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

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 (b) FMF PacO 5750.8
 (c) DivO 5750.2B

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

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

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 R. F. DALEY
 Lieutenant Colonel
 Commanding

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY

1-31 December 1968

H2S Company

1st Lt. S. A. NELSON

1-31 December 1968

Company A

1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT

1-31 December 1968

Company B

Capt. G. C. LAWTY

1-31 December 1968

Company C

Capt. R. J. WILSON

1-31 December 1968

Company D

2nd Lt. J. N. BYERS

1-5 December 1968

1st Lt. J. D. YOUNGQUIST

6-22 December 1968

Capt. W. H. GIBSON

23-31 December 1968

2. LOCATIONS

1-6 December 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "HENDERSON HILL" in the eastern part of Duc Duc and the Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quang Nam Province of RVN. 7-31 December 1968 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "TAYLOR COMBON" in the eastern part of Duc Duc and the Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. E. E. GERDING

1-31 December 1968

S-1 Officer/Adjutant

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD

1-31 December 1968

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S-2 Officer

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

S-3 Officer

Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER
1-31 December 1968

S-4 Officer

1st Lt. T. J. ANDERSON
1-31 December 1968

S-5 Officer

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

Communications Officer

1st Lt. P. T. GOODALE
1-28 December 1968
1st Lt. F. L. KINGERY
29-31 December 1968

Medical Officer

Lt. F. W. BROWNING
1-31 December 1968

Supply Officer

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

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. R. M. McDOWELL
1-31 December 1968

Assistant Adj/Legal Officer

1st Lt. R. N. WARR
1-5 December 1968
2nd Lt. J. N. BYERS
6-31 December 1968

Chaplain

Lt. M. H. ROBERTS (USN)
1-31 December 1968

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. J. E. STOLL
1-31 December 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC
OFFICERS ENLISTED

27

1122

USN
OFFICERS ENLISTED

2

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "HENDERSON HILL" which terminated at 062400H December 1968. During this period, the Battalion conducted aggressive operations to seek and destroy and capture enemy forces, weapons, material and positions; secured and protected routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support and supported and protected US and RVN installations and convoys.

1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "TAYLOR COMMON" which commenced at 070001H December 1968 and continues into the month of January. The mission and concept remains the same as that of Operation "HENDERSON HILL".

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 25 officers and 1116 enlisted. On 15 December, the strength had changed to 28 officers and 1125 enlisted. By the end of December, the strength was 34 officers and 1104 enlisted. At this time, there are 1 officer and 60 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 11 officers and 251 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 6 Summary Courts-Martial and 6 Special Courts-Martial were convened during December. There is 1 Summary Court-Martial and 5 Special Courts-Martial still to be processed. During December, 4 informal investigations and 1 Article 32 investigation were completed. There are 5 informal investigations pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 52 detainees processed during the month.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent. Personnel who captured POW's received incountry R.R.

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

f. Awards. During December, there were numerous Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement Medals forwarded to members of this Command. Also during the month, there were 120 Navy Achievement, 4 Navy Commendation, 10 Bronze Star and 1 Navy Cross Medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

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2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. The local force and VC hamlet guerilla have continued to employ booby traps with emphasis being placed along outpost positions, water points and on trails leading into or out of company positions. There was a total of 42 mine and booby trap incidents, with 33 of these occurring from 15-31 December. The NVA still continue to avoid contact with Marine forces in the AO. Numerous sightings of both fairly large VC/NVA units of 25-30 men were reported moving in the northern part of the AO toward the foothills and mountains to the southeast. A total of 5 Returnees indicate that local force VC morale is very low and that Air/Artillery strikes have caused them many losses. The enemy has employed 82mm mortars on friendly positions three times from vicinity (AT 974527).

b. Weather. During this period, the weather was warm to hot during the daylight hours and mild to cool at night. Air operations were not affected during this period by weather conditions.

c. Terrain. No change.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained substantially the same throughout the month of December, except during the following periods:

(1) Company B was OPCON to 5th Marines from 010001H Dec through 051400H Dec 1968.

(2) Company A was OPCON to 5th Marines from 101800H Dec through 151200H Dec 1968.

(3) Companies A and C were OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines from 170805H Dec through 181530H Dec 1968.

(4) Companies F and G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines were OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 181531H Dec through 200930H Dec 1968.

(5) Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 300645H Dec 1968 and continues OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines into the month of January 1969.

(6) Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was OPCON to 5th Marines from 301800H Dec 1968 and continues OPCON to 5th Marines into the month of January 1969.

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b. Operations. During the period of 1 through 6 December, the Battalion continued to participate in Operation "HENDERSON HILL" (Search and Destroy Operation) in the eastern part of Duc Duc District and the Duy Kuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN. The operation terminated on 062400H December 1968. See Tab B "Combat After Action Report," HENDERSON HILL".

During the period of 7-31 December 1968, the Battalion participated in Operation "TAYLOR COMMON" which commenced at 070001H December 1968 and continues into the month of January 1969. The area of Operations, Mission and Concept remains the same as that of Operation "HENDERSON HILL".

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The month of December showed an increase in the tempo of air operations flown in support of this Battalion. During this period, the 1st MAW rendered excellent fixed and rotary wing support, a summary of which is as follows.

(a) Fixed Wing. This support consisted of flare ships, "Spooky" gunships, TACA/AO Teams, and Tactical Air Strikes. 16 flareships provided 27.9 hours of illumination, and 9 "Spooky" gunships gave 10.6 hours of target coverage. A total of 103 TACA/AO Teams provided 139.1 hours of time on station for VR's, protective cover, and controlling Tactical Air Strikes (TAS). 158 TAS missions were flown in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines providing close and deep air support for contact missions as well as against S-2 targets and targets of opportunity detected by AO's. TACA/AO teams controlled 131 airstrikes. The remaining 27 TAS missions were A-6 Radar Beacon strikes, many of which were flown during the hours of darkness. These pre-dawn and post-dawn strikes have decreased, by four hours daily, the time that the enemy can be free from aerial bombardment.

