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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(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.

R. F. Daley
R. F. DALEY
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY
1-31 October 1968

H&S Company

1st Lt. R. N. WARR
1-18 October 1968
1st Lt. D. V. SHERMAN
19-31 October 1968

Company A

Capt. G. C. CODY
1-31 October 1968

Company B

Capt. G. C. LINTY
1-31 October 1968

Company C

Capt. J. P. GAYMAR
1-31 October 1968

Company D

Capt. C. N. ADAMS
1-31 October 19682. Locations

1-23 October 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "AMERICAN TRUST" in the northwestern part of Duy Xuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

23-31 October 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "HENDERSON HILL" in the northwestern part of Duy Xuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. E. E. GRADING
1-31 October 1968

S-1 Officer/Adjutant

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. H. O. V. GREEN
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S-3 Officer

Capt. H. L. BRANDTNER
1-31 October 1968

S-4 Officer

1st Lt. S. A. NELSON
1-7 October 1968
1st Lt. R. L. LOUDER
8-31 October 1968

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
1-31 October 1968

Medical Officer

Lt. C. E. CREACH (USN)
1-31 October 1968

Supply Officer

2nd Lt. E. R. MIDGETT
1-31 October 1968

Motor Transport Officer

2nd Lt. R. M. McDOWELL
1-31 October 1968

Assistant Adj/ Legal Officer

1st Lt. R. F. WEBB
1-18 October 1968
1st Lt. R. W. FARR
19-31 October 1968

Chaplain

Lt. H. H. ROBERTS (USN)
1-31 October 1968

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. E. KUNN
1-31 October 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFFICERS

31

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1180

USNOFFICERS

3

ENLISTED

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" 1 October through 1200H 23 October 1968, and commenced Operation "ENDERSON HILL" on 1200H 23 October 1968, which continues into the month of November. Both operations were conducted in the Duy Xuyen District of the Quang Nam Province in RVN.

The Battalion conducted aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions; secured and protected routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support; supported and protected US and RVN installations and convoys. In addition the Battalion provided protection to the local populace in the rice harvest and denied enemy forces the opportunity to harvest and store rice. All the missions during this period were accomplished.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 32 officers and 1160 enlisted. On 15 October, the strength had changed to 31 officers and 1195 enlisted. By the end of October, the strength was 29 officers and 1165 enlisted. At this time, there are 3 officers and 77 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 1 officer and 146 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 6 Summary Courts-Martial and 3 Special Courts-Martial were convened during October. There are 10 Special Courts-Martial still to be processed. During October, 4 informal investigations and 2 Article 32 investigations were completed. There are 4 informal investigations and 2 CID investigations pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 17 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 October, there were numerous Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals forwarded to members of this Command. Eight meritorious combat promotions were delivered during the month. Also during the month, there were nine Navy Achievement, eleven Navy Commendation, seven Bronze Star, six Silver Star, 1 Navy Cross and one Legion of Merit Medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

2. ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER AND TERRAIN. See paragraph 8 of Tab "A" to enclosure (1).

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3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of October. During the period of 1-23 October, Companies F and H of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines were under the operational control of the 1st Battalion. Also during the period of 1-23 October, Company D was under the operational control of the 5th Marines and Company A under the operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

b. Operations

(1) The Battalion continued to participate in Operation "HIGHLIGHT THREAT" (Search and Destroy Operation) in the Duy Xuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN. The Operation terminated at 231200H October 1968. See Tab "A" to enclosure (1) (Combat After Action Report).

(2) The Battalion commenced Operation "ENDERSON HILL" (Search and Destroy Operation) at 231200H October 1968 in the Duy Xuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN. The Operation continues into the month of November.

c. Supporting Arms. This portion of the Command Chronology is included in paragraph 7 of Tab "A" to enclosure (1).

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Field Fortifications
- (4) 106mm RR and M30 MG
- (5) Field Sanitation/First Aid
- (6) Mapping and Compass
- (7) Patrolling and Ambushes
- (8) Defensive Combat
- (9) Leadership
- (10) Gas Chamber Exercise

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 Orinawa.

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5. LOGISTICS. See paragraph 13 of Tab "A" to enclosure (1).

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During this reporting period, the Battalion continued to work with the people of Phu Da II in the Duc Duc District. Due to the high winds and heavy rains during the month, the people were assisted primarily in reconstructing and waterproofing their homes. This was accomplished by providing the people with 225 sheets of plastic; 270 ammunition boxes; 88 sheets of plywood (4x8) and 2 carpenter kits; the 2 carpenter kits to be retained by the two most needy carpenters on completion of the primary repairs in Phu Da II.

To assist the people in some of their basic needs, the following items were delivered to Phu Da II: 9 trailer loads of scrap lumber (used as firewood); 3 CARE Garden kits issued to the most needy; 18 sets of sewing kits to the women of the village; 75 lbs of soap; 2 boxes of childrens clothes for the orphanage; 1 blackboard and school supplies for the school in the village; and 50lbs of cookies, candy and a few toys for the children of the village.

The attitude of the people of Phu Da II towards this Battalion continues to be excellent.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. The primary Psychological Operation during this period was conducted on a Regimental level by the 5th Marines. The Battalion distributed 192 Chieu Hoi pens to the people of the An Hoa area. Five ChiCom grenades were turned in to the Battalion by the people of Phu Da II for a total of \$500 VN.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. See paragraph 13.D of Tab "A" to enclosure (1).

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED; VC/AVA CAPTURED:

a. Friendly Casualties

	USMC	USN
KIA	8	2
WIAE	120	0
WIANE	49	4
DOW	1	0
NDC	3	0
NED	2	1

b. Enemy Casualties:

KIA	118
POW	8
Civil Defendant	1

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10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH:

- 1 AK-47
- 1 M-16
- 1 Cal. .45 Pistol

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH:

- 5 ChiCom grenades
- 13 M-26 grenades
- 1 AT line (50 lbs)
- 2 105mm HE rounds
- 10 lbs C-4
- 4 60mm Mortar rounds
- 1 M-4 (Bouncing Betty)
- 1 8" HE round
- 1 90mm round
- 1 60mm Casing filled with explosives
- 1 60mm Casing filled with explosives, rocks and glass
- 1 Box Mine
- 1 155mm HE round
- 2 AP Mines
- 2 82mm Mortar rounds

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND RICE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH:

- Rice: 36½ tons
- Miscellaneous equipment i.e. (Cartridge belts, uniforms, etc)
- 2 Small boats sunk

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH: Numerous individual fighting positions; small bunkers (2-5 men size) and small trench lines (5-10 yds) were destroyed whenever the tactical situation permitted.

B. ENTRIES

1. For the period of 1 October through 23 October 1968. See paragraph 11 of Tab "A", to enclosure (1).

2. For the period of 23 October through 31 October 1968. See Tab "B", to enclosure (1).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab "A" Combat After Action Report, Operation "HAMELUNE TRUST".

✓ Tab "B" Staff Journal for period of 231200H through 312400H October 1968.

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31 October 1968

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

Subj: Combat After Action Report (Operation Mameluke Thrust)

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
(b) 5th Marines Frag Order 72-68
(c) 5th Marines Frag Order 73-68
(d) 5th Marines Frag Order 76-68
(e) 5th Marines Frag Order 77-68
(f) 5th Marines Frag Order 85-68
(g) 5th Marines Frag Order 89-68
(h) 5th Marines Frag Order 90-68
(i) 5th Marines Frag Order 91-68
(j) 5th Marines Frag Order 92-68
(k) 5th Marines Frag Order 93-68
(l) 5th Marines Frag Order 94-68
(m) 5th Marines Frag Order 95-68
(n) 5th Marines Operation Order 301A-68
(o) 5th Marines Frag Order 96-68
(p) 5th Marines Frag Order 97-68
(q) 5th Marines Frag Order 98-68
(r) 5th Marines Frag Order 99-68

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" (Search and Destroy).
2. Dates of Operation. From 291300H July 1968 to 231200H October 1968.
3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "OPERATION MAMELUKE THRUST" in the central and southern parts of Dai Loc; central and northern parts of Duc Duc and northwestern part of Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quang Nam Province.

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4. Control or Command Headquarters

5th Mar (-) (Rein) 1st Mar Div (Rein) at 1st Mar Div
Colonel P. G. GRAHAM
29 July - 13 Oct 1968
Colonel J. B. ORD
14 Oct - 23 Oct 1968

5. Reporting Officer

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) at 1st Mar Div
Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY

6. Task Organization

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

	29 July - 18 Aug 1968
	Maj. L. A. MUNDERLICH
	5 Aug 1968 - 23 Oct 1968
	Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY
	26 Aug - 23 Oct 1968
	Maj. L. A. MUNDERLICH
	29 July - 18 Sept 1968
	Maj. E. E. GERDING
	9 Sept - 23 Oct 1968
	Lt. R. W. WARR
	29 July - 13 Oct 1968
	Lt. D. V. SHERIN
	19 - 23 Oct 1968
1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)	
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 (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
81mm Mortar Plat (-)	
Comm Plat (-)	
106mm RR Plat	
Flame Section	
TACP	
Det, Med Plat	
S-2 Scout	
Kit Carson Tm	
Company A (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	1st Lt. S. A. NELSON
Det, H&S Company	29 July - 22 Sept 1968
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat	Capt. R. L. CODY
Det, Med Plat	23 Sept - 23 Oct 1968
Det, Comm Plat	
PAC Tm	
S-2 Scout	
Kit Carson Tm	

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

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

1st Lt. J. S. PIPKIN

29 July - 8 Aug 1968

Capt G. C. LAWY

9 Aug - 23 Oct 1968

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

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson Tm

Capt, J. P. CAYNAK

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

Det, H&S Company

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, Med Plat

FAC Tm

S-2 Scout

Kit Carson

Capt M. L. BRANDTNER

29 Jul - 18 Sept 1968

Capt. C. N. ADAMS

19 Sept - 23 Oct 1968

The following units were OPCON to the Battalion during Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

(1) Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 231400H September 1968 through 231200H October 1968.

(2) Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 251000H September 1968 through 231200H October 1968.

Units from the Battalion were OPCON to the following organizations during Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST".

(1) Company A, OPCON to 5th Marines from 090300H through 121300H September 1968.

