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Encl: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March to 31 March 1969

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY

1-31 March 1969

H&S Company

1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN

1-31 March 1969

Company A

1st Lt. R. E. PRUETT

1-2 March 1969

Capt. T. H. TORREY III

3-31 March 1969

Company B

1st Lt. F. G. SATTERFIELD

1 March 1969

Capt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI

2-31 March 1969

Company C

Capt. R. J. WILSON

1-31 March 1969

Company D

1st Lt. J. D. YOUNGQUIST

1-28 March 1969

Capt. M. D. WYLY

29-31 March 1969

2. Locations

1-31 March 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "TAYLOR COMMON" and an unnamed operation 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

1-5 March 1969

Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER

6-31 March 1969

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S-1 Officer/Adjutant

1st Lt. T. E. HOWARD
1-5 March 1969
1st Lt. J. N. BYERS
6-22 March 1969
1st Lt. E. W. HAUKAAS
23-31 March 1969

S-2 Officer

GySgt J. A. WOODS
1 March 1969
1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT
2-31 March 1969

S-3 Officer

Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER
1-5 March 1969
1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
6-31 March 1969

S-4 Officer

Capt. G. C. LAWTY
1-31 March 1969

S-5 Officer

GySgt. M. L. HUNTER
1-21 March 1969
GySgt. R. J. ELSMORE
22-31 March 1969

Communications Officer

1st Lt. F. L. KINGERY
1-31 March 1969

Medical Officer

Lt. W. C. MITCHELL (USN)
1-8 March 1969
Lt. D. C. TURNER (USN)
9-31 March 1969

Supply Officer

1st Lt. E. R. MIDGETT
1-31 March 1969

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. R. M. MCDOWELL
1-31 March 1969

Assistant Adj/Legal Officer

1st Lt. J. N. BYERS
1-31 March 1969

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Chaplain

Lt. M. H. ROBERTS (USN)
1-13 March 1969
Lt. C. B. COLEMAN
14-31 March 1969

Air Liaison Officer

Capt. J. E. STOLL
1-31 March 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
36	1127

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
3	54

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in Operation "TAYLOR COMMON". During this period, the Battalion conducted aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy and capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions; secured and protected routes of ingress and egress for the movement of friendly logistical support and supported and protected US and RVN installations and convoys.

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

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 35 officers and 1156 enlisted. On 15 March, the strength had changed to 35 officers and 1097 enlisted. By the end of March, the strength was 35 officers and 1133 enlisted. At this time, there are no officers and 31 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 12 officers and 169 enlisted.

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

c. POW/Detainees. There were 48 detainees processed during the month.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent. Personnel who captured POW'S received in-country R&R.

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

f. Awards. During March, there were 1 Navy Cross, 4 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, 6 Navy Commendations, and 32 Navy Achievements 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. During this reporting period, the enemy continued his probing and harrassing tactics with a limited offensive attack occurring at 0130H, on 19 March 1969, in which he conducted a sapper assault supported by flames and rockets upon the Battalion CP/Fire Base at Phu Loc (6). This action resulted in 72 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW along with numerous individual and crew served weapons captured. A continued decrease in the number of mine and booby trap incidents during this period was noted. The Battalion had 36 mine and booby trap incidents compared to 47 such incidents from last month.

b. Weather. During this period, the weather was warm to hot during daylight hours, and mild to cool at night. Air operations were hampered by heavy mist and ground fog, which occurred during 2200-0700 hours.

c. Terrain. No change.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units under the operational control of the 1st Battalion during the following periods:

(1) Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from February through 312400H March 1969.

(2) Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from February through 251200H March 1969.

b. Operations. Operation "TAYLOR COMMON" (Search and Destroy Operation) in the eastern part of Duc Duc and the Duy Xuyen District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN terminated on 080800H March 1969, (See Tab "B" Combat After Action Report, "TAYLOR COMMON"). During the period of 8-31 March, the Battalion participated in an unnamed operation which continues into the month of April. The area of Operations, Mission and Concept remains the same as that of Operation "TAYLOR COMMON".

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air. The Battalion continued to receive outstanding air support from both 1st MAW and USAF squadrons. There was an overall increase in fixed wing support as compared to previous months primarily due to an increase in A-6A availability for Beacon Hops. A detailed breakdown of air support rendered during the month is as follows:

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(a) Fixed Wing. A total of 176 flights of fixed wing were flown in support of this Battalion. 28 AO/TACA aircraft provided 17.0 hours of on station coverage, controlling 6 flights of fixed wing close air support as well as providing protective cover and conducting visual reconnaissance. Additionally, 11 flights of fixed wing were controlled by Battalion FAC's. Further close air support consisted of 143 A-6 recon hops and 16 USAF "Nite Owls". 2 Spooky Gunships provided 3.3 hours of target coverage and 1 flareship provided 3.7 hours of illumination. Of the total number of flights, bomb damage assessment is available for only 73 flights and is listed below:

Structures Destroyed	83
Bunkers Destroyed	8
Trenchline Destroyed	155 (meters)
Secondary Explosions	65
Secondary Fires - (Non-napalm)	29
Killed by Air	2
Total Ordnance Dropped	1,974,900 lbs.

(b) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations consisted of daily re-supply missions and Medevac's, 46 MEDEVAC missions extracted 85 Marines (20 of whom were classified as emergencies) and 45 indigenous personnel.

(2) Artillery. D battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, with six 105, and two 155 Howitzers. Was in direct support, furnishing accurate and timely supporting fires throughout the Battalion's area of operations. D battery fired 141 missions expending 2602 rounds. The following is the total surveillance on all missions fired by D battery for units of the Battalion:

Confirmed Enemy KIA	44
Probable Enemy KIA	26
Hooches Destroyed	11
Bunkers Destroyed	1
Boats Destroyed	2
Secondary Explosions	3

The majority of enemy casualties resulted from missions observed from a tower (located at AT925538), which afforded an excellent view of the surrounding terrain. Especially to the West along the Son Thu Bon River, where numerous enemy attempts at crossing were denied by artillery fire called in from the tower.

The Battalion received additional fire support from E battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, F battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, K battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, and B battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

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(3) Engineers. Excellent support was again provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed primarily 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 helicopter resupply and Med-Evacs.

(5) Antrac. A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Antrac Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during this period. The LVT's provided satisfactory support in transporting troops.

(6) 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 the daily MSR mine sweeps, providing direct fire support to the daytime Battalion OP's and were also used extensively as convoy security between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge, and at night were employed into the defensive networks of Liberty Bridge.

(7) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines provided outstanding support for the Battalion, which resulted in 21 enemy kills during the month.

4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Radio PRC 88

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

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c. Replacement personnel received four (4) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

d. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters. During the month, 29 members of the Battalion attended school in the DaNang area and Okinawa.

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

6. CIVIC ACTION. During the reporting period the Battalion worked with the people of My Son (684471) and limited work with the people in the area surrounding Liberty Bridge.

The Battalion assisted the people of My Son in constructing two homes destroyed by VC. There were seven homes still under construction at the time of departure to Liberty Bridge. A total of 62 assorted boards, 79 sheets of plywood, and 24 sheets of roofing tin were distributed for this purpose. Two trailer loads of firewood was delivered to supplement the shortage in the hamlet.

Very limited work was done in the Liberty Bridge area due to the distance from the camp and the security involved. However, two village chiefs and one hamlet chief from the Xuyen Loc and Xuyen Hoa villages and Cu Ban hamlet were guest of the camp in order to discuss problems of their respective areas. A total of 28 civilians were treated for wounds and/or sores and infections. Two pounds of soap was distributed around the area for sanitation purposes. Eight civilians were killed and eight civilians were injured due to an accident involving a tank on the ferry. The bodies were taken for burial and the injured were medevac to the German Hospital for treatment. The persons involved were thrown into the water and lost their identification cards. 1st Tank Battalion S-5 is hampered by this problem.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During the reporting period the Battalion has received little intelligence information from the elders. All intelligence information has been passed on to the Battalion S-2 Section and Counter-intelligence.

In accordance with the rewards program the following pieces of ordnance was turned in to the Battalion: 4-155 mm HE rounds, 9-105 mm HE rounds, 6-81 mm Ill. rounds, 2-106 mm HEAT rounds, and 1-4.2" HE round. The 105 mm HE and 155 mm HE rounds were blown outward from the ammo dump to the surrounding area. More rounds are believed to be in the hamlets. A total of 50,200 \$VN will be paid to the people by 2/11 Civil Affairs who will be working in the My Son area.

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The attitude of the people toward this Battalion remains in excellent standing.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During the month of March, all communications within the Battalion were maintained in a satisfactory manner. The PRC-88 radios were issued to all letter companies and are presently in use in the field. A PPS-6 radar unit is going to be used in the Alpha defense sector, which will enable the Battalion to maintain a radar watch of the approach routes in our sector.

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED; VC/NVA CAPTURED.

a. Friendly Casualties
1st Bn. 5th Mar Units

	USMC	USN
KIA	6	1
WIAE	56	1
WIANE	37	3
DOW	4	0
NBC	11	0
NED	2	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	94 NVA	86 VC	Total 180
POW	1 NVA	1 VC	Total 2
Chieu Hoi	3 VC		
Civil Defendants	4		
Innocent Civilians	19		

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

12 AK-50 Rifles	1 9mm Pistol
8 AK-47 Rifles	3 Flame Throwers
2 SKS Rifles	1 B-40 Rocket Launcher
1 M-14 Rifle	1 RPG-7

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

18 500 lb. Bombs	7 105mm HE Rounds
3 250 lb. Bombs	4 81mm HE Rounds
5 COFRAM Bombs	13 60mm HE Rounds
1 175mm HE Round	1 3.5" Rocket Round
33 155mm HE Rounds	1 Huey Rocket Round

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SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS CONT'D

234 ChiCom Grenades	15 M-79 Rounds
7 M-33 Grenades	1 M-72 LAAW
3 M-26 Grenades	1 5 lb. Box Mine

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

Miscellaneous 782 Gear	60 Lb. Rice
Miscellaneous Documents	4 US Gas Masks
Miscellaneous Medical Gear	1 Roll Trip Wire (200')

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH. See Paragraphs 3, C. (1) (a) and 3, C. (2)

B. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H through 312400H March 1969).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 March through 31 March 1969.

/ Tab "B" Combat After Action Report Operation "TAYLOR COMMON"

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TAB A to ENCLOSURE 1

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Quang Nam Province RVN					
PLACE					
040001H Mar. 042400H Mar. 69					
FROM TO					
TAYLOR COMMON					
Journal Opened					
1400		1	041400H	Co. B Plt. (patrol) at (AT925535) observed 2 enemy at (AT898520) crossing river. Fired 12 x 155 mm HE. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1815		2	041815H	Co. B plt. (patrol) at (AT925535) observed 2 enemy at (AT897518) crossing river. Fired 16 x 155 mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
Journal Closed					

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TIME		SER NR	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
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				Journal Opened	
0630		1	060630H	Co. D plt. (block) at (AT945518) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of M-16 rifle where when marine passed in front of friendly blocking force. Results: 1 USMC NBC	S.F.
0630		2	060630H	Co. D plt. (block) at (AT946518) observed 15 enemy moving north at (AT952518). Fired 10 x 7.62 mm and 40 x 155 mm HE. Results: 15 VC KIA (3 by scout snipers). 1 M-16 magazine; 1 NVA canteen and various medical gear.	S.F.
1000		3	061000H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT915505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1025		4	061025H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT908493) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1030		5	061030H	Co. D plt (patrol) at (AT928528) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1100		6	061100H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT925535) observed 5 enemy at (AT908526). Fired 36 x 155 mm VT. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1830		7	061830H	Co. D sqd (patrol) at (AT922515) found 1 x 155 mm HE. DUD. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.

