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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-30 April 1969

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(b) FMF PacO 5750.3
(c) DivO 5750.2G

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

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

W. E. RILEY JR.
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Commanding

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 1969

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY
1-26 April 1969
Lt. Col. W. E. RILEY JR.
27-30 April 1969

H&S Company

1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
1-22 April 1969
1st Lt. R. E. PRIUETT
23-30 April 1969

Company A

Capt. P. H. TORRES III
1-30 April 1969

Company B

Capt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI
1-30 April 1969

Company C

Capt. R. J. WILSON
1-30 April 1969

Company D

Capt. M. D. WILEY
1-30 April 19692. LOCATIONS

1-6 April 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to participate in an unnamed operation; from 070800 to 202400 April 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW"; 21-30 April 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines again participated in an unnamed operation, all of which were located in the Duy Xuyen District and the eastern part of the Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER
1-17 April 1969
Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE
18-30 April 1969

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S-1 Officer/Adjutant	1st Lt. E. W. HAUKAAS 1-30 April 1969
S-2 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT 1-30 April 1969
S-3 Officer	1st Lt. H. O. V. GREEN 1-17 April 1969 Maj. H. L. BRANDMEER 18-30 April 1969
S-4 Officer	Capt. G. C. LAWTY 1-30 April 1969
S-5 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT 1-30 April 1969
Communications Officer	1st Lt. F. L. KINGERY 1-30 April 1969
Medical Officer	Lt. D. C. TURNER (USN) 1-30 April 1969
Supply Officer	1st Lt. E. R. MIDGETT 1-30 April 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. R. M. McDOWELL 1-30 April 1969
Assistant Adj/Legal Officer	1st Lt. J. N. BYERS 1-30 April 1969
Chaplain	Lt. C. B. COLEMAN (USN) 1-30 April 1969
Air Liaison Officer	Capt. J. E. STOLL 1-27 April 1969 1st Lt. M. B. WILLIAMS 28-30 April 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
37		1138

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
3		53

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in two unnamed rice denial and search and clear operations on 1-7 April and 21-30 April 1969. From 070800H to 202400H 1969, the Battalion participated in Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW" whose primary mission was rice denial and a continuation of aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy and capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions; secured and protected routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support and supported and protected US and RVN installations and convoys.

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a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 38 officers and 1127 enlisted. On the 15th of April, the strength had changed to 39 officers and 1142 enlisted. By the end of April, the strength was 37 officers and 1144 enlisted. At this time, there are 1 officer and 52 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 2 officers and 103 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 7 Summary Courts-Martial and 5 Special Courts-Martial were convened during April. There are 2 Summary and 3 Special Courts-Martial still to be processed. During April, 3 informal investigations were completed. There are 2 CID 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&P.

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

f. Awards. During the month, there were 6 Navy Achievement, 9 Navy Commendation, 4 Bronze Stars, and 2 Legion of Merit Medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

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2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. During this reporting period, the enemy continued his sniping, probing and harassing tactics with emphasis on avoiding any large scale contacts. The enemy continued utilizing mines and booby traps; however, there was a significant decrease in the number of incidents with a total of 18 during the month.

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

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 chopped back to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 5th Marines on 061200H April 1969.

(2) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines is OPCON to 5th Marines 270800H through 302400H April 1969.

b. Operations. During the periods 1-7 April and 21-30 April the Battalion participated in an unnamed operation consisting of the same rice denial and search and clear missions as has been previously performed by the Battalion.

During the period 070800H to 202400H April 1969 the Battalion participated in Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW" whose mission was Rice Denial and Search and Destroy generally in the Phu Nham Tay, Phu Nham Dong, Tra Kieu Tay and Chien Son areas (See Combat After Action Report - Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW").

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The Battalion continued to receive outstanding air support from the 1st MAW, USN and USAF. A detailed breakdown of air support rendered during the month follows:

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(a) Fixed Wing. A total of 220 fixed wing flights were flown in support of this Battalion. 41 TACA/AC aircraft provided 48.2 hours of on station coverage, controlling 14 flights of fixed wing close air support, as well as providing protective cover and conducting visual reconnaissance. 206 flights of fixed wing were controlled by Battalion FAC's including 121 A-6 Beacon Hops and 19 USAF "Night Owls". 8 "Specky" gunships provided 22.3 hours of target coverage and two flareships provided 2.8 hours of ground illumination. Of the number of flights, bomb damage assessment is available for 129 flights as listed below.

Structures Destroyed	210
Structure Partially Destroyed	21
Bunkers Destroyed	81
Bunkers Partially Destroyed	5
Trenchline Destroyed	280 (Motors)
Secondary Fires (Non-Normal)	122
Secondary Explosions	56
Killed by Air	2
Total Ordnance Dropped	1,972,560 lbs

(B) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations, exclusive of daily resupply missions, consisted of 47 Med-evac missions, extracting 76 Marines (37 of whom were classified as emergencies) and 36 indigenous personnel.

