (a) 1st Bn, 5th Marines Frag Order 87-68

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) The enemy has the capability to:
 - (a) Conduct electronics countermeasures (Jamming).
 - (b) Conduct wire tapping and monitor radio transmissions.
 - (c) Insert deceptive traffic on radio transmissions and radio and wire circuits.
 - (d) Booby trap abandoned equipment.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex A (Operations Overlay)
- (2)

<u>Command Posts</u>	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
(a) Hq, 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Phu Bai	3rd Bn, 1st Mar (AT 939783)
(b) 1st Bn, 5th Mar Rear	Phu Bai	Phu Bai

2. MISSION. Communications-electronics elements provide support to the 1st Bn, 5th Marines in order to perform combat operations within its area of operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. To conduct operations within the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines area of operations which will require continuous displacement of battalion and company command elements in order to maintain command posts capable of coordination and control.

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b. Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines

(1) Establish and maintain communications-electronics facilities for the Battalion Command Group when deployed to provide tactical command and control of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

(2) Establish and maintain communications-electronics facilities for the Battalion Rear to provide administrative and logistical control.

(3) On D-2 establish manual relay capability at Dong Den Mt.

(4) See Appendix 1.

c. Companies A, B, C, D and H&3; 81mm Platoon and Supporting Organizations

(1) Maintain external communications as directed by this headquarters and internal communications to support assigned mission.

(2) See Appendix 1.

d. Coordinating Instructions(1) Radio

(a) See Appendix 1.

(b) Companies will carry Antenna RC-292 at all times and will utilize it as necessary to provide the most effective communications possible. Use of this antenna will be especially necessary in the canopy.

(c) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Relay will commence operations on D-1.

(d) All radio gear should be checked out prior to leaving for the field; defective gear and requests for additional equipment should be made through the Radio Section of the Battalion Communication Platoon (Ph. 28).

(e) Frequencies will be provided by 7th Marine Regiment and will be disseminated as received.

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(2) Wire

- (a) No external wire will be established.
- (b) Internal wire will be established as required.

(3) Message Center

- (a) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Rear will maintain present message Center capabilities. Teletype circuit will not be utilized.

(4) Cryptographic matters

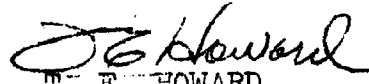
- (a) Effective edition of KAC-QAG 4 is in hands of units. It is effective 1-31 July 1968.
- (b) Effective editions of KAC-Q (numerical code) and KAC-P (brevity code) will be available in the Battalion Command Group.

(5) Supporting Arms Communications

- (a) See Appendix 1.
- (b) See Annex D (Artillery).
- (c) See Annex C (Air Support).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Evacuation of gear for repair will be to the rear.
- b. A four (4) day supply of batteries will be taken to the field by all units.


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RADIO PLAN

NET CONTROL
GUARD
A- AS REQUIRED
W- WHEN DIRECTED

FREQUENCIES (OMITTED)

	RECT TAC TWO	RECT TAC THREE	RECT COMMAND (VOICE)	BN T.C ONE	BN T.C TWO	TACP LOCAL	TACP TWO	A COMPANY TAC	B COMPANY TAC	C COMPANY TAC	H&S COMPANY TAC	81s C. O. F.	LZ COMMON	ARTILLERY (C. O. F.)	FIRE SUPPORT COORD	HST	CALL SIGNS
5TH MAR RECT	C	C	C			C	C								C	C	GUNSMOKE
5TH MAR RECT RELAY	X	X				X									X		GUNSMOKE RELAY
5TH MAR RECT RETRANS		X															
1ST BN 5TH MAR	X	X	W	C	C												MILBROOK
1ST BN 5TH MAR FSCG						W	X						A	X	X		MILBROOK BAILY
1ST BN 5TH MAR REAR			A	X	X												MILBROOK REAR
1ST BN 5TH MAR RELAY				W	X												MILBROOK RELAY
81MM FLT					X							C					MILBROOK WHISKEY
A COMPANY				W	X	X	A	C		X	A	X		A	A		MILBROOK ALPHA
B COMPANY				W	X	X	A	C		X	A	X	A	A			MILBROOK BRAVO
C COMPANY				W	X	X	A		C	X	A	X	A	A			MILBROOK CHARLIE
H&S COMPANY										C							MILBROOK YANK
TACP							X										MILBROOK 14
DET. "B" 1ST SP Bn																	MILBROOK TEAM