Of the total TAS missions flown during the month, definitive bomb damage assessment is available for only 1.12 flights and is listed below:

Structures Destroyed	155
Structures Partially Destroyed	55
Bunkers Destroyed	37
Fighting Holes Destroyed	30
Trenchline Destroyed (Meters)	1535
Treeline Destroyed (Meters)	1650
Secondary Fires (Non-Napalm)	8
Secondary Explosions	25
KEMA	22

(b) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations, exclusive of resupply missions, consisted of Med-Evacs, a few troop lifts, and 2 visual recon missions. 85 Med-Evac missions extracted 102 Marines (46 of whom were emergency category) and 39 indiginous personnel.

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(2) Artillery. From 1 December through 31 December 1968, D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Reinforcing fires were provided by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and by 1st Field Artillery Group. Delta Battery fired a total of 658 missions and approximately 17,500 rounds in support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. An average of 35 RCI targets were fired daily.

(3) Engineers. Excellent 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. Numerous mines and booby traps were detected by visual sightings and mine detecting equipment. Loss of lives, wheeled and tracked equipment was considerably reduced by the detailed searching efforts employed by the engineers.

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

(5) Tanks. A light section of the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Excellent results were achieved by using tanks to support infantry assaults.

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) First Aid, Self Aid and Field Sanitation
- (4) Info Lecture: Marijuana and other drug abuses (possible hazards and seriousness involved if convicted).

b. All companies during their period on bridge defense continued to have instructions and familiarization firing of all individual and crew served weapons, including the LAAW 72, hand grenades and Claymore mines.

c. Replacement personnel received four (4) 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, 25 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa.

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5. LOGISTICS. No serious problems have occurred during this period to impair the logistical support of the Battalion.

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During this reporting period, the Battalion continued to work with the people of Phu Da (2) and in conjunction with CAP 2-9-1 for the people of Mau Chanh (1) and Mau Chanh (2). During this period there were 3 homes burned by flares from nearby bases. The Battalion assisted the people of Phu Da (2) in reconstructing theses 3 homes, and 8 additional new ones. This unit also helped to improve on a few other homes that were in need of repair, due to previous material used. A total of 126 sheets of plywood; 56 sheets of tin; 26 ammo boxes; 30 sheets of plastic; and 2 trailer loads of assorted lumber were used to rebuild, repair and waterproof homes within the hamlet. A total of 4 trailer loads of mixed size lumber and old canvas were delivered to CAP 2-9-1 for distribution to the people of Mau Chanh for building of homes.

On 24 and 25 December, a total of 15 lbs of candy and numerous toys were given to the Phu Da (2) Christian Church for distribution to the children of the church for Christmas.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During this period, the Battalion has received intelligence information from the elders of Phu Da (2). Intelligence information has been turned over to Battalion S-2 Section and Counter Intelligence. The following ordnance was turned in by the people of Phu Da (2): 16 M16E3 mines; 3 M18A1 Claymore mines; 1 box mine (20 lbs); 1 M-79 round; 1 NVA canteen cover; 1 NVA grenade pouch and 1 US cartridge belt.

At the present time, a 3 man HB Team (Loudspeaker Broadcasting Team) of the U.S. Army, 7th Psychological Operations Battalion is working with A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in support of the Chieu Hoi program and broadcasting to Vietnamese civilians.

A total of 37,550 \$VN has been paid from the VIP fund, with a sum of 15,000 \$VN still to be paid out for ordnance. The attitude of the people towards this battalion remains excellent.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During the past month, communications within the Battalion were maintained in a satisfactory manner without particular difficulty. Facilities installed in earlier periods such as radio, radio relay, wire, teletype and power were expanded to offer greater service to both the Battalion CP and the rear. Communications security was again heavily stressed, showing a marked improvement on all nets.

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9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFILCTED OR SUSTAINED: VC/NVA CAPTUREDa. Friendly Casualties

USMC USN

KIA	26	2
WIAE	76	2
WIANE	35	2
DOW	1	0
NBC	10	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	14	NVA	93	VC
Returnees	5			
Civil Defendants	14			
Innocent Civilians	50			

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

2 AK-47 Rifles	1 AK-50 Rifle
3 SAS Rifles	2 Carbines

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

24 82mm Mortar Rounds	19 M26 Booby Traps
9 82mm Mortar Fuses	6 M33 Booby Traps
4 B-40 Rounds	36 ChiCom Booby Traps
2 Satchel Charges (20 lbs)	30 Feet Detonating Cord
9 Box Mines (1x100 lbs; 4x50 lbs; 1x60 lbs; 1x20 lbs; 2x25lbs; 1x15 lbs)	

12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOOD STORES CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

3 Boats (Sunk)	1 Tape Recorder and Microphone
2 US Gas Masks	1 Enemy Flag
2 Sewing Machines	71 Tons Rice
2 Field Glasses	Miscellaneous Documents
1 NVA Battery	136,000 NVA Piasters

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH. See paragraph 3.C.(1)(a) above.

B. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H through 312400H December 1968).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 01001H through 312400H December 1968.
✓Tab "B" Combat After Action Report "HENDERSON HILL".