(2) Artillery. D Battery 2/11 with 6 105's and 2 155 howitzers was in direct support furnishing accurate and timely fires throughout the Battalion's area of operations. D Battery fired 273 missions, expending 11,918 rounds. The following surveillance was reported for missions fired by D Battery in support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

Confirmed Enemy KIA	30
Probable Enemy KIA	91
Hooches Destroyed	29
Bunkers Destroyed	4
Boats Destroyed	9
Secondary Explosions	1

The Battalion received additional fire support from E Battery 2/11, F Battery 2/11, K Battery 4/11 and B Battery 1/13.

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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 excellent support in transporting troops and in providing security for convoys between An Hoa and Liberty Bridge.

(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 the tanks to support the daily MSR mine sweeps, providing direct fire support to the daytime 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 continued to provide 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) PPS-6 Radar
- (4) Black Jack Pole Climbing (Wiremen)
- (5) Fire Prevention
- (6) Vehicle safety and Driver's Maintenance of 151A1 (Jeep) and M274A2 (Mule)

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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 LAAW-72, hand grenades and claymore mines.

c. Replacement personnel received five (5) 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, 56 members of the Battalion attended schools 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 surrounding the Phu Loc (6) area. The Battalion assisted the people in constructing a new laundry shop, with an addition for the selling of sodas. Repairs to another laundry shop were made and a total of 47 ammo boxes were distributed for this purpose. One roll of screen (20'x 3'), 12 pieces of tin were also distributed and a total of 1100 \$VN has been paid to the Vietnamese civilians for economic assistance. The Battalion had wanted to construct a refugee area next to the camp as security for the people, however neither the District nor the Province Chiefs were aware of this project and all work must be accomplished through GVN resources.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During the reporting period the Battalion has received little intelligence information from the village elders. All intelligence information has been turned over to the Battalion S-2 section and Counter-intelligence.

In accordance with the rewards program the following ordnance was turned in by the children of the Dai Loc area: 3 M-26 grenades; 4 M-79; 2 M18A1; 1 105mmHE; 1 155mmHE and 11 50 caliber rounds. A total of 1300 \$VN has been paid from the VIP fund for this purpose. On the 10th of April, the S-5 arrested 2 Vietnam persons for selling marijuana to American troops. A total of \$90.15 MPC and approximately 4,200 \$VN was in their possession. The 2 Vietnam persons, evidence and a sign report was forwarded to 13 ITT for further action. No report has since been returned.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During this month all communications within the Battalion were maintained in a satisfactory manner. Companies A and C participated in Muskogee Meadow in rice dental operations. Since their AO was an extended distance from the CP a Radio Retransmission team was inserted with a Recon team to facilitate communications. The PPS-6 Radar

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in the Alpha Guard Sector has been installed and personnel trained to operate it. All Companies report that the PRC-88 squad radios are performing well and greatly speed up flow of information in the field.

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

a. <u>Friendly Casualties</u>		
1st Bn. 5th Mar Units		
	USMC	USN
KIA	6	1
WIAE	40	0
WIANE	19	0
DOW	1	0
NBC	80	2
NBD	1	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	22 NVA	93 VC	TOTAL 115
POW's	0 NVA	2 VC	TOTAL 2
Chieu Hoi	1 NVA	3 VC	TOTAL 4
Civil Defendants	12		

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

5 AK-47 Rifles
3 SKS Rifles
1 M-1 Rifle

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

8 500 lb Bombs	18 M-26 Grenades
9 250 lb Bombs	11 ChiCom Grenades
2 155mm HE Rounds	1 Rifle Grenade
2 105mm HE Rounds	10 Anti-Tank Mines
2 82mm HE Rounds	3 Box Mines
12 81mm HE Rounds	1 30lb Shape Charge
16 81mm Illumination Rounds	1 Claymore Mine
8 60mm HE Rounds	3 20mm Rounds
1 60mm Illumination Round	420 7.62mm Rounds
3 B-40 Rockets	35 5.56mm Rounds
11 Gun Ship Rockets	2 50 Caliber Rounds
1 3.5" Rocket	6 Pop Ups
35 M-79 Rounds	2 Trip Flares

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Miscellaneous 782 Gear
Miscellaneous Documents
Miscellaneous Medical Gear
11,000 lbs. Rice
30,000 \$VN
1 Bayonet
1 E-Tool
1 Gas Mask
3 Pair Boots

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

B. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H through 302400H April 1969).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 April through 30 April 1969.
- ✓ B Muskegee Meadow After Action Report

TAB A - ENCLOSURE (1)

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JOURNAL FORM

NO NAME OPERATION

UNIT OR SECTION S-3 1st Bn. 5th Mar.