(2) Company D, OPCON to 5th Marines from 211400H September 1968 through 131500H October 1968.

(3) Company A, OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 010615H through 191300H October 1968.

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7. Supporting Arms

a. Air. Outstanding support was given by 1st MAW in providing fixed wing and helicopter support. During this period, 276 missions were flown by Marine TACA/AO Teams for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, controlling 419 flights of fixed wing and providing valuable aerial observation and individual close support actions in support of the Battalion's mission of search and destroy, patrolling, rice and road security and special operations. Other missions flown included: 258 Med Evac missions, 26 flare-ships, 19 Spooky's, 9 flights of UH-1E Gunships and 18 visual reconnaissance missions.

b. Artillery

(1) Commencing with Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST", Foxtrot Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines; with Echo Battery and Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines in a reinforcing status. The operating status (Direct, General Support) varied within the time interval of this report. A platoon of 155mm guns, 1st Gun Battery, 11th Marines, a battery of 155mm Howitzer, and a platoon of 8" howitzers also provided support.

(a) Foxtrot Battery fired approximately 400 missions in support of the maneuvering elements.

(b) Delta Battery fired a total of 275 missions in support of the maneuvering elements.

(c) Echo Battery fired a total of 45 missions for the support of the maneuvering elements.

(2) Artillery support for the three month period was primarily observed missions, blocking fires and unobserved missions such as S-2 targets and harrassing and interdiction fires.

(3) An average of 45 H&I fires were delivered daily on enemy targets.

c. Engineers. Engineer support was provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed principally to destroy duds, booby traps, captured enemy ammunition, enemy bunkers/fortifications and to conduct daily mine sweeps of the road networks in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines AO.

d. Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These attachments provided satisfactory support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and Med-Evacs.

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e. Antrac. A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Antrac Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during 23 Sept to 23 October 1968. The LVT's provided considerable support in transporting supplies and troops, and were used as night-time unit command posts.

f. Tanks. A light section of the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was employed in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during 23 September to 23 October 1968. Although the movement of the tanks was restricted to the road, they were able to move to prescribed objectives. Excellent results were achieved by using tanks to support infantry assaults.

g. Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines provided outstanding sniper fire for the Battalion which resulted in 13 enemy kills during the operation.

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8. Intelligence

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

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Hq 5th Mar Operation Order 301A-68 (S).

b. Enemy strength and disposition actually determined during operation:

Arizona Sector. Based on information derived from POW, enemy documents recovered, and the nature of enemy contacts encountered, the enemy strength was estimated to be elements of 1 NVA regiment with separate Main Force and Local Force NVA/VC units deployed or moving within and around the Battalion TAOR.

An Hoa/Liberty Bridge Sector. Since the deployment on 23Sep68, based on enemy contacts and intelligence received from higher headquarters, enemy strength is estimated at two battalions with local force VC units deployed within the Battalion TAOR.

c. NVA/VC Units Identified

Interrogation of enemy POW/CHIEU HOI/DETAINÉES revealed the following enemy units identified:

- (1) Capitol Ranger Company (Separate Unit)
- (2) 1st Battalion, 36th Regiment, 308 NVA Division
- (3) 16th Company, 111st Regiment, 312 NVA Division
- (4) Elements of 21st NVA Regiment, 2nd NVA Division

d. Significant Intelligence Gained

Arizona TAOR. The nature of contacts and intelligence received through Detainees/POW/documents indicated that the entire Arizona TAOR is utilized by NVA/VC forces as:

- (1) A major route of approach toward Da Nang and An Hoa
- (2) A major food storage area and market for resupplying units in Base area 112/115 and Charlie Ridge, plus local forces operating within the Regimental TAOR. The local populace is utilized as a labor force for construction and maintenance of fortifications and as rice bearer and medical clearing operations. Since there is no GVN control

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in the area the VC/NVA maintain control over the populace except when a major force is deployed within the Arizona area.

Enemy Tactics. Due to the terrain, the enemy employed sniping/ delaying action with a major attack only to delay forces until his location and headquarters, material, and key personnel could be withdrawn.

An Hoa/Liberty Bridge TACR. Through intelligence gained, the number of mine/booby traps employed against friendly forces, and firing at friendly aircraft indicate that the VC hamlet/guerrilla is still active and is contesting control over a large segment of the populace.

Enemy Tactics. Mine/Booby traps, firing at aircraft, and small probing actions are utilized by enemy forces in their sector to disrupt efforts to keep roads open and maintain some degree of control over the populace.

e. Terrain. See Annex (B) Intelligence to Operation Order 301A-68 paragraph D.

f. Weather. During the operation, the weather was warm to hot during the daylight hours and mild to cool at night. During 14 Oct to 19 Oct, a tropical storm hampered movement and operations had to cease, because of air unable to resupply and high water hampered movement.

9. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted in assigned AO's aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material and positions. Secure and protect routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support; support and protect US and RVN installations, units and convoys.

10. Concept. During the period 29 July through 23 September 1968, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted Search and Destroy operations with four companies, each being assigned an AO within the Battalion AO, to search for and destroy enemy forces, equipment and material.

During the period 24 September through 23 October 1968, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines with one company and Battalion Command Group established a holding position at Liberty Bridge ferry landings to protect that installation and provide security for daily mine sweep operations to clear Liberty Road from An Hoa Combat Base to Liberty Bridge. One company to keep Liberty Road open and to protect friendly convoys by constant surveillance and interdiction of enemy threat to the road by daily OP's and night ambushes and patrols along the axis of the road. Two companies conducted aggressive offensive operations in the An Hoa area to destroy enemy forces, and were prepared to provide reaction forces to assist the An Hoa Combat Base and local US and RVN installations and units, and were prepared to deploy to any portion of the Regimental AO to conduct offensive operations.

11. Execution

D-Day 29 July 1968.

291300H - 5th Marines Frag Order 72-68 received.
See reference (b).

291330H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 90-68 promulgated.

291500H - Assumed OPCON of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and H&S Company(-), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

291620H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 852503) landed in LZ ONE at same coord. Observed several NVA at (AT 854502) wearing utility jackets, black shorts, and packs, firing at choppers in LZ. Fired 50x5.56mm; L&M-79. Results 3 NVA KIA; and 1 AK-47; 2 Chi-Com Grenades; 2 packs captured.

291800H - Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 854507) captured approximately 15 bunkers. 1 bunker contained NVA pack, bank book, poncho, stamps, and documents. All destroyed except documents.

D+1 30 July 1968.

300715H - Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 842947) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from enemy snipers at (AT 835498). Fired 60x5.56mm; 75x7.62mm. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

300800H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 91-68 promulgated.

300940H - Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 832943) received 7 rounds small arms fire from 1 VC at (AT 826948). Fired 40x5.56; 19x105mm HE; 1x105mm WP. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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301330H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 845842) received 20 rounds small arms fire from VC at (AT 845841). Observed several VC suspects and ordered them to halt. VC's continued to run. Fired warning shots, VC went into hut, appeared to be going after weapon. Fired 15x5.56mm in direction of hut. Results: 2 Vietnamese civilians KIA and 1 Vietnamese WIAE.

301900H - Chopped Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and H&S Company(-), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines back to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

D+2 31 July 1968.

310900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 92-68 promulgated.

D+3 01 August 1968.

011115H - 5th Marines Frag Order 73-68 received. See reference (c).

012325H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines 81mm Mortar position at An Hoa Base (AT-012325) received 1 incoming M-79 round. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIANE.

D+4 02 August 1968.

021715H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 875549) received 20 rounds small arms fire from 4-5 enemy snipers at (AT 870550). Returned 150x7.62mm; 300x5.56mm; 30x105mm HE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

022000H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 874554) received 25 rounds sniper fire from 1 NVA at (AT 873554). Fired 40x5.56mm. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

022100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 93-68 promulgated.

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D+5 03 August 1968.

030115H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP at (AT 878554) received 10-12 rounds enemy 60mm mortar fire from coordinates (AT 879542) and (AT 863547). Fired 2x105mm WP; 89x105mm HE. Enemy fire ceased.

030958H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 869546) received enemy automatic weapons fire from (AT 867544); (AT 865546); and (AT 867549). Fired 40x105mm HE; 21x81mm HE; and 5 fixed wing Air Strikes. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 8 USMC WIAE.

031032H - Marine from Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines tripped a M-26 grenade booby trap on trail. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

031259H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 864543) received automatic weapons fire from 8-10 enemy in a fortified position. Fired 20 gas grenades; 150x7.62mm; 200x5.56mm. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 3 VC/NVA KIA; 1 Detainee WIA; and captured 1 AK-47; 1 M-79; 4 Chi-Com grenades.

032000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 94-66 promulgated.

032255H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP at (AT 870551) received 10-12 rounds 60mm mortar fire from enemy at (AT 862543). Fired 15x81mm HE; 26x105mm HE. Negative results.

D+6 04 August 1968.

040115H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 865545) moving to link up with Company C received heavy automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 863543). Platoon assaulted enemy position and were ordered to pull back. Point fire team was unable to pull back and lost contact with unit. 1 man from fire team returned to Company A position stating they had casualties. Rescue team from Company A was sent out but returned when they could not find fire team position. At first light, 2nd rescue team recovered fireteam. 1 Marine had been dragged 200 meters to enemy position and stated he heard sawing at night. Fired 150x105mm HE; 60x105mm Illum. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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040630H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 866541) received automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 865531). Fired 300x7.62mm; 275x5.56mm; 80x105mm HE; 21x81mm HE; 2 flights fixed wing. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 4 USMC WIAE.

042005H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP and all companies received 60mm mortars; 82mm mortars and semi and automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 864541). Returned 700x5.56mm; 56x81mm HE; 100x60mm HE; 150x105mm HE and M-16 Gunship. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 2 VC/NVA KIA.

042030H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 95-68 promulgated.

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050645H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 869534) received 150 rounds of small arms and 5x60mm mortars from 4-5 enemy at (AT 868533). Fired 16x4-79; 23x60mm; 11x105mm HE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIAE.

050900H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines sniper at (AT 869534) observed 1 enemy running from treeline from which chopper had received sniper rounds. Fired 1 round 7.62mm match ammo. Observed enemy fall. Enemy was observed through scope for 1 hour. Results 1 VC/NVA KIA.