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
 Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
 Subj: Combat After Action Report (Operation HENDERSON HILL)
 Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
 (b) 5th Marines Operation Order 7-68

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation "HENDERSON HILL" (Search and Destroy).
2. Dates of Operation. From 231200H October 1968 to 062400H December 1968.
3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "HENDERSON HILL" in the western part of Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen Districts in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.
4. Control or Command Headquarters
 5th Mar (-) (Rein) 1st Mar Div (Rein) Colonel J. B. ORD
5. Reporting Officer
 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY

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6. Task Organization

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY
1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Rear)	Maj. E. E. GERDING
H&S Company (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company A (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company B (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company C (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
Company D (-) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	
H&S Company (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	1st Lt. D. V. SHERIN
81mm Mortar Plat (-)	23-31 Oct 1968
Comm Plat (-)	1st Lt. S. A. NELSON
106mm RR Plat	1 Nov - 6 Dec 1968
Flame Section	
TACP	
Det, Med Plat	
S-2 Scout	
Kit Carson Tm	
Company A (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Capt. R. L. CODY
Det, H&S Company	23 Oct - 9 Nov 1968
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat	1st Lt. R. E. PROLIETT
Det, Med Plat	10 Nov - 6 Dec 1968
Det, Comm Plat	
FAC Tm	
S-2 Scout	
Kit Carson Tm	
Company B (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Capt. G. C. LAWTY
Det, H&S Company	23 Oct - 6 Dec 1968
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat	
Det, Med Plat	
FAC Tm	
S-2 Scout	
Kit Carson Tm	
Det, Comm Plat	
Company C (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Capt. J. P. CAYNAK
Det, H&S Company	23 Oct - 3 Nov 1968
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat	2nd Lt. D. R. ARCHAMBAULT
Det, Med Plat	4-7 Nov 1968
FAC Tm	Capt. R. J. WILSON
S-2 Scout	8 Nov - 6 Dec 1968
Kit Carson Tm	
Det, Comm Plat	

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Company D (-) (Rein), 1st Bn, 5th Mar	Capt. C. N. ADAMS
Det, H&S Company	23 Oct - 2 Nov 1968
Det, 81mm Mortar Plat	2nd Lt. J. N. EVERIS
Det, Med Plat	3 Nov - 5 Dec 1968
FAC Tm	1st Lt. J. D. YOUNGQUIST
S-2 Scout	6 Dec 1968
Kit Carson Tm	
Det, Comm Plat	

The following units were OPCON to the Battalion during Operation "HENDERSON HILL".

- (1) Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 231200H October through 241200H October 1968.
- (2) Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from 051530H November through 081400H November 1968.
- (3) One Company of RVN Regional Forces OPCON from 201500H November through 051400H December 1968.

Units from the Battalion were OPCON to the following organizations during Operation "HENDERSON HILL".

- (1) Company B, OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from 181200H November through 051400H December 1968.

7. Supporting Arms

a. Air. Excellent support was given by 1st MAW in providing fixed wing and helicopter support. During this period, 111 fixed wing missions were flown by Marine TACA/AO Teams, several USAF and VNAF flights also rendered close and direct support. Additionally, 9 flights of A-6 Radar Beacon strikes were flown under FAC control. Night support consisted of 16 "Spooky" gunships and 6 flareships. Rotary wing support, besides normal resupply, troop lifts and VR missions, consisted of 66 Med-Evac and 3 flights of "Huey Gunships" used for close air support.

b. Artillery. During this operation, Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Batteries in a reinforcing status for this period included: one 155mm Howitzer battery; one 4.2" mortar battery; and one 8" Howitzer platoon, all of which were under the operational control of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

A total of 580 missions were fired by Delta Battery, 475 of which were contact missions in direct support of units of 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and 105 of which were S-2 missions. Approximately 40 H&I fires were delivered daily on enemy targets.

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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 co-ordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and Med-Evacs.

e. Amtrac. A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Amtrac Battalion was in direct support. The LVT's provided considerable support in transporting troops, and were used extensively as convoy security between An Hoa and Liberty bridge.

f. Tanks. A light section of the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was in direct support. Although the movements 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 and on a few occasions reinforcing outpost adjacent to the MSR. In addition, the tanks were used extensively as convoy security between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge.

8. Intelligence:

a. Estimate of NVA/VC strength and disposition in the objective area. See Annex B (Intelligence) to 5th Marines Operation Order 301A-68(S).

b. Enemy strength and disposition actually determined during the operation. Based on contacts, POW/Detainees, and intelligence reports received from higher headquarters, enemy strength is estimated at two battalions with local force VC units deployed within the Battalion TACR.

c. NVA/VC Units Identified. Interrogation of enemy POW/Detainees and enemy documents recovered revealed the following enemy units identified:

- (1) R20 Bn
- (2) Q83 Bn
- (3) V25 Bn
- (4) 2 Bn, 36 NVA

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d. Significant Intelligence Gained. The enemy continued to utilize mine and booby traps, with emphasis being placed along the MSR in the vicinity of Marine Outpost. The M-26 grenade is the most frequently trap set, utilizing trip wires and sometimes rigged to set off other ordnance such as 105mm and 155mm duds. The enemy continued his sniping and probing actions to attempt to disrupt our efforts to keep the MSR open. On three occasions, the enemy attacked with company sized strength. In each of these attacks, the enemy was defeated.

e. Terrain. See Annex (B) Intelligence to 5th Marines Operation Order 301A-68(S).

f. Weather. During this operation, the weather was warm to hot during the daylight hours and mild to cool at night. Air operations were not affected during this period by weather conditions.

9. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted in assigned AO aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material and positions. Secure and protect US and RVN installations, units and convoys.

10. Concept. 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 to 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.

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231200H - Commenced Operation "HENDERSON HILL"

231200H - 5th Marines OPO 301A-68 received.

232005H - 5th Marines Frag Order 100-68 received

232015H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 145-68 promulgated.

232030H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 956519) had 2 USMC WIA by friendly 81mmHE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

232330H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 953541) received 2 frag grenades. Fired 40x5.56 and 1 M-33 grenade. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 1 VC KIA and 1 M-26 grenade captured.