Quang Nam Province RVN

PLACE

020001H Apr. 022400H Apr. 1969

FROM TO

TIME		SER NR	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESS. GES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0605		1	020605H	Co. D (CP) at (AT911512) had detained attempt to escape. Fired 2 x 5.56mm Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0720		2	020720H	Co. D plt (patrol) at (AT900517) found 1 x M-79 rd. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
0800		3	020800H	Co. D sqd (patrol) at (AT897517) observed 1 enemy at (AT897520). Fired 2 x 5.56 mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1515		4	021515H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT911499) observed 3 enemy at (AT903506) moving West. Last sight before action could be taken. Results: Neg.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	

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	Quang Nam Province RVN
NO NAME OPERATION	PLACE
	030001H Apr. 032400H Apr. 1969
	FROM TO

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JOURNAL FORM		UNIT OR SECTION	
NO NAME OPERATION		S-3, 1st Bn, 5th Mar, 1st Div	
		PLACE	
		Quang Nam Province	
		FROM	TO
		040001H	042400H Apr 1969
TIME	SER	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	NR	GROUP	ACTION TAKEN
0400	1	040400	Company C (Search) at (AT 966516) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males. Results: 2 detainees captured. S-F
0815	2	040815	Company B Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 894517) observed 10 enemy at (AT 888518) to (AT 891519). Fired 300x5.56mm and 75x M-79. Results: 1 VC KIA. S-F
1615	3	041615	Co B Sqd (Patrol) at (AT 895528) observed 3 enemy at (AT 891523). Fired 50x155mmHE. Results: NEG. S-F
1730	4	041715	Co C (Search) at (AT 966517) found 10x M-79 rds; 2xB-40 rockets; 3 boosters; 1x82mmHE; 1x60mmHE; 1 NVA canteen and 1 SKS. Results: Cache sent to Bn Rear. S-F

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NO NAME OPERATION		S-3, 1st Bn, 5th Mar, 1st Div	
		PLACE	
		Quang Nam Province	
		FROM	TO
		050001H	052400H Apr 1969
TIME	SER NR	DATETIME GROUP	ACTION TAKEN
1200	1	051200	Co A chopped back to 1st Bn 5th Mar from 5th Mar Regt. S-F
1230	2	051230	Co C Plat (CP) at (AT 986517) observed 1 enemy at (AT 987517). Fired 50x5.56. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 2 ChiCom grenades; 1 poncho; medical supplies; documents; 10,000 piasters and \$10.00 NVA currency captured. S-F
1445	3	051445	Co B Plat (Search) at (AT 910534) found 1 dud 500 lb bomb. Results: destroyed in place. S-F
1525	4	051525	Co D Plat (Patrol) at (AT 912513) observed 15 enemy at (AT 953507) moving east. Fired 121x81mmHE. Results: NEG. S-F
1600	5	051600	Co C (Search) at (AT 965517) found 1x 82mmHE; 1x30 lb shape charge; 420x7.62mm 1x.45 cal. rd.; 3xM-79 rds and 1 Claymore. Results: destroyed in place. S-F
1800	6	051800	Co D Plat (CP) at (AT 911512) had following ordnance turned in by local civilians: 2x81mmHE; 1x81mmWP; 1x81mm Illum; 1x60mm Illum; 6 Pop-ups; 2xM26 grenades; 17xM-79 rds; (11xHE & 6 Beehive); 1xVT fuse; 1x60mmHE; 1xB-40 rd; 1xTrip Flare; 1 unfired rocket warhead and 2 electrical fuse devices. Results: Destroyed in place. S-F

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UNIT OR SECTION S-3 1st Bn., 5th Mar.

Quang Nam Province

MUSKOGEE MEADOW

PLACE

130001H Apr. 132400H Apr. 1969

FROM

TO

TIME		SER NR	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0700		1	130700H	Co. D plt (Patrol) at (AT914515) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0830		2	130830H	Co. D plt (Patrol) at (AT938507) found 1 dud 500 lb bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1000		3	131000H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT938507) found tunnel complex. Searched and found 1xM-26 grenade and canteen. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1000		4	131000H	Co. D plt (Patrol) at (AT915503) received 20 rds S/A fire from enemy at (AT915495). Fired 150x5.56mm and 15x155mm HE. Results: Neg.	S.F.
1030		5	131030H	Co. D plt (Patrol) at (AT911527) observed 1 enemy at (AT903528). Fired 2x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA by Scout Sniper.	S.F.
1100		6	131100H	Co. D plt (Search) at (AT920526). Found 750 lbs of rice, Med. equip., 1 ChiCom and 1 woman. Results: 1 det. captured; destroyed gear and rice. rice.	S.F.
1400		7	131400H	Co. B plt (Patrol) at (AT940524) found 1x250 and 1x500 lb. dud bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1730		8	131730H	Co. D sqd (OP) at (AT909446) received 10 rds S/A fire and observed 20-30 enemy moving East at (AT912491) & 933497). Fired 250x 5.56mm; 150x50 cal; 10x90mm HE and 18x155mm HE. Results: Neg.	S.F.