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IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0030		1	070030H	Co. D (CP) at (AT912513) recieved 2 incoming grenades. Returned fire with 4 x M-26 and 3 x M-79. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0630		2	070630H	Co. D. (CP) at (AT928511) recieved 5 rds. S/A from 20 enemy at (AT936510). Fired 200 x 5.56 mm and 5 x M-79. Enemy broke contact and moved south. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0905		3	070905H	Co. B sqd (minesweep) at (AT914513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-79 round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1805		4	071805H	Company D plt (patrol) at (AT912513) observed 8 enemy moving Northwest at (AT907524). Fired 80 x 81 mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA	S.F.
1900		5	071900H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT925535) observed 40 enemy at (AT885535) moving from South to North. Fired 100 x 15 mm VT. Results: 5 VC KIA.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	

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IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0750		1	080750H	Co. B sqd (minesweep) at (AT926525)	
				found 1 x 81 mm HE DUD round. Result	
				Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
		2	080800H	Operation Taylor Common Terminated	S.F.
0840		3	08040H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at	
				(AT926526) observed 1 enemy at	
				(AT942522). Fired 2 x 106 mm	
				beehive rounds. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0930		4	080930H	Co. B sqd (patrol) at (AT936537)	
				had 6 USMC WIA by 2 booby trapped	
				M-26 grenades. Results: 5 USMC	
				WIAE and 1 USMC WIANE	S.F.
1830		5	081830H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT923541)	
				observed 40 enemy moving North and	
				southeast at (AT885534). Fired	
				40 x 15 mm VT and 50 x 105 mm HE.	
				Results: 7 VC KIA.	S.F.
1915		6	081915H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at	
				(AT949526) observed 5 enemy at	
				(AT936522). Scout Snipers fired	
				8 x 7.62 mm. Results: 2 VC KIA	
				by Scout snipers.	S.F.
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				Journal Opened	
0940		1	160940H	Co. B (CP) at (AT912515) observed 3 enemy moving southwest at (AT925505). Fired 58 x 105 mm HE. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1010		2	161010H	Co. D (CP) at (AT923540) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of 45 cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.	S.F.
1100		3	161100H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT927527) had 1 Vietnamese male become Chieu Hoi. Results: 1 Chieu Hoi.	S.F.
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IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0200		1	190200H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT927527) received 60 x 82 mm mortars; 8 x B-40 rockets and followed by ground assault by an estimated 2 companies NVA. Fired 680 x 155 mm HE; 540 x 81 mm HE; 2 x 106 mm LBeehive and all small arms weapons available. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 10 USMC WIAE; 6 USMC WIANE; 72 NVA KIA; 1 detainee; 8 x AK 47 rifles (#10065921, MAZ-40, 2U1959L, 11082367, 10059297, P1048, 10054401, 10058376); 11 x AK-50 rifles (#1963BY1030, 1962BA133, 1963BY1538, 1962BA109, 1962BY167, 1963BY1203, 1962510996, 1962BA576, 1963BT5022, 1963BY565, 1962BY144); 1 x M-16 rifle (#533400); 1 x 9mm pistol (#M20-No. 11200); 1 x B-40 rocket launcher (#30462157); 1 x RPG-7 (#NBA-123 1967); 3 x flame throwers (#D950 1963, F052 1963, E199 1963); 228 chicom grenades; 40 x AK-47 magazines and various documents captured.	S.F.
0930		2	190930H	Co. B (S&D) at (AT915515) observed 6 enemy moving North at (AT914527). Fired 40 x 60 mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1100		3	191100H	Co. B (S&D) at (AT944510) apprehended 2 Vietnamese persons who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 2 detainees; 1 AK-47 rifle (#10065210); 2 chicom grenades; 1 x NVA cartridge belt and 1 NVA pack captured.	S.F.
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0745		1	220745H	Co. B sqd (patrol) at (AT897503) observed 1 enemy fleeing West at (AT892512). Fired 100 x 7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1830		2	221830H	Co. D (CP) at (AT923539) observed 15 enemy moving East at (AT905538). Fired 28 x 105 mm HE; 3 x 106 mm BH; 100 x 81 mm HE and 15 x 7.62. Results: 6 NVA KIA (2 by snipers)	S.F.
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0600		1	240600H	Co. D plt (block force) at (AT924503) had 6 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 6 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0905		2	240905H	Co. B sqd (patrol) at (AT914539) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1030		3	241030H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT923538) observed 10 enemy moving South at (AT897520). Fired 24 x 155 mm VT. Results: 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1240		4	241240H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT923538) observed 1 enemy at (AT890513). Fired 6 x 155 mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
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0010		1	260010H	1st Bn. 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT926526) received 6-8 rds S/A fire from enemy at (AT934521). Fired 85 x 81mm HE and 55 x 105 mm HE. Results: Neg.	S.F.
0730		2	260730H	Co. D plt (patrol) at (AT908514) observed 6 enemy at (AT903514). Fired 150 x 7.62 mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0750		3	260750H	Co. D plt (patrol) at (AT906514) while conducting search of Ville found 1 enemy suspect wounded. Results: 1 Detainee Medivaced.	S.F.
0810		4	260810H	1st Engineers Bn. (mine sweep) at (AT920515). Found 1 x M-26 grenade not booby trapped. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
0910		5	260910H	Co. B plt (mine sweep) at (AT910500) had 2 USMC WIA by 2 booby trapped 105 mm HE with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1830		6	261830H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT923538) observed 8 enemy at (AT885535). Fired 110 x 81 mm HE and 55 x 155 mm HE. Results: 8 VC KIA.	S.F.
1910		7	261910H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT912513) observed 2 enemy at (AT903519). Fired 7 x 7.62 mm. Results: 2 NVA KIA (by scout snipers).	S.F.
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1100		6	271100H	Co. B&C plt (patrol) at (AT955535) & (AT941531) recovered 1 x 500 lb dud bomb; 3 x 155 mm HE dud rds; 1 x 175 mm HE dud rd and 2 x 105 mm HE dud rds. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1240		7	271240H	Co. B plt (patrol) at (AT957536) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped Chi. comm with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1500		8	271500H	Co. B plt (patrol) at (AT955536) recovered 1 x 2.75 mm rocket. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1600		9	271600H	Co. B plt (patrol) at (AT956535) recovered 1 dud 105 mm HE rd. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1645		10	271645H	Co. D plt (patrol) at (AT913518) found Ville to be engaged in the manufacture of booby traps. Found 2 defused 105 mm HE rds and trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1920		11	271920H	Co. D sqd (ambush) at (AT912513) observed 4 enemy at (AT904522). Fired 2 x 7.62 mm and 32 x 155 mm HE. Results: 4 VC KIA (1 by scout snipers).	S.F.
2300		12	272300H	Co. D sqd (ambush) at (AT903508) observed movement at (AT902502). Fired 31 x 81 mm HE. Results: Neg.	S.F.
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0700	1	280700H	Co. C plt (search) at (AT947516). Found various documents. Results: Neg.	S.F.
0805	2	280805H	1st Bn. 5th Mar. (Engineers) at (AT926520) found 81 mm HE dud. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1000	3	281000H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT901515) observed 1 enemy at (AT895520). Fired 1 x 7.62 mm. Results: 1 NVA KIA (by scout snipers).	S.F.
1100	4	281100H	Co. C (search) at (AT955533) found 1 x 5 gal. water can; 2 Marine gas masks; 2 aircraft illum cannisters; 1 chi com; 2 x M-26; 1 x 82 mm HE; 1 x 500 lb bomb fuse; 1 x 155 mm HE; 1 x 250 lb bomb and 2 x 500 lb bombs. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1230	5	281230H	Co. D sqd (patrol) at (AT904505) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 4 USMC WIANE.	S.F.
1605	6	281605H	Co. C sqd (OP) at (AT958523) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure type release in ground. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1800	7	281800H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT895518) observed 4 enemy at (AT890510). Fired 7 x 155 mm HE; 100 x 7.62 mm and 200 x 5.56 mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.

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0830		1	290830H	1st Bn. 5th Mar. (Engineers) at (AT917507) found booby trapped 60 mm mortar round with pressure type detonator. Results: Dest. in place.	S.F.
0835		2	290835H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT912513) observed 3 enemy moving Northwest at (AT905523). Fired 170 x 5.56 mm 200 x 7.62 mm and 1 x M-72. Results: 1 VC KIA	S.F.
1000		3	291000H	Co. C (search) at (AT958528). Found 2 x 250 lb bombs; 1 x M-26 grenade; 4 x 500 lb bombs; 1 x icm 750 lb ordinance removed; 1 x 105 mm HE; 1 x icm bomblet; 1 x NAPALM fuse; 1 x 3.5 rocket mortar; 1 x 60 mm mortar; 1 fully loaded AK-47 magazine and 200 ft of comm wire. Results: Dest in place.	S.F.
1200		4	291200H	Co. C (search) at (AT955533) found 1 x 81 mm mortar round; 3 x cofram bomblets; 1 x 105 mm HE and 3 x 500 lb bombs. Results: Dest. 81 mm HE, Coframs and 105 rd in place.	S.F.
1200		5	291200H	Co. B sqd (OP) at (AT922538) observed 6 enemy moving across river from North to South at (AT905524). Fired 60 x 81 mm HE. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
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0825		1	310825	1st Eng. Bn (Mine Sweep) at (AT 923518) found 7xM-79 rds. Results: Destroyed in place.	S-F
0930		2	310930	Co B (Mine Sweep) at (AT 908493) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S-F
1255		3	311255	Co C (Search) at (AT 959532) found 1 W.P. fuse and 2x155mmHE. Results: destroyed in place.	S-F
1600		4	311600	Co C (Search) at (AT 959533) found 8x 500 lbs. bombs. Results: destroyed in place.	S-F
1800		5	311800	Co C Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 959533) observed 3 enemy at (AT 955534). Fired 120x5.56; and 300x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S-F
1915		6	311915	Co B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 923538) observed 30 enemy moving west at (AT 923554). Fired 6x106mmHE & HEP; and 104x 60mmHE. Results:	
2015		7	312015	Co B Sqd (Ambush) at (AT 923554) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S-F
2015		8	312015	Co D Sqd (Ambush) at (AT 912515) observed 10 enemy moving east at (AT 911516). Fired 80x5.56; 40x155mmHE and 108x81mmHE. Results: NEG.	S-F

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 Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report (Taylor Common)

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A
 (b) 5th Marines Operation Order 7-68

1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation "TAYLOR COMMON"
 (Search and Destroy).
2. Dates of Operation. From 070001H December 1968 to 080800H March 1969
3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "TAYLOR COMMON" 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)

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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

Maj. E. E. GERDING
 7 Dec 1968 - 5 Mar 1969
 Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER
 6-8 Mar 1969

H&S Company (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 81mm Mortar Plat (-)
 Comm Plat (-)
 106mm BR Plat
 Flame Section
 TACP
 Det, Med Plat
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

1st Lt. S. A. NELSON
 7 Dec 1968 - 27 Jan 1969
 1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
 28 Jan - 8 Mar 1969

Company A (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT
 7 Dec 1968 - 28 Feb 1969
 Capt. P. H. TORREY III
 1-8 Mar 1969

Company B (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

Capt. G. C. LAWTY
 7 Dec 1968 - 17 Feb 1969
 1st Lt. F. G. SATTERFIELD
 18 Feb - 8 Mar 1969

Company C (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson

Capt. R. J. WILSON
 7 Dec 1968 - 8 Mar 1969

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Company D (-) (Rein), 1st Bn, 5th Mar
 Det, H&S Company
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Med Plat
 FAC Tm
 S-2 Scout
 Kit Carson Tm

1st Lt. J. D. YOUNGQUIST
 6-22 Dec 1968
 Capt. W. H. GIBSON
 23 Dec 1968 - 21 Jan 1969
 1st Lt. J. D. YOUNGQUIST
 22 Jan - 8 Mar 1969

The following units from the Battalion were OPCON to the following organizations during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON".

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

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

(3) Company C was OPCON to 5th Marines from 301800H Dec 1968 through 201600H Feb 1969.

(4) Company B (-) was OPCON to 5th Marines from 070800H Feb 1969 through 141400H Feb 1969.

(5) Company C was OPCON to 5th Marines from 220800H Feb through 080800H March 1969.

(6) Company A was OPCON to 5th Marines from 231400H Feb through 080800H March 1969.

The following units were OPCON to the Battalion during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON".

(1) Companies E and G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines from 181531H Dec through 200930H Dec 1968.

(2) Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines from 300645H Dec 1968 through 121200H Jan 1969.

(3) Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines from 021000H Jan through 221200H Jan 1969.

(4) Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines from 121200H Jan through 120800H Feb 1969.

(5) RVN RF 116 from 191200H Jan through 241400H Jan 1969.

(6) Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines from 221200H Jan through 141800H Feb 1969.

(7) Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 231730H Feb through 241600H Feb 1969.