232359H - Company C (Plat AMB) at (AT 913486) had 1 USMC KIA when hit by friendly 105mm illumination canister. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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240900H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 943517) observed 3 enemy in tree line at (AT 948511). Sniper fired 5x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

240915H - Company F (Road Sweep) at (AT 866493) received 70 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 869495). Fired 200x5.56 and 10xM-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

241325H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 955509) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 952509). Fired 200x5.56; 3 LAAs and 36x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

241335H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 891500) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

242300H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 943519) received 1 M-79 round from enemy at (AT 943519). Returned 10xM-79 and 50x5.56. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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251030H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 945528) observed 2 enemy running from hootch at (AT 946528). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC POW; 1 NVA cover; 1 poncho liner; 1 NVA raincoat; 4 booby trap firing devices; 1 fishing line and \$30 NVA money captured.

252300H - 5th Marines Frag Order 101-68 received.

252330H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 146-68 promulgated.

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260800H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 873514) observed 5 enemy in village at (AT 879511). Fired 71x105mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

260840H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 905492) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

261205H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) received 10 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 940505). Fired 300x5.56; 20x4-79; 200x7.62; 240x105mm HE and 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 4 USMC WIAE and 22 NVA KIA.

261400H - Company A Squad (S&D) at (AT 875512) observed 2 enemy in open at (AT 879509). Sniper fired 2x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA.

261430H - 5th Marines Frag Order 102-68 received.

261530H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 147-68 promulgated.

261650H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 944518) received 2 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 942519). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

261945H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 908570) heard small enemy force moving north at (AT 910570). Fired 5x4-79 and 24x105mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

262105H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 887504) received 1 frag grenade. Returned 4xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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270130H - Company A (Night Movement) at (AT 903519) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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270800H - Company B (Blocking Force) at (AT 920510) observed 3 enemy at (AT 927493). Fired 2x90mmHE. Results: 3 VC KIA.

271030H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 929491) observed enemy moving SW at (AT 940506). Fired 2 fixed wing missions and utilized artillery and tank fire. Results: 14 NVA KIA and 4 POW.

271500H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 910519) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trap-ped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

271715H - Company D (S&D) sniper at (AT 943509) observed 1 enemy moving south at (AT 943507). Fired 2x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

271730H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 898488) received 40 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 896487). Fired 50x7.62; 50x5.56; 3 LAAWs and 5x3.5 rockets. Results: NEG.

271815H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 953507) observed 12 enemy at (AT 950506). Fired 200x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

272120H - Company B (Bridge Security) at (AT 925535) received 18 rds 155mmHE from friendly battery. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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280510H - Company D (Night CP) at (AT 944515) received 25 frag grenades and 200 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 944515). Fired 300x5.56; 20x M-79; 15xM-33 grenades and 10xM-26 grenades. Results: 14 USMC WIAE; 8 USMC WIAE; 8 VC KIA and 1 M-16 rifle captured.

282130H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 906501) received 3 frag grenades. Fired 30x5.56 and 4 M-26 grenades. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

D+6 29 Oct 1968

290315H - An Hoa Combat Base (AT 878476) received 14x82mm fire from (AT 896483). Returned counter mortar fire 12x4.2" mortar HE and 22x105 mmHE. Enemy fire ceased. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

290915H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 954524) observed 5 enemy moving east at (AT 955524). Fired 35x5.56. Results: 1 NVA POW; 7 60mm mortar rounds; 5 blasting caps; 2 ChiCom grenades and 1 gas mask captured.

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291000H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 909497) while pursuing 3 Vietnamese males had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; VN males were local civilians.

291100H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 887488) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

291731H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 866438) through local village sources found large enemy rice cache at (AT 853455). Results: 30 tons of rice captured.

291930H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 923828) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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300200H - 5th Marines Frag Order 103-68 received.

300600H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 148-68 promulgated.

301220H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 925528) observed 5 enemy on river bank at (AT 890528). Fired 130x81mmHE and 27x105mmHE. Results: 5 VC KIA.

301615H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 955524) received heavy S/A sniper fire from enemy at (AT 954522). Fired 400x7.62; 250x5.56; 15xM-79; 20x 105mmHE and 2 flights fixed wing. Observed at least 120 enemy withdrawing to north. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 6 USMC WIAE; and 3 NVA KIA.

301621H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 904385) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

301912H - Company C Squad (AMB) at (AT 923503) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

302115H - Company C Squad (AMB) at (AT 923503) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm mortar round with pressure type firing device. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

302140H - Company B (Night Attack) at (AT 945522) observed 15 enemy at (AT 945520). Fired 100x5.56 and 30x81mmHE. Enemy broke contact. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

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310930H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940528) had 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip-wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

310940H - 5th Marines Frag Order 104-68 received.

311000H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 929501) observed 2 enemy moving SW at (AT 921504). Called for and received CowPoke and 2 flights fixed wing. Results: 2 NVA KIA.

311030H - Company C Plat (OP) at (AT 943514) observed 3 enemy moving east at (AT 943512). Fired 30x5.56. Results: 3 VC KIA.

311200H - Company B Plat (OP) at (AT 941518) observed 2 enemy moving NE at (AT 938509). Fired 20x7.62 and 50x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

311730H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 909503) received 70 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 908501). Fired 100x5.56; 3x90mmHE and 7x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 1 USMC WIANE and 1 VC KIA.

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011141H - Company H Plat (S&D) at (AT 898505) received 35 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 898507). 1st squad maneuvered into enemy position with negative contact. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

011645H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 909506) observed 2 enemy at (AT 905507). Fired 50x5.56 and 20x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

012330H - 5th Marines Frag Order 105-68 received.

012345H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 149-68 promulgated.

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020630H - 5th Marines Frag Order 106-68 received.