051900H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad at (AT 867535) observed 1 enemy run into bunker at (AT 867535). Threw one M-26 grenade into bunker killing enemy. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA.

052000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 96-68 promulgated.

052200H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines point at (AT 852544) received approximately 20-30 rounds small arms fire from 4-5 enemy at (AT 853544). Fired 70x5.56mm killing 2 enemy. Results: 2 VC/NVA KIA.

052215H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines ambush at (AT 848544) observed 7 VC moving SE with weapons. Fired 65x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC/NVA KIA.

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060630H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP at (AT 850529) observed 3 VC wearing black PJ's and camouflaged coolie hats. Company A sniper fired 3 rounds. Results: 3 VC KIA.

060640H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 844529) observed 4-6 VC with weapons at (AT 844528). Fired 100x5.56mm. Results: 4 VC KIA.

060645H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 847536) received automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 848528). Returned fire with 300x7.62mm; 275x5.56mm; 4xLAAs; 10xM-79 rounds. Results: 1 VC KIA.

060810H - 5th Marines Frag Order 76-68 received. See reference (d).

060815H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 97-68 promulgated.

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071100H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 847508) observed 1 Vietnamese male in black PJ's. Man was ordered to halt; didn't. Fired 10x5.56mm. Searched area. Results: 1 VC KIA.

071330H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad at (AT 838514) received small arms fire from enemy at (AT 836512). Fired 200x5.56mm; 150x7.62mm; 4x60mm mortars; 116x81mm HE; 21x105mm HE. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

071931H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP at (AT 858549) received 6-7 82mm mortar rounds. Fired 50x105mm HE on grids (AT 868518) and (AT 882520). Results: 4 USMC KIA.

072000H - Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad at (AT 855509) received 50 rounds sniper fire from enemy at (AT 855507). Fired 100x5.56mm; 15x60mm HE; 35x105mm HE. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA.

072030H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 98-68 promulgated.

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080700H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 864515) received 20 rounds enemy small arms fire and 6 rounds 60mm mortar fire from enemy at (AT 868525). Fired 80x5.56mm; 60x7.62mm; 4x3.5 rounds; 25x105mm HE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

080700H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 836508) observed 4 VC at (AT 829507). Sniper from 5th Marines fired 1 round 7.62 match. Results: 1 VC KIA.

081015H - Marine from Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 864515) was hit by a piece of shrapnel from what was believed to be a secondary explosion during a friendly air strike. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

081040H - Marine from Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 868516) tripped a booby trapped 105 round. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE.

081130H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 831449) observed 9 VC with weapons at (AT 829507). Sniper from 5th Marines fired 1x7.62mm match round. Results: 1 VC KIA.

081255H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 845506) observed 2 VC at (AT 829507) observing Company D's position. Sniper from 5th Marines fired 1x7.62mm match round. Results 1 VC KIA.

081900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 99-68 promulgated.

082240H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 829508) observed 15 VC move into village at (AT 835511). Fired 200x5.56mm; 150x7.62mm; 15x60mm HE. Searched area at first light negative results.

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090050H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 862517) received automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 865517). Fired 11M-79; 75x7.62mm; 150x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

090150H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 100-68 promulgated.

090705H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 834493) observed 1 VC at (AT 838497). Sniper from 5th Marines fired 1x7.62mm match round. Results: 1 VC KIA.

090745H - Marine from Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 873518) while cleaning his M-16 accidentally discharged a round into Marines left foot. Investigation initiated. Results: 1 USMC HBCE.

090920H - Marine from Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 838947) accidentally discharged a round from a .38 caliber pistol into his right calf while he was examining his weapon. Investigation initiated, weapon confiscated. Results: 1 USMC HBCE.

091900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 101-68 promulgated.

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101115H - Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad at (AT 861498) received 1 ChiCom grenade from VC at (AT 862498). Returned 1M-26 grenades. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1AK-47, 1 cartridge belt, 1 ammo pouch and 1 ChiCom grenade captured.

101500H - Marine from Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at (AT 872518) tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade located in a fighting hole. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

101532H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines squad at (AT 872518) observed 7 VC at (AT 874510). 5th Marines sniper fired 1x7.62mm match. Results: 1 VC KIA.

101600H - 5th Marines Frag Order 77-68 received. See reference (8).

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110100H - Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines machine Gun position at (AT 873520) received 2 incoming enemy ChiCom grenades and 10 rounds small arms. Returned 4xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

110910H - Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines platoon at (AT 836477) observed 4 VC with weapons at (AT 836478). Fired 75x7.62mm; 6xM-79 rounds; 100x5.56mm; Searched area Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 3 VC KIA and 1 M-16 (833920); 1 SMS (11329003); 1 US Army .45 Cal pistol (921510); 2xChiCom grenades; 5xM-26 grenades; 17 AK-47 rounds; and misc. 782 gear captured.

110925H - Company B platoon at (AT 869519) received 10 rounds sniper fire from enemy at (AT 868524). Fired 30x5.56; 15x60mm mortars; 10x105mm M3; Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

111235H - Marine from Company D at (AT 817478) tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

111421H - Company B squad at (AT 862510) observed 4 VC with packs and rifles at (AT 860512). Fired 300x5.56mm. Searched area. Results: 3 Vietnamese Civilians KIA and 3 Vietnamese Civilians WIA.

111504H - Company D squad at (AT 826487) observed 1 Vietnamese. Ordered to halt, did not halt and started running. Fired 6.5.56mm Results: 1 VC KIA.

112100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 102-68 promulgated.

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121710H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 103-68 promulgated.

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130830H - Company A squad at (AT 809467) received 25 rounds automatic weapons fire from enemy at (AT 809467). Fired 50x5.56mm; 2x3.5 rounds; 7xM-79. Searched area, negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

131605H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 104-68 promulgated.

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140245H - Company B platoon at (AT 827467) observed 5 VC at (AT 831467). Fired 200x5.56mm; 145x105mm HE; Results: 1 Kit Carson Scout KIA, 1 detainee.

140545H - Company C platoon at (AT 791510) observed 2 VC at (AT 792510) trip a trip flare set up by Company C platoon. Fired 40x5.56mm; 2XM-33 grenades, 8xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47(36395); 1 pack of rice; 2 ChiCom grenades; 1 wallet captured.

140630H - Company B marine and 5th Marine sniper at (AT 829466) tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

141915H - Company A squad at (AT 817502) received 75-100 rounds sniper fire from 4-5 VC at (AT 822504). Fired 200x5.56; 200x7.62; 4x3.5's; 8x60mmHE; 3x105mmWP; 55x105mm HE; 30M-79. Observed 3 VC hit. Search of area at first light negative results.

141820H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 105-68 promulgated.

D+17 15 August 1968.

150915H - Company A platoon at (AT 818503) checking out grid of contact from previous night received 50xAK-47 rounds from 3 enemy at (AT 826506). Fired 200x5.56mm; 250x7.62mm; 15M-79 rounds; 2x105mm WP; 75x105mm HE; Searched area found 2 ChiCom grenades.

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151331E - Company C platoon at (ZC 795467) observed 1 VC who fired 5 rounds sniper fire and fled. Fired 30x5.56; Results: 1 VC POW and 1 AK-47(11049154) captured.

151915H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 106-68 promulgated.

D+18 16 August 1968.

160505H - Marine from Company B at (AT 825485) tripped booby trap made of ChiCom grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

160915H - Company B platoon at (AT 824485) spotted 1 VC with weapon crossing river, at (AT 824483). Fired 250x5.56mm; 15 rounds 81mm HE. Search of area revealed blood trails.

161420H - Company C platoon at (ZC 202484) observed 2 VC at (ZC 203485). Fired 25x7.62mm; 70x5.56; 4xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1xAK-47(11078103); 4xChiCom grenades; 3xAK-47 magazines captured.

161732H - Company A at (AT 812505) received 10x60mm rounds from enemy at (AT 826515). Fired 300x7.62; 10x60mm; 3x3.5; 30x81mm HE. Searched area with negative results.

161940H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 107-68 promulgated.

D+19 17 August 1968.

170500H - Company A squad at (AT 803558) observed 80 enemy at (AT 803555). Fired 2x105WP; 36x105mm HE. Searched area, negative results.

170745H - Company B Marine at (AT 818483) tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

170845H - Company C squad at (ZC 213474) observed 3 NVA at (ZC 214473). Fired 100x5.56mm; 4xM-79. Results: 3 NVA KIA, and 3xAK-47 rifles; 3 packs; 8 ChiCom grenades; 7 uniforms; assorted medical gear; 3 canteens; 300xAK-47 rounds; 3 hammocks captured.

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170900H - Marine from Company A at (AT 829500) threw a M-26 grenade in a bunker. Piece of shrapnel hit Marine in neck. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

171115H - Company D platoon at (ZC 797453) observed 5 VC at (ZC 795493). Fired 25x5.56mm. Search of area revealed 2 houches and 2xnew BA-306's, 2 ponchos; 2 sets of rifle cleaning gear captured.

171135H - Company D platoon at (AT 811458) observed 12 enemy at (AT 813457). Fired 40x5.56mm. Results 1 VC KIA and 400 lbs. of rice; 125lbs of salt; misc clothes and 300 ounces of opium captured.

171835H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 108-68 promulgated.

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180620H - Company A platoon at (AT 804507) observed 5 VC with weapons at (AT 805507). Fired 30x5.56mm. Searched area, Results: 1 pack, misc clothing captured.

181015H - Company D at (AT 812448) observed approximately 10 NVA at (AT 813448). Fired 40x5.56mm; 2xM-26 grenades. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 1 NVA KIA.

181330H - Company D platoon at (ZC 798446) observed 3 VC at (ZC 798447). Fired 20x5.56mm; 2xM-79. Searched area, Results: misc clothing and food captured.

181935H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 109-68 promulgated.

181950H - Company D platoon at (AT 807457) observed 3 VC at (AT 806457). Fired 25x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC KIA; 1 VC Female WIA Detainee and 3 packs and misc rice captured.

182130H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 110-68 promulgated.

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191315H - Marine from Company C at (AT 824473) hit an unexploded cofram grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

191630H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 111-68 promulgated.