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7. Supporting Arms

() Air. This operation showed an increase in the tempo, as well as the scope, of air operations flown in support of this Battalion. During this period, the 1st MAF and USAF rendered excellent fixed and rotary wing support, a summary of which is as follows:

() Fixed Wing. This support consisted of 41 flare ships for 603 hours; 35 OAG gunships for 46.4 hours; 252 TACA/AO Teams provided 322.9 hours of time on station for VR's, protective cover, and controlling Tactical Air Strikes (TAS). 451 TAS missions were flown in support of the Battalion, providing close and deep air support for contact missions, as well as against S-2 targets and targets of opportunity detected by AO's and ground units. TACA/AO Teams controlled 198 airstrikes. 73 missions were FAC controlled and the remaining 180 TAS missions were A-6 Beacon strikes.

Of the total TAS missions flown during this operation, definitive bomb damage assessment is available for only 234 flights and is listed below:

Structures Destroyed	194
Structures Partially Destroyed	55
Bunkers Destroyed	56
Fighting Holes Destroyed	76
Trenchline Destroyed (Meters)	1960
Secondary Explosions	86
Secondary Fires (Non-napalm)	47
Sampans/Boats Destroyed	10
KEMA	121

() Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations, exclusive of daily re-supply missions, consisted of 5 troop lifts; 3 visual recon missions; 3 Gunships, and Med-Evac missions for 464 USMC/USN (210 of whom were emergency category) and 92 indigenous personnel.

() Night Owl. During the month of January, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines initiated a new concept, "Night Owl" (Close air support at night). These air strikes were controlled by the FAC which consisted of marking the targets at night with artillery and 81mm mortar illumination, timed to burst at ground level. Experience proved a string of four covering an area of 100-150 meters marked the target best and provided the pilot a good ground reference for this attack. Each flight carried napalm and 500 pound bombs. Napalm was dropped first to further mark the target. The results were excellent and this system proved to be accurate. Excessive damage and numerous KBA's were observed through a starlight scope. This in close coordination with Spooky Gunships and A-6 Beacon strikes provided the Battalion with a 24 hour air strike capability and has denied the enemy the safe cover of darkness for his operations.

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(b) Artillery. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct support for the Battalion during the operation from 7 December 1968 to 2 January 1969, and from 20 February to 8 March. Direct support for the period 3 January to 19 February was provided by Tango Battery and a platoon from Whiskey Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. 1014 missions were fired with a total expenditure of 24,362 rounds.

In addition to the close and continuous fire support provided by the direct support batteries, the Battalion received general support and reinforcing fires from the units of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and the 1st Field Artillery Group. Their support permitted massing of fires on targets throughout the Battalion's area of operations.

(c) Engineers. Excellent support was provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed to destroy duds, booby traps, captured ammunition, enemy bunkers/fortifications and to conduct daily mine sweeps of the road networks in the 1st Battalion's AO. Numerous mines and booby traps were detected by visual sightings and mine detecting equipment. Loss of lives, wheeled vehicles and track equipment was considerably reduced by the detailed searching efforts employed by the engineers.

(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.

(e) Amtracs. A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Amtrac Battalion was in direct support of the Battalion. The LVT's provided satisfactory support in transporting troops and were used occasionally 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 of the 1st Battalion. Excellent results were achieved by using tanks to support the daily MSR mine sweeps, providing direct fire support to the daytime Battalion OP's and on a few occasions supported company size operations on outlying road and trail networks within the AO. Tanks were also used extensively as convoy security between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge, and at night were employed into defensive networks of Liberty Bridge.

(g) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines provided excellent sniper fire for the Battalion, which resulted in 26 enemy kills during this operation.

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8. Intelligence

a. Estimate of NVA/VC strength and disposition in the objective area. See Annex B (Intelligence) to 5th Marines Operation Order 7-68.

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 one regiment and two separate battalions with local force VC units deployed within the Battalion AO.

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

- (1) Front 4
- (2) B20 Bn
- (3) Q82 Bn
- (4) 36th NVA Regt

d. Significant intelligence gained. During the 7Dec68-22Feb69 portion of the operation, the enemy forces avoided major contacts and offensive actions within the Battalion AO. They continued to rely on harrassing types of actions, sniping, night probes and a heavy emphasis being placed on utilization of mines and booby traps placed on the MSR and close to road observation posts. On 23Feb69, the enemy launched his post-Tet offensive, at which time he mortared the Battalion fire base at Phu Loc (6) with 30 rounds of 82mm fire and probed the lines with small arms and B40 rocket fire. The enemy has continued to harrass the fire base since this time by 60mm mortar fires.

(1) Local VC Operations within Liberty Road AO. Local VC normally start at the small sub-hamlet levels in groups of 5-10 in a sub-hamlet. The sub-hamlets meet on order and form platoon size units from the village. In the La Thap (1) AT947517, Am Tam (2) AT956508, and Ton Bon (2) AT 975517, there is a local platoon operating in each of these areas. Each platoon is assigned missions as follows: population control, observing U.S. Marine positions and operations, resupply rice runs, booby trapping the MSR and selected areas. The local force VC use OP's (sometimes children on water bulls), surprise firing devices, and runners for early warning of approaching friendly forces. They deploy their units to the southeast and north to avoid contact with friendly forces.

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(2) Routes utilized. Local Force, Main Force and NVA units enter the AO and travel from the Nui Duong Thong Mountains from AT 910457 north-east to AT 945480, north into the Chau Phong area (which is a major staging area for food and supplies) at AT 945500, then follow the railroad east/northeast to AT996516, and continue north into Goi Noi Island, which is a staging and training area for these units and also a southern approach area into the Dai Loc District and the DaNang Vital area.

(3) River Crossings. The VC/NVA continue to cross the Song Thu Bong river in both northern and southern directions between grids AT875508 north to AT912529. Crossing attempts occur just after sunset between 1800-2030 hours. During the operation, over 40 enemy were killed by preplanned fires while attempting river crossings.

(4) Caches. Numerous rice caches were discovered which total over 137 tons. Weapons and ammunition caches were also uncovered, which hampered the enemy effort to store and resupply his unit operations. Stream beds have been the lucrative areas; in general, caches discovered were buried 4-6 inches under loose sand, where a probe would penetrate easily.

e. Terrain. No change.

f. Weather. During this operation, the weather was warm to hot during daylight hours and mild to cool at night. During this period, low ceilings and heavy ground mist hampered some air operations to a small degree.

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. Secured and protected 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 sweeps to clear Liberty Road from Liberty Bridge to the An Hoa Combat Base. 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. Remaining 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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11. ExecutionD-Day 7 Dec 1968

070001H - Commenced Operation "TAYLOR COMMON".

071030H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 928516) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

071348H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 955523) observed 2 enemy at (AT 955520). Fired 1x90mmHE; 500x50 cal. and 30x81mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

071445H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 966522) found huge enemy rice and equipment cache. Results: 136,000 NVA piasters; 2 sheets; 1 NVA canteen; 1 US canteen; 2 NVA uniforms; 1 US gas mask; 70 tons rice and 6 detainees captured.

071800H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 912512) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male as he tried to flee from friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

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081145H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 908497) apprehended 4 Vietnamese males who stated they were fleeing from enemy. Results: 4 detainees.

081145H - 5th Marines Frag Order 118-68 received.

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091230H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 881481) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male that had documents written in English and Vietnamese in his possession. Results: 1 detainee captured.

091430H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 913519) observed 4-6 enemy moving south at (AT 907513). Another unit was dispatched to interdict. Results: 1 detainee captured.

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101325H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 966521) observed 15-20 enemy moving SE at (AT 975517). Fired 10x90mmHE; 200x30 cal; 100x50 cal; and 50x7.62. Results: NEG.

101501H - Tank convoy at (AT 909492) found 1 VN body and 3 motorcycles on road. Results: VN body and motorcycles taken to An Hoa BAS.

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110735H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 905506) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 907507). Fired 200x5.56; 25x81mmHE; and 50x105mmHE. Results: 3 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

111000H - Company B Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 907498) had 3 USMC WIA by dud 105mmHE round. Results: 2 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIANE.

111430H - Company A Plat (OP) at (AT 913506) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of .45 cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

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121045H - Company D Squad (OP) at (AT 905494) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to run from patrol. Results: 1 detainee.

121800H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 965524) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 3 nurses uniforms; 1 NVA medical kit; 1 sewing machine; 3 ChiCom grenades; 1 NVA canteen; 1 NVA field glasses; 1 US gas mask; 30 ft. detonating cord and numerous documents.

122034H - Company D (Night CP) at (AT 912513) received 4 5 frag grenades. Fired 150x5.56; 10xM-33 grenades and 10x60mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

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130010H - Company C Squad (LP) at (AT 965231) received 2 M-33 grenades. Fired 5xM-26 grenades and 20x5.56. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

131030H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 907500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

131325H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 902470) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

131330H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 965523) observed 6 enemy at (AT 975 517). Fired 100x7.62; 200x5.56 and 10x60mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 1 NVA KIA; 1 VC POW; 1 NVA shirt; 1 NVA helmet; 1 ChiCom and 1 M-26 grenade; 1 cartridge belt; assorted medical gear; 2 AK-47 rifles; 1 carbine and 1 hammock captured.

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131831H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 962521) received 200 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 965523). Fired 300x7.62; 100x5.56; 10xM-79 and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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140947H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 970532) received heavy machinegun and small arms fire from enemy at (AT 970535). Fired 1000x5.56; 3000x7.62; 420x81mmHE; 336x105mmHE; 2 fixed wing missions and Spooky gunships. Results: 8 USMC KIA; 3 USMC WIAE; 16 NVA KIA; 1 SKS rifle captured and 4xM-16 rifles; 2xM-79 and 3x45cal. pistols destroyed by air strikes.

141045H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 963513) observed 2 enemy moving north at (AT 967516). Fired 15x5.56 and 7x60mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

141100H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 904520) received machinegun 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.

141230H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 908493) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

141530H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 904520) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

141630H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 906524) apprehended 1 Vietnamese woman and child who tried to flee from friendly patrol. Results: 2 detainees.

D+8 15 Dec 1968

151145H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 950525) had 5 USMC and 10 RF WIA by booby trapped 100 lbs box mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 5 USMC WIAE; 10 RF WIAE and 1 damaged tank.

151500H - Company D Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 941523) found 4x150 lbs box mines. Results: blown in place.

151700H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 965523) received heavy S/A fire from enemy at (AT 970530). Fired 400x5.56; 350x7.62 and 7x81mmHE. Results: 2 NVA KIA.

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151730H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 963584) found enemy weapons and medical equipment. Results: 3 medical kits; 3 plasma bottles; 2 plastic tubes; 10 antibiotics bottles; 2 packs tablets; 3 medical books; 2 notebooks; 2 medical charts; documents and 3 ChiCom grenades captured.

D+9 16 Dec 1968

160740H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 914507) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

160910H - Company D Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 932523) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

161130H - Company C (S&D) at (AT 966524) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female who tried to escape from friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

161200H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 903516) observed 5 enemy running west at (AT 897519). Fired 10x105mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

161910H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 977517) observed 5 enemy moving SE at (AT 978518). Fired 80x5.56; 8xM-79 and 50x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA.

162000H - 5th Marines Frag Order 124-68 received.

D+9 17 Dec 1968

170025H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 912513) had 1 USMC WIA from 7x155mmHE friendly artillery fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

170830H - Company B plat (S&D) at (AT 902510) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

171230H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 912512) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+11 18 Dec 1968

180615H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 946536) observed 3 enemy moving west at (AT 945538). Fired 3xM-79 and 20x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

180800H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 923506) observed 1 enemy running from ville at (AT 923507). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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180815H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 951530) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female who, when questioned, looked suspicious. Results: 1 detainee captured.

181425H - 5th Marines Frag Order 126-68 received.

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190745H - Company 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.

191055H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 963525) found approx 100 enemy fighting holes, 35 spider holes and 1 hidden bunker.

191220H - Convoy dumptruck at (AT 911487) hit command detonated 20 lb. box mine. Results: damaged windshield.

191350H - Company D Plat (Attack) at (AT 925505) had Vietnamese civilians killed and wounded from prep fire at (AT 925505). Results: 4 civilians killed and 8 wounded. 8 wounded were med-evaced.

191520H - Company D (Attack) at (AT 923504) observed 10 enemy at (AT 944504). Fired 36x105mmHE. Results: 1 Chieu Hoi detainee captured.

191800H - Company F Plat (S&D) at (AT 972551) found 1 male Vietnamese body inside bunker. Results: 1 VC KIA.