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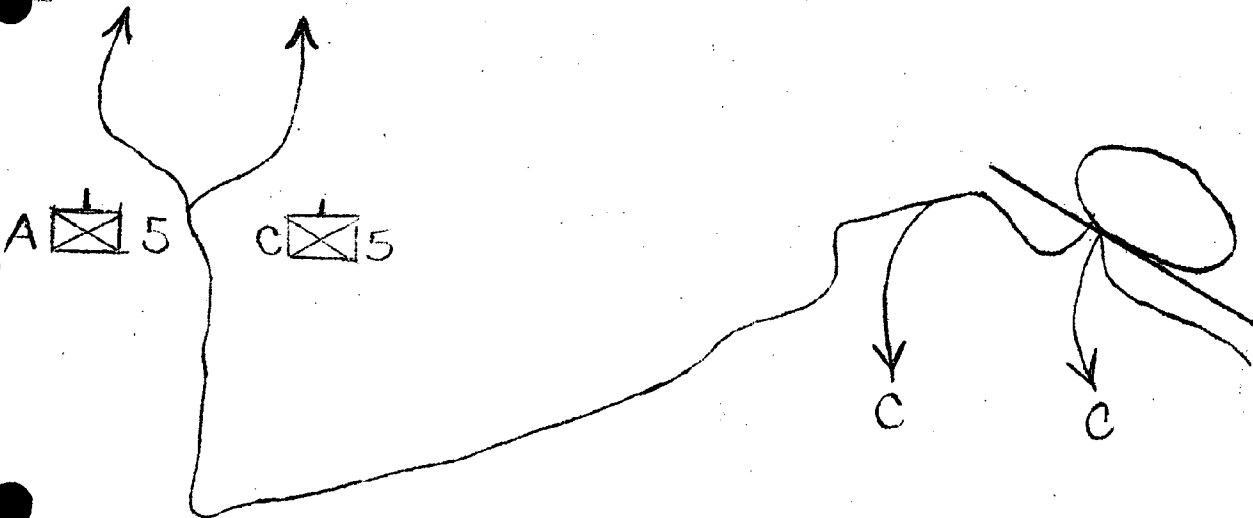
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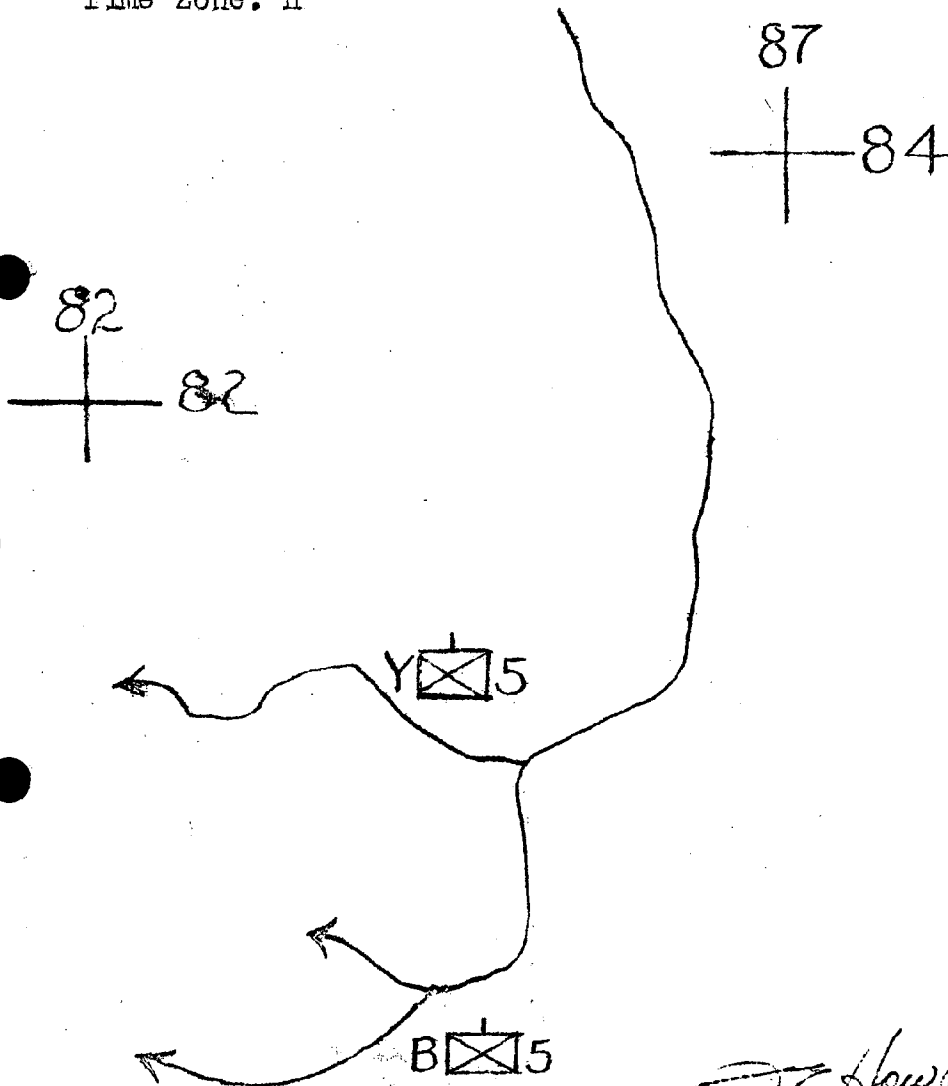
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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. No change
- b. Friendly. No change