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200845H - Company B squad at (AT 792476) observed 5 VC at (AT 792477). Fired 50x5.56mm; 25x81mm HE. Results: 1 SXS(11370488); 5 ChiCom grenades; 60xsmall arms large medical pack; 2 cartridge belts; misc documents and letters captured.

200930H - Marine from H&S Company at (AT 814471) kicked a arty cofram round. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

201405H - Company D squad at (AT 739445) observed 1 NVA at (AT 738446). Fired 15x5.56mm. Results: 1 pack; 1 cartridge belt and misc medical supplies captured.

201805H - Company C squad at (AT 832462) observed 2 VC at (AT 833461). Fired 20x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.

201900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 112-68 promulgated.

202145H - Company A squad at (AT 801489) received 1 incoming frag grenade. Returned 3 M-26, pulled back and fired 22x81mm HE. Searched area at first light with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+23 21 August 1968.

210300H - Company D platoon at (AT 794441) received 1 incoming frag grenade from enemy at (AT 794441). Fired 20x5.56mm; 2 M-26 grenades. Results: 0 USMC WIAE.

210600H - Company D platoon at (AT 794441) received 20 rounds sniper fire from enemy at (AT 795443). Fired 50x5.56; 22x81mm HE; 33x105mm HE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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211130H - Company C at (AT 829452) observed 2 VC with weapons at (AT 835450). Fired 100x5.56mm; 12xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA.

211515H - Company A platoon at (ZC 207484) observed 2 VC at (ZC 208483). fired 100x5.56mm; 200x7.62mm; 25xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 VC Female PW and 1 pack and assorted medical gear captured.

211815H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 113-68 promulgated.

211900H - Company C squad at (AT 836416) observed 1 VC at (AT 836417). Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1xM-16 rifle; 2xChiCom grenades; 1xM-26 grenade and 1 pack captured.

212310H - Company A platoon at (AT 813514) observed 6 VC at (AT 814514). Fired 150x5.56mm; 8xM-26 grenades; 150x7.62mm; 36x105mm HE; RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1SKS Rifle; assorted 782 gear, food and clothing captured.

D+24 22 August 1968.

222235H - Company A squad at (AT 812522) observed 6 VC at (AT 813522). Fired 20x5.56mm, 1 M-33 grenade; 82x105mm VT; Searched area at first light. Results: 1 USMC MDCME, and 1 sealed metal box containing misc medical gear captured.

D+25 23 August 1968.

232045H - Company A squad at (AT 810510) observed 8-10 VC at (AT 811510). Fired 200x5.56mm. Enemy returned 15-20 rounds small arms. Searched area. Results: 2 VC KIA; 1 VC POW and 1 SKS rifle captured.

232105H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 114-68 promulgated.

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241505H - Company D platoon at (AT 834455) observed 4 VC at (AT 834456). Fired 100x5.56mm; 75x7.62mm. Results: 4 packs captured containing misc medical and clothing gear.

241850H - Company A platoon at (ZC 210480) observed 2 VC at (ZC 212480). Fired 40x5.56mm; 2M-79's. Searched area. Results: 1 detainee.

241910H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 115-68 promulgated. See enclosure (26).

242230H - Company A squad at (AT 812519) received 4 incoming grenades from 4 VC at (AT 812518). Fired 1xCalymore; 4 M-26 grenades; 5M-79; 25x5.56mm; 16x105mm HE; 23x81mm HE. Searched area at first light. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

242345H - H&B Company perimeter at (AT 806477) received 1 incoming grenade from enemy at (AT 805477). Fired 10x5.56mm. Searched area. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+27 25 August 1968.

251815H - Company B at (AT 826476) observed 30 VC at (AT 824475). Fired 60x81mm HE; 26x105mm HE; 10x105mm illum. Searched area revealing one blood trail and 2 detainees.

251950H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 116-68 promulgated.

D+28 26 August 1968.

260845H - Marine from Company D at (AT 874461) while driving jeep was hit by suspected M-79 round. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

261600H - 5th Marines Frag Order 85-68 received. See referenced (2).

262031H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 117-68

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271945H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 118-68 promulgated.

D+30 28 August 1968.

280930H - Company C platoon at (YC 829506) observed approximately 30-35 VC in groups of 7-8 with weapons at (YC 836510) moving NW. Platoon called for and received 120 rounds 105mm HE and fired 500 rounds 5.56mm; 1000 rounds 7.62mm; 20 rounds M-79 and 15 LAAWs. Search of area resulted in 1 green smoke; 1 M-16 magazine; 1 CS grenade and 2 M-79's captured.

281215H - Company D platoon at (YC 863502) observed 1 VC with pack at (YC 863503) moving NE in open. Fired 10 rounds small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1 pack containing misc clothing captured.

D+31 29 August 1968.

290550H - Company B, while in night combat base at (YC 791476) received 3 frag grenades from outer perimeter. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

291415H - Company D platoon at (YC 847501) received approximately 200 rounds small arms from estimated enemy platoon at (YC 849501). Fired 300-400 rounds small arms and called for and received 706x105mm HE and 5 air strikes. Results: 12 USMC KIA and 18 USMC WIAE; 25 NVA KIA, 2 detainees; 200 rounds 7.62mm; 10 ChiCom grenades; 1 E-tool, 5 sets of NVA utilities; 1 M-14 magazine pouch, one bottle halizone; 1 PRC Battery; 1 NVA Canteen; 2 60mm rounds; 1 82mm round, 1 RPG round, misc documents and 4 packs captured.

D+32 30 August 1968.

300746H - Company C platoon at (YC 841503) while providing security for grounded helicopter received 7-10 rounds sniper fire from (YC 840506). Returned approximately 40 rounds 5.56mm at suspected enemy location. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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300750H - Company C platoon at (YC 848509) while moving to establish blocking force, received 30-40 rounds small arms from (YC 849509) called for and received 1 airstrike; 90 rounds 105mm HE and fired approximately 2000 rounds small arms on enemy position. Results: 3 USMC KIA; 13 USMC WIAE and 4 VC KIA.

301015H - Company B platoon at (YC 824486) observed 6 VC with weapons crossing rice paddy at (YC 827487). Fired approximately 200 rounds small arms and 12 rounds M-79 at enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA.

301720H - Company D platoon at (YC 846501) observed 10 NVA wearing utilities and carrying weapons moving across rice paddy. Fired approximately 150-200 rounds small arms at enemy and observed 4 enemy fall remaining 6 fled into treeline. Results: 4 NVA KIA.

301950H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 119-68 promulgated.

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310620H - Company D at (YC 848509) observed 15 NVA wearing utilities and carrying weapons, crossing rice paddy at (YC 848506). Fired approximately 150 rounds small arms and 7 rounds M-79 at which 7 of the 15 enemy fell. 8 fled into nearby treeline. Results: 7 NVA KIA and 3 detainees.

311715H - Company D at (YC 848504) uncovered the remains of 8 bodies clad in green utilities all killed by small arms and bomb fragments. Results were 8 NVA KIA; one SMF; one 9mm pistol, shredded 7.62 gear and misc documents captured.

312030H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 120-68 promulgated.

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010600H - Sniper Company D at (AT 852502) observed two enemy at (AT 848503) observing perimeter. Sniper fired 2 RDe S/A, results: 1 VC KIA.

010900H - Company D at (AT 848509) observed 5 enemy wearing packs crossing a rice paddy at (AT 848505). Fired 150x5.56 and observed 2 drop. Remaining fled into tree line. Results: 2 VC KIA.

011000H - Company D at (AT 848505) found 1 NVA body (killed by napalm) at (AT 848505). Area was searched and revealed the following equipment and weapons: 1 destroyed AK-47; 1 destroyed map case; 25 lbs corn; 2 hammocks; 2 sets black PJs; 1 NVA pack sack; 1 NVA black shirt; assorted tools; 1 notebook and misc. documents; 6 gauze bandages; 2 AK-47 magazines; assorted spices; 1 ChiCom pouch; 1 mine pressure device; 1 poncho; 1 US helmet; 6 gal. kerosene; 3 vials penicillin; 1 case assorted ointments; and 1 bottle penicillin pills.

011930H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 121-68 promulgated.

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020130H - 1st Battalion CP at (AT 844491) making night displacement to new location had one Marine become lost. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC MIA.

020630H - Company B at (AT 832538) encountered 1 NVA with weapon at (AT 832539). Fired 100x5.56, results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47; 2 AK-47 magazines; 1 pack; 1 poncho; 1 hammock; and 2 lbs rice captured.

020630H - Company C at (AT 847457) assaulting through objective 53 observed 8 VC in trench line at (AT 848549). Fired 200x5.56 and 1 XM-26 grenade. Results: 3 VC KIA.

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020700H - Company C Plat. at (AT 847547) while continuing search eastward was hit by intense and highly accurate fire from unknown concealed positions. Fired 1200x7.62, 6200x5.56, 140x41-79, 2xM-72 and 36xM-26 grenades. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 3USMC WIAE, 3 USMC WIAHE; 6 NVA KIA, 3 VC POW, and 1 VC/POW; 1 homemade rocket tube; 6 ChiCom grenades; 3 canteens; 1 first aid pouch; 1 AK-47 Magazine; 64xAK-47, assorted medical gear; large amount of soap; cigarettes; incense; 5 BA-30 batteries; sewing gear; pots; rope; rice; soybean oil; ink; candles; civilian clothing; documents; 2 ID cards and \$1.60 NVA currency captured.

020900H - H&S Company at (AT 846515) conducting patrol, observed 2 VC at (AT 847514) running from patrol. Fired 8x 5.56, 1 VC KIA.

021015H - H&S Company on patrol at (AT 848504) observed 1 VC carrying poncho and bag at (AT 848505). Fired 5x5.56, results: 1 VC KIA; 1 flashlight; 2 ChiCom grenades; 1 M-26 grenade; 1 poncho; 1 canteen; 1 wallet; and 2 notebooks captured.

021330H - Company B at (AT 835543) received 10 rds S/A sniper fire from (AT 835545). Fired 50x5.56, searched area with negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

021415H - H&S Company at (AT 850525) while searching for missing Marine came under automatic weapons fire from 3-4 enemy at (AT 845525). Fired 200x5.56; Received gunshot which provided security for medevacs. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1USMC WIAE.