191900H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 957523) observed 10 enemy at (AT 957526). Fired 100x162 and 50x56. Results: 5 VC KIA, remaining ran into high elephant grass across river.

192045H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 967521) observed 3 enemy at (AT 967521). Fired 40x56. Results: 2 VC KIA; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 12 M-1 shell casings and 1 camouflaged netting captured.

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201320H - Company C Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 951527) found 1 25 lb box mine with pressure release type firing device. Results: blown in place.

201335H - Company C Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 955526) found 1 25 lb box mine with pressure release type firing device. Results: blown in place.

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201430H - Company C Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 955523) found 1 15 lb box mine with pressure release type firing device. Results: blown in place.

D+14 21 Dec 1968

210045H - Company 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.

210905H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

211015H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 966521) found enemy equipment. Results: 1 sewing machine; 1 pair NVA field glasses captured and 1 reinforced bunker blown in place.

211045H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 913512) while drawing water from nearby well, heard explosion from M-26 grenade. Apprehended 5 Vietnamese in immediate area and sent to rear for interrogation. Results: 5 detainees captured.

211105H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 934513) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male trying to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

211115H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 936512) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male hiding in bunker. Results: 1 detainee captured.

211307H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 940500) observed 1 enemy running from position where recent booby trap was tripped at (AT 937500). Fired 10x 5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

212101H - Company D Plat (Night Attack) at (AT 945515) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male trying to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

D+15 22 Dec 1968

220800H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 934517) observed numerous enemy running south and SW at (AT 931511). Fired 36x81mmHE and 42x105mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1 detainee captured.

220920H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 912513) observed 1 enemy fleeing to SW at (AT 916502). Fired 15x60mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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220930H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 898504) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male trying to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

221100H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 920513) observed 5 enemy running SW at (AT 922495). Fired 100x50cal. Results: 1 VC KIA.

222000H - Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 911514) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+16 23 Dec 1968

230735H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 897508) observed 4 enemy running north at (AT 897509). Fired 50x5.56. Results: 1 wounded detainee captured.

230745H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 984517) observed 40 enemy moving SW at (AT 985514). Fired 1000x5.56; 500x7.62; 60MM-79; 3x3.5" rockets; 20x M-53 grenades; 160x105mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 1 tape and microphone; 1 gas mask; 1 cartridge belt; 2 canteen covers; 3 canteens; 10 ChiCom grenades and 1 NVA radio battery captured.

D+17 24 Dec 1968

240930H - Companies B and D Plat (S&D) at (AT 936524) apprehended 4 Vietnamese males trying to escape friendly patrol. Results: 4 detainees captured.

241101H - Company C Squad (S&D) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of .45cal. pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

241115H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 930513) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

241700H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 988537) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male trying to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

241915H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 946517) received 1 ChiCom grenade. Returned 2xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

242220H - Company D (CP) at (AT 944516) received 16 ChiCom grenades. Returned 20M-26 grenades and a Spooky gunship on station. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

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D+18 25 Dec 1968

250451H - Company A (CP) at (AT 966520) received 6-8 ChiCom grenades and 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 967520). Returned 100x5.56; 15x41-26 grenades and a Spocky gunship on station. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 2 USMC WIAE.

251200H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 966521) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female trying to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

251545H - Company A (CP) at (AT 966522) observed 2 Vietnamese males walk into their position yelling Chieu Hoi. Results: 2 Chieu Hoi detainees sent to rear.

252330H - Company D (CP) at (AT 944516) received 1 frag grenade. Returned 4x41-26 grenades and 5x41-79 rounds. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

D+19 26 Dec 1968

260630H - Company B Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 914506) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

261045H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 943500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

262050H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 946515) received 4 frag grenades. Returned 100x5.56; 8x41-26 grenades; 24x81mmHE and 36x105mmHE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+20 27 Dec 1968

270800H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 965516) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 964511). Fired 100x5.56; 350x7.62; 20x41-79 and 36x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

271130H - Company C Squad (Patrol) at (AT 914517) observed 3 enemy moving into treeline at (AT 962522). Fired 28x105mmHE. Results: 3 NVA KIA.

271145H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 971517) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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D+21 28 Dec 1968

280551H - Company D Plat (Night Attack) at (AT 948526) observed 3 enemy at (AT 948527). Fired 100x5.56 and 3xM-79. Results: 3 VC KIA and 4 female detainees captured.

280630H - Company C Squad (OP) at (AT 923517) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

281115H - Company B Plat (Fan Firing) had 1 USMC NBC when man was re-inserting safety wire on a misfired LAAW. LAAW detonated, wounding man by back blast. Investigation being held. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

281315H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 968508) received heavy auto weapon fire from enemy at (AT 965514). Fired 70x105mmHE and 2 fixed wing missions. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 2 USMC WIAE and 5 VC KIA.

282100H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 943515) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+22 29 Dec 1968

290645H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 972516) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 7x82mm rounds; 1 M-1 carbine; 2x20 lb satchel charges; 4 ChiCom grenades; 1 NVA pack; 1 enemy flag and assorted medical gear captured.

290920H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 954507) found large enemy rice cache. Results: 1500 lbs rice captured.

291140H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 943501) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291220H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 943501) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291430H - Company D Squad (Patrol) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+23 30 Dec 1968

300009H - Company C Squad (AMB) at (AT 897494) observed 15 enemy moving SW at (AT 891496). Fired 146x105mmHE and 2 Claymore mines. Results: 8 VC KIA; 15 ChiCom grenades and various 762 gear captured.

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301401H - Company D (CP) at (AT 952502) found 1 fresh grave and body that local villagers said was the result of an artillery strike. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA belt and buckle captured.

301431H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 985518) found 15 fresh graves containing 15 enemy bodies killed by shrapnel. Results: 15 VC KIA.

301530H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 975517) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm HE round with trip wire. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

301830H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 924538) observed 3 boats crossing river at (AT 891514) with approx 12 enemy with packs in each boat. Fired 3x105mm HE. Results: 11 VC KIA.

D+24 31 Dec 1968

310445H - Company A (CP) at (AT 966520) received 8 incoming 82mm mortar rounds from enemy at (AT 967516). Fired 4x81mm HE and 200x5.56. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

310825H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 933520) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

310945H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 912514) observed 20 enemy at (AT 883505). Fired 14x105mm HE and 24x105mm cofram. Results: 10 VC KIA.

311115H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 941499) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

311300H - H&S company (CP) at (AT 927527) was approached by 2 Vietnamese females who stated that there were 2 VC males that wanted to Chieu Hoi. Females were released and brought back 2 male VC Chieu Hoi's. Results: 2 Chieu Hoi's captured.

311830H - Company A Plat (AMB with snipers) at (AT 970513) observed 3 enemy at (AT 971513). Fired 10x5.56 and 3x7.62. Results: 3 VC KIA and 1 AK-50 rifle captured.

D+25 1 Jan 1969

010930H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 965517) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

011030H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 966516) found 7 fresh graves with enemy bodies that had been killed by shrapnel. Results: 7 VC KIA.

011130H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 924530) found 1 enemy body floating in river at Liberty Bridge. Results: 1 VC KIA and various documents captured.

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011231H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 888508) received heavy S/A fire from enemy at (AT 883508). Fired 650x5.56; 300x7.62 and 2 LAAW. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 8 VC KIA.

011345H - Company B (Tactical Movement) at (AT 933517) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire which then detonated 1 LAAW which man was carrying. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

011400H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 966515) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female who tried to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee and 1 bottle medical tablets captured.

D+26 2 Jan 1969

021150H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 955513) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

021315H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 887505) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

021500H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 890495) had 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIAE.

022301H - Company D (CP) at (AT 966515) received 2 frag grenades. Returned 10x41-33 grenades and 10x5.56. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

D+27 3 Jan 1969

030645H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 956506) observed 4 enemy moving south at (AT 956505). Fired 50x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA and 1 detainee captured.

031030H - Company B 1/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 904504) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

D+28 4 Jan 1969

040645H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 955506) had 2 USMC WIA when man detonated Claymore mine upon friendly unit. Unit did not enter perimeter from preplanned direction. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

041200H - Company B 1/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 872500) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

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041240H - Company D 1/7 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 939497) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female after finding large rice cache in her hootch. Results: 1 detainee and 1500 lbs rice captured.

041400H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 955517) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

041637H - Company D (CP) at (AT 957507) had 2 USMC WIA when MedEvac helicopter, leaving zone, received 30-40 rds S/A from enemy at unknown position. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

041712H - Truck convoy at (AT 920517) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 930513). Fired 70x50 cal; 1x90mmHE; 7x155mmHE and 21x81mmHE. Results: NEG.

042235H - Company B 1/1 Squad (AMB) at (AT 900518) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 900527). Fired 300x5.56; 36x155mmHE and 7x81mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

D+29 5 Jan 1969

050020H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 957507) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 958506). Fired 50x5.56 and 3xM-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

050600H - Company B 1/1 Squad (AMB) at (AT 902517) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

050845H - Company B 1/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 898505) received heavy S/A fire from enemy at (AT 892499) and (AT 894502). Fired 500x5.56; 10xM-79; 36x155mmHE and 3 flights fixed wing. Results: 7 USMC WIAE; 11 VC KIA and 1 detainee captured.

051245H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 936524) observed 3 enemy fleeing west at (AT 934523). Fired 70x5.56 and 3xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 VC KIA; 5 detainees; 1 M-79 #68189 and 1 M-16 rifle #696906 captured.

051405H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 956506) had 1 Vietnamese male Chieu Hoi. Results: 1 Chieu Hoi.

051800H - Company D 1/5 and Company D 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 955505) received heavy S/A fire from enemy at (AT 954505). Fired 1000x5.56; 750x7.62; 21xM-79; 23xM-33 grenades; 10x3.5" rockets and 7x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 6 USMC WIAE and 18 VC KIA.

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052045H - Company B 1/1 CP (Night Move) at (AT 890509) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE round with pressure type firing device. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

Dt30 5 Jan 1969

060700H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 922505) observed unknown number of enemy at (AT 934508). Fired 300x7.62; 750x5.56 and 30xM-79. Results: 11 VC KIA; 12 detainees captured; 1 AK-47 rifle; 1 SKS rifle and 1 ChiCom grenade captured.

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Dt32 8 Jan 1969

080910H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 955509) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 38x82mm mortar rds; 9x3-40 rocket rds and 2000 new AK-47 rifle rds captured.

081230H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 932523) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

081600H - Company B 1/1 (S&D) at (AT 898489) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

Dt33 9 Jan 1969

090930H - Company B 1/1 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 899483) had 2 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIAE.

091200H - Company D 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 942499) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

091500H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 959508) observed 20 enemy moving NE at (AT 956522). Fired 36x51mmHE and 20x106mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

091945H - Company A (CP) at (AT 945512) observed 1 enemy at (AT 945513). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA; various documents and battle dressings captured.

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D+34 10 Jan 1969

100945H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 958517) found large enemy weapons cache. Results: 132x82mmHE; 5000 AK-47 rds; 2 bangalore torpedoes and misc medical gear captured.

101145H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 956502) found large enemy weapons cache. Results: 12x82mmHE; 27x81mmHE Chinese type; 5000 AK-47 rds; 1x57mm recoilless rifle rd and assorted Chinese fuses and explosives captured.

101220H - Company B 1/1 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 897483) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIANE.

101225H - Company A Squad (OP) at (AT 913495) had 1 USMC KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

101530H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 964517) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

101745H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 945515) observed 3 enemy moving north at (AT 946518). Fired 20x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

D+35 11 Jan 1969

111030H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 959524) observed 2 enemy moving north at (AT 959525). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA and misc 782 gear captured.

111100H - Company D 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 953463) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

111120H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 955514) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 27 fuses; 4xM-79 rounds; 14x82mmHE and 3 cans of increments captured.

111525H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 960525) with the assistance of local Vietnamese boy, found 1xSKS rifle. Boy was rewarded 1000 piasters. Results: 1 SKS rifle captured.

D+36 12 Jan 1969

120645H - Company B 1/1 (S&D) at (AT 897483) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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120720H -- Company B 1/1 (S&D) at (AT 898484) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

121500H -- Company B 1/5 (S&D) at (AT 973517) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 975516). Fired 8x155mmHE. Results: NEG.