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Quang Nam Province

PLACE

150001H Apr. 152400H Apr. 1969

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TIME		SER NR	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESS.GES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0630		1	150630H	Follow up to 142200H. Co. A sqd (Search) at (AT990472). Found 1 more enemy body; 1 AK-47; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 2 ChiComs; 3xAK-47 magazines fully loaded; 1 document and 25 lbs rice. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1xAK-47 (#0089939); NVA cartridge belt; 2 ChiComs; 3xAK-47 magazines (fully loaded) and 1 document.	S.F.
0815		2	150815H	Co. C sqd (Patrol) at (AT987517) apprehended 3 females and 1 male. Results: 4 det.	S.F.
0900		3	150900H	Co. B plt (Mine Sweep) at (AT910505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105 mm HE with pressure release. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0900		4	150900H	Co. C sqd (Patrol) at (AT984524) observed movement in grass and received S/A fire. Attacked area. Results: 2 VC KIA; ponchos; battle dressings and documents captured.	S.F.
1030		5	151030H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (S-2) at (AT932528) apprehend two Vietnamese male children. Did not have ID card. Results: 2 det.	S.F.
2015		6	152015H	Co. C sqd (Ambush) at (AT998514) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
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			Quang Nam Province	
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MUSKOGEE MEADOW			170001H Apr. 172400H Apr. 1969	
			FROM TO	
TIME	SER	DATETIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NR	GROUP	TAKEN
			Journal Opened	
0830		1	170830H Co. B sqd (Patrol) at (AT902536) observed 30 enemy at (AT892536) moving North. Fired 30x105mm HE. Results: 6 VC KIA.	S.F.
0845		2	170845H Co. B sqd (Patrol) at (AT931532) observed 10 enemy at (AT892536). Fired 60x105mm HE. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
0900		3	170900H Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT929514) observed 10 enemy at (AT935523) moving North. Fired 36x81mm HE and 6x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers).	S.F.
0915		4	170915H Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT923503) observed 16 enemy at (AT930510) moving NE. Fired 3x7.62mm and 100x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers).	S.F.
0920		5	170920H Co. D sqd (Mine Sweep Security) at (AT910503) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm HE rd. with pressure device. Results: 1 USMC WIA.	S.F.
2230		6	172230H Co. A sqd (Ambush) at (BT001503) observed 14-18 enemy at (BT003504) moving SW. Fired 20xM-79; 200x7.62mm and 300x5.56mm. Will conduct search at first light. Results: 1 det.	S.F.
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MUSKOGEE MEADOW				Quang Nam Province	
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TIME		SER NR	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0310		1	190310H	Co. D. (CP) at (AT912514) received 2 incoming grenades from enemy at (AT913514). Fired 3 claymores and 4 M-26 grenades. Results: Neg.	S.F.
0445		2	190445H	Co. D sqd (Ambush) at (AT913513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0815		3	190815H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT923502) observed 2 enemy, one at (AT931498) and the other at (AT925500). Fired 3x7.62mm. Also, picked up 2 Vietnamese without ID cards. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 VC KIA both by Scout Snipers, and 2 det.	S.F.
0830		4	190830H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT931500) observed 13 enemy at (AT930490) moving East. Fired 27x81mm HE. Results: 2 NVA KIA.	S.F.
0930		5	190930H	Co. C sqd (Patrol) at (AT984505) found 2 booby trapped M-26 grenades with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1830		6	191830H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT897506) observed 3 enemy at (AT898507) moving NE. Fired 20x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1945		7	191945H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT898511) observed 8-12 enemy at (AT899517). Fired 4xM-72 and 200x5.56mm. Results: 3 VC KIA and 1 M-26 grenade captured.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	

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MUSKOGEE MEADOW		Quang Nam Province	
		PLACE	
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0745	1	200745H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT938510) received S/A fire from 20 enemy at (AT938519). Fired 30x105mm HE and 200x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. Also 11x2.75mm dud rocket rds and 1x3.5 rocket rd were found. S.F.
1645	2	201645H	Co. D sqd (Patrol) at (AT943514) found 2x250 lb dud bomb. Results: Destroyed in place. S.F.
		202400H	Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW terminated.
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0900		1	230900H	Co D plt (Patrol) at (AT912502) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIA NE.	S.F.
1100		2	231100H	Co D sqd (OP) at (AT891509) observed 12 enemy at (AT886514) and 12 more at (AT885514). Fired 30x7.62mm. Results: 9 VC KIA by Scout Snipers.	S.F.
1110		3	231110H	Co D sqd (OP) at (AT891509) observed 6 enemy at (AT886509) with 60mm tube. Fired 15x7.62mm. Results: 2 VC KIA by Scout Snipers.	S.F.
1130		4	231130H	Co D plt (CP) at (AT893508) apprehended 5 Vietnamese without ID cards. Results: 5 det.	S.F.
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0900		1	240900H Co C (Security) at (AT924538) had 2 Vietnamese turn in 155mm HE rd. to USMC. Results: Vietnamese rec'd 500 \$VN through VIP fund.	S.F.
1120		2	241120H Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT961523) observed 6-8 enemy at (AT962500). Fired 24x155mm HE. Results: Neg.	S.F.
1230		3	241230H Co D sqd (Patrol) at (AT896506) rec'd 3xB-40's and S/A fire from 20 enemy at (AT891509). Fired 12x60mm HE and 400x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1xAK-47 (#10058722) with mag. and 30 rds and 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1250		4	241250H Co D sqd (Patrol) at (AT888504) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 155mm HE rd with trip wire. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1505		5	241505H Co B (CP) at (AT962521) observed 7 enemy at (AT967521). Fired 3x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1530		6	241530H Co D (CP) at (AT913514) obtained 1 Vietnamese woman believed to have 3 sons who are VC. Results: 1 det.	S.F.
1915		7	241915H Co C (CP) at (AT924538) observed 5 boats with total of 16 enemy. Fired 20x155mm HE&VT. Results: 6 VC KIA and 2 boats destroyed.	S.F.
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0400		1	270400H	(Follow-up) Co C (CP) at (AT924537) rec'd 4x82mmHE rds. Fired 20x155mmHE and 32x81mmHE rds at (AT889527). Results: Neg.	S.F.
0700		2	270700H	Co B (Sweep) at (AT976517) found 3 Vietnamese women with information on enemy. Results: 3 det.	S.F.
0720		3	270720H	(Follow-up) Co D plt (Search) at (AT936515) while searching ville acquired 3 Vietnamese women. Results: 3 det.	S.F.
0730		4	270730H	Co D plt (Block) at (AT932516) observed 1 enemy at (AT929515) moving SW. Fired 50x5.56mm. Results: 5 female det.	S.F.
0945		5	270945H	Co A plt (Working Party) at (AT917504) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0945		6	270945H	1st Engineering Bn. (Mine Sweep) at (AT911500) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1500		7	271500H	Co C (CP) at (AT924537) had Vietnamese civilian turn in following: 2x60mmHE; 1x81mmHE; 2xM-26 grenades; 1 rifle grenade; 2x20mm rds; 2x50 cal. and 35x5.56mm. Results: VN was paid 900 \$VN through V.I.P. fund and ordnance was destroyed in place.	S.F.
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0740		1	290740H Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT975517) observed 2 enemy moving NE at (AT975518). Fired 20x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
0815		2	290815H Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT972519) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0830		3	290830H Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT904531) observed 2 enemy moving West at (AT903531). Fired 20x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1330		4	291330H Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT892514, 890516, 892518) found 3 sampans and 1 det. Results: 3 sampans destroyed also sent 1 det in for interrogation	S.F.
1400		5	291400H Co B (CP) at (AT961511) had 1 woman turn herself in as V.C. Results: 1 Chieu Hoi.	S.F.
1710		6	291710H Co B (CP) at (AT961511) observed 6-8 enemy moving NE at (AT955517). Fired 72x81mmHE. Results: Neg.	S.F.
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Combat After Action Report (Muskogee Meadow)