021901H - Company D Plat. at (AT 846495) while displacing to search for missing Marine received approx 200 rds S/A enemy fire and 1 B-40 rocket. Fired 800-1000x5.56, 20x 105mm smoke to facilitate forward advance. Area was searched with negative results. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2USMC WIAE.

022030H - Company B at (AT 832538) while setting in a perimeter, NVA with weapon stopped out of brush near position of Marine digging foxhole. Marine hit NVA in head with E-tool and grabbed AK-47. Enemy fled into treeline. Results: 1 AK-47 captured.

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030705Z - Company D (O&D) at (AT 837490) searching for missing Marine received S/A and 79 fire from (AT 835498). Fired 100x5.56; 200x7.62; 5xM-79; received 6 fixed wing missions; 12x105mm and 20x81mm HE. Searched area. Results: 7 VC KIA, 7 USMC WIAE.

030945Z - Marine from Company D, while in fighting hole at (AT 837490) was hit in head by metal fragment from friendly airstrike. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

031525Z - Company D at (AT 837492) received 8 rds 62mm mortar from suspected position (AT 810498). Fired 16x105mm HE on suspected enemy position. Results: 10 USMC WIAE.

032115Z - Company B at (AT 840540) observed 1 NVA walk into perimeter. Fired 25x5.56 and 1 M-26 grenade. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 2 USMC WIAE; 1 AK-47; 1 photo; 1 ChiCom grenade; 1 cartridge belt and 2 AK-47 magazines captured.

032145Z - Company C Plat ambush at (AT 850542) observed 3 enemy approaching ambush site. Fired 100x5.56 and M-26 grenades. Search of area revealed 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

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040745Z - Company C Plat while probing enemy fortified position at (AT 846546) received approx 60 rds S/A automatic fire from (AT 846547). Unit was moved back to call in supporting arms. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

040915Z - Company C Plat while probing for possible enemy route of envelopment at (AT 846540) came under enemy automatic fire from (AT 848549). Fired 200x5.56 and 5xM-79 and withdrew to covered position. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

040930Z - Company C Plat at (AT 852442) observed 11 enemy approaching. Fired 50x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA. Search of body revealed 4 ChiCom grenades; 1 B-40 rocket booster; 1 poncho; 1 USMC cartridge belt; and misc small items.

041003Z - Company D at (AT 845496) received 8-10 rds auto S/A fire from (AT 853503). Fired 50x5.56 at suspected enemy location. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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050400H - H&S Company perimeter at (AT 848525) received 2 incoming Chi66a grenades. Fired 20x5.56, searched area, negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

050830H - Company C Plat at (AT 849547) received 20 rds automatic fire from 1 enemy at (AT 849549). Fired 50x5.56. Searched area, negative results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

050830H - Company C Plat at (AT 845547) while linking up with CP received 80 rds S/A from (AT 845549). Fired 250x 5.56 and 741-79 at suspected position; forced to withdraw under heavy enemy fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE.

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060200H - Company D at (AT 848526) observed 1 VC attempting to enter perimeter. Fired 5x5.56, results: 1VC KIA.

060450H - Company B Plat(LP) at (AT 838546) received one grenade. Fired 20x5.56, results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061951H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 122-68 promulgated.

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070915H - Company C Plat entering village at (AT 852552) observed 1 NVA with weapon running to the north at (AT 852553) attempting to swim a river. Pursued enemy, fired 40x 5.56 and 441-79. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

070940H - Company C Plat at (AT 853547) observed 1 VC woman on trail at (AT 854547). Woman immediately ran to the south. Fired approx 20x5.56, results: 1VC KIA.

072100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 123-68 promulgated.

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080045H - 5th Marines Frag Order 89-68 received. See reference (g).

080100H - Company D while moving to objective point element heard voices at (AT 845544), suspected ambush. Enemy initiated contact, returned fire: 100x5.56 and 3xM-79 at enemy position. Searched area with HEC results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

080925H - Company D recon patrol at (AT 863543) encountered 4-5 enemy well entrenched at (AT 834543). Enemy fired 95xS/A; returned fire: 150xS/A, 7xM-79, 17x60mm and 1 Fixed wing mission. Searched area with HEC results. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 6 USMC WIAE.

081120H - Company B Plat at (AT 861541), point tripped booby trap (ChiCom grenade). Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

081120H - Hit Carson Scout while attempting to disarm booby trap at (AT 852546), exploded same. Results: 3 KCS WIAE, 1 civilian WIAE and 1 interpreter WIAE.

081231H - Company B Plat at (AT 861541) sustained casualties from friendly airstrike. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

081550H - Company D Plat at (AT 863543) received 10 rds enemy sniper fire from (AT 863546). Fired 100x5.56, results: 1 USMC KIA.

081700H - Company D Plat at (AT 865543) received 10 rds enemy sniper fire from (AT 868543). Fired 50x5.56 and 3xM-79 rds. Searched area, 1 USMC WIAE; 4 packs, 5 mosquito nets, 3 ponchos and 25 shirts captured.

081830H - Company D Plat at (AT 863543) observed 3 enemy in tree line at (AT 864545), fired 10x5.56 and observed 1 enemy fall. Enemy fled north. Searched area, results: 1 VC KIA.

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090115H - Company D Plat at (AT 861543) observed several enemy moving into ambush site. Fired 2xM-79, 100x5.56. Searched area at first light with HEC results. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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092200H -- Company D Plat at (AT 863543) while moving into night ambush observed 30 enemy moving SE at (AT 863543) on trail. Fired 250x5.56 and 600x7.62. Enemy broke contact and moved to NE. Called for and received 90x105mmHE and 40x81mmHE on enemy target. Searched area at first light. Results: 3 USMC WIAE; 5 USMC WIANE and 5 NVA KIA.

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100445H - Company B Plat (Defense) at (AT 845547) observed 2-3 enemy approaching on trail. Fired 100x5.56, searched area with NEG results. After reconsolidating, the Plat received heavy volume of fire from (AT 845547). Returned 500x5.56, 1000x7.62 and 20mm*79. Searched area at first light with NEG results. Results: 5 USMC WIAE, 7 USMC WIANE. Friendly weapons lost: 2 M-60 MG's, 1 PRC 25 radio, 2 M-16 rifles.

100800H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 844546) received enemy sniper fire from (AT 843547) and heavy, accurate auto. weapons fire from various positions. Returned 1000x5.56; 15 M-79 and received 10 fixed wing missions on enemy sites. Results: 4 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIAE.

100830H - H&S Company Plat (CP Security) at (AT 834544) had 1 man hit by stray round from the contact of Company B. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

101200H - 5th Marines Frag Order 90-68 received. See reference (h).

101745H -

Company C at (AT 841547) came under fire from estimated enemy squad at (AT 840547). Company C fired approx 500 rds S/A, 50 rds 81mmHE, 5 LAWS, 10 rds 3.5 and received 1 fixed wing mission on enemy position. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 NVA KIA; 1 shredded pack; 1 civilian radio and first aid pouch captured.

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110330H - Company D perimeter at (AT 856547) received 10 rds S/A and 2 grenades from enemy at (AT 856547). Fired 150x5.56. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE.

110830H - Company D (S&D) Fire Team OP at (AT 857546) received 2 rds S/A and one M-79 rd from enemy at (AT 858547). Fired 150x5.56 and 5x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIANE.

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110845H - Company C and H&S Company (S&D) at (AT 8455) personnel hit by shrapnel from friendly airstrike. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

111101H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 843545) observed 1 enemy w/weapon hit by airstrike at (AT 841545). Results: 1 VC KIA.

111230H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 847546) found 1 VC male body who was shot in back. Results: 1 VC KIA; 4 lbs unshelled rice; 2 pair khaki trousers; 1 green uniform and 1 shelter half captured.

111510H - H&S Company Squad (S&D) at (AT 845542) found small enemy cache. Results: 150 lbs corn; 10 lbs spices; 1 hammock; 1 mosquito net; 20 lbs peas; and 150 lbs tobacco.

111905H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 843547) found enemy bunker and cache. Results: 2 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47; 6 AK-47 magazines; 1 medical kit; 1 NVA helmet; 1 wallet and documents.

111950H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Reg Order 124-68 promulgated.

112030H - Company D Plat ambush at (AT 857548) received 1000 rds 8.1, 20x82mm and 2 RPG rds from enemy at (AT 858548). Fired 3000x7.62, 1000x5.56, 30x60mm HE, 25 M-79, 100x81mm HE, 330 105mm HE and received helicopter gunship. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIAE, 7 USMC MIAE, 54 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 captured. Friendly weapon and equipment losses: 1 M-60 MG, 4 M-16 rifles, 1 M5 cal. pistol, 1 PRG 25 radio, 1 starlight scope.

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120655H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 840546) found enemy cache. Results: 2 NVA KIA, 500 lbs rice, 100 rds 7.62, 30 enemy hand signalling devices; 20 lbs peanuts and destroyed 7.62 gear.

121730H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 861550) observed 4 NVA fleeing from bunker to east at (AT 862550). Fired 100x5.56. Results: 4 NVA KIA; 3 AK-47, 2 Light MG, 3 drums MG ammo, 5 NVA packs, 2 ponchos, 5 hammocks, 3 cartridge belts, 1 NVA helmet, 8 complete uniforms, 12 AK-47 magazines, 700 loose AK-47 rounds, and 300 rds 7.62 linked captured.

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121755H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 861550) found enemy cache. Results: 1 VC suspect, 1 NVA KIA and 4 B-40 rockets captured.

121900H 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order promulgated.

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131100H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 851549) captured enemy equipment cache. Results: 20 blasting caps, 14 detonating devices, 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 B-40 rocket boosters, 1 US Claymore mine, 1 AK-47 magazine, 2 flashlights, 20 AK-47 rds, 5 ft time fuse, and complete medical kit.

131200H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 862545) found 15 gravesites. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 2 NVA uniforms captured.

131445H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 847556) observed 3 enemy at (AT 847556) in village. Fired 2x5.56. Results: 3 VC POW and 1 ChiCom grenade captured.

131515H - H&S Company Squad (S&D) at (AT 856546) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 857545). Fired 100x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 pack, 1 ammo case 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 knapsack and wallet captured.