121630H -- Company B 1/5 Squad (Killer Team) at (AT 975516) observed 5 enemy approaching on trail. Fired 40x5.56 and 2xM-33 grenades. Results: 3 NVA KIA; 1 M-14 rifle #1176391; 1 SKS rifle #10088617; 1 AK-47 rifle #10049721; 9 ChiCom grenades; 1 US gas mask; 2 USMC cartridge belt; 3 M-14 magazines; 80x7.62 US and 100x7.62 ChiCom ammo captured.

122100H -- Company K 3/1 (Night movement) at (AT 900495) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

122300H -- Company K 3/1 (Night Movement) at (AT 902493) had 6 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 6 USMC WIAE.

D+37 12 Jan 1969

130700H -- Company A Plat (Patrol) Base at (AT 920516) had 1 Vietnamese male walk into perimeter waving a Chieu Hoi paper. Results: 1 Chieu Hoi captured.

131040H -- Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 901488) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

131100H -- Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 989513) observed 15 enemy moving SE at (AT 986506). Block force was established by Company D 1/7 and enemy was pursued by Company B. Results: 3 NVA captured; 1 AK-50 rifle; 1 SKS rifle; 4 ChiCom grenades and various medical gear captured.

131155H -- Company K 3/1 at (AT 898484) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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140915H -- Company A Plat (Patrol) at (AT 949524) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure-release type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

141220H -- Company K 3/1 Squad (OP) at (AT 920517) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 1 detainee captured.

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141302H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 899495) received 200 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 899497). Fired 400x5.56; 10x81mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 2 VC KIA.

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150800H - Company B Plat (Block Force) at (AT 954540) observed numerous enemy moving NE at (AT 962532). Fired 400x5.56 and 200x7.62. Results: 6 VC KIA; 3 detainees captured; 1 rain jacket; 1 pair NVA trousers; 1 battle dressing and 1 signal device captured.

150815H - Company D 1/7 (Sweep) at (AT 912504) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped beverage bottle packed with ChiCom powder and with blasting cap and trip wire attached. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

151415H - KRS Company Squad (Routine Civilian Check) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males with marijuana, trying to make transaction with ARVNs and Marines. Results: 2 detainees and 1 motorbike captured.

151430H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 950520) observed 3 enemy running from village at (AT 951520). Fired 25x5.56. Results: 1 wounded detainee captured.

151535H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 901508) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

151800H - Company K 3/1 (CP) at (AT 906505) observed 20 enemy attempting to mine MS at (AT 910488). Fired 90x81mmHE and 10x155mmHE. Results: 13 VC KIA.

152330H - Company D Plat (CP) at (AT 987516) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 985517). Fired 100x5.56 and 10x81-79. Results: 3 NVA KIA; 3 AK-47 rifles; 3 NVA packs and various documents captured.

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160045H - Company D (CP) at (AT 985517) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 4xM-26 grenades; 20x5.56 and 3xM-79. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

160745H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 985517) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

160945H - Company D 1/7 Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 908497) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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161000H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 984517) found enemy equipment cache. Results: 50mm-47 rds; 12"detonating cord; 1 quart kerosene; 30 bottles various drugs; 1000 VC malaria pills and 3 female detainees captured.

161215H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 938507) observed 30-40 enemy fleeing NE at (AT 948498). Fired 3 AO's on station; 1 Huey gunship; 2 fixed wing missions and 100mm5.56. Results: 17 VC KIA; 10 detainees captured.

161430H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 955514) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males who tried to escape friendly activity. Results: 2 detainees captured.

162115H - Company D (CP) at (AT 975517) received 3 incoming grenades. Returned 3mm-79 and 4mm-33 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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170645H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 977563) observed 2 enemy moving NE at (AT 978563). Fired 20x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

170700H - Company A (Block Force) at (AT 975537) observed 2 enemy walking on trail at (AT 975538). Apprehended both males. Results: 2 detainees captured.

170830H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 977560) observed 2 enemy moving south at (AT 977559). Fired 15x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA and 1 detainee plus medical gear captured.

170845H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 975560) observed 3 enemy moving SE at (AT 976558). Fired 75x5.56. Results: 1 detainee and numerous documents captured.

171400H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 974554) received heavy S/A from enemy at (AT 974553). Fired 1000x5.56; 30mm-79; 800x7.62; 5 LAAWs and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 2 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIAE.

171500H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 971532) received heavy S/A from enemy at (AT 972537). Fired 1000x5.56; 900x7.62; 55x81mmHE. Results: 11 NVA KIA.

171515H - Company D 1/7 Plat and Eng. Squad (Block Force) had 11 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade; 2 M-33 grenades and 1 60mm mortar, all with trip wires. Results: 6 USMC WIAE and 5 USMC WIAE.

171930H - Company B (CP) at (AT 965540) received 10 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 966541). Fired 10x7.62; 20x107mmHE and 50x5.56. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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172030H - Company D (CP) at (AT 980537) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 5xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

172100H - Company B (CP) at (AT 965540) had 1 USMC WIA when man threw 1xM-26 grenade, grenade hit overhanging brush and fell back. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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180945H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 966541) found fresh graves containing 5 NVA bodies killed by shrapnel. Results: 5 NVA KIA.

181130H - 1st Battalion CP (S&D) at (AT 927528) had Vietnamese male turn himself in, stating he had been captured by VC 4 years ago and now turned loose. Results: 1 detainee.

181530H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 987537) swept through area and captured 2 fortified bunkers (6 to 8 man size); 800 lbs crude rubber; 500 lbs rice; 8 NVA canteens; eating utensils for 30 men; 3 sets of black clothes.

181600H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 982538) while moving to night ambush position tripped 60mm mortar booby trap, set up with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

181630H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 973535) with close air support being utilized had 1 USMC hit by shrapnel. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

182120H - Company D (Defense) at (AT 983539) received 15 incoming M-79 and 20 hand grenades, wounding 5 USMC. Fired 20xM-79 and 30xM-26 grenades. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 2 USMC WIAE.

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190730H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 968537) while checking out area of previous night contact observed 2 men trying to escape, capturing 1. Results: 1 detainee captured.

190901H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 983529) received 30 rds of S/A fire from the east, called in air strike, checked area. Results: 1 VC KIA.

191200H - Company A (S&D) at (BT 003526) while moving into objective area observed 4 NVA, opened fire with 30x5.56, killing 1 NVA, others escaped to the east. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle, and 2 packs captured.

191300H - Company A (S&D) at (BT 004526) checking out area of previous contact captured 1 wounded NVA hiding in weeds. Results: 1 Detainee.

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191600H - Company A (S&D) at (AT BT 003524) observed 6 NVA at (BT 005 519). Fired 40x5.56; 4x41-79, killing 2 NVA, remaining fled into elephant grass. Results: 2 NVA KIA.

191645H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 999543) had man trip M-33 booby trap injuring 7 men. Results: 7 USMC WIAE.

191840H - Company K 3/1 (Night Defense) at (AT 907493) observed 5 VC at (AT 906492). Fired 20x5.56, killing 1 VC, remaining fled west. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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200515H - Company D (AMB) at (BT 001555) observed 10-15 VC at (BT 001 544) moving SE. Fired 25x5.56; 100x7.62 and 4x41-79, killing 4 VC, while remaining fled south. Results: 4 VC KIA.

200950H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 999543) had man trip M-26 booby trap with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

201035H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 993531) observed 1 VC to the south, while maneuvering squad into position and due to limited visibility in high elephant grass, base of fire opened up, wounding 3 USMC. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

201800H - Company A Squad (S&D) at (BT 003525) observed 4 VC at (BT 006519). Fired 60x7.62; 60x5.56; 5x41-79 and 10x60mm mortar. Results: 3 VC KIA.

202000H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 999542) tripped M-33 booby trap wounding 2 USMC. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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210940H - Company D 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 908492) found 1x15 lb rock mine with pressure type firing device. Results: 1x15 lb rock mine destroyed in place.

211120H - H&S Company (Z-Ray CP) at (AT 999542) found 1000 lbs miscellaneous food. Results: 1000 lbs miscellaneous food destroyed.

211200H - Company K 3/1 (Attack) at (AT 882497) received heavy S/A from enemy at (AT 888493). Fired 500x5.56; 650x7.62; 20x41-79 and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 2 VC KIA.

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211220H - Company D (Block Force) at (AT 999546) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

211330H - Company D (Block Force) at (AT 999543) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

211540H - Company K 3/1 (Tactical Attack) at (AT 887503) had 2 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIAE.

211540H - Company K 3/1 (Attack) at (AT 893492) had 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type device. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIAE.

211615H - Company K 3/1 (Attack) at (AT 895491) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

211800H - Company K 3/1 (CP) at (AT 909491) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

211900H - Company D (Block Force) at (AT 999543) received 150 rds S/A; 15 rds M-79 and 200 rds machine gun fire from enemy at (BT 003543). Fired 250x5.56; 1000x7.62; 20x41-79; 3x4172 and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 9 NVA KIA.

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220300H - Company B (Tactical movement) at (AT 990524) observed 4 enemy moving west at (AT 990525). Fired 50x5.56 and 3x41-79. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 M-16 rifle #628247; 1 pack; 8 blasting caps; 3 packs cigarettes and 1 notebook and pen captured.

220830H - Company D (SID) at (AT 974517) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 972516). Fired 200x5.56; 50x7.62 and 5xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA.

220945H - Company D 1/7 Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 914502) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped C-4 explosive and 3 M-26 grenades with pen-light battery firing device. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

221520H - RF 116 unit at (907493) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 904497). Fired 200x5.56; 36x155mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 2 RF's KIA; 4 RF's WIAE and 7 VC KIA.

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221830H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 950534) observed 3 enemy moving SE at (AT 950535). Fired 200x5.56 and 100x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA; 2 battle dressings; main gear; 1 canteen and 2 packs captured.

222235H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 956507) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

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231015H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 955506) while receiving daily resupply was reported by gunship security that an antiaircraft position existed at (AT 951501). Gunships fired 1000x7.62 and 25x2.75" rockets. Results: 1 AA position destroyed.

231230H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 945526) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

231505H - H&S Company S-2 at (AT 927527) was told by 3 Vietnamese males that 2 M-26 grenade booby traps were located at (AT 915527). Squad patrol reacted to information. Results: 2 M-26 grenade booby traps with trip wire destroyed in place. 3 boys were rewarded through the VIP.

231613H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 942501) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

231750H - General Stillwell (USA) visited 1st Battalion 5th Marines Forward CP.

232105H - Company D (CP) at (AT 955506) received 1 incoming grenade. Fired 20x5.56 and 2xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

232133H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 954508) observed 4 enemy in tree-line at (AT 954508). Fired 100x5.56 and 3xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIAE and 2 VC KIA.

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240545H - Company D Plat (PPB) at (AT 956507) received 3 incoming grenades. Returned 3xM-26 grenades and 1 Claymore mine. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

240840H - Company K 3/1 (CP) at (AT 921494) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 921498). Fired 600x5.56; 700x7.62; 3xM-79; 21x81mmHE and 27x 155mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

241000H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 997504) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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241600H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 936511) observed 4 enemy moving north at (AT 930517). Fired 50x5.56; 50x7.62; 2xM-72 and 5xM-79. Results: 1 female VC KIA; 2 detainees; 1 pack; 2 M-26 grenades; medical books and assorted documents captured.

241735H - Company K 3/1 (S&D) at (AT 935505) with assistance from AO observed 16 enemy moving south at (AT 938496). AO fired 500x7.62 and 4x 2.75" rockets. Results: 2 VC KIA.

241830H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 964507) observed 10 enemy at (AT 967520). Sniper fired 4x7.62. Results: 3 VC KIA.

242045H - Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 917516) received 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 918516). Fired 200x5.56; 9xM-79; 1 Claymore mine and 10x81mmHE. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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250012H - Company D (CP) at (AT 963507) observed 20 enemy moving north at (AT 967516). Air Strike (Pre-planned) was utilized on the same grid, releasing 27x500 lbs bombs on target. Results: 20 VC KIA; shattered weapons; packs and misc. 782 gear captured.

250645H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 963507) observed 1 enemy at (AT 962505). Fired 5x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle #11047913 and 3 NVA uniforms captured.

250715H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 922501) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

251200H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 933497) received 3 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 936497). Fired 50x5.56; 3xM-72 and 10xM-79. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

251245H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 927527) with the assistance of local Vietnamese boy found 4 M-26 grenade booby traps at (AT 915513) and 2 enemy bodies at (AT 916513). Vietnamese boy was rewarded through the VIP. Results: 4 M-26 grenade booby traps destroyed and 2 VC KIA.