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1. Name or Identity and/or Type Operation. Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW"
(Search and Destroy).

2. Dates of Operation. From 070800H April 1969 to 202400H April 1969.

3. Location. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation
"MUSKOGEE MEADOW" in the western part of Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen Districts
in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

4. Control or Command Headquarters

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

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

Lt. Col. R. F. DALEY
7-20 April 19691st 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 MarMaj. M. L. BRANDTNER
7-17 April 1969
Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE
18-20 April 1969H&S Company (-) (Rein) 1st Bn, 5th Mar
81mm Mortar Plat (-)
Comm Plat (-)
106mm RR Plat
Flame Section
TACP
Det. Med Plat
S-2 Scout
Kit Carson Tm1st Lt. M. O. V. GREEN
7-20 April 1969Company 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 TmCapt. P. H. TORREY III
7-20 April 1969Company 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 TmCapt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI
7-20 April 1969~~SECRET~~

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 Tm

Capt. R. J. WILSON
 7-20 April 1969

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

Capt. M. D. WYLY
 7-20 April 1969

7. Supporting Arms

(a) Air. During this period of this operation, the 1st MAW, USN and USAF rendered excellent fixed and rotary wing support, a summary of which follows.

(1) Fixed Wing. Fixed wing support consisted of 1 Basketball flare ship providing 2.5 hours of ground illumination; 6 Spooky gunships for 19.5 hours of target coverage; 18 TACA/AO teams for 19.7 hours of time on station for controlling tactical air strikes, providing protective cover and visual reconnaissance. 102 tactical missions were flown in support of the battalion, providing close and direct air support for contact missions, intelligence targets and targets of opportunity. TACA/AO teams controlled 5 airstrikes. 97 flights were FAC controlled, 52 of these being A-6 Beacon strikes.

Of the total tactical missions flown during this operation bomb damage assessment is available for 67 flights as listed below:

Structures Destroyed	102
Structures Partially Destroyed	9
Bunkers Destroyed	41
Bunkers Partially Destroyed	5
Trenchline Destroyed (Meters)	330
Secondary Explosions	23
Secondary Fires	73
KBA	2

(2) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations, exclusive of daily resupply, consisted of 24 Med-Evac missions for 31 USMC/USN personnel, 9 of whom were emergency category, and 21 indigenous personnel.

(b) Artillery. Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and one platoon of Tango Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct support for the Battalion during the operation from 0800, 7 April 1969 to 2400 20 April. A total of 44 missions were fired with a total expenditure of 1230 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 the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. 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) Amtrac. 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 11 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 TAOR.

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

- (1) 82nd NVA Bn
- (2) 41st NVA Regiment

d. Significant intelligence gained. Enemy staging areas located at coordinates: (AT 865837, 889494, 928503, 948462, 975475, 975518, 988518 and BT007553). On 28 March VC Province Chief held meeting with his Battalion Commander in a village (AT841532). Their mission is to blow Liberty Bridge within the next 45 days.