131700H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 862545) captured enemy equipment cache. Results: 3 NVA shirts, 2 NVA trousers, 1 ChiCom grenade, 2 French Pineapple grenades, 1 black shirt, 2 NVA canteens, 1 NVA blanket, 50 AK-47 rds, 1 poncho, 1 cartridge belt, 3 AK-47 magazines, 1 diary and 1 US gas mask captured.

132100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 126-68 promulgated.

132115H - Company C night march at (AT 854554) received 10 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 854555). Fired: 25x5.56. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVApack with 6xM-79 rds captured.

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140300H - Company A Plat ambush at (AT 868554) observed enemy probing line at (AT 868554). Fired 70x5.56, 10x M-79, 25x7.62 and 6 grenades. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS rifle and 1 rice pack captured.

141735H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 872553) captured enemy equipment: 3 lbs. explosives, 1 US Claymore mine, small medical kit, 6 homemade gas masks, 1 sewing machine, 50 yds NVA green material and numerous documents.

141900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 127-68 promulgated.

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150900H - H&S Company daytime position at (AT 854555) captured enemy cache. Results: 1 SKS rifle, 2 M-33 grenades and 2 M-26 grenades captured.

151335H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 840546) observed 12 enemy at (AT 840542). Fired 5x5.56 and 74 105mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

151950H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 128-68 promulgated.

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161100H - Company C Squad (S&D) at (AT 851547) observed 1 man running from hootch at (AT 826543). Fired 4x5.56. Results: 1 pack w/4lbs corn, 2 white shirts and 1 pr white trousers captured.

161115H - Company D Squad (S&D) at (AT 851547) found 1 body laying on ground. Results: 1 NVA KIA, NVA belt and clothing captured.

161200H - Company D Squad (S&D) at (AT 851547) found enemy equip. cache. Results: 1 AK-47 magazine, 15 NVA trousers, 5 mosquito nets, 2 pr. shorts, 2 M-26 grenades, 200x5.56, 1 sweatshirt, 2 lbs. C-4 explosive, 1000xAK-47, 2 Claymore mines, 4 pr. socks, 1 rain jacket, 1 US trip illumination flare, 3 NVA canteens, 2 hammocks, 1 wallet, 1 bear trap, 1 US E-tool, 2 radio batteries, 4 ponchos, 5 pr USMC utilities, and 1 field jacket captured.

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161300H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 851548) found 3 shallow graves. Results: 3 NVA KIA.

161335H - Company D CP at (AT 845547) had accidental discharge. Results: 1 USMC NBD.

161455H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 856556) found enemy weapons and equip. cache. Results: 1 SKS rifle, 75 SKS rds, 2 NVA mess kits, small rice bag and 1 NVA uniform.

161445H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 852547) found 1 partially covered body. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

161630H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 857556) found 1 grave. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1000 lbs corn, 4 NVA gas masks, 1 ChiCom grenade and 1 LAAW.

161900H - Company C Plat ambush at (AT 820530) observed 25 rice carriers at (AT 820530). Fired 5xM-79 and 50x5.56. Results: 22 bags rice, 2 bags tobacco and 1 bag tea.

161900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 129-68 promulgated.

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170500H - Company D night attack at (AT 848510) observed 6 possible enemy in hootch. Fired 3x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA, 5 VC POW and 1 uniform captured.

170700H - H&S Company Squad patrol at (AT 836512) observed 25-30 enemy moving NE at (AT 836514). Fired: 300x5.56 and 3 LAAWs. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 4 NVA KIA, and 1 pack captured.

170715H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 844493) observed 30 NVA moving NE at (AT 843488). Fired 700x5.56, 4 LAAWs and 20x60mm HE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, and 7 NVA KIA.

170730H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 816513) received 8 rds 57mm recoilless rifle and 300 rds AK-47 from enemy at (AT 822508). Fired 1000x7.62, 800x5.56, 10 LAAWs, 10x3.5 rocket and 60x60mm HE. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIAE, 1 NVA KIA and 1 57mm recoilless rifle round captured.

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170800H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 852513) found 3 VC hiding in bunker and 1 grave. Results: 3 VC POW and 1 VC KIA.

171000H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 852513) observed 1 man, dressed in black, walking field at (AT 821518). Results: 1 VC POW.

171600H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 853513) found 1 fresh grave. Results: 1 VC KIA.

171840H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 843495) observed 1 enemy moving SW at (AT 841494). Fired 15x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

171850H - Company D night position at (AT 844495) received intense S/L, B-40 rocket and mortar fire from enemy at (AT 836490). Fired 60x60mmHE, 900x5.56, 20x105mmHE and Spooky gunship. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIAE and 8 NVA KIA.

172000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 130-68 promulgated.

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181200H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 826509) found 1 grave site. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA uniform captured.

181300H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 822508) found numerous graves and trenches hit by airstrike. Results: 6 NVA KIA, 2 rds 57mm recoilless rifle, 5 rds AK-47, 3 NVA packs, 4 NVA belts and 2 NVA helmets captured.

181430H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 845495) found 1 body, weapons and equipment. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 ChiCom grenade, 2 E-tools, 2 packs, 2 uniforms and 2 wallets captured.

181730H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 830488) found VC wounded by S/L. Results: 1 VC POW.

181900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 131-68 promulgated.

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191400Z - 5th Marines Frag Order 91-68 received. See reference (1).

191435Z - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 807483) observed 1 NVA w/grenade in hand on trail. Fired 7x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 2 60mm grenades captured.

191500Z - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 832498) observed 1 VC run into bunker. Results: 1 VC POW.

191540Z - Company D Plat patrol at (AT 835491) received 2 frag grenades. Fired 50x5.56, 13x60mmHE and 6 M-79. Results: 3 USMC KIA NE.

191900Z - Company D Plat position at (AT 835491) received 2 frag grenades. Fired 40x5.56 and 9x60mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA NE.

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201100Z - Company B (S&D) at (AT 856503) found the following enemy equipment: 1 AK-47 magazine pouch and 4 AK-47 magazines.

201350Z - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 815496) observed 3 VC moving west at (AT 815497). Fired 150x5.56 and 36x4.79. Results: 1 VC KIA.

201600Z - Company D (S&D) at (AT 855484) found enemy rice cache. Results: 1,000 lbs rice captured.

201600Z - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 830403) found 2 detainees with malaria. Results: 2 detainees medevaced.

D+54 21 Sept 1968

210555Z - 1st Battalion Rear (AT 875475) received 7 enemy 60mm mortar fire from approx (AT 870483). Fired counter mortar fire. Results: 6 USMC WIA NE.

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210930H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 817477) found 2 males, without ID cards, in hootch. Results: 2 VC detainees.

211130H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 842498) found ammo and rice cache. Results: 1x82mm mortar round and 400 lbs rice captured.

211435H - Company C Squad at (AT 821492) received 20 rounds auto E/A fire from enemy at (AT 823494). Fired 2x105 mmHE. Results: NBC.

211530H - H&S Company Squad (S&D) at (AT 830485) found various enemy documents. Results: medical and propaganda documents captured.

D+55 22 Sept 1968

220640H - Company C Plat (ambush) at (AT 807473) observed 1 NVA at (AT 808473). Fired 40x7.62, 30x5.56 and 4x41-79. Results: 1 NVA KIA, medical kit, 2 sets green utilities, 50 letters, 1 hammock and 1 wallet captured.

220700H - company B (S&D) at (AT 867513) observed 7 NVN at (AT 872508). Called for and received 1 fixed wing mission on enemy position. Results: 5 NVA KIA.

221300H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 132-68 promulgated.

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231800H - 5th Mar Frag Order 92-68 received. (Ref:j).

232000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 133-68 promulgated.

232000H - Company H Plat (AMB) at (AT 917513) observed 10 enemy approaching ambush site. Fired 200x5.56 and 3x41-79. Results: 5VC KIA, 1 auto pistol and 2x3.40 rockets captured.

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241300H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 926502) observed 4 enemy in tree line at (AT 928502). Fired 350x5.56; 300x7.62; 25x79; 23x81mmHE and 1 LAAM. Results: 4 USMC KIAE.

242100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 134-68 promulgated.

242100H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 913512) observed 7-10 enemy at (AT 913495) by using Starlite scope. Fired 11x81mmHE and 11x105mmHE. Results: NEG.

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252100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 135-68 promulgated.

D+59 26 Sept 1968

260915H - Company H (S&D) at (AT 957526) had 2 USMC wounded by booby trap (M-26 grenade in C-Ration can). Results: 2 USMC KIAE.

261000H - 5th Marines Frag Order 92-68 received. Ref:(j)

261345H - Company F (S&D) at (AT 899485) had 1 USMC wounded by unknown type expl. booby trap. Results: 1 USMC KIAE.

261400H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 876506) found enemy rice and equipment cache. Results: 500 lbs rice; 1 US E-Tool and various medical documents and supply roster captured

261900H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 887506) had individual wounded by unknown type explosive booby trap. Results: 1 USMC KIAE.

262000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 136-68 promulgated.

262130H - Company C Plat (AMB) at (AT 912474) observed 10 enemy at (AT 915475) by utilizing Starlite scope. Fired 55x105mmHE. Results: NEG.

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270200H - Company F night move at (AT 909941) had 1 USMC wounded by M-26 booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

270650H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 929491) had 7 USMC WIA by M-26 grenade in C-Ration can booby trap. Results: 7 USMC WIAE.

271130H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 940500) found enemy rice cache. Results: 1000 lbs rice captured.

271130H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) had 2 USMC WIA by M-26 grenade in C-Ration can booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

271200H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 942500) found enemy rice cache. Results: 13000 lbs rice captured.

271230H - Company F Squad (Patrol) at (AT 929494) found enemy rice cache. Results: 2000 lbs rice captured.

271520H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 926501) had Marine lay M-16 rifle on booby trap wire, used line to retrieve rifle. Results: 1 M-16 rifle, ser. no. 88852556 destroyed.

272000H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 137-68 promulgated.

272000H - Company H Squad (AMB) at (AT 908494) had 1 USMC WIA from unknown type frag grenade on ground with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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281115H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 950508) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 952513). Fired 200x5.56; 100x7.62 and 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 5 USMC WIAE; 3 VC KIA; 1 carbino; 1 9mm French submachine gun; misc. documents and a printing press captured.