251345H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 905495) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

251420H - This Command visited by Division Commander - MajGen Simpson.

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251500H - Company C 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 927513) found enemy rice cache. Results: 750 lbs rice destroyed.

251505H - Company C 1/7 at (AT 933522) had 1 USMC NBC from heat stroke. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

251600H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 937529) observed 5 enemy at (AT 937525). Fired 100x5.56. Results: 3 VC KIA.

252015H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 900495) observed 5 enemy at (AT 901495). Fired 150x5.56 and 3xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 M26 grenade; 4 M-16 magazines; assorted medical gear and various documents captured.

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260900H - Company C 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 933520) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

261000H - Company C 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 934524) had 2 USMC WIA and 1 scout dog KIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE and 1 scout dog KIA.

261100H - H&S Company (OP) at (AT 927528) with the assistance of 3 Vietnamese boys recovered 1 M-16 rifle #1105869. Vietnamese boys rewarded through VIP. Results: 1 M-16 rifle recovered.

261130H - Company C1/7 (S&D) at (AT 945513) had 1 USMC NBC when man was bitten in leg by scout dog. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

261430H - Company A Squad (Patrol) at (AT 901500) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

261450H - Company C 1/7 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 950514) had 1 USMC NBC when man had symptoms of heat stroke. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

261830H - Company C 1/7 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 955511) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 4 82mmHE rounds captured.

261940H - Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 926538) observed 9 enemy at (AT 904526). Fired 100x5.56 and 10x4.2" mortars. Results: 3 VC KIA.

262040H - Company C 1/7 Squad (AMB) at (AT 948513) observed 4 enemy at (AT 949513). Fired 100x7.62 and 100x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

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270910H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 925500) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 927501). Fired 350x5.56; 450x7.62; 10xM-79 and 1 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

271245H - Company D Squad (Patrol) at (AT 963512) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

271455H - Company K 3/1 Squad (OP's) at (AT 912507) apprehended 4 Vietnamese persons who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 4 detainees captured.

271530H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 950504) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIANE.

271700H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 926528) reacting to report from 5th Marines, fired 460x81mmHE; 138x155mmHE and 2 flights fixed wing. AO observed 4 enemy killed. Results: 4 VC KIA.

271730H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 900498) observed 6 enemy setting booby trap at (AT 906502). Fired 10x155mmHE. Results: 4 VC KIA.

271800H - Company K 3/1 Fire Team (LP) at (AT 935488) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

271900H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 4 boats crossing river at (AT 890513). Fired 24x155mmHE. Results: 6 VC KIA.

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280630H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 965515) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 2xM-26 grenades and 5xM-79. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

281400H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 948505) found large enemy rice and weapon cache and apprehended 5 Vietnamese persons who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 5 detainees; 1 ton rice and 1x2.75" rocket with mortar assembly captured.

281400H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 934484) found dud 250 lbs bomb and 1 booby trapped 105mmHE. Results: destroyed in place.

281800H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 891498) observed 6 enemy at (AT 898497). Snipers fired 8x7.62 and 30x81mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

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281845H - Company D (Night Attack) at (AT 963518) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 960523). Fired 100x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

282300H - Company D (Night Attack) at (AT 972536) received 3 incoming grenades. Returned 2xM-26 grenades and 1 Claymore mine. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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290845H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 875507) observed 3 enemy in boat at (AT 875510). Fired 150x5.56; 300x7.62 and 15xM-79. During contact, man tripped 1x60mmHE booby trap with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE and 3 VC KIA.

291000H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 877507) found enemy munitions cache. Results: 1250 AK-47 rds captured.

291030H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 972533) found 10 fresh enemy graves. Results: 10 VC KIA.

291500H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 3 enemy moving east at (AT 914536). Fired 4x106mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

291520H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 5 enemy moving NE at (AT 910533). Fired 10x81mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 3 VC KIA.

291540H - Company A Squad (Patrol) at (AT 879506) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom concussion grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

291850H - Company C 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 982533) observed 6 enemy moving north at (AT 987538). Fired 30x60mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

291900H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 2 boats crossing river at (AT 904524). Fired 4x106mmHE and 20x155mmHE. Results: 3 VC KIA.

292030H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 876506) found large enemy rice cache. Results: 13,600 lbs rice captured.

292215H - Company D 1/5 and Company C 1/7 at (AT 966537) and (AT 983536) observed 300 enemy moving SW at (AT 992538). Fired 2000x5.56; 3500x7.62; 450x81mmHE; 230x155mmHE; 40xM-79; Huey gunship; Spooky gunship and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 6 USMC WIAE; 73 NVA KIA and numerous 782 gear and supplies captured.

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300730H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 3 enemy crossing river at (AT 914528). Fired 8x155mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

300945H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 877508) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 877512). Fired 200x5.56; 150x7.62; 14x155mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.

301030H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 953542) observed 4 enemy moving north at (AT 953544). Fired 250x5.56; 300x7.62; 12xM-79 and 26x81mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

301630H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 877506) had 3 USMC WIA by 2x105 mmHE fired from friendly battery. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

301710H - Company K 3/4 Fire Team (OP) at (AT 903496) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 906505). Fired 300x5.56; 2xM-79; 100x30 cal. and 3x 90mmHE. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; 1 VC KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle; 1 cartridge belt; 2 magazines and 40 AK-47 rds captured, and 1xM-79 #1091 and 1x45 cal. pistol #685447 lost in battle.

301800H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 5 enemy at (AT 903526). Fired 25x81mmHE. Results: 3 VC KIA.

301800H - Lt General Stillwell visited Bn CP.

301800H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 951542) observed 1 enemy at (AT 952543). Fired 12x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 USMC cartridge belt; 1 battle dressing; 1 NVA poncho; 1 set NVA utilities and 1x45 cal. pistol #2396 514 captured.

302030H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 927538) observed 3 enemy fleeing from village during an air strike. Directed fixed wing on target. Results: 3 VC KIA.

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310700H - Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 972533) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

310730H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 980537) found 1 enemy body and pack killed by S/A fire. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 pack; 1 poncho liner; 1 hammock and various documents captured.

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311120H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 978534) found large equipment and rice cache. Results: 40 feet detonating cord; 1 USMC gas mask; 1 box penlight batteries; 1 USMC helmet; 100x7.62 linked rounds; 1 NVA magazine pouch; 1 PRC-25 battery; 1 NVA cover; 4 NVA trousers; 2 NVA belts; 1 NVA sweatshirt; 1x60mmHE; 5 M-16 magazines; 1 bottle marijuana; 25x5.56 rds; 1 #10 can filled with black powder and 3xM-79 rds; 950 lbs rice; 3 bunkers; 1 4'x6' tunnel; assorted bottles of medicine and numerous documents captured.

311550H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 991529) found 1 enemy body and weapon killed by S/A fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle; 2 ChiCom grenades and 1 USMC cartridge belt captured.

311800H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 924538) observed 6 enemy escaping air strikes at (AT 911535). Fired 30x50 cal.; 8x106mmHE. Results: 5 VC KIA.

311805H - Company C 1/7 (Night Move) at (AT 978534) received heavy S/A and mortar fire from enemy at (AT 980536). Fired 250x5.56; 300x7.62; 5x M-72; 40x155mmHE and 1 Spooky gunship. Results: 7 NVA KIA.

311930H - Company B Squad (OP) at (AT 927538) observed 7 enemy crossing river at (AT 901522). Fired 16x155mmHE. Results: 7 VC KIA.

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010145H - Company D Plat (Block Force) at (AT 975536) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

010700H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 887512) observed 7 enemy on sand bar at (AT 885515). Fired 650x7.62; 520x5.56 and 53xM-79. Results: 6 VC KIA.

010900H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 968533) found 9 fresh graves containing 9 enemy killed by air/artillery shrapnel. Results: 9 VC KIA.

011100H - Company K 3/1 Squad (patrol) at (AT 954494) observed 6 enemy at (AT 958500). As AO was moved into area, 3 enemy moved north and 3 remaining moved south. Fired 36x155mmHE. Results: NEG.

011200H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 964525) found numerous documents. Results: documents sent to 5th Marines S-2.

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011430H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 932495) found 1 dud 105mmHE. Results: 1x105mmHE destroyed in place.

011500H 0 - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 976518) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males and 2 females who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 4 detainees captured.

011645H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 891513) observed 2 enemy in boat moving north at (AT 895514). Fired 30x5.56; 300x7.62 and 4xM-79. Results: 2 VC KIA.

012245H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 963513) observed 5 enemy in tree line at (AT 958501). Fired 2 Claymore mines; 5xM-26 grenades; 10xM-79 and 100x5.56. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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021550H - Company C 1/7 (S&D) at (AT 984519) found large enemy rice and equipment cache. Results: 57 tons rice; 1 civilian 8 band radio; uniforms; documents; rain gear; 3xB-40 rocket rounds; 4,000 AK-47 rifle rds; 3 bundles of tobacco and 2 detainees captured.

021620H - Company K 3/1 Squad (OP) at (AT 918510) observed 2 enemy moving into hootch at (AT 919510). Fired 50x5.56. Results: 2 VC KIA.

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030235H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 975513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

030630H - Company D (Night Attack) at (AT 948518) observed 10 enemy moving west at (AT 946517). Fired 300x5.56; 400x7.62; 20xM-79 and 2xM-72. While searching area had 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mm WP and 155mmHE with pressure type firing devices. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; 2 USMC WIANE; 4 VC KIA; 2 detainees; 11x2.75" rockets; 1xM-16 rifle #954678 and miscellaneous medical gear captured.

031045H - Company A (CP) at (AT 880500) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 887502). Fired 37x155mmHE. While reacting to sniper fire, had 2 USMC KIA and 10 USMC WIA by booby trapped 155mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 6 USMC WIAE and 4 USMC WIANE.

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031555H - Company B Plat (S&D) at (AT 897489) had 2 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. As Med-Evac landed in LZ, Marine tripped booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 3 USMC KIA and 17 USMC WIAE.

031730H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 952518) found bunker complex and heavily booby trapped area. Called for and received 3 flights fixed wing missions. Results: 5 secondary explosions observed and 1 VC KIA.

031920H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 890512) received 150 rds S/A; 5xM-79; 6xB-40 rockets and 8 rifle grenades from enemy at (AT 890509). Fired 250x5.56; 400x7.62; 25xM-79; 4xM-72; 46x155mmHE and 1 Spooky gunship. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

031930H - Company D (Night Attack) at (AT 945516) received 20 incoming grenades; 20x80mmHE; 5xM-79 and 50 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 945516) and (AT 949516). Fired 5xM-72; 30xM-79; 20xM-33 grenades; 39x155mmHE; 170x81mmHE and Huey gunship. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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040930H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 915504) had 2 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIA by 4 booby trapped M-26 grenades with trip wire set up in daisy-chain fashion. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIAE.

040930H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 948519) had 1 KCS WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 KCS WIAE.

041145H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 933524) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

041200H - Company A (CP) at (AT 880500) observed 4 enemy at (AT 890509). Fired 30x155mmHE and 1 fixed wing mission. Results: 3 VC KIA.

041600H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 952518) found 1 M-26 grenade booby trap with trip wire. While destroying in place, had 1 USMC WIA by shrapnel. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

041800H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 888503) had 2 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mmHE with pressure type firing device. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIAE.

041820H - Company B (S&D) at (AT 936493) observed 30 enemy moving NE at (AT 927505). Fired 25x81mmHE; 36x155mmHE; 46x2.75" rockets; 50x5.56; 70x7.62; 30x50 cal. and 2x106mm Beehive. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 20 VC KIA; 4 detainees; 1 cartridge belt; 2 ChiCom grenades; 1 M-33 grenade; 1 NVA poncho and miscellaneous documents captured.

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050830H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 887523) found 1x155mmHE dud at (AT 888523); 1x105mmHE dud at (AT 885526); 1xM-26 grenade and 3 fuse boosters. Results: destroyed in place.

051130H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 926528), while utilizing vertical reconnaissance of area, observed 2 enemy at (AT 903530). A0 ran 1 flight fixed wing. Results: 2 VC KBMA.

051130H - Company K 3/1 (CP) at (AT 926546) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males with various medical supplies. Results: 2 detainees; 30 bottles antibiotics; 300 antibiotic pills and 1 pack captured.