(1) Local VC Operation 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-hamlet meet on order and form squad size units from the village La Thap (1) AT947517, An Tan (2) 956508, and Ton Bon (2) AT975517, there is local squads operating in each of these areas. Each squad 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), children who go around the OP's on Liberty Road, surprising 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.

(2) Routes utilized. Local Force, Main Force and NVA units enter the AO and travel from the Nui Duong Thong Mountains from AT910457 north-east to AT946480, north into the Chau Phong area (which is a major staging area for food and supplies) at AT945500 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.

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(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, 15 enemy were killed while attempting river crossings.

(4) Caches. One small weapons cache consisting of 2 SKS, and 1 M-1 was found.

e. Terrain. No change.

f. Weather. During this operation, the weather was warm to hot during day light hours and mild to cool at night. During latter part of operation the illumination was low to medium.

9. Mission. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted in assigned AO aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy 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, one platoon and Battalion Command Group established a holding position at Liberty Bridge to protect that installation and to provide security for daily mine sweeps to clear Liberty Road from Liberty Bridge to An Hoa combat base. Two platoons 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 ARVN installations and units, and were prepared to deploy to any portion of the Regimental AO to conduct offensive operations.

11. ExecutionD-Day 7 Apr 1969

0708C1H - Commenced Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW".

070800H - Company A (patrol) at (AT965468) observed 7 enemy at (AT968458). Fired 7 x 7.62 mm; 30 x 105 mm HE and A.O. was called on station. Results: 2 VC KIA.

070800H - 1st Engineering Battalion at (AT926520) found 2 tunnel complexes. Results: Tunnel complexes destroyed.

071100H - Company D squad (patrol) at (AT931508) found 4 x 81 mm HE; 1 x 60 mm HE; 1 x 20 mm round; 1 x 81 mm illumination and 1 x 250 lb dud bomb. Had 1 USMC injured while trying to destroy 4 x 81 mm HE. Results: Destroyed all except 4 x 81 mm HE; and 1 USMC NBC.

071300H - Company B squad (patrol) at (AT906537) observed 1 enemy at (AT905536). Fired 2 x 7.62 mm. Results: 1 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers) and 3 chi coms captured.

071315H - Company B squad (patrol) at (AT909533) found 6 dud 250 lb bombs. Results: Destroyed in place.

071800H - Company B (CP) at (AT922539) had Vietnamese boy turn over 1 x 105 mm HE round to USMC. Results: Boy rewarded 400 \$VN.

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081430H - Company A (CP) at (AT992477) found assorted documents and 1 enemy pack. Results: Documents and 1 NVA pack found.

081430H - Company A (CP) at (AT992477) found rice cache. Results: 2 tons rice captured.

081700H - Company B (CP) at (AT922539) had Vietnamese boy turn in 2 x M-79 HE rounds; 2 x M-79 illumination; 1 trip flare; 1 smoke grenade; 2 x 60 mm HE; 1 x 106 mm HE; 1 x 105 mm HE to 1 USMC. Results: Boy rewarded 200 \$VN.

082330H - Company C squad (KT) at (AT018497) received 2 incoming grenades and 5-10 rounds 3/A fire. Fired 50 x 5.56 mm and 4 x M-26. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.

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091400H - Company A (Search) at (AT992477) found 1 NVA medical kit and documents. Results: Medical gear and documents captured.

091500H - Company D squad (OP) at (AT925520) observed 3 enemy at (AT933523). Fired 3x7.62mm. Results: 2 VC KIA by Scout Snipers.

091815H - Company B squad (Ambush) at (AT894527) observed 13 enemy at (AT893519). Fired 18x105HE; and 1x81mm WP. Results: Negative.

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100700H - Company D squad (OP) at (AT917514) found 4xM-26 booby trapped grenades with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.

101141H - 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Delta Battery at (AT926527) had 1 USMC burned when powder caught fire. Results: 1 USMC NBO.

101700H - Company C (Search) at (BT015485) continued harvesting rice. Results: 2 day total is 63 tons of rice harvested.

102100H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT919504) had 1 enemy Chieu Hoi. Results: 1 detainee and 1 M-26 grenade.

102200H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (OP) at (AT923533 - 926527) received 5 incoming artillery rounds also received 8 incoming 60mm HE rounds. Fired counter mortar fire and had flareship on station. Investigated artillery incident and have the following facts: Grid square 9253 was cleared by Division for H&I fires. 5th Marines FSC had given negative clearance on the grid, when it was submitted to them at 0700 10 April. 7th Marines had an H&I within this grid at (AT921539). Fired from Hill 55. Results: Negative.

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110730H - Company D squad (OP) at (AT908493) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

110800H - Company A squad (Patrol) at (BT008473) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

11130H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT921503) received S/A fire from 6-10 enemy at (AT922550). Called AO on station and returned fire with fixed wing. Results: Negative.

111400H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT914506) found Vietnamese woman shot in stomach by enemy. Results: Woman Med-Evaced.

111420H - Company D platoon (Security) at (AT922503) reports 1800 lbs. rice harvested by workers today.