281115H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 952513) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 954516). Fired 2000x5.56; 10x3.5 rockets; 340x105mm HE and 6 fixed wing missions. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE; 2 USMC NEC; 1 NVA KIA; 1 VC KIA; 1 destroyed M-16 rifle and 1 BAR ser. no. 652924 captured.

281900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 138-68 promulgated.

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2904000H - Company H (tactical movement) at (AT 950522) had 1 USMC KIA by ChiCom grenade (trip wire) booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291015H - Company H (S&D) at (AT 951522) observed 15-20 enemy in troop line at (AT 952518). Fired 550x5.56; 25x M-79; 10 LAAGs and 3 fixed wing missions. Results: 4 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIAE and 13 NVA KIA.

291045H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 951507) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade (trip wire). Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

291200H - Company C Squad (Patrol) at (AT 901474) had 1 USMC wounded by accidental discharge of pistol. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291400H - Company F (S&D) at (AT 935495) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 927491). Fired 300x5.56 and 55x105 mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291500H - 5th Marines Frag Order 94-68 received. (Ref:1)

292100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 139-68 promulgated.

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301115H - Company H (S&D) at (AT 955523) received 250 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 955521). Fired 500x5.56; 200x7.62; 15x81mmHE and 3 fixed wing missions. Results: 3 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE and 1 NVA KIA.

301415H - Company F and Company H (Battalion attack) at (AT 955523) received heavy S/A from enemy at (AT 955522). Fired 1000x5.56; 2500x7.62; 350x105mmHE; 36x81mmHE; 60x60mm HE and 4 fixed wing missions. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 4 USMC WIAE; 30 NVA KIA; 2 NVA POW; 1 VC POW; 2 B-40 rocket launchers; 10 AK-47 rifles; 2 9mm pistols; 1 SKS rifle; 4 B-40 rocket rds; 1 PRC-10 radio; 1 PRC-25 radio; 1 LL TA312 phone; 2 NVA packs; 3 wallots; 15 rds M-79; 5 RPG rocket rds and 150 lbs documents captured.

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301900H - 5th Marines Frag Order 95-68 received. Ref: (n)

302100H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 140-68 promulgated.

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010200H - 5th Marines Operations Order 301A-68 received. See reference (n).

010215H - Company H Plat (AMB) at (AT 953523) received 1 frag grenade. Returned 3x 26 grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

010715H - Company H (S&D) at (AT 953521), 1 USMC tripped booby trapped M-26 grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

010748H - Company H (S&D) at (AT 953519) had 1 USMC wounded by M-33 grenade while trying to throw it into enemy bunker. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

011935H - Company F Squad (AMB) at (AT 955524) received 30 rds S/A and 1 B-40 rocket from enemy at (AT 955528). Fired 100x5.56; 4x M-79; 12x 60mm HE and 4x 2x 105mm HE. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

012115H - Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 903523) received 80 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 905523). Fired 100x5.56; 4x 81mm HE and 2x 105mm HE. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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021415H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 945524) had 5 USMC WIA by trip wired 82mm mortar booby trap. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

021915H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 141-68 promulgated.

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031005H - Company H Plat (AMB) at (AT 888507) had 2 USMC WIA by trip wired M-26 grenade booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

031315H - Company H Squad (Patrol) at (AT 918515) observed 1 NVA w/weapon at (AT 916514). Fired 30x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 AR-17 captured.

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031905H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 913510) had 3 USMC WIA by 2 trip wired ChiCom grenade booby traps. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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040930H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 889507) found 1 booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.

041005H - Company H Squad (Patrol) at (AT 887506) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

041500H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 936510) found enemy rice cache. Results: 3000 lbs rice captured.

041620H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 927516) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. 1 USMC WIAE.

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050200H - Company B (Night Perimeter) at (AT 914496) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

051345H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 914490) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

051510H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 887493) had 1 USMC WIA when Marine threw M-33 grenade into bunker, causing dangerous secondary explosion. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

051516H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 881509) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trap of unknown type with trip wire. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

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060930H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 890491) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

061900H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 142-68 promulgated.

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071350H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 940525) received 10 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 938522). Fired 100x5.56 and 5x M-79. Results: 1 ChiCom grenade; 1 M-26 grenade; 1 cartridge belt; 1 magazine pouch; 4 packs penicillin pills and 1 pack antibiotics captured.

071730H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 880507) observed 1 VC in hedgerow at (AT 882503). Fired 2x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

071750H - Company F Squad (AMB) at (AT 879441) observed 15 enemy moving east at (AT 849441). Fired 5x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 .45 cal pistol; 1 NVA khaki uniform; 1 belt; 1 pack and assorted documents captured.

071830H - Company B Plat (Patrol Base) at (AT 942514) observed 2 enemy moving NW at (AT 944514). Fired 1 LAAM and 20x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

071845H - Company H Plat (AMB) at (AT 880507) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC KIA by booby trapped 82mm mortar round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

072210H - Company C Squad (AMB) at (AT 904475) received 20 rds M-79 and 40 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 904476). Fired 1 Claymore mine; 2xM-33 grenades; 65x5.56 and 10xM-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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080005H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 915502) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 915503). Fired 200x5.56; 8x M-79; and 35x81mmHE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

080830H - Company B (Attack) at (AT 924505) received heavy S/A from enemy at (AT 923501) and (922502). Fired 450x7.62; 200x5.56; 20x105mmHE; 3x90mmHE. Results: 3 VC KIA.

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090930H - H&S Company (Road Sweep) at (AT 916504) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

090930H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 914506) observed large enemy force at (AT 938498). Fired 700x5.56; 850x7.62; 25xM-33 grenades; 65x81mmHE; 175x105mmHE; and 4 fixed wing missions. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 2 USMC WIAE; 23 NVA KIA and numerous documents captured.

091615H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 879431) had 3 USMC WIA by friendly S/A when they became disorientated in heavy brush. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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101815H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927526) observed 15 enemy moving east at (AT 927501). Fired 11x90mmHE. Results: 4 VC KIA and 1 NVA uniform captured.

101229H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 143-68 promulgated.

101945H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 920515) observed 3 enemy at (AT 920516). Fired 100x5.56 and 5xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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111045H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 888499) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

111700H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 932506) found enemy rice cache. Results: 5 tons rice; 15 AK-47 rds and 20 propaganda papers captured.

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121310H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 890508) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped 82mm mortar round with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

121315H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 880509) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

121825H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 934492) observed 10 enemy at (AT 942500). Sniper fired 1x7.62. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

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121845H - Company H (CP) at (AT 880502) received 6 rds M-79 from enemy at (AT 882502). Fired 10x41-79. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

122300H - Company H Plat (AMB) at (AT 893498) had 9 USMC KIA by booby trapped 60mm mortar round and 105mm HE, both with trip wires. Results: 9 USMC KIA.

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131015H - H&S Company (Road Sweep) at (AT 900494) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

131301H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 934505) received 6 rds 60mm from enemy at (AT 942514). Fired 15x60mm HE; 160x105mm HE and 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

131550H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 144-68 promulgated.

D+77 14 Oct 1968

No contact this date.

D+78 15 Oct 1968

150700H - Company B Squad (S&C) at (AT 941500) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

151025H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 872500) had 2 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

151300H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 924499) observed 20 enemy at (AT 915499). Fired 250x5.56; 70x105mm HE and 3x90mm HE. Results: 1 VC POW

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161135H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 915525) apprehended 1 male age 35, VC suspect.

161500H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 930505) apprehended 1 VC suspect. Suspect had old gunshot wound in thigh. Results: 1 VC suspect.

D+80 17 Oct 1968

170000H - Company C Plat (AMB) at (AT 910497) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped 60mm mortar round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

170620H - Company F Squad (AMB) at (AT 917515) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

170915H - H&S Company Road Sweep at (AT 907500) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped 81mm mortar round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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171105H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 917511) found 1 box mine with pressure type fuse. Blown in place.

171520H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 928519) found 1 M-26 booby trap with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+81 18 Oct 1968

180615H - Company B Plat (Blocking Position) at (AT 925494) observed 3 VC moving ahead of Company B sweeping unit. Fired 100x5.56. Searched area. Results: 1 VC KIA.

181315H - Company B Plat (Blocking Position) at (AT 919503) observed 1 VC at (AT 922500) moving SE. Fired 10x5.56. Searched area. Results: 1 VC KIA.

D+82 19 Oct 1968

192015H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 934503) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 940500). Fired 100x5.56; 12xM-79; 200x7.62. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+83 20 Oct 1968

20001H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 935504) 8-10 VC probing lines with grenades. Fired 100x5.56; 7xM-26; 105mm illumination. Results: 1 USMC KIA by base plate of 105mm Illum round striking Marine on head.

200530H - Company D (CP) at (AT 925517) received one grenade. Fired 3xM-26. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAE.

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210520H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 920514) received 2 M-26 grenades and 10xMk-47. Fired 300x5.56; 4xLAW; 105mm illumination and 15 16mm mortars. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

210715H - Company F Plat (AMB) at (AT 885513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

210830H - Company D at (AT 905501) sniper observed 5 VC with packs and weapons at (AT 897505). Sniper fired 10x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA.

210900H - 5th Marines Frag Order 96-68 received.

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210945H - Company F at (AT 881510) sniper observed 1 VC in boat at (AT 897517). Sniper fired 9x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

211130H - Company F Plat (Patrol) at (AT 875505) found 105mm booby trap with trip wire and 10 lbs TNT. Blown in place.

D+85 22 Oct 1968

220930H - H&S Company (OP) at (AT 955523) observed 10 VC running into treeline at (AT 924526). Fired 4x81mm mortars. Results: 1 VC KIA.

222225H - 5th Marines Frag Order 97-68 received.

D+86 23 Oct 1968

230400H - 5th Marines Frag Order 98-68 received.

230645H - 5th Marines Frag Order 99-68 received.

230845H - Company C at (AT 906495) (Road Sweep) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade placed next to 60mm mortar with trip wire, causing 1 M-72 to explode. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

231015H - H&S Company unit with tanks were dispatched to pick up OP's at (AT 918503) hit 50 lb box mine. Results: damaged tank.

231200H - Operation "MAMELUKE THRUST" terminated.