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines, terminate operations in assigned AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. 1st Battalion(-), 5th Marines terminate operations in Elephant Valley at 181030H July 1968 and be prepared to move by motor march to forward CP of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (vic AT 939873).

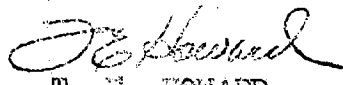
b. Companies A, B, C and H&S, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
On order move companies from present position to (AT 899810) and embark on wheeled vehicles in the following order of march: Company B, H&S Company, Company A, Company C.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See SOP.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command. CP Group will be with H&S Company during motor march.

b. Communications. Battalion Tactical Net will be used to control the motor march.


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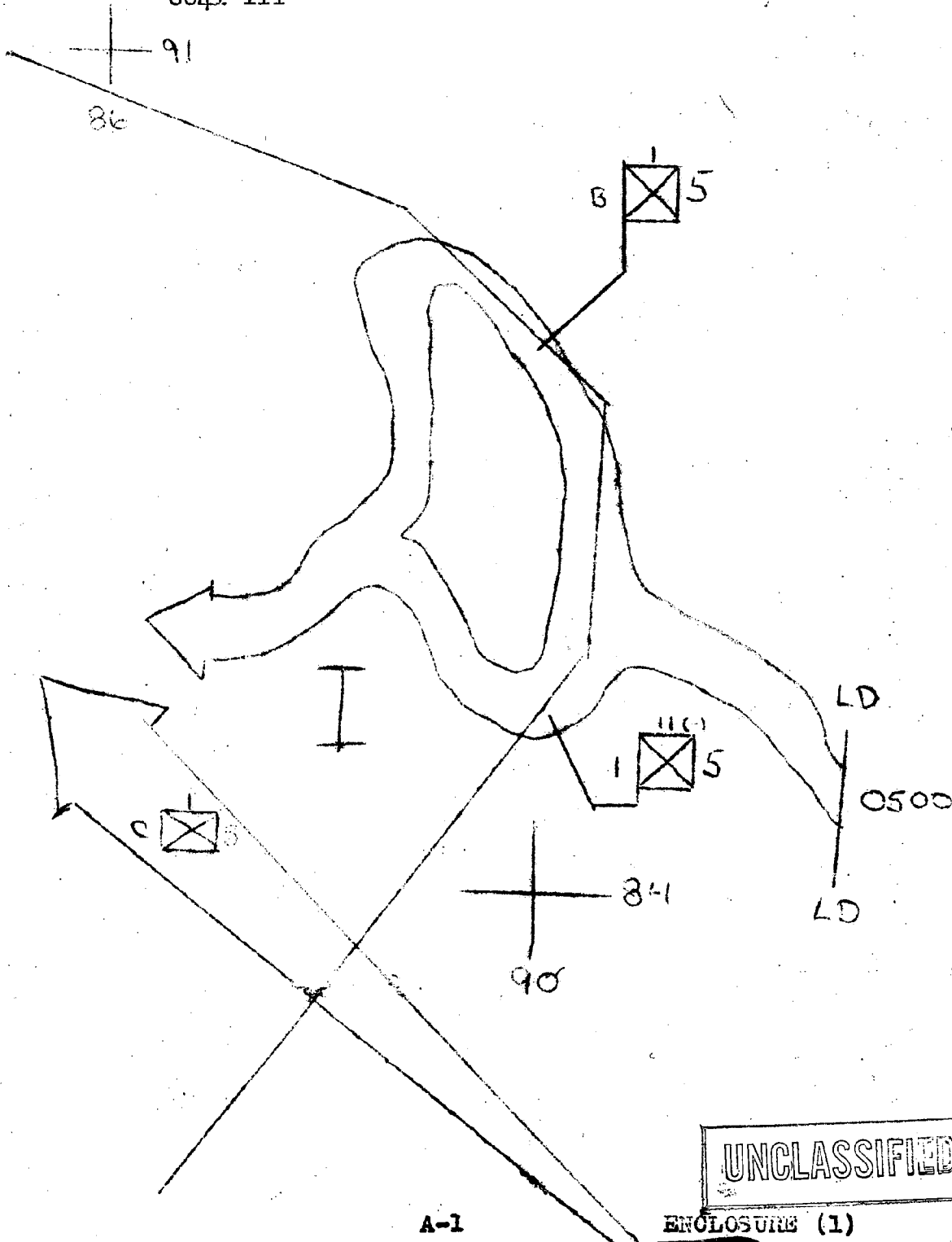
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ANNEX: A (Operations Overlay) to Frag Order 87-68