111430H - Company B platoon (Patrol) at (AT923538) observed 6 enemy at (AT905524). Fired 41x105mm HE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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120930H - Company D squad (OP) at (AT916514) held woman with no ID card. Also had 2 children with her and \$VN. Results: 3 detainees.

121020H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Air) at (AT926527) observed 5 enemy at (AT944515). Called tactical air strike. Results: 3 VC KIA.

121130H - Company D (Security) at (AT923508) received 50 rounds S/A fire from enemy at (AT928505). Fired 400x5.62mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

121615H - Company D (Security) at (AT925505 & 928505) reports 6 tons of rice harvested and 2 tons captured.

121615H - Company C (Security) at (BT025495) reports 2 tons rice harvested today.

122220H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (OP) at (AT926526) received 6x105mm HE from "I" Battery 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. Rounds landed 200 meters from perimeter defenses. This is second occurrence in past 3 days. Results: Requests steps be taken to alleviate these gross errors.

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130700H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT914515) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.

130830H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT938507) found 1 dud 500 lb bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.

131000H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT938507) found tunnel complex. Searched and found 1xM-26 grenade and canteen. Results: Destroyed in place.

131000H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT915503) received 20 rounds S/A fire from enemy at (AT915495). Fired 150x5.56mm and 15x155mm HE. Results: Negative.

131030H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT911527) observed 1 enemy at (AT903528). Fired 2x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA by Scout Sniper.

131100H - Company D platoon (Search) at (AT920526). Found 750 lbs. of rice, medical equipment, 1 ChiCom and 1 woman. Results: 1 detainee captured; destroyed gear and rice.

131400H - Company B platoon (Patrol) at (AT940524) found 1x250 lb. and 1x500 lb dud bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.

131730H - Company D squad (OP) at (AT909446) received 10 rounds S/A fire and observed 20-30 enemy moving East at (AT912491). Fired 250x5.56mm; 150x50 calibre; 10x90mm HE and 18x155mm HE. Results: Negative.

132200H - Company D squad (Ambush) at (AT909525) received 60-70 rounds S/A fire from 4-5 enemy at (AT905522). Fired 100x5.56mm and 40x44-79. Results: 5 civilians KIA.

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140630H - Company A squad (Search) at (AT991473) while searching ambush site of previous night found 1 dead enemy with \$10 MPC and documents. Results: 1 VC KIA and captured documents.

140630H - Company C (Attack) at (AT987517) observed 8-10 enemy. Fired 200x5.56mm; and 350x7.62mm. Enemy moved northeast. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 3 VC KIA; 20,000 \$VN and documents captured.

141230H - Company D squad (Rice security) at (AT927507) had 3 booby trapped M-26 grenades tripped by civilian harvesters. Results: 1 RF KIA; 1 RF WIAE; 3 civilians KIA and 12 civilians WIAE.

141600H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT931509) abducted 4 women and 1 man for interrogation. Results: 5 detainees.

142200H - Company A squad (Ambush) at (AT991473) observed 4-8 enemy at (AT992472). Fired 100x5.56mm and 4 claymores. Received 1 incoming ChiCom. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 4 NVA KIA.

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150630H - Follow up to 142200H. Company A squad (Search) at (AT990472). Found 1 more enemy body; 1 AK-47; 1 NVA cartridge belt; 2 ChiComs; 3xAK-47 magazines fully loaded; 1 document and 25 lbs. of rice. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1xAK-47 (#0089939); 1 NVA cartridge belt; 2 ChiComs; 3xAK-47 magazines (fully loaded) and 1 document.

150815H - Company C squad (Patrol) at (AT987517) apprehended 3 females and 1 male. Results: 4 detainees.

150900H - Company B platoon (Mine Sweep) at (AT910505) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mm HE with pressure release. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

150900H - Company C squad (Patrol) at (AT984524) observed movement in grass and received S/A fire. Attacked area. Results 2 VC KIA; ponchos; battle dressings and documents captured.

151030H - 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (S-2) at (AT932528) apprehended two Vietnamese male children. Did not have ID card. Results: 2 detainees.

152015H - Company C squad (Ambush) at (AT998514) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

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160915H - Company A squad (OP) at (BT012502) received 50-75 rounds S/A fire from friendly forces at (BT021504). Fired 25x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

161030H - Company A squad (OP) at (BT005504) had 1 USMC WIA when engineers were destroying dud ordinance. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

161445H - Company D platoon (Search) at (AT909516) found numerous enemy gear. Results: 2 SKS's; 1 M-1; 1 bayonet; 1 E-tool; 1 gas mask; 3 pairs shoes; 1 set cleaning gear and 1 blasting cap captured.

161830H - Company B squad (Patrol) at (AT904532) apprehended 2 suspects. One had NVA currency. Results: 2 detainees.

161920H - Company D (CP) at (AT911512) observed 8 enemy at (AT904527) moving North and northwest. Fired 6x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA by Scout Snipers.

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170830H - Company B squad (Patrol) at (AT902536) observed 30 enemy at (AT892536) moving North. Fired 30x105mm HE. Results: 6 VC KIA.

170845H - Company B squad (Patrol) at (AT931532) observed 10 enemy at (AT893536). Fired 60x105mm HE. Results: 2 VC KIA.