021030H - Company C (CP) at (AT 942500) had 2 USMC WIA by dud M-79 round. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

021530H - Two LVT's returning from An Hoa at (AT 907500) received 1 ChiCom grenade from 2 civilians on motorcycles while riding by. Apprehended individuals for interrogation. Results: 2 VC detainees and 2 motorcycles captured.

021731H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 943503) found one Vietnamese man that was wounded by S/A. Brought suspect to 1st Battalion CP for interrogation. Results: 1 VC POW.

021735H - H&S Company Squad (OP) at (AT 904502) received 5 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 904507). Fired 35x5.56 and 3x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

021830H - Company C (AMB) at (AT 953492) observed 6 enemy moving SW at (AT 948491). Fired 20xM-79; 1800x5.56 and 50x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 1 wristwatch; 1 wallet and 1 ChiCom grenade captured.

021850H - Company C Plat (AMB) at (AT 955494) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+11 3 Nov 1968

030013H - 5th Marine Frag Order 107-68 received.

030600H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 150-68 promulgated.

031005H - Company A Squad (Patrol) at (AT 903490) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped bouncing betty mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

031145H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 948507) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 3 ChiCom grenades; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 1 jungle kit; 1 first aid pack; 1 NVA uniform; 18 AK-47 rifle rounds and 1 USMC pack.

031230H - Company A Squad (Patrol) at (AT 911487) had 1 USMC WIA by accidental discharge of friendly .45 cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

031700H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 947526) observed 4 enemy moving north at (AT 948528). Fired 100x5.56 and 10xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 US .45 cal. pistol; 1 NVA cartridge belt and cleaning gear captured.

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040745H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 953515) observed 1 enemy with pistol running north at (AT 953516). Fired 5x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 USMC .45 cal. pistol; 2 cans C-ration; 1 cartridge belt; 1 flashlight and 4 loaded .45 cal. magazines with pouches captured.

041100H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 942518) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

041400H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 151-68 promulgated.

041700H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 877507) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

041800H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 892511) apprehended 2 Vietnamese females, one carrying a first aid kit and complete medical pack. Results: 2 detainees and medical gear captured.

042330H - Company C (Night Attack) at (AT 936527) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped white phosphorous and shrapnel round of unknown type. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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050330H - Company C (Night Attack) at (AT 953542) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 953545). Fired 200x5.56; 10xM-79 and 7x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

050830H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 887502) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

050902H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 970544) received 200 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 970547). Fired 1000x5.56; 700x7.62; 20xM-79; 60x81mmHE and 130x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; 3 NVA KIA; 2 POW; 2 AK-47 rifles; 1 SKS rifle; 1 ChiCom grenade and 2 NVA cartridge belts captured.

051400H - 5th Marines Frag Order 108-68 received.

051545H - 5th Marines Frag Order 109-68 received.

051930H - Company I Squad (AMB) at (AT 964544) observed 1 enemy approaching ambush at (AT 965544). Fired 30x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 rifle captured.

052000H - Companies B and C (S&D) at (AT 970550) received heavy mortar, S/A and B-40 rocket fire from enemy at (AT 980550). Fired 230x105mm HE and 4 fixed wing missions. Results: 7 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIAE.

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D+14 6 Nov 1968

060501H - Company C, Plat (AMB) at (AT 958544) received 50 rds S/A and 10x60mm from enemy at (AT 969547) and (AT 959546). Fired 90x105mmHE and 20x60mmHE. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

060930H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 894502) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061115H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 887502) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061305H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 887503) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

061505H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 876506) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 5 lb box mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

062345H - 5th Marines Frag Order 110-68 received.

062355H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 153-68 promulgated.

D+15 7 Nov 1968

070645H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 900505) observed 10 enemy moving south at (AT 901505). Fired 100x5.56. Results: 8 VC KIA.

071330H - Company I Plat (S&D) at (AT 969561) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 50x82mm mortar rounds and 60 ChiCom grenades captured and destroyed in place.

D+16 8 Nov 1968

081300H - 5th Marines Frag Order 111-68 received.

081715H - Company C (Block Force) at (AT 964555) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 1 feeder plate for 12.7mm MG; 1 homemade mortar tube; 3 NVA trousers and shirts and 1 NVA flag captured.

081930H - Company B Plat (OP) at (AT 976545) observed 6 enemy moving south at (AT 982545). Fired 90x105mmHE. Results: 6 VC KIA and 1 82mm mortar tube destroyed by artillery.

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D+17 9 Nov 1968

090530H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 962554) had 2 USMC WIA when Marine threw M-26 at movement. Grenade was deflected by overhanging brush. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

091000H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 968558) found fresh grave where previous air missions had been run. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

091225H - Company A Squad (OP) at (AT 913508) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

091715H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 965558) observed 2 enemy hiding in brush at (AT 965559). Apprehended both individuals. Results: 2 NVA POW and 2 NVA uniforms captured.

091745H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 901510) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm mortar round with pressure type firing device. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

D+18 10 Nov 1968

100700H - Company B Plat (OP) at (AT 977560) observed 40 enemy moving north at (AT 981564). Fired 130x105mmHE and 20x60mmHE. Enemy split and dispersed to the north and the east. Results: 3 NVA KIA.

101046H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 927534) observed 1 body drifting east in river. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

102301H - Company C (Block Force) at (AT 955547) observed 2 enemy on trail at (AT 955544). Fired 20x5.56, while Marine slipped and accidentally shot himself in foot. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+19 11 Nov 1968

111400H - 5th Marines Frag Order 112-68 received.

111600H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Frag Order 154-68 promulgated.

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D+20 12 Nov 1968

120015H - Company B (Night Attack) at (AT 955525) while searching out bunkers captured 2 VC detainees. Results: 2 VC detainees and 1 wallet captured.

120830H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 954525) observed 6 enemy at (AT 957 533). Called for and received 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 3 NVA KIA.