051145H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 991522) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee.

051200H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 978516) found 4 SKS rifles in bottom of bomb crater filled with water. Results: 4 SKS rifles, No's: 11432125, 1333383, 11307468, 11359065 captured.

051205H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 926528) apprehended 1 ARVN male on motorbike observing various emplacements around CP. Results: 1 detainee captured.

051400H - H&S Company (Tanks) at (AT 917516) found 1 booby trapped 8" HE round with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.

052005H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 945516) received 100 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 942517). Fired 200x5.56; 20xM-79; 8xM-26 grenades and 3 Claymore mines. Results: 3 USMC WIA/NE.

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060845H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 933513) found enemy munitions cache. Results: 100x12.7mm anti-aircraft rounds captured.

061400H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 904522) observed 4 enemy crossing river at (AT 891514). Fired 150x81mmHE on target. Results: 4 VC KIA.

061500H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 933513) apprehended 1 Viet female who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 1 detainee captured.

061500H - Company A Plat (S&D) at (AT 915525) apprehended 1 Viet female who tried to escape a friendly patrol. Results: 1 detainee captured.

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061600H - Company A Plat (Patrol) at (AT 904507) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

061900H - Company D (Snipers) at (AT 933513) observed 2 enemy moving east at (AT 933505). Fired 4x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA and 1 homemade pack captured.

062100H - Company K 3/1 Squad (OP) at (AT 924537) observed 1 enemy moving south at (AT 914535). Fired 1x106mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

062110H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 926527) received intelligence report that anti-aircraft position existed at (AT 912533). Fired 180x81mmHE. Results: 1 secondary explosion observed.

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072230H - Company B Plat (AMB) at (AT 918516) had 3 USMC WIA by friendly 81mmHE caused by gun-charge deflection. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

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080930H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 923506) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 6 SKS rifles #'s 11308259, 11297644, 11370297, 11413401, 11377236, 126549; 2 ChiCom sniper rifles #'s 3358, B7259; 2 M-1 carbines #'s 3587468, 4278607; 1 M-1 rifle #2815020; 1 M-14 rifle #839002; 1 M-79 #0919; 1 generator battery; 3250 AK-47 rds; 19 ChiCom 60mm mortar rds; 5x60mm boosters & increments; 2xB-40 rocket charges; 9xM-16 magazines; 150x5.56; 50x7.62; 100x12.7mm anti-aircraft rds and 300x30 cal (linked) ammo captured.

081145H - Company D Plat (S&D) at (AT 929495) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

082000H - Company A Squad (AMB) at (AT 915526) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

082245H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 923507) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of 45 cal pistol. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

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090230H - Company D (CP) at (AT 923506) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 3 M-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

091700H - Company D (CP) at (AT 923506) found enemy weapon and munitions cache. Results: 1 SKS rifle #11311303 and 550 AK-47 rds captured.

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091825H - Company K 3/1 Squad (OP) at (AT 924536) observed 1 enemy moving south at (AT 914536). Fired 1x106mm Beehive. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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100700H - Company A (Day Move) at (AT 908513) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 1 detainee captured.

101205H - Company C 1/7 Plat (S&D) at (AT 952511) observed 8 enemy moving south at (AT 946513). Fired 300x5.56 and 200x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

101800H - Company K 3/1 Plat (S&D) at (AT 922503) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 1 detainee captured.

101830H - Company K 3/1 Plat (AMB) at (AT 923504) found rice cache. Results: 800 lbs rice captured.

101840H - Company K 3/1 Squad (AMB) at (AT 922504) found rice cache. Results: 800 lbs rice; 30 lbs salt and 2 bottles whiskey captured.

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110630H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 902513) observed 1 enemy at (AT 902517). Fired 4x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

110900H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 922500) apprehended 1 Vietnamese male who didn't have ID card. Results: 1 detainee captured.

111045H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 987518) apprehended 3 Vietnamese males, rifle and enemy equipment. Results: 3 detainees; 1x1903 Springfield rifle #12200811; 2 NVA gas masks; 2 command detonating 25 lbs box mines with Claymore firing devices; 2 ponchos; misc clothing and various documents captured.

111100H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 928504) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, as one man's name was on black list. Results: 2 detainees captured.

111200H - Company C 1/7 Squad (patrol) at (AT 976518) found 750 lbs rice and 1 dud M-26 grenade. Results: destroyed in place.

111215H - Company C 1/7 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 977512) found enemy rice cache. Results: 1000 lbs rice captured.

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111300H - Company K 3/1 (CP) at (AT 923504) had 1 Vietnamese woman bring wounded Vietnamese boy to their position. Boy was wounded by shrapnel from recent airstrike. Results: boy was MedEvaced.

111400H - Company K 3/1 Squad (Patrol) at (AT 923506) found 2 rolls documents. Results: forwarded to rear.

111700H - 2nd Bn, 26th Marines (CP) at (AT 950525) had 1 USMC, acting as guide from Company D, 1st Bn, 5th Marines, WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

112030H - Company D (CP) at (AT 912513) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 3xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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121540H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 972518) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

121700H - Company D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 912513) observed 4 enemy at (AT 906524). Snipers fired 4x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.

121700H - Company C 1/7 Plat (Patrol) at (AT 957511) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

122015H - Company D (CP) at (AT 912513) received 2 incoming grenades. Returned 50x5.56, 3xM-26 grenades and 5xM-79. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

122100H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 928534) observed 3 boats crossing river at (AT 892514). Fired 12x155mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

122230H - Company D (CP) at (AT 912513) received 2 incoming grenades. Returned 3xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

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130600H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 903520) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 5xM-26 grenades and 4xM-79. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

D+69 14 Feb 1969

141320H - 5th Marines Regimental Commander, Col. James B. Ord Jr., visited 1st Bn, 5th Marines CP.

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142200H - Company D (Block Force) at (AT 958551) observed 4 enemy at (AT 957554). Snipers fired 6x7.62. Results: 2 VC KIA.

142220H - Company D (Block Force) at (AT 958551) received 1x82mm mortar round; 3xB-40 rockets and 50 rds S/A. Fired 2 Claymore mines; 3xM-26 grenades and 150x5.56. Results: NEG.

D+70 15 Feb 1969

151130H - Company D Squad (Patrol) at (AT 956548) received 10 rds s/a from enemy at (AT 958547). Fired 100x5.56 and 7xM-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

152015H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 958557) observed 3 enemy at (AT 967556). Fired 200x5.56 and 10xM-79. Results: 1 VC KIA.

152045H - Company D (CP) at (AT 958551) received 15 incoming grenades. Returned 20xM-26 grenades and 4xClaymore mines. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

152100H - Company D (CP) at (AT 958551) received 6 incoming grenades. Returned 3xM-26 grenades and 1 Claymore mine. Results: 5 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIANE.

D+71 16 Feb 1969

161300H - Company B (CP) at (AT 975545) received 15-20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 977544). Fired 4x60mmHE; 20xM-79 and 2 Huey gunships. Results: 1 VC KIA; 1 AK-47 rifle #10054393 and assorted documents captured.

D+72 17 Feb 1969

170730H - Company D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 973563) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 2x45cal pistols #'s 987966, 977141; 2 AK-47 magazines; 1 VC pack filled with empty fish cans; 1 basket ChiCom handles; 2 ChiCom grenades; 1x82mm dud; slide and receiver groups for 2x45 cal pistols; firing groups for BAR and 2 M-14's; and 1 buffer group for M-60 captured.

171245H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 973563) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 1xM-60 machine gun, #6145R; 1 M-16 rifle, #762770; 2 SKS rifles, #11329837, #10128179; 1 RPD light machine gun, #221402; 1 9mm French sub-machine gun, #01480; 1 B-40 rocket launcher, #1002109; 1 B-40 rocket and 12 homemade rifle stocks captured.

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171535H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 973563) received 20 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 974567). Scout sniper observed 3 enemy moving NE. Fired 3x7.62. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

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180845H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 973563) found enemy body floating in river at (AT 973565). Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA uniform captured.

180930H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 973560) found enemy weapons cache. Results: 1 M-1 carbine, #6126787; and 2 SKS rifles, #113112798, 10093551 captured.

181000H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 973563) had 2 USMC and 1 USN WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC and 1 USN WIAE.

182100H - Company D Squad (AMB) at (AT 973556) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 1 Claymore mine and 2xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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190300H - Company D (CP) at (AT 973563) received 1 incoming grenade. Returned 2 Claymore mines and 2xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

190630H - Company D Plat (AMB) at (AT 963555) observed 5 enemy at (AT 963556). Fired 100x5.56 and 70x7.62. Results: 2 detainees captured.

190930H - Company A Plat (Mine Sweep) at (AT 917505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

191130H - Company D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 969561) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

191200H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 977537) received 30 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 980536). A0 fired 1000x7.62 and 25x2.75" rockets. Results: NEG.

191500H - Company B Squad (Patrol) at (AT 977534) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

191840H - Company D (CP) at (AT 973563) received 2xB-40 rockets and 150 rds S/A from enemy at (AT 971560). Fired 200x5.56; 150x7.62; 20xM-79; 10x 60mmHE and 12x155mmHE. Results: 7 USMC WIAE and 2 USMC WIAE.

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191900H -Company A Squad (OP) at (AT 924537) observed 5 enemy in boat crossing river at (AT 902522). Fired 3x106mm Beehive and 1x106mmHE. Results: 5 VC KIA.

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200930H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 973537) apprehended 2 Viet females who tried to escape a friendly activity. Results: 2 detainees captured.

201100H -Company D (S&D) at (AT 965557) found 3 enemy bodies floating in river at (AT 962557). Results: 3 NVA KIA.

201130H - Company A (CP) at (AT 916574) with assistance of Viet boy recovered 1 M-79 rd and 1 WP rifle grenade. Results: Boy rewarded through VIP.

201131H -Company A (CP) at (AT 923538) with the assistance of Viet boy captured 150 nonelectrical blasting caps. Results: Boy rewarded through VIP.

201210H -Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 974538) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

201300H - MajGen Simpson, 1st Mar Div, and BrigGen Jaskilka, Task Force Yankee, visited 1/5 CP.

201910H -Company B Squad (AMB) at (AT 968520) observed 6 enemy at (AT 972513). Fired 2x60mmHE and 15x105mmHE. Results: 4 NVA KIA.

D+76 21 Feb 1969

210800H - Company A (S&D) at (AT 891499) found enemy weapons and equipment cache. Results: 1 SKS rifle, #11286985; 1 M-1 rifle, #2147001; 600x AK-47 rds; 1 ChiCom grenade shell; 10 fuses (pull-friction, no delay); 6 ChiCom blasting caps; 1 sling shot; 1 roll trip wire; 2 ChiCom BA-30 batteries; 3 battle dressings and 1 NVA mess kit captured.

211100H - Company A Plat (Patrol) at (AT 890503) found 1 dud 175mmHE and 1 Claymore mine casing without explosive. Results: destroyed in place.

211630H - Company A (Sweep) at (AT 899496) observed 2 enemy with weapons at (AT 899497). Fired 60x7.62 and 21x155mmHE. Results: 1 wounded detainee captured.

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D-77 22 Feb 1969

220800H - Company B Sqd (OP) at (AT 912508) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped 155mmHE with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIAE.

220840H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 933517) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

221700H - Company D (CP) at (AT 924538) with the assistance of local Viet boy recovered dud M-79 round. As Marine walked away, round detonated, injuring 6 USMC. Results: 5 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIANE.

D-78 23 Feb 1969

230130H - 1st Bn, 5th Mar (Rear) at An Hoa received unknown number of 82mm mortar fire and sapper attack which destroyed ammunition bunkers. Results: 2 USMC KIA; 9 USMC WIAE and 3 USMC WIANE.

230200H - H&S Company (CP) at (AT 926527) received 25x82mm mortar rds; 1xB-40 rocket round and 100 rds AK-47. Returned 100x81mmHE; 10x105mm co-fram and Spooky gunship. Results: 8 USMC WIAE and 10 USMC WIANE.

230201H - Company A Plat (AMB) at (AT 939506) received 2 rifle grenades; 4 ChiCom grenades; 10xAK-47 rds and 2xB-40 rockets. Returned 2 Claymore mines; 8xM-36 grenades; 30x5.56 and 20x105mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIANE.

230830H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 908526) observed 6 enemy at (AT 904529). Fired 100x5.56; 200x7.62; 2xM-72 and 4x60mmHE. Results: 4 VC KIA.