170900H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT929514) observed 10 enemy at (AT935523) moving North. Fired 36x81mm HE and 6x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers).

170915H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT923503) observed 16 enemy at (AT930510) moving NE. Fired 3x7.62mm and 100x5.56mm. Results: 2 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers).

170920H - Company D squad (Mine Sweep Security) at (AT910503) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped 60mm HE round with pressure device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

172230H - Company A squad (Ambush) at (BT001503) observed 14-18 enemy at (BT003504) moving SW. Fired 20xM-79; 200x7.62mm and 300x5.56mm. Will conduct search at first light. Results: 1 detainee.

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180915H - Company D squad (Mine Sweep) at (AT913502) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC WIAE.

181050H - Company A squad (Search) (Follow-up to 172230) at (BT003504). Killed 6 enemy during ambush also had detainee tell of cache. Results: 6 VC KIA; 1 detainee; also 1 ton rice and 10 antitank mines captured.

181430H - Company D platoon (Patrol) at (AT906529) apprehended 1 female and 8 male who were on S-2's black list. Results: 9 detainees.

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190310H - Company D (CP) at (AT912514) received 2 incoming grenades from enemy at (AT913514). Fired 3 Claymores and 4 M-26 grenades. Results: Negative.

190445H - Company D squad (Ambush) at (AT913513) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.

190815H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT923502) observed 2 enemy, one at (AT931498) and the other at (AT925500). Fired 3x7.62mm. Also, picked up 2 Vietnamese without ID cards. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 VC KIA both by Scout Snipers, and 2 detainees.

190830H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT931500) observed 13 enemy at (AT930490) moving East. Fired 27x81mm HE. Results: 2 NVA KIA.

190930H - Company G squad (Patrol) at (AT984505) found 2 booby trapped M-26 grenades with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.

191830H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT897506) observed 3 enemy at (AT898507) moving NE. Fired 20x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.

191945H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT898511) observed 8-12 enemy at (AT899517). Fired 4x4.72 and 200x5.56mm. Results: 3 VC KIA and 1 M-26 grenade captured.

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200745H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT938510) received S/A fire from 20 enemy at (AT938519). Fired 30x105mm HE and 200x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. Also 11x2.75mm dud rocket rounds and 1x3.5 rocket round were found.

201645H - Company D squad (Patrol) at (AT943514) found 2x250 lb dud bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.

202400H - Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW terminated.

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

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	0	0
WIAE	14	0
WIAWE	6	0
DCW	1	0
NBC	26	1
NBD	0	0

b. Friendly Equipment Losses. None.c. Enemy Casualties

KIA	NVA	9	VC	39	Total	48
POW	NVA	0	VC	1	Total	1
Detainees	IC	24	CD	4	Total	28
Chieu Hoi	NVA	1	VC	0	Total	1

(11 KIA by Scout Snipers)

d. Captured Ordnance

1 AK-47 Rifle	1 M-1
2 SKS Rifles	

e. Captured/Destroyed Munitions

2 500 lb Bombs	3 ChiCom Grenades
10 250 lb Bombs	9 M-26 Grenades
1 106mm HE Round	4 M-79 Rounds
2 105mm HE Rounds	10 Assorted Mines
5 81mm HE Mortar Rounds	11 12.7 Rockets
3 60mm HE Mortar Rounds	1 3.5 Rocket
1 20mm HE Mortar Round	3 AK-47 Magazines
	90 7.62mm Rounds

f. Captured Equipment

Miscellaneous medical gear and miscellaneous 782 gear.

g. Captured Documents

Miscellaneous Documents.

h. 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.

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 "MUSKOGEE MEADOW", the communication within the Battalion were maintained in a satisfactory manner with no significant difficulties encountered. A radio retransmission team was inserted with Recon team "Hanover Sue" to ensure that communications would be maintained as the companies moved farther from the CP.

e. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation, Hospitalization and Medical Evaluation. Two permanent BAS's were in use during Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW", 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 medical facilities in DaNang. There was an outbreak of intestinal parasites in two companies, but this was adequately controlled by medication. Heat casualties were occasional problems and were treated in the field or evacuated to the BAS at An Hoa.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. During Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW", the Battalion effectively utilized a 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon in the support of two companies from the Battalion operating on a rice denial operation.

15. Commander's Analysis. Enemy activity during Operation "MUSKOGEE MEADOW" decreased in intensity. However, numerous contacts with small groups of enemy continued throughout the operation.

Rice denial operations were conducted with outstanding success in the Southeastern AO. The concept of operations centered on aggressive offensive maneuver coupled with mobile defensive tactics to secure the area surrounding the rice harvest site. Saturation day light patrolling and extensive night ambushes prohibited enemy interdiction of rice harvest operations, enabling workers to continue harvesting for 5 days resulting in a yield in excess of 200 tons.

The battalion continued night maneuver operations to enable units to move throughout the area with minimum difficulty and thereby achieving continuous tactical surprise. Particularly noteworthy was the night ambush activities which proved continually successful.

In addition to rice denial operations the battalion continued to conduct aggressive offensive and defensive operations to secure the MSR and Liberty Bridge.

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