121200H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 950524) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trap- ped 105mm round with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

121210H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 950524) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trap- ped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

121245H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 883510) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 5 lb. box mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 M-16 rifle destroyed.

D+21 13 Nov 1968

130900H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 941515) found large enemy rice and equipment cache. Results: 50 tons rice; various NVA clothing and documents captured.

130900H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 912495) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 81mm round with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

130930H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 954512) found 1 wounded VC with splint on leg. Results: 1 VC POW.

131040H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 943500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trap- ped antipersonnel mine of unknown type with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+22 14 Nov 1968

140730H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 949502) found large enemy rice cache. Results: 9000 lbs rice captured.

D+23 15 Nov 1968

151730H - Company B (CP) at (AT 924528) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of .45 cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

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D+24 16 Nov 1968

161400H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 938504) found 3 Vietnamese males believed to be VC. 3 males were sent to rear for interrogation. Results: 3 detainees captured.

D+25 17 Nov 1968

170201H - Company B (CP) at (AT 925538) received 2 rds 105mmHE from friendly artillery battery located at Hill 55. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIAE.

170313H - Company C (CP) at (AT 910512) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 909513). Fired 8x81mmHE; 20x105mmHE and 200x5.56. While searching area, observed 15 enemy at (AT 909515). Fired 100x105mmHE; 20x60mmHE, 15xM-79; 200x5.56 and 300x7.62. Enemy fled north. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 3 USMC WIAE; 5 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle ser.# 10081362; 8 AK-47 magazines; 9 ChiCom grenades; 2 M-26 grenades; 1 M-33 grenade; 2 NVA cartridge belts; 2 NVA uniforms; 1 NVA mess kit; 1 wallet; 2 NVA first aid kits; 1 NVA canteen and 2 hammocks captured.

170330H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 949506) received 4xB-40 rockets from enemy at (AT 949507). Fired 20xM-79; 31x81mmHE and 300x7.62. While searching contact area, found enemy rice cache at (AT 949509). Results: 2 USMC WIAE and 2000 lbs rice captured.

171330H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 951512) observed 4 enemy moving S.E. at (AT 956516). Fired 200x7.62 and 10x81mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

171400H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 950500) found 3 Vietnamese male civilians hiding in bunker as patrol passed. Sent 3 males to rear for interrogation. Results: 3 detainees captured.

171400H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 904515) found 1 NVA body believed to have been killed by previous airstrike. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

171505H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 941515) found 1 Vietnamese female, approx. 18 years old. Surroundings revealed bloody clothing and bandages which indicated that woman may be enemy nurse. Female sent to rear for interrogation. Results: 1 detainee captured.

172100H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 945524) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 947526). Fired 150x5.56; 10xM-79 and 13x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 VC KIA.

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D+26 18 Nov 1968

181100H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 933519) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

181200H - Company B, OpCon to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

181500H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 901508) found enemy equipment in fox hole. As unit searched area, had 1 USMC WIA by enemy sniper from (AT 902 508). Fired 30x5.56 and 3 M-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 1 AK-47 rifle ser. # 10065008; 6 AK-47 magazines; 1 ChiCom grenade and assorted medical items captured. Sniper fled through treeline.

181800H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 926505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+27 19 Nov 1968

190350H - Company C (CP) at (AT 910516) detected 15 enemy moving north. Fired 3 claymore mines; 350x5.56; 1000x7.62; 20x60mmHE; 30x81mmHE; 90x105mmHE and spooky gunships. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 6 USMC WIAE; 8 NVA KIA; 5 AK-47 rifles; 1 .38 cal. pistol w/holster; 10 ChiCom grenades; various maps and documents; 10 AK-47 magazines; 2 cartridge belts; 5 ponchos; 1 hammock and misc. medical items captured.

190630H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 926503) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

191045H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 925527) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of .45 cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

191315H - Company C Plat (S&D) at (AT 902508) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

191330H - Company C Squad (OP) at (AT 927523) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped concussion grenade with trip-wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+28 20 Nov 1968

200445H - Company C Plat (AMB) at (AT 891514) had 1 USMC NBC when he was hit in leg by friendly artillery illumination cannister. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

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200945H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 898508) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

201500H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 918513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

201530H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 899508) while moving into objective area found 2 spools trip wire, 2 Vietnamese males were apprehended in same area. Results: 2 detainees and 2 spools trip wire captured.

212101H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 924506) received 3 rds 60mm from enemy at (AT 935505). Fired 20x60mmHE; 90x81mmHE and 50x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIAE.

212230H - Company C Plat (AMB) at (AT 910515) received 7 rds B-40 rockets from enemy at (AT 903515). Fired 30x60mmHE; 25x81mmHE and 41x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 VC KIA.

D+30 22 Nov 1968

220200H - RF Company (AMB) at (AT 908523) received 20 ChiCom grenades, 15 B-40 rockets and 400 rds S/A fire from 1 NVA company. Fired 200x7.62; 800x5.56; 15x60mmHE; 201x81mmHE and 95x105mmHE. Results: 4 RF KIA; 3 RF WIAE; 1 USMC WIAE; 19 VC KIA; 1 VC POW; 1 AK-47 rifle; 1 SKS rifle and various NVA gear captured.

D+31 23 Nov 1968

232330H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 925509) observed 9 enemy moving south at (AT 925510). Fired 100x5.56; 2 LAAW's and 5xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 NVA KIA and assorted 782 gear captured.

D+32 24 Nov 1968

240145H - Company C Plat(AMB) at (AT 891512) observed large enemy force moving SW at (AT 893511). Fired 600x7.62; 300x5.56; 3 Claymore mines and 95x105mmHE. Results: 9 NVA KIA; 6 ChiCom grenades; 7 NVA helmets and misc. medical items captured.