231645H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 896515) observed 1 enemy running from village at (AT 896514). Fired 15x5.56. Results: 1 VC KIA.

231700H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 904523) observed 1 enemy at (AT 904928). Scout Sniper fired 2x7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA.

231945H - Company B (CP) at (AT 912515) while running night air strike observed several anti-aircraft positions at (AT 923504) and (AT 928506). Fired 35x81mmHE. Results: 3 secondary explosions observed.

232300H - Company B (CP) at (AT 912515) had 1 USMC NBC when man unknowingly went beyond perimeter and was fired upon by friendly position. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

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240910H - Company H 2/5 Plat (Road Sweep) at (AT 922522) had 1 USMC WIA by command detonated 155mmHE with Claymore detonator. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

240930H - Company B Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 928512) found command detonated 155mmHE with Claymore detonator. As engineer was fixing to destroy, booby trap exploded. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

241055H - Company B Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 925517) found 1 command detonated 8" HE with Claymore firing device. Results: destroyed in place.

241330H - Company B Sqd (Patrol) found enemy munitions and tunnel complex. Results: 4 tunnels destroyed; 2 empty enemy 82mm mortar cases; 5x60mm mortar rds and 1 can of increments captured.

241550H - Company B Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 898503) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

241630H - Company B (CP) at (AT 912515) observed 6 enemy at (AT 927504). Fired 48x105mmHE. Results: 3 VC KIA.

241700H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 902502) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 81mmHE with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.

241905H - Company B (CP) at (AT 912515) observed 4 enemy at (AT 904516). Fired 30x81mmHE and 9x155mmHE. Results: 4 VC KIA.

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250800H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 902518) observed 1 enemy with weapon at (AT 902519). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 M-14 rifle, #185350 captured. Enemy escaped to north.

250940H - Company B Squad (Mine Sweep) at (AT 914514) found booby trapped 60mmHE with trip wire. Results: destroyed in place.

251120H - Company B Plat (OP) at (AT 926520) observed 4 enemy at (AT 921520). Fired 10x5.56. Results: 1 wounded detainee captured.

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071900H - Company B Sqd (OP) at (AT 925535) observed 40 enemy at (AT 885535) moving north. Fired 100x105mmVT. Results: 5 VC KIA.

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080750H - Company B Sqd (Mine Sweep) at (AT 926525) found 1x81mmHE dud round. Results: destroyed in place.

080800H - Operation TAYLOR COMMON terminated.

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D+89 6 Mar 1969

060630H - Company D Plat (Block) at (AT 945518) had 1 USMC NBC by accidental discharge of M-16 rifle when Marine passed in front of friendly blocking force. Results: 1 USMC NBC.

060630H - Company D Plat (Block) at (AT 946518) observed 15 enemy moving north at (AT 952518). Fired 10x7.62mm and 40x155mmHE. Results: 15 VC KIA (3 by scout snipers). 1 M-16 magazine; 1 NVA canteen and various medical gear captured.

061000H - Company D Sqd (OP) at (AT 915505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061025H - Company D Sqd (OP) had 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-33 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

061030H - Company D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 928528) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

061100H - Company B Sqd (OP) at (AT 925535) observed 5 enemy at (AT 908 526). Fired 36x155mmVT. Results: 1 VC KIA.

061830H - Company D Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 922515) found 1x155mmHE dud. Results: destroyed in place.

061930H Company B (CP) at (AT 924537) observed 120 enemy moving south at (AT 895536). Fired 302x105mmHE; 90x155mmHE; 96x81mmHE and 1xA-6 Beacon strike. Results: NEG.

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070030H - Company D (CP) at (AT 912513) received 2 incoming grenades. Returned fire with 4xM-26 and 3xM-79. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.

070630H - Company D (CP) at (AT 928511) received 50 rds S/A from 20 enemy at (AT 936510). Fired 200x5.56mm and 5xM-79. Enemy broke contact and moved south. Results: 1 VC KIA.

070905H - Company B Sqd (Mine Sweep) at (AT 914513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-79 round with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

071805H - Company D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 912513) observed 8 enemy moving NW at (AT 907524). Fired 80x81mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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D+82 27 Feb 1969

No contact this date.

D+83 28 Feb 1969

No contact this date.

D+84 1 Mar 1969

011800H - Company B (CP) at (AT 926534) had 1 USMC NBD when man drowned in river while bathing. Results: 1 USMC NBD.

D+85 2 Mar 1969

020630H - Company D (S&D) at (AT 915518) observed 1 enemy crossing river in boat at (AT 902518). Fired 100x7.62; 50x5.56 and 1xM-72. Results: 1 VC KIA.

D+86 3 Mar 1969

No contact this date.

D+87 4 Mar 1969

041400H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 925535) observed 2 enemy at (AT 898520) crossing river. Fired 12x155mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

041815H - Company B Plat (Patrol) at (AT 925535) observed 2 enemy at (AT 897518) crossing river. Fired 16x155mmHE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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050630H - Company D Plat (Sweep) at (AT 922502) received fire from 20-30 enemy at (AT 928504). Fired 20x155mmHE; 103x81mmHE; 5xM-72; 28xM-79; 400x7.62mm and 500x5.62mm. Enemy broke contact and moved to the NE. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 3 VC KIA (1 by sniper); 3 detainees; 2 AK-47 magazines; miscellaneous medical gear and documents captured.

052305H - 1st Battalion (CP) at (AT 927527) received 7x60mm mortar rounds from enemy at (AT 944527). Fired 8x106mmHE and 90x81mmHE. Results: NEG.

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12. Resultsa. Friendly Casualties
1st Bn., 5th Mar Units

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	44	2
WIAE	203	7
WIANE	141	2
DOW	10	0
NBC	22	0
NBD	4	0

Friendly Casualties
Units OpCon to 1st Bn

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	26	0
WIAE	233	0
WIANE	40	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	6	0
NBD	0	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. 3 M-16 Riflesc. Enemy Casualties

KIA	NVA	119	VC	465	Total	584
POW	NVA	3	VC	6	Total	9
Detainees	IC	115	CD	64	Total	179
Chieu Hoi	NVA	0	VC	10	Total	10

d. Captured Ordnance

20 SKS Rifles	2 M-1 Rifles
14 AK-47 Rifles	1 Springfield Rifle
1 AR-15 Rifle	2 Bolt Action Rifles
5 Carbines	1 9mm French Light Machine Gun
3 M-14 Rifles	1 RPD Chi Com Light Machine Gun
4 M-16 Rifles	3 .45 Cal. Pistols
2 M-79 Grenade Launchers	1 9mm Pistol
1 M-60 Machine Gun	1 B40 Rocket Launcher

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions

1 8" Round	53 ChiCom Grenades
4 155mm Rounds	46 M-26 Grenades
2 106mm RR Rounds	12 M-33 Grenades
227 82mm Mortar Rounds	2 20 lb Satchel Charges
39 81mm Mortar Rounds	2 Bangalore Torpedoes
5 105mm Rounds	2 lbs. Explosive
32 60mm Mortar Rounds	1/2 lb. C-4 in Illum. canister.
13 B40 Rocket Rounds	2 LAAW's (M-72)
27 Unk. Type Rocket Rds.	10 Box Mines (1x100.lbs, 4x50 lbs, 1x60, 1x20, 2x25, x15 lbs)
31 M-79 Rounds	

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e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions (Cont'd)

17,695	AK-47 Rounds	150	Blasting Caps
1,005	7.62mm Rounds	12	AK-47 Magazines
786	5.56mm Rounds	30	Feet Det. Cord
350	.30 Cal. Rounds	59	Fuse Boosters
100	12.7mm Rounds	96	Misc. Fuses
50	.50 Cal. Rounds	9	82mm Fuses
20	Shotgun Shells		

f. Captured Equipment

Miscellaneous 782 Gear	Miscellaneous Medical Gear
136,000 NVA Plasters	2 US Gas Masks
800 Lbs. Crude Rubber	2 Sewing Machines
300 Meters Comm. Wire	2 Hammocks
80 Yds. Tripwire	3 NVA Uniforms
10 Pr. Black PJ's	2 NVA Gas Masks
4 Boats	2 Pr. Field Glasses
4 E-Tools	1 NVA Battery
4 Enemy Flags	1 Tape Recorder & Mike
4 Packs	12 Web Belts

g. Captured Food Stores

24,505 Lbs. Rice	25 Gal. Soybean Oil
15,887 Lbs. Misc. Food	8 1/2 Lbs. Tobacco
100 Cans Mackerel	6 Cans Condensed Milk
30 Lbs. Salt	7 Bags Candy
25 Lbs. Sugar	

h. Captured Documents

Miscellaneous Documents

i. Destroyed Fortifications. See Section 7., Paragraph (a), (1).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 vehicles, while 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.

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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. During the period covered by Operation "TAYLOR COMMON", the communications within the Battalion were maintained in a satisfactory manner with no significant difficulties encountered.

During this operation, the AN/PRC-77, KY-38 voice cypher unit was carried in the field with the Command Group. This equipment proved itself to be highly dependable and functional under all conditions encountered. A new antenna system, the AS-2236, was also employed. This antenna gives the Battalion a much greater directivity and range when using the AN/PRC-25. In order to avoid the compromise of frequency changes, a new system was devised to transmit the frequencies over the air. In addition, continuous briefings along with communications improvement memos have decreased the security violations of the Battalion during this operation.

e. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation, Hospitalization and Medical Evaluation. Two permanent BAS's were in use during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON", one at the An Hoa Combat Base and the other with the Forward CP at Phu Lac (6). Minor injuries incurred in the field were sent to one of the BAS's, while more serious injuries were evacuated directly to either Alpha Co, 1st Med Bn at An Hoa, or to medical facilities in DaNang. Malaria was a particular problem during the month of January, but its incidence decreased considerably by the end of the operation. Suspected malaria cases were sent to the BAS, An Hoa for initial examination, and were then evacuated to medical facilities in DaNang for hospitalization and treatment.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. During Operation "TAYLOR COMMON", the Battalion effectively utilized bulldozers in extensive ground clearing operations adjacent to defensive positions on the north and south of the Song Thu Bon River at Liberty Bridge and along the MSR. Numerous attempts had been made to clear the ground using flame throwers and flame tanks, but such attempts were not successful. The use of bulldozers proved to be the solution. An area of approximately 1500-2000 meters was cleared around Phu Lac (6) in three days. Additional ground adjacent to the MSR was cleared as required. Numerous caves, bunkers, and fighting holes were uncovered and destroyed. In addition, an 82mm mortar pit that had been used as a gun site for the 22 February attack on Phu Lac (6) was discovered and destroyed by bulldozers.

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15. Commander's Analysis. The enemy continued to employ harrassing tactics throughout the operation, utilizing snipers and conducting probing attacks at night against friendly positions. The enemy significantly increased his efforts in employment of mines and booby traps along the MSR and on the trails and high ground throughout the AO. The employment of large numbers of squad-sized night ambushes, hunter-killer teams, and the extensive use of H&I fires using A-6 Beacons, artillery, and 81mm mortars significantly reduced the enemy's capability to interdict the MSR and to set booby traps in large numbers.

The number of mortar attacks on friendly units increased during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON", reaching its peak during the current "Post-Tet Offensive" when an 82mm mortar attack was launched against the Battalion Fire Base at Phu Lac (6). The effectiveness of such attacks was drastically reduced by the effectiveness of counter-mortar fires by 81's and artillery based at Phu Lac (6).

The enemy did not attempt large scale ground attacks during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON", but on several occasions enemy units in strength of up to 300 were engaged as they attempted to travel through the Battalion AO. In each case, massive casualties were inflicted on the enemy through the employment of aggressive sweep and block maneuvers, ambushes, and the employment of heavy combined supporting arms.

The employment of a variety of offensive tactics stressing mobile, fast-reaction forces of up to three companies at a time, permitted the Battalion to engage the enemy almost at will, and to entrap large numbers attempting to escape. Aggressive pursuit of contact coupled with the liberal use of supporting arms allowed the Battalion continued success in battle against the enemy. The use of night maneuver and pre-dawn attacks on known enemy positions proved very successful on each occasion this tactic was employed.

Extensive, detailed searches of areas adjacent to streams, rivers, and villages proved tremendously productive and resulted in the discovery of massive quantities of milled rice, and ammunition. One cache of rice in excess of 50 tons was discovered during Operation "TAYLOR COMMON".

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