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12. Resultsa. Friendly Casualties:

KIA	65	
WIAE	282	
WIANE	81	
MIA	1	Body Located at Coordinates (AT 843490) at 1345H Hours on 26 October 1968.
NBC	41	
DOW	4	
NBD	2	

b. Friendly Equipment Losses: 2 PRC 25 Radios; 3 M-60 MG's;
6 M-16 Rifles and 1 Star Lite Scope.

c. Enemy Casualties:

KIA	NVA	245	VC	150	TOTAL	396
DETAINÉES	IC	35	CD	33	TOTAL	68
POW		6			TOTAL	6
CHIEU HOI		1			TOTAL	1

d. Captured Ordnance:

1 12.7 Heavy Machine Gun	2 B-40 Rocket Launchers
1 RFG-7 Rocket Launcher	1 BAR
2 RFD ChiCom LMG	1 M-79 Grenade Launcher
33 AK-47 Rifles	1 M-1 Carbine
11 SWS/CAC Rifles	1 9mm SMG
3 M-16 Rifles	2 .45 Cal Pistols
	3 9mm Pistols

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions

16 75 RR Rounds	1 CS Grenade
1 75 Pack Howitzer Round	2 Smoke Grenades
24 B40 Rounds with Boosters	5 105mm Rounds set as booby traps
72 ChiCom Grenades	2 82mm Mortar Rounds
23 M-26 Grenades	2 60mm Mortar Rounds
13 2.65 Rocket Rounds	2000 7.62 Long Sniper Ammo
1 10 lb Rock Mine	7320 7.62 Short Ammo
3 57mm RR Rounds	1 2 lb Cl
2 ChiCom Claymore Mines	200 Blasting Caps
1 40 lb Box Mine	Misc. loose ammo, both long and short

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1 PRC-10 Radio	1 PRC-25 Radio
30 NVA/VC Uniforms	1 Slide Projector
10 Bolts of Cloth	1 Typewriter
85 Ak-47 Magazines	35 NVA/VC Packs
1 M60 Gun Barrel	120 Flashlight Batteries
75 Gal's Kerosene	Misc clothing
200 Feet Comm. wire	Misc 782 gear
2 Small Boats (sunk)	Misc medical supplies
1 Printing Press	1 LL/TA 312 Phone

g. Captured Food Stores

29,000 lbs Rice	250 lbs Tobacco
1,200 lbs Corn	15 lbs Peppers
120 gal's Salad Oil	Misc other Food Stuff

h. Captured Documents. Screening of captured documents during this operation indicated the presence of the 21st NVA Regiment. Also numerous documents helped to identify local VC personnel and VC names for places located in the Arizona TAOR.

i. Destroyed Fortifications. As the Battalion moved through the Arizona TAOR, all bunkers and trenchline were destroyed by explosives when tactical conditions permitted.

13. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. During the period of 29 July through 23 September, the primary means of resupply was by helicopter. During the period of 24 September through 23 October, wheeled vehicles were the primary means of resupply, supplemented by LVT's. No serious supply problems have occurred during this operation to impair the logistical support of the Battalion.

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

c. Transportation. Helicopters were the primary means of transportation during the period of 29 July through 23 September. Wheeled vehicles and LVT's were the primary means of transportation during the period of 24 September through 23 October. There were no significant problems encountered with transportation.

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d. Communications. During this operation, the Battalion encountered minimal communications problems. Wire was not used until the Battalion set up at Liberty Bridge and PRC-25 radio communications were excellent with tape, whip, and RC-292 antennas. The supply system was not able to provide sufficient whip antenna bases and tape antennas so that field expedients were frequently and effectively employed. In addition, we were often forced to operate with Crown Batteries, BA-386's manufactured in Okinawa, which were highly susceptible to moisture and could be rarely used beyond two hours.

The most significant facet of the operation for communications was the initial testing of the KY-38/PRC-77 voice cipher system. Throughout the operation, the system was employed on the Regimental Tactical Net, terminated in the Battalion Field CP. The system was given rugged treatment and proved to be a sturdy and invaluable piece of equipment.

When the Battalion CP set up at Liberty Bridge, an internal wire system with switchboards was established with TRC-27 employed to Regiment. At the same time, the new log periodic antenna AS-2236/GRC was set up at the Battalion Rear at An Hoa and used with significant improvement over the RC-292 antenna for radio communications on the Battalion Tactical Net. It was also possible with this antenna to enter into the nets of 1st Battalion Companies upon to other units at distances which the RC-292 could not handle.

Overall, the operation provided no particular problems, but did serve as an excellent training vehicle for the large turnover in communications personnel, in that there was some enemy jamming, new equipment and systems tested, field expedients employed, and a change in the Division CECI that affected all the call signs and frequencies within the Regiment. Communications within the Battalion and to higher and adjacent units was satisfactory throughout the operation and the communications personnel completed it with a higher degree of knowledge and proficiency.

e. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation, Hospitalization and Evaluation. During Operation "LAMBLIKE THRUST", the medical facilities consisted of the rear BAS, the forward aid station travelling with the CP, and the company corpsmen. Evacuation was accomplished by helicopter. The seriously wounded, emergency and priority medevacs, were routed directly to Da Nang hospitals. The less seriously wounded were evacuated to the rear Battalion aid station in An Hoa. An LZ was established in close proximity to the BAS, so that casualties could be sent from An Hoa to the Hospitals in Da Nang with minimal delay. The rear BAS also provided medical attention and facilities to the wounded Vietnamese civilians which were brought in from the field by helicopter.

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The primary medical problem during Operation "HAMELUKE THRUST" was that of malaria. In the month of September, there were 50 cases reported. This problem has been given much command emphasis to insure proper malaria prophylaxis. There were also several cases of falciparum malaria and mixed infections, and this suggests that there may be chloroform-resistant strains of falciparum malaria in the Duc Duc and Dai Loc Districts.

A few cases of amebiasis were encountered. No cases of encephalitis or leptospirosis were encountered. A few scattered cases of scrub typhus were thought to exist, but no definite serology has been available.

Venereal disease cases have been minimal. The cases that were found were in those Marines sent to Da Nang for medical consultation, and returnees from R&R in Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Another entity which posed quite a problem was pyoderma (a mixed infection of the skin) which responded well to local skin hygiene and antibiotic ointment.

Recently our combined BAS's have had access to a landing site close to the sickbay, increasing the efficiency of medevacs. Medical care and evacuation of casualties has been accomplished in a satisfactory manner.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. None

15. Commanders Analysis

a. During the period of 29 and 30 July 1968, the Battalion conducted a Cordon and Search Operation in the central part of Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province. This resulted in three NVA KIA.

b. During the period of 31 July and 1 August 1968, the Battalion conducted a Cordon and Search Operation, primarily as a show of force to the people of Ben Dau 1 and 2 and Thanh Xuyen (2) in the Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province by advertising a strong American presence in the area.

In general, the 1st Battalion 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; 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 to the people; Thirdly, the operation helped to establish a good working relationship between the 5th Marines and the GVN/Advisor Team. PT soldiers provided useful guide

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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 benefitted the people directly. Over 600 people were treated at Red-Cap and a number of these people crossed the Song Tinh Yen River from the western parts of Duc Duc District.

c. During the period of 2 August through 23 September 1968, the Battalion conducted Search and Destroy missions in the central and southern parts of Dai Loc District and central and northern parts of Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province.

Throughout this period the enemy was consistent in the use of sniper tactics (1-8 man teams). The terrain being ideal for such tactics, the enemy used sniper teams continually throughout this period. On numerous occasions, the enemy defended with reinforced platoon to company size units. The enemy was dislodged from his defensive positions with extensive air support, artillery and ground fire. The enemy attacked the Battalion in force (approximately 200 men) on one occasion on the night of 11-12 September and was defeated with heavy losses. Battalion victory is attributed to sound defensive tactics and excellent air and artillery support.

Enemy operations during daylight hours were characterized by platoon to company strength defensive positions heavily entrenched and fortified with well constructed bunker complexes. The enemy forces would engage at extremely close range (within 150 meters), seriously limiting the use of supporting arms, and continue to hold the position until maneuver of friendly units would permit employment of air and artillery. Enemy forces would engage in the late afternoon and conduct withdrawals subsequent to darkness.

The Battalion Operations scheme emphasized night maneuver throughout the period 2 August through 23 September 1968. Capitalizing on intelligence gained by operating units, the Battalion kept the enemy off balance by executing dual-axis night maneuvers and extensive night ambush activities. On numerous occasions, night marches in excess of 6,000 meters were conducted to exploit information relative to enemy movement and disposition, with good success.

Aggressive combat patrolling during daylight hours enabled the Battalion to gain contact on a daily basis throughout the area of operations. Through the use of combined supporting arms, including organic 81mm mortars, and the maneuver of ground elements, the Battalion was continually successful in fixing the enemy and destroying him.

The enemy's determination to hold and dislodge friendly forces from the Dai Loc and Duc Duc Districts tends to support the vital importance of this area to the enemy for the following tactical and logistical reasons: The approaches to other friendly forces and the Da Nang area; To

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deny friendly forces the approaches to the canopy and mountainous area to the west to prevent capture of equipment, supplies, etc.; to control the local area for recruiting; labor forces and the procuring of food stores, mainly rice.

d. During the period of 24 September through 23 October 1968, the Battalion operations consisted of providing security for Liberty Bridge ferry landings and Liberty Road; conducting mine sweeps; patrolling; securing RVN installations and units, and denying enemy forces the opportunity to harvest and store rice. In addition, protection was provided to the local populace in the authorized harvest and storage of rice in the northeastern part of Duc Duc and the northwestern part of Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quang Nam Province.

The enemy continued to employ harrassing tactics throughout the operation with light sniper fire and limited night probing attacks at friendly positions. The enemy's employment of mines and booby traps along the MSR and throughout the AO was extensive. To counter this, many squad-sized ambushes were employed near the MSR and avenues of approach into the AO.

On several occasions, contact was made with company size main-force VC and NVA units. The Battalion made several contacts in the early morning hours following night maneuvers. The enemy was surprised, outmaneuvered and routed by these tactics. Forced into open areas, enemy units were attacked with supporting arms with excellent results. Due to the nature of the terrain, tanks were frequently employed and inflicted heavy casualties to enemy personnel and installations. It was further observed that the use of tanks proved to severely demoralize enemy forces.

16. Recommendations. None

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