D+33 25 Nov 1968

250230H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 914508) received 2 frag grenades. Returned 5xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USN WIAE.

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250301H - Company D Plat (Defensive Perimeter) at (AT 914514) had 1 USMC WIA by ricochetting M-16 round from another Marine. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+34 26 Nov 1968

260945H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 902507) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm round with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

261130H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 963521) found enemy equipment cache. Results: 4 maps; list of medical supplies; 1 NVA helmet; 2 M-16 magazines and 80x5.56 rounds captured.

D+35 27 Nov 1968

271030H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 904521) found 1 enemy body with various bullet wounds in village. Results: 1 VC KAI.

271340H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 909506) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

272021H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 909503) observed 2 enemy at (AT 909504). Fired 3xM-79; 100x5.56 and 50x7.62. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 2 VC KIA.

D+36 28 Nov 1968

281000H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 909501) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

281400H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 888501) received 200 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 888504). Fired 300x7.62; 600x5.56; 10xM-79; 60x105mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

281630H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 915510) observed 2 Vietnamese males moving south on road. When males were apprehended and searched, various medical supplies, bloody clothes and shredded ID cards were found. Men were sent to rear for interrogation. Results: 2 detainees.

D+37 29 Nov 1968

290830H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 909506) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 909508). Fired 100x5.56 and 5xM-79. Results: NEG

291200H - 5th Marines Frag Order 113-68 received.

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D+38 30 Nov 1968

300935H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 936504) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 939498). Fired 30x5.56; 50x7.62; 1xLAAW; 1x3.5" rocket and 4xM-79. Results: 3 NVA canteens; 1 US claymore mine; 1 US gas mask; 10 blasting caps and various medical items captured.

D+39 1 Dec 1968

010905H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 906497) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+40 2 Dec 1968

020730H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 912513) had 1 USMC WIA when man picked up a dud M-79 round. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

021200H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 895507) observed 4-5 enemy at (AT 897505). Fired 600x5.56; 25xM-79 and 40x105mmHE. Results: 5 VC KIA.

D+41 3 Dec 1968

031605H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 900505) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+42 4 Dec 1968

041140H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 920492) found 1 dud 500lbs bomb from previous airstrike. Results: destroyed in place.

D+43 5 Dec 1968

051230H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 947502) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

051605H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 959501) observed 12 enemy in treeline at (AT 959502). Fired 300x5.56; 15xM-79; 200x7.62; 1xLAAW and 163x105mmHE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 2 USMC WIANE; 3 NVA KIA; 2 NVA uniforms; 1 cartridge belt; 1 NVA helmet; 3 Chicom grenades; 2 SKS rifles; 1 SKS magazine; 1 AK-47 magazine; 4 canteens; 2 bayonets; various medical supplies; 1 hammock and 4 medical kits captured.

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D+44 6 Dec 1968

061330H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 949526) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061705H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 955524) observed 20 enemy at (AT 965 516). Fired 20x90mmHE; 200x50 cal. and 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 3 NVA KIA and 2 secondary explosions observed.

062010H - 5th Marines Frag Order 117-68 received.

062400H - Operation "HENDERSON HILL" terminated.

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12. Resultsa. Friendly Casualties:

	USMC	USN
KIA	19	1
WIAE	143	4
WIANE	47	3
DOW	1	0
NBC	21	0
NBD	1	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses: 1 M-60 MGc. Enemy Casualties:

KIA	NVA	81	VC	96	TOTAL	177
DETAINEES	IC	21	CD	8	TOTAL	29
POW	NVA	2	VC	2	TOTAL	4
CHIEU HOI	NVA	0	VC	0	TOTAL	0

d. Captured Ordnance:

12	AK-47 Rifles	2	.45 Cal. Pistols
2	SKS Rifles	1	Flare Gun
4	M-16 Rifles	1	60mm Mortar Tube (Hand Made)

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions:

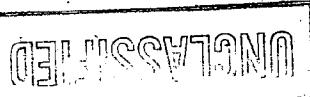
38	ChiCom Grenades	8	B-40 Rounds
2	M-26 Grenades	1	LAAW (M-72)
1	M-33 Grenade	648	S/A Rounds

f. Captured Equipment:

Miscellaneous Medical supplies
Miscellaneous NVA/VC uniforms

g. Captured Food Stores: 107 tons of riceh. Captured Documents: Miscellaneous Documents

i. Destroyed Fortifications: Individual fighting positions, small bunkers (2-5 men size) and small trench lines were destroyed whenever the tactical situation permitted.



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13. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. Resupply was accomplished by both helicopter and wheeled vehicle. The Command Post and units near the MSR were resupplied by wheeled vehicle while the units off the MSR were resupplied by helicopter. No serious supply problems have occurred during this operation to impair the logistical support of this Battalion.

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

c. Transportation. Both helicopters and wheeled vehicles were the primary means of transportation, supplemented by LVT's. There were no significant problems encountered with transportation.

d. Communications. Throughout this operation, radio communication between the companies and the Battalion CP at Liberty Bridge was satisfactory with the employment of normal VHF equipment and antennas. The CP maintained covered radio capability to the 5th Marines by means of the KY-38/PRC-77 voice cipher system without any outage time.

Communication facilities at Liberty Bridge were extended to include a 60 WPM HDUX teletype circuit from the Battalion Rear at An Hoa. This circuit was routed over the TRC-27 which continued to provide voice circuits to Regiment.

The Battalion nets experienced no jamming or known enemy deception during the operation. Throughout the operation, the Battalion took an ever increasing interest in radio security and procedure by holding classes and briefings, and a 24 hour a day selective monitoring of nets. By these means, the Battalion was able to significantly improve its performance on all nets.

e. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation, Hospitalization and Medical Evaluation. Casualties in the field were treated and evacuated by helicopter for hospitalization. Some minor casualties were evacuated through the forward BAS at An Hoa for appropriate treatment and disposition. It is noted that the number of malaria and Immersion foot cases markedly decreased during this operation. The rear BAS continued to provide medical attention and facilities to the wounded Vietnamese civilians. Medical treatment, evacuation, hospitalization has been provided in an excellent manner during this operation.