A hand-drawn map of a triangular area. The top vertex is labeled '91' with a crosshair and '20' below it. The left side is a vertical line with a crosshair and '20' below it. The right side is a diagonal line. The bottom vertex is labeled 'LZ OWL'. A large triangle is labeled 'Δ'. A curved line with an arrow points from the bottom left towards the center, labeled 'LZ CARDINAL'. A small square with an 'X' and '5' is on this line. To the right, a crosshair is labeled '84' and '86', with 'LZ BLUE JAY' below it. A small oval is on the line. The bottom right corner has a box labeled 'UNCLASSIFIED' and 'ENCLOSURE (1)'. The bottom left corner is labeled 'A-2'.

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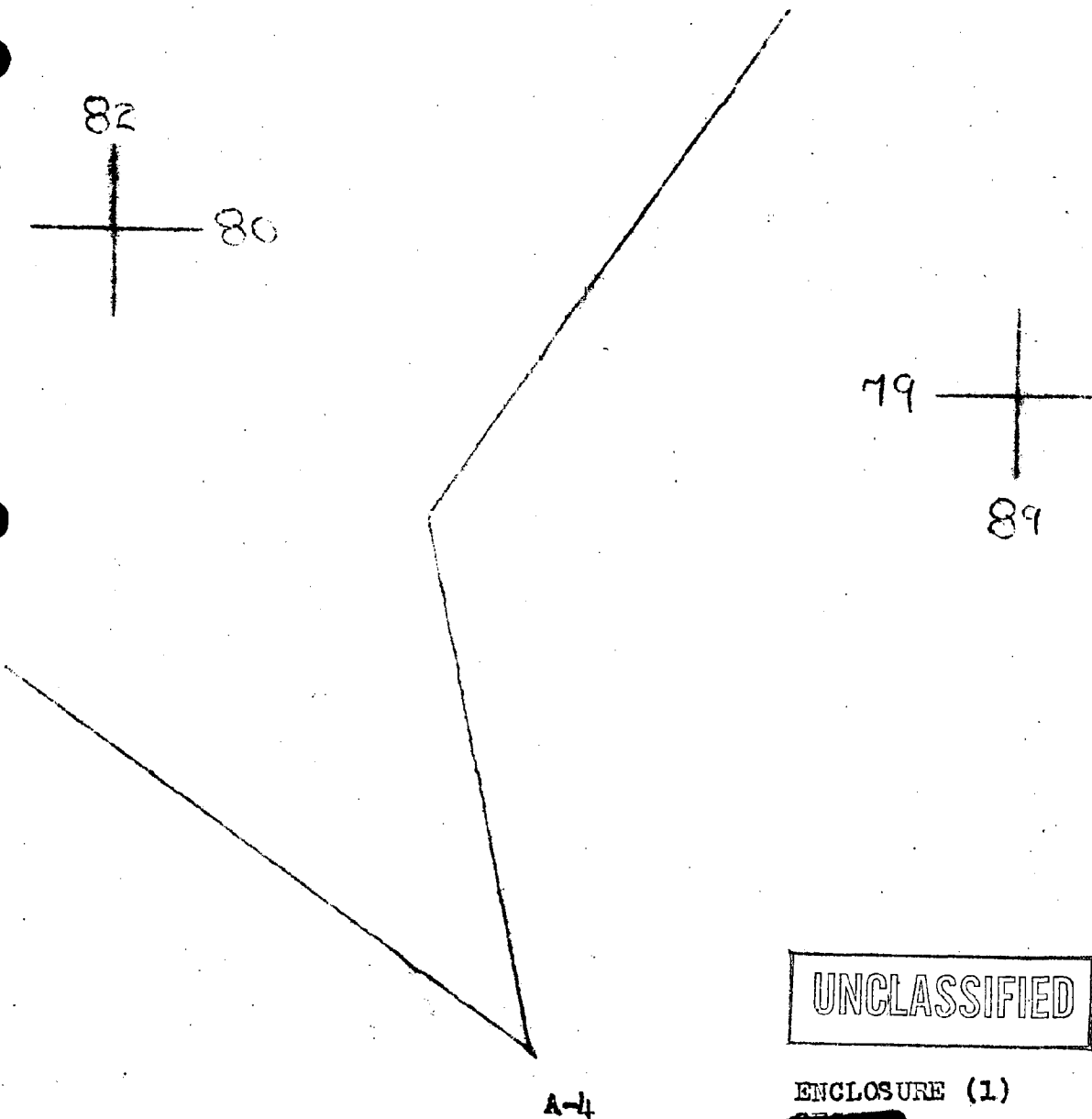
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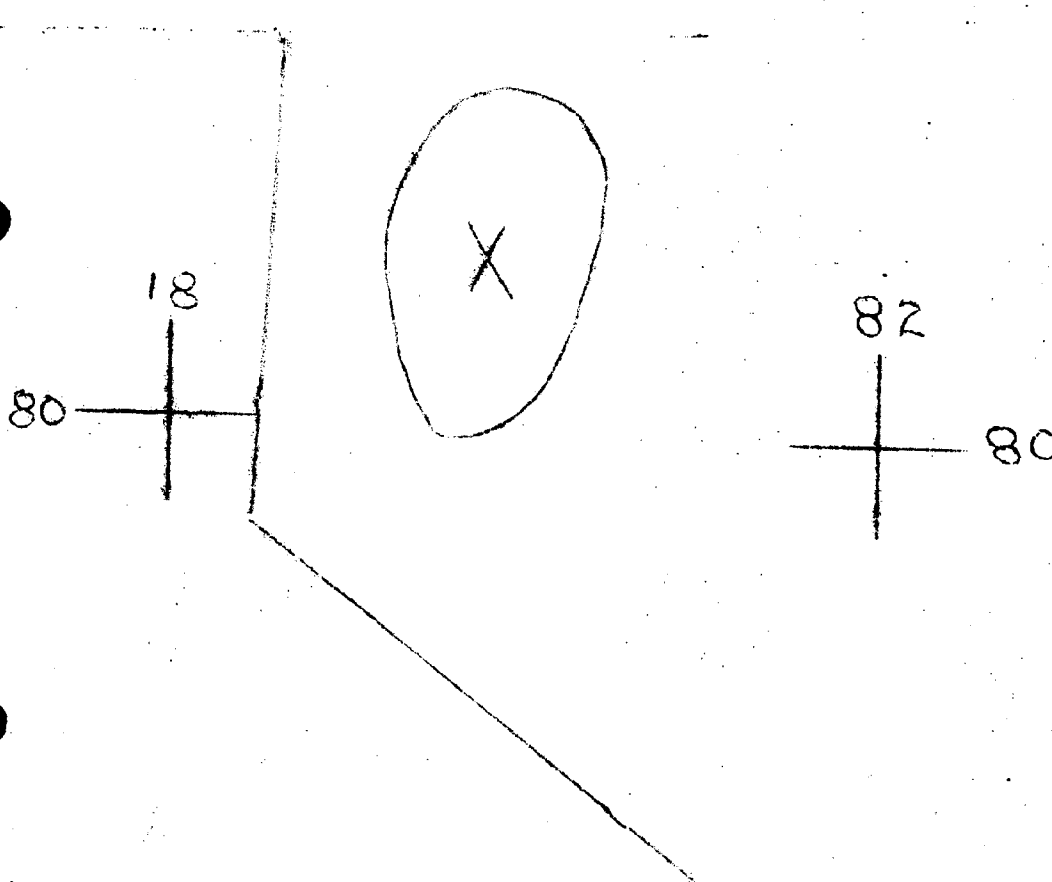
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