14. Special Equipment Techniques. None

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15. Commanders Analysis. The enemy continued to employ harrassing tactics throughout the operation with light sniper fire and limited night probing attacks at friendly positions. His continued efforts to employ mines and booby traps along the MSR was reduced considerably from the previous operation by placing many squad-size ambushes near the MSR, and frequent H&I Fires on and near the MSR during the hours of darkness.

On three occasions the enemy attacked with company size strength. Sound defensive tactics and excellent air and artillery support defeated the enemy in each of these attacks.

During the period of 20-22 November, one company from the 1st Battalion, and one company from the RVN Regional Forces (RF Co. 116) were task organized, under the command of the 1st Battalion Executive Officer, to conduct a Cordon and Search Operation in the eastern part of Duc Duc District. Communication and control was achieved by placing liaison personnel with the Regional Force Company. The first day of operations resulted in two detainees, of which one was classified as IC and one as CD. On the second night, while in a defensive position, the Regional Force Company was attacked by an NVA company. This resulted in heavy losses to the enemy (19 KIA and 1 POW) while Regional Forces losses were light.

A highly successful company-sized attack was conducted in the eastern portion of the Battalion Area of Operations. The company employed surprise maneuvers and supporting arms to rout an estimated NVA company. The enemy suffered 37 KIA and 2 POW in the action, including one NVA platoon leader killed. Marine losses were 4 WIA.

Continued Battalion successes in this AO were a result of a combination of several factors. Aggressive small unit leadership was probably the major factor. In addition, the immediate assumption of command by junior lieutenants of two rifle companies when the company commanders were wounded in action prevented any loss of command leadership in difficult combat situations. Extensive night patrolling and company-sized night maneuvers followed by platoon daylight attacks kept the enemy off balance. Detailed search of objective areas proved to be well worth the time and personnel involved. Several enemy materiel caches were discovered, including one rice storage area containing 104 tons of rice.

16. Recommendations. None

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0947		1	140947	Co C (S&D) at (AT 970532) received heavy machine gun and small arms fire from enemy at (AT 970535). Fired 1000x 5.56; 3000x7.62; 420x81mmHE; 336x105mmHE; 2 fixed wing missions and spooky gunships. Results: 8 USMC KIA; 3 USMC WIAE; 16 NVA KIA; 1 MSG Critically and 4 M-16 Captured. 4 M-16 rifles captured; 2xM-79 and 3x45 cal pistols destroyed by air strikes. S-F
1045		2	141045	Co C (S&D) at (AT 963513) observed 2 enemy moving north at (AT 967516). Fired 15x5.56 and 7x80mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA. S-F
1100		3	141100	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 904520) received machine gun and small arms fire from enemy at (AT 902518). Fired 250x5.56; 400x7.62; 14xM-79; 28x81mmHE and 36x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; 1 VC KIA and 1 M-16 rifle lost. S-F
1230		4	141230	Co A Plat (S&D) at (AT 908493) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE. S-F
1530		5	141530	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 904520) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE. S-F
1630		6	141630	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 906524) apprehended 1 Viet woman and child who tried to flee from friendly patrol. Results: 2 detainees. S-F

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0745	1	190745	Co C (S&D) at (AT 947526) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60 lbs box mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.	S-F
1055	2	191055	Co A Plat (S&D) at (AT 963525) found approx. 100 enemy fighting holes, 35 spider holes and 1 hidden bunker.	S-F
1220	3	191220	Convoy dumptruck at (AT 911487) hit 1 command detonated 20 lbs box mine. Results: damaged windshield.	S-F
1350	4	191350	Co B Plat (Attack) at (AT 925505) had Viet civilians killed and wounded by prep fire at (AT 925505). Results: 4 civilians killed and 8 wounded. 8 wounded were med-evaced.	S-F
1800	5	191800	Co F Plat (S&D) at (AT 972551) found 1 Viet male body inside bunker. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S-F
1900	6	191900	Co A Squad (AMB) at (AT 957523) observed 10 enemy at (AT 957526). Fired 100x 5.56, and 50x7.62. Results: 5 VC KIA. Remaining ran into high elephant grass across river.	S-F
2045	7	192045	Co A Squad (AMB) at (AT 967521) observed 3 enemy at (AT 968521). Fired 40x 5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 12 M-1 shell casings and 1 camouflaged netting captured.	S-F

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0045		1	210045	Co A Plat (AMB) at (AT 965515) received 4 B-40 rockets from enemy at unknown position. Fired artillery bracketing fires. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE. S-F
0905		2	210905	Co D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. S-F
1015		3	211015	Co A Plat (S&D) at (AT 966521) found 1 enemy equipment. Results: 1 sewing machine; 1 pair NVA field glasses captured and 1 reinforced bunker blown in place. S-F
1045		4	211045	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 913512) while drawing water from nearby well, an explosion occurred. Apprehended 5 Vietnamese in immediate area and sent to rear for interrogation. Results: 5 detainees captured. S-F
1105		5	211105	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 934513) apprehended 1 Viet male trying to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured. S-F
1115		6	211115	Co B Plat (S&D) at (AT 936512) apprehended 1 Viet male hiding in bunker. Results: 1 detainee captured. S-F
1307		7	211307	Co D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) observed 1 enemy running from position where recent booby trap was tripped at (AT 937500). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA S-F
2101		8	212101	Co D Plat (Night Attack) at (AT 945515) apprehended 1 Viet male trying to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured. S-F

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